

Parafencing Working Group

Call for Expressions of Interest for Members

Background

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

The AFF's vision is to have Fencing recognised as an exciting, accessible and challenging sport providing opportunities for participation at all levels – recreational, competitive and elite.

The mission of the AFF is to administer and promote the sport of Fencing in Australia through national plans and programs, services and opportunities that enable members from recreational to the Olympian to reach their maximum potential.

Parafencing

Member states have been working for some time to find ways to make fencing accessible to people with a disability. In particular, Western Australia is home to Australia's first certified disability classifier and Fencing South Australia is actively seeking external funding to support a parafencing program. The AFF has forged good relationships with both Disability Sports Australia and Paralympics Australia and considers it timely to parlay this into greater national support for parafencing initiatives by its member states.

The Terms of Reference for the Parafencing Working Group are attached.

Expressions of interest

The AFF is seeking calls from all interested people to join the Parafencing Working Group. Expressions of interest should be submitted to operations@fencing.org.au by 5.00pm Friday 1 November 2019.

At a minimum, expressions should contain the following:

- Name of applicant.
- Member state of the applicant.
- Best contact details.
- A short biography or interest statement.

No remuneration is available for members of the Parafencing Working Group, however, the reimbursement of certain expenses may be agreed between the AFF and the working group members in advance and from time to time.

Members will be appointed to the Parafencing Working Group to 31 December 2020.

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Terms of Reference

Expiry: 31 December 2020 (unless otherwise agreed with the AFF)

Membership: Membership of the Parafencing Working Group will be those appointed by the AFF to the Parafencing Working Group from time to time.

Accountability: The Parafencing Working Group will be accountable to the AFF Board via the AFF President.

Review: The progress of the Parafencing Working Group will be reported to the AFF president by the Chair of the Parafencing Working Group each calendar month.

Purpose: To develop sustainable, practical programs to increase participation in parafencing. It is envisaged these programs could be developed for delivery over time, with staged rollouts.

The objectives of the Parafencing Working Group include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Develop content for coaches, clubs and member states to deliver to parafencers
- Increase the profile of parafencing through promotional opportunities at local and national events
- Identify and apply for grant funding opportunities with sporting and/or government organisations.
- Liaise with state fencing associations in the implementation of initiatives
- Track and report on progress

Meetings: It is expected that the AFWG will perform most of its work electronically including electronic meetings. Given the initial workload, it is expected that the working group will meet at least monthly for the first three months. The AFF will appoint a chair of the working group who will be responsible for the group's running and reporting to the AFF.

Information: The working group will hold confidential AFF information. AFWG members must keep that information confidential.