

BVF/EVF International (Guildford) Veterans Fencing Tournament 2023
Final Information

Timetable details etc are available on the BVF website- <https://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/revised-guildford-schedule/>

Saturday 7 January

| Weapon | Check in close time | Fencing start time |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| WE 1 | 0830 | 0900 |
| WE 2 | 0830 | 0900 |
| ME 1 | 0830 | 0900 |
| ME 3 | 0830 | 0900 |
| ME 2 | 1230 | 1300 |
| ME 4 | 1230 | 1300 |
| WE 3 & 4 (combined) | 1230 | 1300 |

Sunday 8 January

| Weapon | Check in close time | Fencing start time |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| MF 1 | 0830 | 0900 |
| MF 2 | 0830 | 0900 |
| WF 1 & 2 (combined) | 0830 | 0900 |
| MS 3 & 4 (combined) | 0930 | 1000 |
| WS 3 & 4 (combined) | 0930 | 1000 |
| MF 3 | 1300 | 1330 |
| MF 4 | 1300 | 1330 |
| WF 3 & 4 (combined) | 1300 | 1330 |
| MS 1 | 1300 | 1330 |
| MS 2 | 1300 | 1330 |
| WS 1 & 2 (combined) | 1300 | 1330 |

For all weapons and categories, if numbers decline to under 12 in one age group then the categories may have to be combined. If there are more than 4 per age category there will be separate DEs as per EVF rules.

Check in will be open from 45min before each event starts and will take place in the corridor outside the fencing hall. The corridor may be accessed from the side entrance to the building, which is easier than using the main entrance and coming down the stairs.

Fencing bags must not be taken into the main hall and must be left in the areas marked. Top bags, or other small bags may be taken into the main hall. Please do not leave valuables in your fencing bag.

There will be a cafeteria available all day for refreshments.

Single use plastic bottles should not be brought to the competition.

All poules, DE draws etc will be published on Fencingtimelive.com

<https://www.fencingtimelive.com/events/competitors/6C2E833E0BF44F328195D2C2509EE9E2>
and the QR code to link will be readily available. To save time, the DEs will be run straight through to the finals.

The 2022 non-combativity rules (NOT the revised 2023 rules) will remain in place.

There will be a Leon Paul stand. Please make orders online in advance to be picked up if possible.

An armourer will be available.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION

Industrial action on the railways is due to take place over the weekend, which will cause disruption to services. No public trains running on Saturday and on Sunday the service will be disrupted. Fencers are advised to find alternative ways to get to Guildford such as bus/coach from London or the airports. It is recommended that travel to Guildford from London on the day of the event is avoided and fencers should try and stay in Guildford the night before if using any form of public transport. Details of buses from the airports can be found on the internet but some helpful links are listed below. We strongly recommend that tickets are booked in advance. Taxis and Ubers will also be available but a more expensive option.

- Gatwick info: <https://www.gatwickairport.com/to-and-from/rail/rail-disruption/>
- Heathrow info: https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/service_disruptions/312525.aspx
- Coaches: <https://www.nationalexpress.com/en>
- Facebook car share group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/653848543130024>

Ample car parking will be available adjacent to the Spectrum centre.

The timetable is very tight and will run to the published timetable - no allowance can be made for late arrivals. Please contact Mike Robinson on DT if you cannot make it to the competition on time +44 (0)7958 406943.