

12.0 REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DEFINITION

- 12.1 C.F.F. National Championships include as a minimum requirement Senior, Junior, Cadet, and Team Championships. These Championships are competitions of the Canadian Selection Circuit to which Chapter 11 also applies. Regional Championships include Eastern and Western Championships.

APPLICATION TO CONDUCT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 12.2 Requests for bids to host National Championships will be made available from time to time on the C.F.F. website.
- 12.3 No Branch shall be awarded two (2) consecutive Championships of the same category (i.e. two consecutive Easterns, two consecutive Nationals, etc.) if other qualified Branches bid for them, and as much as possible an alternation of the Nationals between the Eastern and Western sections of Canada should apply.
- 12.4 Senior and Junior/Cadet Nationals shall be awarded by the Competition Selection Committee following objective evaluation of each bid received two years in advance, and shall be as hereinafter provided for, but in the event of such Championships not being awarded by the Competition Selection Committee, the Board of Directors shall have the right thereafter to make such award to any responsible organizing body. Once awarded, the venue, the dates, nor the format of the event shall be changed without the agreement of both the host Branch and the Competition Selection Committee

STANDARDS

- 12.5 The C.F.F. shall review the National Championships to ensure that the event is conducted in a proper manner, and in accordance with the C.F.F. Rules and Regulations.

SANCTIONS

- 12.6 Successful bids for Canadian Selection Circuit competitions and National Championships shall receive sanction from the C.F.F.. The Regional Championships shall receive sanction upon payment of the designated sanction fee.

SANCTION FEES

- 12.7 Successful bids for Regional shall receive sanction from the C.F.F. The sanction fee shall be posted on the CFF website at or before the time the request for bid documentation is posted. Sanction fees may change from time to time as determined by the Board of Directors.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS - ENTRY FORMS

- 12.8 All entry forms for Easterns, and Nationals events shall be printed in both English and French. Entry forms for CFF Western Championships may be printed in

French at the discretion of the Organizers. Content of entry forms shall conform to the draft sample attached (Appendix "A").

OTHER ENTRY FORM REQUIREMENTS

- 12.9 The Nationals shall be referred to as "Canadian Senior / Junior / Cadet National Championships" on all entry forms and promotional material. The Easterns and Westerns shall be referred to respectively as "Eastern Canadian Championships" and "Western Canadian Championships" on all entry forms and promotional material. Entry forms for the Senior / Junior / Cadet Nationals must be made available online at least two (2) months before the closing date for entries. Entry forms for the Easterns and Westerns must be made available online at least one (1) month before the closing date for entries. Each Branch and the C.F.F. office must receive electronic notification that the forms are available.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR COSTS

- 12.10 For Regional Championships, the Tournament Organizing Committee shall be responsible for all operating, organizing, and promotional costs of the Championships including medals and trophies (with engravings).
- 12.10a For the Canadian Selection Circuit events and the National Championships, the CFF primarily bears the costs of the tournaments through the collection of all tournament revenue. The responsibility for costs or benefits to the local organizing committee will be described in the request for bid documentation.

POST-CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

- 12.11 A full written report will be compiled by the CFF appointed competition manager. This report must include total entries in each event and a financial statement.

COMPETITORS RESIDENT REQUIREMENTS

- 12.12 Competitors must be residents of Canada for at least six (6) months before the Championships or be Canadian citizens.

OFFICIALS (REFEREES AND DIRECTOIRE TECHNIQUE)

- 12.13 The C.F.F. shall be responsible for providing sufficient qualified Referees to ensure the events operate efficiently and provide the referees with a comfortable working environment.

The CFF will select and remunerate referees according to policies set for the Canadian Selection Circuit and National Championship events.

- (a) Shall either provide lodgings of a reasonable standard or provide a contribution equal to the cost of these lodgings to offset the expenditures actually incurred by those officials who elect to make their own arrangements as determined by policy; and
- (b) Shall reimburse their actual and reasonable travel expenses according to policy

DIRECTOIRE TECHNIQUE AND JURY D'APPEL APPOINTMENT

12.14 The CFF appointed competition manager shall appoint the Directoire Technique for all Canadian Selection Circuit and National Championships in collaboration with the Referee Selection Committee. The Directoire Technique shall consist of three (3) members.

FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

12.15 The requirements will be detailed in the request for bid documentation as posted on the CFF website.

ENTRY FEES

12.16 For Canadian Selection Circuit events and National Championships all Fees and Forms must be received by the closing date as posted on the CFF website. For regional competitions, the competition the Organizing Committee will post the closing date at least three weeks before the start of the competition.

LATE ENTRIES AND LATE FEES

12.17 All Forms and Fees not received within three weeks of the National Championships, and up to 72 hours preceding the close of registration for the competition, a triple fee policy will be in effect.

Within 72 hours preceding the close of registration for the event, a \$200 CDN late charge on top of the normal late entry fee will be required.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE FIE RULES

12.18 Any exception to the FIE Rules must be approved by the CFF Technical Committee and announced prior to the competition.

FORMAT FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

12.19 The format for each event will be posted on the FF website with the tournament information and entry forms.

FORMAT FOR TEAM EVENTS

12.20 The format of team events shall be at the discretion of the Directoire Technique except as provided herein. Senior teams shall be of three fencers plus one alternate only, the names of whom shall be registered with the Directoire Technique at the time prescribed by the Directoire Technique for confirmation of team entries, and shall not be changed thereafter. No fencer may compete for more than one team in the same weapon, nor may any fencer compete in more than one weapon if any part or parts of competition in those weapons is scheduled to take place on the same day. At the discretion of the Branch, the Branch may be represented in each weapon either by one composite team or by one or more teams representing member club(s), each composed of fencers who are registered members of that club. More than one team per club may be entered in each weapon.

APPROVED EVENTS

- 12.21 The events shall be the same as those on the program of the World Championships of the season. The order of events does not have to be the same as the World Championships.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

- 12.22 The date of the Canadian Selection Circuit events and the National Championships shall be determined by the CFF to meet high performance programme needs where possible and be approved by the C.F.F. Board of Directors. The dates of the Regionals must be at least four (4) clear weekends prior to the Summer Nationals.

AWARDS

- 12.23 Medals shall be awarded to all fencers, who place in the first four (4) individual and the first three (3) for team events of the Championships. Medals shall be awarded to all team members, including the designated alternate. Medals shall be of the official CFF design and wording unless alternatives are previously approved in writing by the CFF.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 12.24 Only fencers having competitive membership in their respective Branches and in good standing with the CFF are qualified to compete in the National Championships.

PROCEDURE FOR ENTRY OF A COMPETITOR IN MORE THAN ONE EVENT

- 12.25 No athlete shall enter two (2) or more events if any part or parts of these two (2) events are scheduled to take place during the same day.