



Fencing Event (both Domestic and International) Sanctioning Policy

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Background

The Australian Fencing Federation Limited (AFF) is the National Sporting Organisation (NSO) for the Olympic Sport of Fencing.

This Fencing Event Sanctioning Policy (the Policy) is governed by the Australian Fencing Federation Limited (AFF).

1. The policy covers two types of Fencing Events, ie:
 - Domestic Fencing Events are fencing events located in Australia, including competitions, camps, and club activities.
 - International Fencing Events are fencing events located outside of Australia, including international competitions, training camps and tours. that are not already included in the International Events List for the current AFF Sports Travel Insurance Policy.
2. All Domestic Fencing Events and International Fencing Events are required to be sanctioned by the AFF Board so that they are covered by the AFF Insurance Policies.
3. Any Domestic Fencing Event and International Fencing Event that is not included in the current AFF or Member State Certificate of Currency will required to be sanctioned under this policy.
4. This policy is to be used Member States (Members) of the AFF to apply for sanctioning of Domestic Fencing Events.
5. This policy is to be used by individuals seeking Sports Travel Insurance coverage of International Fencing Events not listed on the AFF Certificate of Currency through the International Events List.

6. Applying for Domestic Fencing Event Sanction

- 6.1 Only Members can apply to have a Domestic Fencing Event Sanctioned by the AFF.
- 6.2 The Member must request sanctioning by the AFF Board by sending the form in Schedule 1 to president@fencing.org.au.
- 6.3 Applications should be sent at least 1 (one) month in advance of the event.
- 6.4 Formal notification of the sanction will be provided in writing to the Member and the AFF Insurer.
- 6.5 The Member must also follow the Schedule 2 - Fencing Event Risk Management Matrix and submit this with the application for sanctioning.

7. Applying for International Fencing Event Sanction

- 7.1 From time to time, Australian Fencers may want to compete in International Fencing Events that are not on the approved International Events List and covered by the AFF Sports Travel Insurance Policy.
- 7.2 Any AFF capitated Fencer can apply to have the International Fencing Event Sanctioned by the AFF for Sports Travel Insurance.

7.3 Fencers must apply to the AFF Board for their International Fencing Event to be sanctioned by sending the form in Schedule 3 to president@fencing.org.au and board@fencing.org.au.

7.4 Applications should be sent at least 2 (two) months in advance of the event.

7.5 When considering sanctioning the International Fencing Event, the AFF will seek advice from the AFF Insurer which may result in additional costs for Sports Travel Insurance coverage that will have to be borne by the individual Fencers participating in the event.

7.6 When considering sanctioning of the International Fencing Event, the AFF may also consider the status of the event with regard to ranking points, participation, and/or development opportunities.

7.7 Formal notification of sanctioning of the International Fencing Event will be provided in writing to the Fencer and the AFF Insurer.

Schedule 1: Application for Domestic Fencing Event Sanction

Name of the Event:	
State Contact details:	<< Name, phone number, email address >>
Event Contact Details	If different << Name, phone number, email address >>
Has the Event been agreed to by the State Member Association	: << yes/no >>
When is it occurring:	<< Dates of the Event (including bump-in and bump-out times >>
Where is it being held:	<< Address of the venue >>
Are there other Organisation's involved:	<< List of Organisations involved>>
What is the format for the Event:	<< Basic description of the fencing event format >>
Expected Number of participants:	<< Number of Competitors >> << Number of spectators >> << Number of Support Staff >> << Number of Officials >>
Fencing Event Risk Matrix has been completed:	<< yes/no >>
Other relevant information for the AFF Board:	

Schedule 2 - Fencing Event Risk Management Matrix

The risk matrix below aims to establish a set of minimum guidelines associated with the risk management of a Domestic Fencing Event to be sanctioned by the AFF. It must be submitted with the application to Sanction a Domestic Fencing Event.

