

For the **World Championships 2025** the following scheme will be used for selection.

RANKING POINTS

Ranking Points will be accumulated by the best two results from the following three events:

- BVF International (Guildford, 4-5 January 2025)
- BVF Age Groups (Nottingham, 22-23 March 2025)
- BVF Nationals (Manchester 9-11 May 2025)

Category Ranking Position

For the BVF Nationals the results for each age category are taken separately to get a ranking position according to their final position in the competition.

For the BVF International the GBR fencers are taken separately in each age category from the other competitors and a ranking position obtained according to their final position in the competition.

For the Age Groups a fencer scores points according to their final position in the competition.

Points Score

The same points matrix will be used to award points according to a fencer's position at each competition.

From the DE table a ranked list will be produced using the round of DE and the position from indicators derived from the poules that each fencer achieves. This includes the 3rd/4th position.

If 2 or more fencers are equal on position and round eliminated, then the point score is averaged. For instance, 2 fencers of equal 5th will score $(23+27)/2=25$ points each.

Points Matrix

1	50	9	13
2	43	10	10
3	37	11	7
4	32	12	5
5	27	13	4
6	23	14	3
7	19	15	2
8	16	16	1

Fencers' points will be displayed on Ranking Lists which will be published on the website after the first event and updated after each subsequent qualifying event.

World Champion Ranking Points

In recognition of their achievement a current World Champion will be awarded an additional 50 points on the Ranking List.

FIE VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION

Individual Selection

The first 4 eligible and available fencers in the Ranking List will be selected for the World Championships.

In the case of equality of points in the Ranking List, the Selectors will choose the fencer they consider to be the strongest at their discretion.

Only the first 4 eligible fencers on the Ranking List will automatically be selected for the World Championships. If any of these fencers are unavailable, or become unavailable, at a later date, subsequent selection will go down the ranking list to the next ranked fencer/s.

Regardless of personal political beliefs, if selected, a fencer will be expected to fence fencers of all nationalities.

Team Event Selection

For each weapon a team will be selected from those fencers who have been selected for the individual events in that weapon.

Because of the proposed inclusion of Cat 1 fencers (40-49) the exact format of the team event has yet to be announced. As soon as the format is known, the selection criteria for the Team Event will be published.

Usually the team selected will be announced at the same time or very shortly after the Individual selections are announced. However there may be circumstances where it is deemed appropriate to defer all or part of the selection until after the Individual competition has taken place. The Selectors reserve the right to consider this if necessary and feasible.

For each team event

The Selectors will appoint a Team Captain, who may or may not be one of the fencers in the team.

The Team Captain will choose which of the selected fencers fence in each match.

Any decision made at the Worlds to change the fencers entered for the team due to circumstances such as injury, withdrawal etc will be made by the Team Captain in conjunction with the Chair of Selectors or his designated representative.

APPEALS

The Selectors will notify each selected fencer as soon as possible after the last selection event. The selection will also be announced on the BVF website. One week will be allowed for appeals which can only be based on a mistake in the points calculation.

THE ROLE OF SELECTORS

The selectors are all fencers who compete regularly in BVF competitions, which means that they will be familiar with the other fencers in their weapon.

For any discretionary selection, each selector will be responsible for the initial selection for their gender and weapon. If the selector has a conflict of interest for the selection, then the second weapon selector will make the initial selection.

These initial selections will then be considered at a selectors' meeting, where the selection will be made by the whole selector's group. The selectors' decision will be final.

The Chair of Selectors is responsible for ensuring impartiality, fairness and consistency of decisions and any complaint should be sent first to him/her with a copy to the BVF President.

Graham Paul

Chairman of Selectors

---END OF DOCUMENT---