



BVF National Championships 2025 Competition in Foil, Epee, Sabre

Venue: The Manchester Fencing Centre
Waddington Street
Chadderton
Oldham
OL9 6QH

Provisional Timetable: **Sabre:** Friday 9th May 2025
Men's Sabre check in closes 12:30.
Women's Sabre check in closes 13:00.
MS and WS may run concurrently, depending on numbers.

Epee: Saturday 10th May 2025
Men's Epee check in closes 08:00.
Women's Epee check in closes 13:15.

Foil: Sunday 11th May 2025
Men's Foil check in closes 08:00.
Women's Foil check in closes 08:30.

When entry numbers are known, the event timetable will be confirmed. However, the day for each event will be unchanged.

Format: **This is a selection event.** Numbers and time permitting, there will be two rounds of poules of mixed ages. Seeding to the Direct Elimination (DE) will be based on the results from the combined poule rounds. DEs will follow, with medals for the top four fencers in each weapon category. There will be a medal for the highest-placed fencer in each age bracket, as well as a Champion at Arms award.

Please note that the competition will operate with the **latest** non-combativity/passivity regulations. These can be found on [t.124 / page 40](#) of the FIE rules. Where **pBlack** cards are issued, the winner will be based on seeding after the poules.

[Rules](#)
[Master At Arms Rules](#)

Kit: Section C in Appendix 1 of [British Fencing Approved Safety Guidelines](#). All plastrons must be **800N**. Chest protectors are mandatory for women; for women's foil, the protector must have an FIE-approved soft layer covering. Fencing masks must have two independent rear safety fastenings. Sabre gloves **must** comply with the **800N** safety rating. Foil and Sabre mask wires cannot be coiled.

There **will not be** an armoury service on-site.

- Entry:** Entry is in accordance with BF Competition Rules.
Link to entry form <https://veterans-fencing.co.uk/events>
- Participants:** Participants must have a current BVF membership, as well as a BF compete membership. The event is open to all those who are eligible to represent GBR at the World championships in 2025, i.e. British Passport holders and those eligible for a British FIE Licence.
- Age:** Open to those athletes who will **be aged 40** or over by 31st December 2025.
- Referees:** Provided by the Organisers. We aim to avoid self-refereeing, but this may be required in some unavoidable circumstances.
- Closing Date:** 18:00 on 30th April 2025. Late entries may be accepted, at the organiser's discretion, up to 13:00 on 5th May 2025.
- Organiser:** **Theo Ayanwale**: 07917 735905
- Accommodation:** [Premier Inn Oldham Central](#) - Approximately 10 mins drive from venue.
[Premier Inn Oldham Broadway](#) - Approximately 15 mins drive from venue.
Many other hotels in the local area, or within a 10-mile radius.
- Withdrawals:** Athletes withdrawing from the competition are requested to make their position known by **no later than 16:00 of the day preceding their event**. This **does not** guarantee a refund of the entry fee(s).
- Sustainability:** Competitors are kindly asked, where possible, to bring their own reusable cups and water bottles.
- Refreshments:** TMFC Canteen will not be operational, and athletes are advised to source their own refreshments for this event.
- Accessibility:** There is a lift from the ground floor to the field of play. Separate toilets and changing facilities are available.
- Health:** By agreeing to enter the BVF Nationals, fencers confirm they are medically fit to partake in a rigorous activity. Competitors absolve BVF of responsibility for any health issues that might arise as a result of taking part in the competition.