



Veterans Competition

1st Ferrum Vetus 2026

Utrecht, Sunday 1st February 2026

Organisation: Task force KNAS Veterans.

Participants must be born in 1986 or earlier in order to be recognised as 'veteran'. There will be no fencing in age categories. Formally this is a veteran tournament, but Futuri are also welcome under certain conditions.

Veterans: These are fencers born in 1985 or earlier. There will be no fencing in age categories.

Futuri: These are students and novice fencers who are younger than veteran age and must meet the following conditions:

- Futuri must (have) reach(ed) their 20th anniversary in 2026 or earlier. With this we offer members of university fencing associations an opportunity to participate.
- Futuri may not be in the top thirty on the senior rankings. Women on épée and foil may not be in the top twenty and for women on saber not in the top ten of the senior ranking. This obviously does not apply to veterans who are highly ranked in the senior rankings.

In case of insufficient registrations for women and/or men, the men and women will be combined in one group.

All participants must be member of the KNAS, the FIE or a fencing federation from another country, affiliated with the FIE.

Weapons:

Foil - Epee - Sabre (men and women). If there aren't enough entries for a particular weapon, men and women will fence in the same group.

Participation:

All participants need to be a member of the Dutch Fencing Federation (KNAS) or an FIE(-liaised) fencing federation. Besides the participation of veterans, seniors (Futuri) will be allowed access to the tournament, except when they are ranked as one of the first thirty in the seniors category in their home country. Youths under the age of 19 will not have access.

Venue: Sports Hall Galgenwaard, Herculesplein 341, 3584 AA Utrecht.

Telephone nr. FV-organisation on the day of the tournament: +31 6 11010581 [Paul van Dam] (Whatsapp as well)

League Match:

The Tournament is held five times a year. At the end of each year (January-December) we make a list of rankings with the four best veterans results of that year. The best veteran man and woman over all 4 age categories will win a challenge cup. Besides that, the best man and woman from each age category also receives a challenge cup and a souvenir. These cups will be presented at the first tournament of the following calendar year. So that is during this match day.

Check-in: For all weapons

09.00 hrs Appeal

09.30 hrs Scratch

10.00 hrs Start

12:30 – 13:30 hrs Lunch and **2025 award ceremony**

Entry Fee: € 25.00 per person/weapon and must be paid preferably through Nahouw at the moment of subscription, or ultimately before 'Appeal' in cash on the day of the tournament.

Please send your entry via your club, preferably through Nahouw.net. If this turns out to be infeasible, you may alternatively send an e-mail to FV@KNAS.nl with your registration details (name, date of birth, weapon, fencing club, subscription nr. at your fencing federation, subscribers e-mail address).

Closing date: January 30th, 2025.

Equipment and demands: (FIE-certified): conform to current Material Rules FIE (see: <https://www.knas.nl/node/3386> mandatory: double fastening system for masks, optional: sabre maraging kling and transparent body wiring).

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**Tournament format:**

The organisation retains the right to change the format of the Tournament at any time. Entries per weapon must count more than four fencers otherwise the competition will be cancelled and fencers will be notified by e-mail, if their address is known to the F.V.-organisation.

From this first tournament of 2025, the new format will be applied. This means, that a preliminary round (pool A/B/C or pool unique) will be fought first, after which eliminations will be fought in full.

Refereeing:

The participants will have to organise refereeing of the bouts themselves, unless enough referees can be found.

General:

From approximately 12.30 to 13.30 lunch break, participants can enjoy the offer in Koning Willem Alexander's canteen.

The organisation doesn't accept any responsibility for personal or material damage. Participants that join the Tournament automatically conform themselves to the mentioned above.

Registering for a Dutch competition through Nahouw

If you are a foreign competitor wishing to register for a Dutch tournament through the Nahouw, please follow the instructions below:

(Note that these instructions will not work if you are a member of a Dutch club, in which case you should [follow the instructions provided here](#).)

Go to <https://www.nahouw.net/register>

1. Think of a username, Suggestion: initials+lastname (e.g."jjones")
2. Think of a password (min. 12 characters), enter it twice
3. Enter your first name
4. Enter your last name
5. Select your gender
6. Select your country
7. Select your club if it is listed, otherwise leave it on "-"
8. Enter your email address
9. Register
10. You'll receive a confirmation email
Go to <https://www.nahouw.net/pag/562c>
12. Change your language and date of birth if needed
13. Go to the tournament you wish to register for
14. Select your weapon and submit
15. You've just registered
16. You'll receive an email confirmation of the registration
17. Go to: <https://www.nahouw.net/change-locale/redirect/%2F>
18. After you have registered for the tournament, you also best make the payment through Nahouw

If nevertheless, you encounter problems, please contact us for help at wedstrijdzaken@knas.nl (Paul van Dam +31 6 11010581).