

Due to the timing of the Nationals, only two of the season's qualification events will have taken place by time the European Team squad needs to be chosen. In order to use three qualifying events, it has been decided to use the Nationals 2025 as the third qualifier. It has been decided that the Nationals should usually be held in June, making it more relevant for World Championships' selection and that qualification for the European Teams will take into account the preceding Nationals as a matter of course.

For the **EVF Veteran European Team Championships 2026** the following scheme will be used for selection.

ET RANKING POINTS

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

- BVF Nationals (Manchester 2025)
- BVF International (Guildford 2026)
- BVF Age Groups (Nottingham 2026)

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.

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 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 a Ranking List which will be published on the website after the first event and updated after each subsequent qualifying event.

EVF VETERAN EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION

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

Veteran Team Selection

For each weapon five fencers will be selected using the following criteria:

Two places allocated to the highest placed eligible Category 1 (40-49) fencers from the Ranking List.

Two places allocated to the highest placed eligible Category 2 (50-59) fencers from the Ranking List.

In the event of parity of scores for second place on the Ranking List, the fencer will be chosen at the discretion of the Selectors.

The remaining place will be awarded at the Selectors' discretion who will take into account the positions on the Ranking List and chosen from the Veteran Category as a whole i.e. 40-59.

Should either of the top-ranked fencers drop out, selection of replacements will be awarded at the Selectors' discretion who will take into account the positions on the Ranking List and chosen from the Veteran Category as a whole i.e. 40-59.

As this is a team event, overriding all qualification results will be the Selectors' judgement of team suitability.

Grand Veteran Team Selection

For each weapon five fencers will be selected using the following criteria:

Two places allocated to the highest placed eligible Category 3 (60-69) fencers from the Ranking List.

Two places allocated to the highest placed eligible Category 4 (70+) fencers from the Ranking List.

In the event of parity of scores for second place on the Ranking List, the fencer will be chosen at the discretion of the Selectors.

The remaining place will be awarded at the Selectors' discretion who will take into account the positions on the Ranking List and chosen from the Grand Veteran Category as a whole i.e. 60+.

Should either of the top-ranked fencers drop out, selection of replacements will be awarded at the Selectors' discretion who will take into account the positions on the Ranking List and chosen from the Grand Veteran Category as a whole i.e. 60+.

As this is a team event, overriding all qualification results will be the Selectors' judgement of team suitability.

Team Captain

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.

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.

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Chairman of Selectors

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