### **Commonwealth Veteran's Fencing Association – Competition Handbook**

The following information is provided as a guide to assist Home Country Fencing Federations in the running of Commonwealth Veterans Fencing Championships (CVFC). They are not a set of rules, but adherence is expected unless a good reason for change can be provided.

All fencing should be conducted according to current FIE rules and regulations with the exceptions noted below.

# INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Individual events are open to all fencers who qualify under current Commonwealth Fencing Federation (CFF) rules and are over 40 on the first day of the event. Fencers need to be members of Commonwealth countries who are in good standing with the CFF and have paid their subscription to the CVFA. There is no limit to the number of entries from each country.

Format	2 rounds of pools – everyone to qualify
	DE ranking over the 2 rounds
	Complete $DE - 10$ hits (2 x 3 minutes)
	(sabre break at 5 hits)
	Gold, silver and 2 bronze medals awarded

Age Group golds will be awarded for the best over 40, over 50, over 60 and over70. Age Group medals will be presented to the highest placed fencer in the tableaux, unless the eligible fencers are eliminated in the same phase. Then there will be a fight-off. If there are more than 2 fencers, then there will be a pool to decide the winner.

## Facilities

The event to take place over 3 days of competition ideally in late July, early August. It is suggested that the minimum requirement to run the event is 8 fully equipped metallic pistes and a finals piste.

There should be 10-12 referees each day.

Possibly look at mixing weapons (i.e. Men's epee and Women's sabre on the same day).

Seeding Seeding for the first round will take the following into account in order:

- 1. World ranking
- 2. National ranking
- 3. Previous championship
- 4. National Veteran's championship
- 5. Country list

### **Individual Equipment**

All equipment should be to minimum FIE standard. Equipment checks will take place on the day before each weapon.

Clothing should display the fencer's name and country, but GB fencers may retain GBR and wear some National identification.

## TEAM EVENTS

Only single sex National teams will be allowed to compete. Teams will be of 3 plus a reserve.

**Format** DE unless there are only 3 teams when it will be a pool. Cumulative scoring (relay) up to 45 hits Medals for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Countries may enter only one team with seeding from individual results.

#### Referees

It is suggested that there should be 10-12 referees per day. Each country should make the effort to bring at least one referee for each weapon who should be of at least National standard. Referees may be over 60.