

BVF National Championships April 21st to 23rd 2023



Venue: Manchester Fencing Waddington St, Chadderton, Oldham OL9 6QH
<http://themanchesterfencingcentre.co.uk/>

There are limited free car parking spaces available on-site.
The venue has an on-site cafe, manned by TMFC volunteers serving hot and cold beverages, sandwiches, snacks, etc.
The Centre has an accessible lift to the field of play.
There are separate changing rooms and toilets available.
Small on-site shop for some fencing necessities.
Armoury service will be available on Saturday and Sunday.

Would competitors please note that we aim to be sustainable, please supply your own refillable beverage containers.
Please pack your own individual First Aid kit for minor injuries and any regular medication e.g. paracetamol, plasters, inhalers etc.
Although masks are not required, please do not attend if you test positive for Covid prior to the event or are unwell due to any medical reason.

QR codes will be posted for online results using Fencing Time Live.

Please note that start times may be subject to slight delay but will not start before the stated time. All timings are approximate and may be subject to slight change.

Closing Date: 15th April 2023. Late entries will not be accepted.

This is the annual BVF National Championships, which will also be used as a selection event for GBR representation at the Veteran World Championship in 2023.

Cost: One weapon: £45 Two weapons: £75 Three weapons: £90
Entry is via the BVF website.

Schedule: (Entry caps)

Friday 21st Sabre

MS (x 48 competitors): Check in closes at 12:30, fencing to commence at 13:00.
WS (x 28 competitors): Check in closes at 13:00, fencing to commence at 13:30.
Finals & medal presentation to take place at approx. 17:30 MS, 18:00 WS.

Saturday 22nd Epee

ME (x 78 competitors): Check in closes at 08:00, fencing to commence at 08:30.
WE (x 42 competitors): Check in closes at 13:15, fencing to commence at 13:45.
Finals & medal presentation to take place at approx. 16:30 ME, 18:45 WE.

Sunday 23rd Foil

MF (x 54 competitors): Check in closes at 08:00, fencing to commence at 08:30.

WF (x 30 competitors): Check in closes at 08:30 fencing to commence at 09:00.

Finals & medal presentation to take place at approx. 16:00 MF, 16:30 WF.

Sunday 23rd Silver Swords event from 3pm

Registration for this event can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/silver-swords-spar-day-tickets-530501162257>

The Silver Swords Spar event is a separate event, open to over 40 year olds who have completed an introductory fencing session or beginner course but have not participated in a competition. Please see the link for full information.

It will run alongside the BVF event and will not impact on the running of the foil events.

Format:

The BVF National Championships is a mixed age event; there is no separation in poule or DE into separate age groups. There will be medals for the top 4 in each weapon category. There will be one age group medallist in each weapon category.

Separation for the first poule round will be by ranking and Primary club listed.

Seeding for the second poule round will be based solely on the results of the first poule round.

DEs will be based on the combination of BOTH poule rounds.

Due to piste availability, timing and referees, to allow for 2 rounds of poules, with poules being a maximum size of 6.

Ranking for the event will be taken from the latest BVF ranking list after the Leon Paul Veterans Open/BVF Age Groups. Seeding for the event will be based on the ranking. Unranked fencers will be ranked as 999 and seeding accordingly.

Poule sizes will be a maximum of 6.

Poule bouts to 5 hits in 3mins.

All competitors will advance to the DE stages.

DE to 10 hits in 2 periods of 3 minutes with a one-minute break for foil and epee, sabre will break at first to 5 hits with a one minute break.

Caveat: The organisers and DT reserve the right to alter the format to ensure the smooth running of the event.

The NEW 2023 FIE passivity rule which will be enforced at the European Individual event in May 2023 will be followed.

Weighting, gauging, checking plastrons, masks and gloves will take place on the piste.

We request that only fencers and officials be on piste side during the poule stages and that only one coach or supporter be present piste side during the DE stages.

Kit:

Must comply with minimum British Fencing current standards:

[February 22 Safety Guidelines \(britishfencing.com\)](https://www.britishfencing.com)

All plastrons must be 800N.

Chest protectors for women are mandatory.

All masks must be securely fastened at the back as to not come loose when pulled.

Leon Paul Contour Fit mask retainers are not mandatory but encouraged.

Sabre gloves must comply with current 800N standards.

The mask wire for foil and sabre cannot be coiled.

Personnel:

DT: Mike Robinson
Inform if running late or withdrawal on the DAY of EVENT only: 07958406943.
Referee co-ordinator: Joseph Pearce
Armoury service: Alistair Savage (Sat & Sun Only)
LP stand may be available as well as some kit available from TMFC.
Medical: William (Bill) Berkley
Welfare: Paul Baillache, Lyn Robinson
Silver Swords Spar Event: Beth Davidson.
Competition Software: Fencing Time Live will be used.
The poule and DE allocations and results will be accessible via the QR code.

Accommodation:

Premier Inn: All can be accessed via the Premier Inn website.
<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/home.html>

There are numerous Premier Inn hotels within a 12-mile radius of the venue.

Premier Inn Oldham Central
Premier Inn Oldham, (Broadway)
Premier Inn Manchester (And others)

Other accommodation
Travelodge Oldham, Chadderton
247 Hotel.com.

Other hotels in the area are available.