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Report on veteran fencing in Switzerland 2024/25

The new season 2024/25 started after the summer break with national and international competitions and for the first time with a category V5 (80+) for the national tournaments. In Switzerland were organized 6 epee-tournaments (included the Swiss championship). Unfortunately, only one foil- and sabre-tournament were organized (no demand/interest). The Swiss Veterans started also at international EVF-tournaments in Italy (1), France (1), Germany (1), SPAIN (1), SWE (1), Greece (1) and Great Britain (1). As highlight, 35 veterans (22 men's and 13 women) will participate at the EC at Plovdiv, 4 with starts in epee and foil.

World Championships Dubai: 7 veterans' women (epee) singles and team and 8 veterans' men's (epee) singles and team, 1 man with foil and 1 man with sabre at the start.

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.

For this season we make an attempt for the category V5 (80+) for national tournaments (4 men, 1 woman). We made the experience that is too complicated to integrate this category with the international tournaments and the selection for the CM (only V4/70+). So, we will for the next season go back to the V1 – V4 and wait till the FIE/EVF will create the new category V5 (80+) for all countries.

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 successful with the foil 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").

Thanks for all and with best wishes from Switzerland

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

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