

## 1. APPLICATION

- 1.1. This policy is in effect from 15 February 2021 until further notice.
- 1.2. This policy takes precedence over any conflicting provisions relating to national competitions, including but not limited to the Selection Policy and Competition Policy.

## 2. RANKING POINTS

- 2.1. Ranking points will accrue for all national fencing events as provided for in the Selection Policy notwithstanding there may be **government travel restrictions** in place which prevent some residents entering the host city at the time of the event.

## 3. CANCELLATION

- 3.1. The AFF may, at its absolute discretion, cancel any national competition where:
  - a) it considers the health and safety of athletes and officials to be at risk; or
  - b) based on state and territory COVID-19 public health advice; or
  - c) where **government travel restrictions** are imposed affecting sufficient athletes and officials as to render the tournament unviable.

## 4. EXPENSES

- 4.1. Athletes travel at their own financial risk. The AFF accepts no responsibility for athlete expenses incurred through **government travel restrictions**.
- 4.2. Notwithstanding section 4.1, the AFF will refund entry fees upon request for athletes affected by **government travel restrictions** imposed on a location where the athlete ordinarily resides, where the travel restriction arises after they have entered a national event and up to 24 hours prior to the first event in which they are entered.

## 5. ADHERANCE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

- 5.1. Athletes and officials will keep up-to-date and adhere to all respective host-city state/territory and/or local public health authorities COVID-19 restrictions.
- 5.2. Tournament organisers will assist to the best of their abilities to keep participants up-to-date.
- 5.3. All athletes and officials will maintain awareness of any evolving COVID-19 environment in their home state and align their actions with informed decisions. The Covid-19 environment can be rapidly evolving.
- 5.4. All regulations related to spectators will be determined by respective host-city state/territory and/or local public health authorities.

## 6. DEFINITIONS

In this Policy, unless the context requires otherwise, these words mean:

**Government travel restrictions** means restrictions published on any Australian state government website which affect free movement of people.

**Home state** means the state in which a person ordinarily resides.

**Ordinarily reside** means the address listed for an affected athlete in the AFF Member Portal.