

1. General

The event is held annually. An aim of the competition is to ensure that everyone gets a decent amount of fencing by altering the formats and merging categories where needed. The exact format of each category will be published shortly after the closing date once entry numbers are known. The format will depend on the number of competitors in each category as per Para 4.

The competition will also be used to provide results towards the ranking system used for World and European Championship selection.

2. Eligibility

The event is open only to paid up members of BVF who also hold a BF compete licence.

This event will be used for selection for the next World Championships, therefore age categories are determined by the rules for the next World Championships.

3. Medals

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded at each weapon-category.

Gold, Silver and 2 x Bronze will be awarded in competitions where there are poules followed by DEs.

Gold, Silver and 1 x Bronze will be awarded in competitions where there is only a poule unique.

4. Format

Up to 12 entrants:

Poule unique or two rounds of poules up to 5 or 10 hits. First, second and third places will be determined by victories then indicators, then hits scored to separate.

13 or more entrants:

For those categories with more than 12 competitors the format will be poules followed by DE.

Poule fights will be to 5 hits and DE fights to 10 hits.

General

Passivity rules will not be used in a poule unique up to 10 hits.

For passivity rules in DEs, the ranking after the poules will be used.

Categories will be merged (V1 & V2 or V3 & V4 only) if entries in either category are 4 or less.

5. Equipment

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

6. Organisation

The organisers reserve the right to make any changes that they deem necessary to the running of the competition. In the event of a small entry this may involve merging categories or requiring competitors to fence for 10 hits (and 6 mins fencing time inc a break at 3 mins or 5 hits as appropriate) instead of 5. Or in the event of a larger entry, where we are constrained by time, using poules and then DE. This will be completely at the discretion of the organisers.

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