



AFF INTERNATIONAL TOUR AND REPRESENTATION RULES

1 SCOPE OF APPLICATION

- 1.1 These RULES are subject to the AFF's Complaints, Disputes, and Discipline Policy
- 1.2 These RULES will apply to both Tours and all Non-Tour Events, and to all Relevant Persons and Relevant Organisations.
- 1.3 The RULES will apply to the duration of the Tour beginning from the time of departure until arrival back in Australia, and to all matters connected with the TOUR while in preparation for that Tour For all Non-Tours these RULES will apply for the duration of the time period of the competition from the day prior to the International Competition until the completion of the entire International Competition.
- 1.4 These RULES are designed to protect the interests of the Australian Fencing community and must be adhered to by Relevant Persons.
- 1.5 The RULES are to be read in conjunction with all other AFF Policies, and the National Integrity Framework for which Relevant Persons remain bound.

2 ROLES

- 2.1 The AFF will, from time to time, appoint a Tour Manager to a Tour.
- 2.2 The AFF will, from time to time, appoint a Head Coach to be on the Tour who will be responsible for the delivery of technical stream and ensuring team performance, and reports to the Tour Manager.
- 2.3 Athletes may apply for their own coaches to attend a TOUR, or an International Competition. They must do so following the Appointment Rules: <https://www.ausfencing.org/wp-content/uploads/Rules-on-Appointment.pdf>

3 DIRECTION

- 3.1 Relevant Person must adhere to these RULES including the Scope of it's Application, the Roles, and Direction.
- 3.2 Relevant Persons must follow directions given to them, at all times, by the AFF either remotely, by the Tour Manager, or by the Head Coach (within his or her technical remit) while on Tour, and in line with the Scope of Application of these RULES and all other AFF Policies.
- 3.3 All Relevant Persons are subject to the AFF Drug and Alcohol Policy while on Tour and may not consume alcohol.
- 3.4 All Relevant Persons remain subject to all AFF Policies and the National Integrity Framework as adopted by the AFF.
- 3.5 Relevant Persons under 18 years of age are not permitted to enter the room of a member of the opposite sex without the Team Manager's approval.
- 3.6 Team members under 18 years of age must obtain permission from the Team Manager to leave the team, hotel or venue. They must personally "sign out" and "sign in" with the Team Manager or their delegate prior to leaving and inform her/him of where they are going and when they will return. This must be adhered to, even if you are leaving in the company of an adult. Team members under 18 years of age must not leave the hotel or venue alone.
- 3.7 Attendance at Team Meetings for Tours is compulsory. Where an athlete is not yet of 18 years of age, a parent, guardian or coach may also attend the Team Meeting along with the athlete.

- 3.8 Athletes must attend all training sessions associated with the Tour as nominated by the Tour Manager, or the Head Coach in the absence of instruction from the Tour Manager. Where an athlete is injured or unwell they should inform the Tour Manager and the Head Coach, and seek permission from the Tour Manager, or in the absence of the Tour Manager the Head Coach to not attend the training session. Where a dispute exists between an athlete and a Tour Manager or Head Coach about attendance at a training session an athlete is permitted in the first instance not to attend but must supply a medical certificate. IN the absence of that, the athlete must seek permission from the AFF's High Performance Commission.

4 PROHIBITED CONDUCT

- 4.1 A breach of these RULES will be considered Prohibited Conduct and is subject to measures and discipline under these RULES and the Complaints, Disputes, and Discipline Policy.
- 4.2 Where a Relevant Person is engaged in, or has engaged in, Prohibited Conduct, the AFF, may take any interim measures necessary to rectify or manage a situation on Tour.
- 4.3 In the instance of a breach of these RULES, the AFF may also take any of the following disciplinary measures:
- a. Any interim measure it deems necessary to rectify or manage a breach or situation on Tour;
 - b. In serious cases, remove an athlete from an International Event, with the expressed written consent of the President of the AFF or High Performance Commission Chair. In circumstances where time does not permit, this may only be done by the Tour Manager;
 - c. Suspend a National Squad member from the National Squad under the terms of the Athlete Agreement; or
 - d. Refer the prohibited Conduct to the AFF Complaints Manager to be dealt with under the Complaints, Disputes, and Discipline Policy.

5 DEFINITIONS

In these RULES, the following words have the corresponding meaning:

Activity means means a sporting contest, match, competition, event, meeting, discussion whether in person or online, or activity (including training, camp, lesson, whether online or in-person, tour where it is endorsed by a Relevant Organisation, accreditation process, high performance activity, or any such activity), whether on a one-off basis or as part of a session, series, league, or competition, which is either sanctioned, organised, co-ordinated by, connected-with, or about a Relevant Organisation.

AFF means the Australian Fencing Federation.

Athlete means a person who is registered, or entitled to participate, in an Activity.

Complaints, Disputes, and Discipline Policy means the National Integrity Framework policy that has been adopted by the AFF.

Head Coach means the person appointed by the AFF to be the coach on the Tour.

Non-Tour Event means any FIE, EFC, or Commonwealth event that is not designated as a Tour.

Participant means:

- (a) Athletes;
- (b) coaches appointed to train an Athlete or Team in an Activity;

- (c) administrators who have a role in the administration, operation or Activity of a Relevant Organisation including owners, directors, committee members or other persons;
- (d) officials including referees, umpires, technical officials, or other officials appointed by a Relevant Organisation, or any league, competition, series, Club or Team sanctioned by a Relevant Organisation; and
- (e) support personnel who are appointed in a professional or voluntary capacity by a Relevant Organisation, or any league, competition, series, Club or Team sanctioned by a Relevant Organisation including sports science sports medicine personnel, team managers, agents, selectors, and team staff members.
- (f) Spectator, observer or similar at an Activity.
- (g) Parent of an athlete.

Relevant Organisation means any of the following organisations:

- (a) AFF;
- (b) Member Organisations; or
- (c) any other organisation that has agreed to be bound by the Relevant Policies.

Relevant Person means any of the following persons of a Relevant Organisation or at an Activity:

- (a) Individual Member;
- (b) Participant;
- (c) Employee;
- (d) Contractor;
- (e) Volunteer; or
- (f) any other individual who has agreed to be bound by the Relevant Policies.

Tour means any organisation or management by a Relevant Organisation of athletes, with or without an attending coach, or Head of Delegation, to attend any international event including but not limited to FIE, EFC, Commonwealth, US based, or Asian based. Where the AFF denotes that representation in the event is subject to participation in a Tour, all organisation around such participation will be a Tour for the purposes of these RULES.

Tour Manager means the person appointed by the AFF to be the Head of Delegation for the Tour, and is the AFF's chief representative on the Tour.