

State Reciprocal Black Card Policy

Australian Fencing Federation Limited ACN 161 544 752 (**AFF**)

1. Background

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

This State Reciprocal Black Card Policy (the **Policy**) applies to all Member States.

This policy repeals the AFF's Reciprocal Black Card Policy of May 2014.

2. Application

- 2.1 The Policy applies to all persons in attendance at a State event.
- 2.2 This Policy is to be read in conjunction with the respective Member State Black Card Policy, The AFF Black Card Policy and the FIE Technical Rules. Where there is contradiction between the FIE Technical Rules, the AFF Black Card Policy and the Member State Policy, the AFF Black Card Policy will take precedence.
- 2.3 A person penalised by a black card at a Member State Event will be excluded from competing, participating, and observing at not only the respective Members State events but also all other Member State Events for two months after the date the black card was awarded.
- 2.4 Black cards may be given by:
A Tournament Official being the Directoire Technique, the Supervising Referee or the Referee presiding over a bout. The Black Card may also be given by an Office Holder or Director of the Member State.
- 2.5 The Member State must inform all other Member States within 3 days of the Black Card being given, or after an unsuccessful appeal.
- 2.6 If the Member State considers the offence for which the Black Card was awarded serious enough to warrant referral to the AFF, the Member State should notify the AFF by emailing operations@fencing.org.au along with the details of the offence, and the AFF will consider whether to apply the AFF Black Card Policy for the offence.
- 2.7 A person penalised by two black cards **within a 12-month period** by any Member State will serve the penalty on the second card under the AFF Black Card Policy, as if that card were awarded by the AFF directly.
- 2.8 The AFF may choose to review the awarding of a Black Card by a Member State to a person, either of its own volition or at the request of the person, and if it so deems, the AFF may choose to apply it at National level, or to not apply the black card, at its own discretion.

3. Appeals

- 3.1 If a Black Card is awarded at a competition, an Appeal must be made to the DT in the first instance by the person who receives a Black Card should the person who received the black card, wish to appeal the decision.
- 3.2 If a person who receives a black card at a competition does not appeal to the DT in the first instance, at a competition, then they will forfeit all further avenues of appeal.
- 3.3 The DT determining to uphold the Black Card is an Original Decision for the purposes of the AFF's Tribunal Appointment and Procedure Policy.
- 3.4 A person aggrieved by the Original Decision may make an application for a review of that decision pursuant to the AFF's Tribunal Appointment and Procedure Policy

- 3.5 For the purposes of the AFF's Tribunal Appointment and Procedure Policy, a review of the Original Decision will:
- a. Firstly, be referred to an Internal Committee to undertake that review; and
 - b. Will be referred to the National Sports Tribunal for any Appeal.