

1 General

The Nationals are held annually over three days.

2 Eligibility

The Nationals are open only to British Nationals who are members of BVF and also hold a BF licence.

3 Relevance:

The results from the British Veterans Nationals contribute to the rankings used to determine selection for representative events.

4 Medals

Gold, Silver and two Bronze Medals will be awarded at each of the six weapons.

There are no separate age categories, but at each weapon medals are awarded for the highest placed competitor aged 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+.

Medals will be awarded to the Mens and Womens Master at Arms.

5 Format

There will be two rounds of pools followed by Direct Elimination.

Pools will be deemed to have the same number of fencers. A dummy fencer is used to make up any shortfall. A fencer always wins against the dummy with a score that represents the performance of the fencer in the pool. If the fencer has 0 defeats, the score is 5-0. If the fencer has 1 defeat, the score is 5-1 and so on to a maximum of 5-4.

There will be no separation on the basis of club.

5.1 Seeding

Seeding will be decided by the selectors using results from selection events as a basis for their decisions.

5.2 Pools

In the pools all bouts are to five hits or three minutes of fencing time.

If the score is equal at time, the one minute priority rule will apply.

In the first (and second round if applicable), pool size is determined as follows:

- a) If numbers permit no pool will be smaller than five or larger than seven.
- b) If numbers permit, pools will all be the same size.

5.3 Direct Elimination

There will be no elimination of fencers from the pools.

Fencers will be ranked on the results of both rounds of pools.

Bouts at Foil and Epée will be to 10 hits in two periods of 3 minutes with a 1 minute break after the first 3 minutes.

Bouts at Sabre will be to 10 hits with a 1 minute break when one fencer has scored 5 hits.

5.4 Abandon

If a fencer withdraws before completing a bout the outgoing fencer will be ranked in last place in the tournament.

If two or more fencers withdraw before completing a bout, they will be ranked in the last places, in the order of their original seeding.

If a fencer withdraws partway through a pool, the results of any bouts completed by the outgoing fencer will be ignored.

If a fencer withdraws during the Direct Elimination he/she will be deemed to have lost any incomplete bout.

6 Equipment

It is the responsibility of each fencer to ensure that personal equipment complies with British Fencing guidelines.

7 Organisation

The organisers reserve the right to make any changes that they deem necessary to the smooth running of the competition.

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