



## VETERANS COMPETITIONS RULES FOR ONTARIO COMPETITIONS

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### 1. Eligibility

Competition is open to any Canadian Veteran fencer age 40 and over with a validated CFF license and competitive OFA membership, and to international fencers as outlined in the CFF Rules and Regulations.

### 2. Format

There must be an all encompassing age category (40+), and these are the results which shall be submitted to the CFF for inclusion in the national rankings.

At the discretion of organisers, there may be additional separate competitions for ages 50 – 59, 60 – 69, and 70+ for men and women.

Where there are 6 or more competitors in each gender, separate competitions shall be run for men and women. Where there are fewer than 6 competitors in either gender, the competition shall be mixed.

#### 2.1 Seeding

Fencers will be seeded according to their CFF Veterans Ranking, or any other data to ensure the most accurate seeding possible at the discretion of the tournament organisers.

#### 2.2 Round of Pools

The round of pools shall be conducted according to the standard FIE procedures (wherever possible, pools shall be no smaller than six and no larger than seven – *see rule o.12 for more information*).

#### 2.3 Direct Elimination

All fencers are promoted to direct elimination, without repechage, and will be ranked on the results of the pool.

Bouts in Foil and Epee will be to ten touches in two periods of three minutes, with one minute break between periods

Bouts in Sabre will be ten touches, with a one minute break after the first competitor scores five touches.

## **2.4 Abandon**

Standard FIE procedures for abandonment shall be followed (*see rules o.20 and o.25 for details*).

## **3. Medals**

The minimum standards for medals for Veteran's Competitions in Ontario are as follows:

Gold, Silver and two Bronze medals shall be awarded in each overall event.

Additionally, a Gold medal shall be awarded to the highest placed competitor in each of the 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+ age categories where those competitors have not already been awarded an overall medal.

For example, Fencer A, aged 64, is the overall winner. She receives the overall Gold medal. No additional medal will be awarded for the 60-69 age category. The top placed fencer in each of the remaining brackets will receive the corresponding medal (provided they have not been awarded an overall medal).

Tournament organisers are encouraged to offer additional medals (e.g. Silver and Bronze medals in each age category) where numbers warrant.

## **4. Equipment**

It is the responsibility of the fencer to ensure that personal equipment complies with the current [OFA Equipment Standards for Competitions](#). The use of FIE standard clothing, masks and weapons is strongly recommended.

Conductive bibs for masks in Foil bouts are required. Sabre fencers must wear a conductive cuff or manchette.

## **5. Organisation**

The organisers may make changes in the format deemed necessary for the smooth running of the competition.

## **6. Team competitions.**

Teams will be comprised of three fencers and one optional alternate.

The combined age of the three youngest fencers on the team must be greater than 150 years. Tournament organisers may, at their discretion, waive this rule to promote participation. However, all fencers must be at least 40 years of age.