Item	Checked
Emergency exits clearly marked	
Emergency exits clear of obstructions (e.g. fencing bags)	
Rubbish bins emptied and / or sealed	
Major traffic areas and corridors clear of fencing bags or other obstructions	
Clear safety signage (for spectators, competitors and officials) in place or replaced	
Any stairs present clear of items likely to create slips or falls; stairs dry and edge strips secured	
First aid kit(s) stocked, readily available, and location known to DT	
Medical contacts known to DT, and presence established; ID issued if appropriate / necessary	
No potentially dangerous objects present in the venue	
Lighting all functioning	
Lift (if present) on, and clear of obstructions (all levels)	
All DT, Referees and volunteers have valid Working with Children Checks and have completed the Sport Integrity Australia Safeguarding module.	
If for a competition or demonstration: ideally a barrier system to keep all except competing fencers, their coach & officials outside the strip area.	
If for a competition or demonstration: Large enough for number of strips. Remember "duty of care" requirements for space for referees, other officials, equipment and spectators.	
Hazardous items removed	
Functioning, clean, and provisioned	
No water or foreign objects on or around strips	
No protruding items on strips	
Area immediately surrounding strips clear of equipment	
Non-metal strips taped securely	
No holes present in non-metal strips	
Barricades or railing secure and in place	
Underlays for metal strips taped securely	
Surround of permanent strips (if present) level with strips	

Schedule 3 - Application for Sanctioning of International Fencing Event

Name of the Event:	
Fencer Contact details:	<< Name, phone number, email address >>
Event Contact Details	<< Name, phone number, email address >>
Has the Event been agreed to by the AFF High Performance Commission	: << yes/no >>
When is it occurring:	<< Dates of the Event >>
Where is it being held:	<< Address of the venue >>
Are there other Organisations involved:	<< List of Organisations involved>>
What is a format for the Event:	<< Basic description of the fencing event format >>
Other relevant information for the AFF Board:	

Schedule 4 – International Events List

Note: the international events list is updated in February annually.

Competition	Dates
Senior World Cup, Padua Italy	6-8 March 2025
Senior World Cup, Heraklion Greece	7-9 March 2025
March NAC - Youth Tour, Cleveland Ohio USA	7-10 March 2025
Grand Prix, Budapest Hungary	14-16 March 2025
Senior World Cup, Budapest Hungary	28-30 March 2025
Senior World Cup, Cairo EGY	28-30 March 2025
Junior/Cadet World Championships, Wuxi China	1-15 April 2025
Asian Senior Championships, Bali Indonesia	17-23 June 2025
Senior World Championships, Tblisi Georgia	20-30 July 2025
ParaFencing World Championships, Iksan, South Korea	2-7 September 2025
ParaFencing World Cup, Jakarta, Indonesia	14-18 September 2025
Junior World Cup, Busan, Korea	28 - 30 November 2025
Senior World Cup, Orleans, France	4 - 6 December 2025
Senior World Cup, Tokyo, Japan	5 - 7 December 2025
Senior World Cup, Busan, Korea	5 - 7 December 2025
Junior World Cup, Hong Kong	28 - 30 November 2025
Junior World Cup, Bangkok Thailand	12 - 14 December 2025
Junior World Cup, Fujairah, UAE	2 - 4 January 2026
Junior World Cup, Basel, Switzerland	3 - 4 January 2026
Junior World Cup, Udine, Italy	5 - 6 January 2026
Senior World Cup Paris, France	9 - 11 January 2026
Senior World Cup, Hong Kong	9 - 11 January 2026
Junior World Cup, Boston, USA	16 - 18 January 2026
Junior World Cup, Tblisi, Georgia	17 - 18 January 2026
Junior World Cup, Manama, Bahrain	16 - 18 January 2026
Senior Grand Prix, Doha, Qatar	23-25 January 2026
Junior World Cup, Plovdiv Bulgaria	31 Jan to 1 February 2026
Junior World Cup, Tblisi, Georgia	31 Jan to 1 February 2026
Senior World Cup, Wuxi, China	6 - 8 February 2026
Senior Grand Prix, Turin, Italy	5 - 7 February 2026
Senior World Cup, Heidenheim Germany	5 - 7 February 2026
Junior World Cup, Hangzhou, China	14 - 15 February 2026