

## **ARCHIVED FROM SCOTTISH FENCING WEBSITE, 19 Dec 2022**

### **Update on selection, 26 November 2021**

The informal committee of weapon captains has re-examined the rules which it published below for selection for veteran teams for the Home Nations and Commonwealth Fencing Federation events in 2022. We have decided not to use the points scheme we set out to produce a ranking list. Selection will continue to be determined by performances in the five events nominated (British Veterans Championship, Guildford Veterans International, Scottish Open, BVF 'Spring Qualifier' and, if it takes place, the Merseyside Open). The weapon captains will consider the results of these events in detail to agree collectively the strongest possible teams.

Two principal factors have driven this decision:

- the Merseyside Open may or may not take place but will certainly not be in February in time for Home Nations selection;
- the BVF spring events will be organised in age-group categories. (The Foil and Sabre events will be in Cardiff on 12/13 March and the Epee in London at the Leon Paul Centre on 6 March).

This means that, for the Home Nations selection potentially half an individual's points on a ranking list could be earned in age-category events, and two-thirds for Commonwealth selection. This exaggerates the bias which favours fencers in age-categories with fewer fencers. Overall we concluded that establishing a ranking list drawn from competitions using three different bases for their format would not now produce a fair comparison of performance of fencers across all four age-categories due to the unequal influence of the different formats.

The eligibility rules below are unchanged, and the selection principles and caveats remain valid.

### **Scottish Veterans Fencing Eligibility, Ranking & Selection Rules 2021-22**

Following agreement between the six weapon captains for Scottish Veteran Fencing the rules for eligibility, ranking and selection have been determined. These are outlined below and will be applicable for the Veteran Home Nations 2022 and the Veteran Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2022.

#### **Eligibility**

For all events fencers must be members of British Fencing with a Full Scotland Compete membership type. This affiliation must be valid for the period in which the tournament will take place.

Commonwealth Championships 2022 – the rules of eligibility will be as defined by the Commonwealth Fencing Federation Limited, under whose auspices the tournament will be run. These can be found here within the appeal document -

<https://commonwealthfencing.org/docs/130630CFFEligibilityAppeal.pdf>

To represent Scotland in the 2022 Veteran Home Nations event team members must:

1. Be eligible to represent Scotland as per rules 1, 2, 4 & 5 in the eligibility rules listed here - [Scotland Eligibility Rules](#)

OR

1. For the purposes of Scottish Veteran fencer selection for the Veteran Home Nations 2022 only, the residency requirement will be 12 months resident in Scotland immediately prior to the date of competition.

## **Ranking**

Although a full BF calendar has not yet been published and it is not yet clear whether some tournaments will run, it is the intention to nominate a total of 5 tournaments in total for ranking and selection purposes.

All of the tournaments identified would take place before April 2022.

4 of these tournaments will be used for Home Nations selection with best 2 results counting.

All 5 tournaments will be used for Commonwealth Championship selection with best 3 results counting.

It is also the intention to progressively move away from using the Senior Rankings for selection as the wider GB Veteran Fencing circuit develops. It is hoped that a tournament hosted in Scotland will at some point join this circuit. For now, there will be a mix of Veteran and Senior events with a track record of Veteran participation.

Should any of these tournaments not take place then potential substitute tournaments which would take place before May 2022 will be considered for inclusion subject to enough notice being available to ensure fencers could enter and prepare properly.

Should any of the following scenarios occur then the 6 weapon captains for Scottish Veteran Fencing will collectively discuss and agree the selection of weapon teams at their absolute discretion:

- None of the nominated events take place
- Not enough fencers achieve points due to a reduced number of events or non-attendance for enough fencers to constitute a team. In this instance those fencers with points would be selected by default.
- If events are cancelled or attendance is not possible due to inclement weather

### *Nominated Tournaments*

British Veterans Championships 29th – 31st October 2021 – Manchester Fencing Centre, Oldham

Guildford International January 7th – 9th January 2022 – Guildford Spectrum, Guildford

Merseyside Open February 2022 – Liverpool (This event is being considered but yet to be confirmed by the Organisers)

Scottish Open 26th – 27th February 2022 – National Sports Centre Inverclyde, Largs

Veterans Nationals March 2022 – TBC (There is an anticipated event yet to be confirmed by BVF)

For each of these tournaments the ranking points will be as below:

1st Place/Best Veteran in Open - 50 pts

2nd/2nd place Veteran in Open - 43

3rd - 37

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

**Note:**

In ranking events, if two Veteran fencers both finish in 3rd place for medals, their position for ranking and selection points purposes will be determined by their seeding for the DE based on their ranking following the poules.

The final position in a ranking event based on DE round reached and seeding for DE will determine the relative ranking of Veteran fencers in the tournament. Should this result in a tied position due to completely equal poule results, then the sum of the points for the positions tied will be divided by the number of fencers who are tied.

These rules reflect the same approach adopted for BVF ranking purposes.

**Selection**

For the **Veteran Home Nations 2022** which is likely to take place in April 2022, the best 2 results from 4 tournaments up to and including the Scottish Open will be used to determine ranking. Selection will take place at the end of February or following the last of the tournaments to take place before the end of February, whichever is earlier. The top 4 fencers in each weapon will be selected to represent Scotland in the Home Nations tournament. In the event of a fencer declining the invitation then invitations will move progressively down the ranking list.

Should the Scottish Open not take place until March then the selection will be based on best 2 results from 3 tournaments.

Should the Merseyside Tournament also not take place then the weapon Captain's group will review the rankings at the end of February based on those tournaments that have taken place and the attendance at those tournaments and determine whether to use the rankings as they stand or to select teams based on the rankings and other relevant information and at their absolute discretion.

In the event of equal points between fencers then the weapon Captain's group will collectively determine the fencer(s) to be selected at their absolute discretion.

For the **Veteran Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2022** which will take place in August 2022, the best 3 results from the 5 nominated tournaments will be used to determine ranking. Selection will then be confirmed by the end of April. The top 4 fencers in each weapon will be selected to represent Scotland in the team event of the Veteran Commonwealth Championships

2022. In the event of a fencer declining the invitation then invitations will move progressively down the ranking list.

In the event of equal points between fencers then the weapon Captain's group will collectively determine the fencer(s) to be selected at their absolute discretion.

In the event of any of the events not taking place the weapon Captain's group will review and update the selection criteria as early as possible to ensure tournaments that will take place could be nominated as replacements.

### *Scottish Fencing Squad Training*

Scottish Fencing intend to run squad training sessions for all categories which will be part of the 2022 Commonwealth Championships. These sessions will be open to Scottish Veteran fencers but will not form part of the selection process for the Scottish Veteran teams for the Championships.

**These rules will remain under review given the fluid situation regarding Covid-19 rules and may be updated based on any changes announced by either the UK or Scottish Government.**

**They may also be reviewed should it become clear that some of the nominated tournaments may be at risk of not taking place due to changes in the above rules or to local circumstances.**