

## 10.0 TOURNAMENTS AND COMPETITIONS -- GENERAL

### DEFINITIONS

10.1 The Canadian Domestic Circuit shall be a general circuit, consisting of all sanctioned tournaments including all designated events of the National, Regional and Provincial Championships, whose purpose is to allow each competitive member the opportunity to accumulate as many points as any other fencer in order to determine his or her placing in the National Domestic Rankings, regardless of the geographic location of his or her residence. Canadian Selection Circuit events are part of the High Performance Programme selection process and will be additionally ranked as part of the National Domestic Circuit.

Open tournaments are competitions held in Canada which satisfy the following criteria:

- i) open to all duly registered fencers;
- ii) not closed in any way (e.g. restricted as to age group, classification or place of residence), except that a closed Provincial or National Championship shall be considered as an open tournament for the purpose of gaining points for National Domestic Rankings;
- iii) written notice must be sent at least fifteen (15) days prior to the tournament at least to each Branch member, and the C.F.F. office. Such notice shall state the tournament name, the site of the competition, and the date and schedule of events; and
- iv) results must be sent to the C.F.F. on a designated form within fourteen (14) days of the event, together with such fees as may be required; and

For Provincial Championships:

- i) If closed, are limited to competitive members of that province;
- ii) Written notice must be sent at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the tournament at least to each affiliated club in the province, to the C.F.F. and, if open, to each Branch member. Such notice shall state the tournament name (identifying it as a provincial championship), the site of the competition, the date and schedule of events, and whether the tournament is open to fencers from outside the province;
- iii) The Branch member may decide whether or not its championship shall be open or closed. If open, the provincial champion shall be determined to be the fencer from that province who has the best results in the championships.
- iv) A fencer competing in another province's championships will earn points as if he or she were competing in an open competition

(provided that she or he is permitted to enter). A fencer may be the provincial champion of his or her province of membership only.

For Regional Championships:

- i) Written notice must be sent at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the tournament at least to each Branch member and to the C.F.F.. Such notice shall state the tournament name, the site of competition, and the date and schedule of events;
- ii) The Regional Champion shall be that fencer who has the best result in the competition and whose residence is within the geographic sector.

All formats approved by the Technical Committee are acceptable, as long as they provide a complete ranking of the participants, from first to last.

### SANCTIONS

- 10.2 A tournament, in order for its results to be counted for National Domestic Rankings must be sanctioned by the C.F.F. upon receipt by the C.F.F. of the designated fee and application must be made by the organizers for that sanction in accordance with the process on the CFF website.

### SANCTION FEES

- 10.3 The sanction fee shall be posted on the CFF website prior to the start of the fencing season. Sanction fees may change from time to time as determined by the Board of Directors.

### ENTRY FORMS

- 10.4 All entries for sanctioned competition held under C.F.F. rules must be made on entry forms that conform to the Rules and Regulations of the C.F.F. and must include:
- (a) The name, club and licence number of each registered athlete applying for participation;
  - (b) Description of the tournament venue, schedule, contact person and entry fee information;
  - (c) Waiver of liability in favour of the tournament organizers, other participants, officials, sponsoring Branch members, the CFF, and the FIE; and
  - (d) The statement "HELD UNDER THE SANCTION OF THE (the name of Provincial Association), THE (name of Province) BRANCH OF THE CANADIAN FENCING FEDERATION.

### LATE ENTRIES

- 10.5 The question of accepting or rejecting "Late Entries" shall be left to the decision of the tournament organizers, except for National and Regional Championships for which specific regulations apply (See Chapter 12).

### FAILURE TO COMPETE

10.6 An athlete who fails to compete after entering an event shall be required to furnish a satisfactory explanation for so doing, or render him or herself liable to disciplinary action.

If the athlete does not reside in the Branch in which the infraction occurred, disciplinary action shall be the responsibility of the C.F.F. in consultation with the Branches concerned.

### FIE RULES

10.7 The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the FIE Rules, unless exceptions are announced prior to the event.

### FORMAT OF COMPETITION

10.8 The format of the competition (i.e. the elimination structure consisting of the pattern of pools and/or tables of direct elimination) shall be announced on the entry form for the competition. In no case whatsoever may the format for a weapon be changed from that announced once the competition has commenced in that weapon. The special order of bouts for multiple fencers of the same club shall be used.

### SEEDING OF COMPETITORS

10.9 Competitors shall be seeded and placed in pools and direct elimination tables as follows:

- (a) Canadian Fencers: Shall be seeded in accordance with their placing in the most recent issue of the Canadian National Domestic Ranking available on the CFF website. Those Canadian fencers not listed in these Rankings shall be seeded by drawing lots following the lowest ranked competitor that appeared in the Rankings. Fencers shall then be placed in pools as that described in the FIE Rules for the avoidance of conflict between fencers of the same country.
- (b) Foreign Fencers: Fencers who are members of foreign federations shall be seeded, in relationship to known Canadian fencers, in accordance with the best judgement of the Directoire Technique as to their relative strengths. They shall then be placed in pools and direct elimination tables as follows:
  - i) In Pools: All fencers of the same nationality shall be considered as members of one single club in order to afford them maximum protection against conflict.
  - ii) In Direct Elimination Tables: All fencers shall be placed in strict accordance with their seeding.

### ELECTRIC SABRE

10.10 Sabre competitions are to be judged with an electrical judging apparatus.

APPEALS AGAINST JUDGEMENT OF REFEREES

10.11 As provided in the FIE Regulations of Competition:

The Directoire Technique has authority to settle an appeal. If such an appeal is deemed to be unjustified, the fencer will be penalized with the awarding of a red card by the Directoire Technique.