

## **Report to European Veterans Fencing, Congress 2024**

### **DFB German Veterans Fencing**

Franz Hirt, Chairman of the German Veterans Fencing Council 1999 – 2007, passed away on Jan. 11, 2024 after serious illness in the age of 86.

The German Veterans Fencing Council awarded Astrid Kircheis as the German Veterans Fencer of the year 2024.

Germany took part in the EVF European Individual Veterans Championships with the largest delegation to date contributing 320 starts in Thionville on May 16-21, 2023. German fencers have won 4 Gold, 4 Silver and 9 Bronze medals.

In the FIE Veterans World Championships in Daytona Beach (USA) on October 10 – 16, 2023 Germany competed with 55 individual and 5 team starts. 17 starting places could not be filled and there was no men's sabre team because of comparatively high travel expenses and some injuries. The delegation has won 2 Gold, 4 Silver and 3 Bronze medals.

The EVF Circuit Memoriam Max Geuter has been performed on December 09-10, 2023 in Munich. The number of participants increased by 17% to 128 foil and 82 sabre starts from 20 countries.

The German Veterans Team Championships held in Erfurt on November 11-12, 2023 have strongly grown from 23 to 39 teams. The 50<sup>th</sup> Individual Championships held in Buchholz on April 06-07, 2024 were combined with a celebration party. The number of starts increased by 14% to 308, so that we almost came back to the level of participation which we were used to before the Covid-19 crisis. The German qualification tournaments of the season 2023/24 in Eislingen, Hamburg and Kassel also have shown big increases with 241, 253 and 215 participants.

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