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Report on veteran fencing in Switzerland 2022/23

The season 2022/23 was at the outset of the year 2022 scarred from the Corona-Virus. Only two epee-tournaments were organized in Switzerland for the veterans. All others national and international tournaments etc. were cancelled. First "great" event after the Corona-time were the Team-European Championships at the end of May at Hamburg with 4 teams from Switzerland.

The new season 2022/23 started after the summer break and the end from the Corona-Virus normally, also with national and international competitions. In Switzerland were organized 4 epee-tournaments (included the Swiss championship). Unfortunately, no foil- and sabre-tournaments were organized (no demand/interest). The Swiss Veterans started also at international EVF-tournaments in Italy, France and Great Britain. As highlight, about 45 veterans will participate at the EC at Thionville. The main part starts in epee but also with the foil and the sabre.

As small country we don't have a lot of veterans and above all, a great part of the Category I (40+)-Fencers not look as veterans (they will still fence with the seniors). Actually it shows, that same Cat I-fencers have found desire with the veterans-fencing.

About 100 veterans in the 4 categories take normally part of the "Circuit national veterans" and this essentially in epee (the principal weapon in Switzerland). A very few parts of veterans will fight very successful with the foil (European- and World champion) and the sabre.

An unknown number of veterans are practising fencing in the Swiss-clubs, but they won't participate at the tournaments (only "fencing for pleasure").

Now we hope, not only the veterans-fencing is no longer handicapped with virus disease or other inadequacies!

Thanks for all and with best wishes from Switzerland

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Krieger".

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