



BVF National Championships 2024

- Venue:** The Manchester Fencing Centre
Waddington Street
Chadderton
Oldham
OL9 6QH
- Provisional Timetable:**
- Foil:** Friday 22nd March 2024
Men's Foil (all) check in closes 09:30.
Women's Foil (all) check in closes 10:30.
- Epee:** Saturday 23rd March 2024
Men's Epee check in closes 08:30.
Women's Epee check in closes 12:00.
- Sabre:** Sunday 24th March 2024
Men's Sabre check in closes: 09:30.
Women's Sabre check in closes 10:00.

Fencing will start half an hour after check in closes.

- 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 Gold 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.

- Kit:** All clothing must comply with minimum **current** British Fencing standards. 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.

- Entry:** https://veterans-fencing.co.uk/mc-events/bvf-nationals-2024/?mc_id=109

- 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 either World or European championships.

- Age:** Open to those athletes who will **be aged 40** or over by 31st December 2024.
- Equipment:** Section C in Appendix 1 of [British Fencing Approved Safety Guidelines](#). There will be a limited armoury service on site.
- 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 8th March 2024. Late entries may be accepted, at the organiser's discretion, up to 13:00 on 15th March 2024.
- Organiser:** Kola Ayanwale kolaayanwalebvf@gmail.com
- 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 who are withdrawing from the competition are requested to make their position known by **no later than 16:00 of the day preceding their event**.
- Sustainability:** Competitors are kindly asked, where possible, to bring their own reusable cups and water bottles.
- Refreshments:** The venue will operate an on-site café, which will be staffed by TMFC volunteers. The café will serve a selection of hot and cold beverages, sandwiches, and snacks.
- 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 are confirming that they are medically fit to partake in a rigorous activity. Competitors will be required to sign a disclaimer on the day absolving BVF of responsibility for any health issues that might arise as a result of taking part in the competition.