

For the **FIE Veteran World Championships 2026** the following scheme will be used for selection.

WC RANKING POINTS

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

- BVF International (Guildford 2026)
- BVF Age Groups (Nottingham 2026)
- BVF Nationals (Bedford 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.

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 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.

Veteran and Grand Veteran Team Event Selection

Veteran Team Selection

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

The Veteran team at each weapon consists of five fencers from the age categories:

- O (40-49)
- A (50-59)

For the team event, the Selectors will select the 2 highest ranked fencers from each Category for the team from the fencers taking part in championships. The remaining fencer will be selected at the discretion of the Selectors. They will select the fencers who in their opinion will produce the strongest team.

Grand Veteran Team Selection

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

The Grand Veteran team at each weapon consists of five fencers from the age categories:

- B (60-69)
- C (70+)

For the team event, the Selectors will select the 2 highest ranked fencers from each Category for the team from the fencers taking part in championships. The remaining fencer will be selected at the discretion of the Selectors. They will select the fencers who in their opinion will produce the strongest team.

Usually the teams 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 Weapon Selector or the Chair of Selectors or their 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.

Graham Paul

Chairman of Selectors

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