

## Rules for Appointments, and other persons at International Events

### Background

The High-Performance Commission (HPC) has been established by the AFF Board to deal with all matters relating to High-Performance including all matters regarding International Events.

These rules are provided to stakeholders to ensure that all stakeholders are aware how the HPC makes decisions with respect to the attendance of any person at an International Event, and appointments of officials and coaches at these events.

### Appointment Rules

Athletes, coaches, and related parties must observe the AFF Code of Conduct, and other relevant policies, guidelines, and agreements, such as the Athlete Agreement for National Squad Members, and these Appointment Rules.

**Administration:** The HPC appoints coaches to attend and coach at International Events including:

- FIE competitions and any activities associated with these;
- AFF tours; and
- HPC Designated Events, International Non-designated events, and International Championships, as defined in the AFF Selection Policy. (collectively the “**International Events**”)

In these Appointment Rules, the term “International Events” has the same meaning as in the AFF Selection Policy.

Appointed coaches, athletes, and related parties, must remember that they are representatives of Australia and the AFF when they are present at International Events.

The appointment of any coach or official to attend to National Squad Members, and Australian athletes, at International Events are subject to the following requirements:

- **Accreditations at International Events:** Only AFF personnel at the direction of the HPC are authorised to make applications for accreditation (including accreditation of coaches or other representatives) to organizers of International Events. Athletes, their parents, coaches and/or other persons are not authorised to, and must not, make any representations or applications to organisers to obtain accreditations for an International Event, or communicate with event organizers unless authorized in writing by the AFF.
- **Communication with International Event Organizers:** Only AFF personnel are to make representations to the organizers of an International Event. Athletes, nor any person associated with them, may write to, or make representations to the organizers unless they have been expressly permitted to do so in writing by the AFF.

- **Recognition of Officials and Coaches:** AFF appointed and accredited officials and coaches are the only persons recognized and eligible to represent and work with an Australian athlete on a tour, or at an International Event.
- **Personal Coaches on AFF Tour:** While the AFF welcomes and encourages athletes to bring their personal coach on AFF tours, their personal coach, nor any other person, may coach an Australian athlete at an International Event (including competition coaching piste-side and working with an Australian team athlete during tour activities such as training) **unless:**
  - the athlete's personal coach has been invited and authorised by the HPC to work as an Australian team coach at an International Event; or
  - they are otherwise authorised to do so by the HPC.

An athlete may apply to the HPC to authorise their coach to work with the Australian team or join an athlete and to coach them during an International Event. The decision whether to allow the application is at the discretion of the HPC and may be subject to restrictions, terms or conditions.

- **Personal Coaches for non-Tour Events:** For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete's personal coach may only coach that athlete at an International Event that is a non-tour event, if they are approved to do so by the HPC and subject to the athlete applying to the HPC for approval. In granting approval, the HPC may impose restrictions, terms or conditions that the athlete and their personal coach must comply with these.
- **Australian Accreditation:** Notwithstanding anything in these guidelines, in addition to complying with the above requirements, **it is mandatory** for a personal coach to obtain an Australian coaching accreditation (level 1) if they wish to coach an Australian athlete at an International Event. In exceptional circumstances the HPC may set aside this requirement.
- **Permissions Process:** Athletes must write to [hpc@fencing.org.au](mailto:hpc@fencing.org.au) requesting that permission be granted for a personal coach to attend an International Event, or a non-tour event, setting out the reasons why permission should be granted and confirming that their personal coach has obtained Australian coach accreditation. Athletes may make application for multiple events at any one time.

Athletes representing Australia, and any person associated with them, must comply with these Appointment Rules. Non-compliance may lead to disciplinary action.

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