AUSTRALIAN FENCING FEDERATION
RESIDENCY POLICY

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1. General Principles

This policy describes the residency requirements for affiliation with a State or Territory fencing association for fencers residing in Australia.

A Fencer who resides in Australia must affiliate through the state or territory in which they reside, unless they meet one of the exception conditions listed in section 2.

2. Exception Conditions

2.1 If no State Fencing Association affiliated with the Australian Fencing Federation exists for the fencer's state or territory of residency the fencer must affiliate through an adjoining or the nearest AFF affiliated State or Territory Association. For example, if a fencer resides in Northern Territory, where no AFF affiliated Association currently exists, they must affiliate with the Queensland, WA or SA.

2.2 If a fencer moves their residency to another State, they must transfer their membership to their new state of residency at the start on the next fencing/calendar year. Their former State or Territory must, however, provide a release for the fencer to transfer but that release may only be withheld if the fencer has outstanding financial commitments.

2.3 If a fencer resides within 75km of a state border, they may choose to become members of either state or territory.

2.4 If the fencer has moved their residency specifically for their formal education commitments or to further develop their fencing they must affiliate with their new resident State but must continue to compete nationally for the Home/former state for a period of 2 years in AFF State based events. This may mean the fencer is a member through both states but only one capitation levy should be paid to the AFF by the current residency State. After this 2 year period these fencers must affiliate through their current state but may elect to represent either their current or former State in national State based events until:

a) they have completed their formal study program or

b) they have completed their special training program after which they must represent their actual state of residency.

2.5 If a fencer has moved their residency overseas and wishes to compete for or in Australia they must affiliate through their former state of residence. If they return to Australia and immediately take up residence in a different state then the conditions 1 through 5 above must be applied.

2.6 If a fencer resides overseas and is an Australian citizen but has never been affiliated in Australia through any Member State or Territory, and they wish to represent or compete in or for Australia they must:

2.6.1 Not have already competed internationally for another country via dual citizenship or held an FIE licence from another country. (see FIE Statutes – Section 9.2 Fencer's Nationality in current December 2010 version that apply to changing the Nation for which a fencer wishes to compete.)

2.6.2 Affiliate in Australia through a member State or Territory of the Australian Fencing Federation. If they have previously resided in Australia without having been a member they should affiliate through their former state of residency. If however they were born overseas and have never resided in Australia they Residency Requirements for Affiliation with a State or Territory Fencing Association Page 2 of 2 may choice to affiliate through any member state, although the state where their parents previously resided would be preferred.

2.7 An international fencer who resides in Australia who wishes to represent their country in Australian Tournaments,

2.7.1 must affiliate to an Australian State or Territory association as per this policy based on the state/territory they reside in; AND

2.7.2 provide confirmation of national membership to their national body in their home country.

2.8 The National Competition Committee of the AFF will oversee the application of this policy and will be the final arbiter in any decisions and disputes on matters of residency.

3. Criteria for Residency

For the purposes of this policy the AFF will apply the Australian Tax Office criteria for Residency in Australia. View the Australian Taxation Office residency criteria here.