



Associazione Italiana Master Scherma



## REPORT FOR THE 2021 EVF CONGRESS

The Italian Veterans activity has been highly conditioned by the Covid-19 pandemic in the last two seasons (2019-20 and 2020-21).

### Competitions

In normal conditions, the National Veterans Circuit is made up of 6 events and 1 team competition for Regions organized by a local committee with the support of AMIS; in addition to the 6 competitions, the Italian Veterans Championships are directly organized by the Italian Fencing Federation. In each competition all weapons and age category, men and women, are present. The National Veterans Circuit as well as the Veterans Italian Championships include also the 0 Age Category (24-39 years old) that gives the possibility to the fencers older than 24 years and with no ambition in the Senior competitions, to compete with fencers of the same ability level. The Italian Championships include also a club team competition for each weapon and gender and 2 team competitions for different aggregate ages. An additional trophy, the Coppa Italia, is awarded each year for every weapon, gender and Age Category, to the fencers associated to AMIS who have obtained the maximum amount of points after the 6 competitions of the National Circuit.

In the season 2019-20 only 4 competitions of the National Circuit could take place, because since March 2020 all competitions have been stopped in Italy. The last competition took place in Terni on February 14/15. 1728 fencers participated in the Veterans Circuit during the 2019-20 season.

In the season 2020-21 the Italian Fencing Federation defined a protocol to restart the competitions in safe conditions. The protocol has been tested in March 2021 with the organization of three test events and has been applied to every competition; official competitions in Italy restarted starting from April 2021.

The first Veterans competition took place in Terni at the beginning of May; then we could organize a second event in Carrara in June and the National Championships in Bressanone at the end of June. The participation in the competitions was 35% lower in comparison to the 2019-20 season, but these figures can be considered good, given the pandemic situation.

The season 2019-2020 was also attended by foreign fencers from different European countries, while in 2020-21 their participation was not possible.

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