

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

GENERAL

- 3.1 The CFF shall have the following classes of membership:
- a) Branch Members as defined in the Bylaws;
 - and
 - b) Annual Licence holders
- (i) Any individual may become a licence holder of the C.F.F. upon payment of the appropriate fee and by registering either individually or through an alternative procedure determined by the branch of the licensee, and providing personal demographic data in a format that will be determined from time to time.
 - (ii) Personal data provided by licence holders will be treated as confidential and shared with the Branch member selected by the licence holder also on a confidential basis.
 - (iii) Personal data will be subject to any Privacy legislation enacted in Canada or the province of registration of the licence holder
 - (iv) Upon registration, licence holders will identify their participation categories within the sport or identify themselves as a supporting member.
 - (v) Types of participation categories may include but shall not be limited to:
Athlete; Coach; Referee; Armourer; Competition organizer; DT; National Board; Provincial Board; Provincial Staff; Volunteer; Friend of Fencing
 - (vi) Lifetime Licences: honorary individual licences are awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors, which endures for the life of the member
 - (vii) Corporate Licences: for organizations registered under provincial or national corporations legislation, administered by the C.F.F.
 - (viii) Club Licences: issued to duly recognized fencing clubs registered by the Branch
- 3.2 Notwithstanding any provision of these rules and regulations to the contrary, an individual or club licence in the C.F.F. is held at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors and may be revoked at any time.

APPLICATIONS

- 3.3 All applications for Branch membership or individual and club licences shall be made to the C.F.F. Board of Directors or its designate. All CFF licence holders must be a member in good standing of the Branch governing the geographical area of the applicant's club. Prospective licence holders residing outside Canada may make application to the Branch of their choice.

- 3.4 Applications for CFF Licences must be made annually by the individual licensee using the C.F.F. electronic registration system or an alternative process as determined by their Branch. This information will be shared with the Branch governing the geographical area of the applicant's club. The following mandatory information will be collected in addition to other optional information:
- a) the name, sex, date of birth, address, email address, language of preference and club affiliation and branch of the applicant;
 - b) the applicant's electronic declaration that he or she has provided correct and truthful information and that they are subject to and will abide by the By-laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations of the C.F.F., and of the F.I.E. where applicable;
 - c) the applicant's electronic declaration that he or she is covered by liability insurance purchased through their Branch and that he or she participates in all fencing and fencing-related activities solely at his/her own risk and that he/she waives any liability whatsoever of the F.I.E., C.F.F., Branch members and registered clubs for any injury to his/her property or person resulting from such participation. Branch members may additionally have their own release clause which may additionally require a declaration by the applicant, and
 - d) the electronic declaration and acknowledgement of his or her legal guardian or parent as to all of the foregoing when the applicant is not of legal age in the province of residence.

EXPIRATION

- 3.5 Branch membership and individual licence fees shall be set annually by the Board of Directors and reported to the Branch members in the budget report at the C.F.F. Annual General Meeting.
- 3.6 Membership does not vest until an appropriate electronic application and any requisite membership fee is received by the C.F.F., or its designate and contains an electronic acknowledgement in place of a written signature
- 3.7 All Branch memberships and CFF licenses, except the Lifetime licence, shall expire on the last day of September.

PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP

- 3.8 All individual licence holders will be issued a licence card as proof of registration. All other classes of membership shall be issued such proof of membership as is approved by the Board of Directors.

Note: Fencing Passports issued until 2006 as proof of membership shall no longer be mandatory as proof of membership. (cf.4.7)

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- 3.9 All officers of the C.F.F. must hold a current licence at the time of nomination and for the term of their office. During the term of their office all officers must remain in good standing of the C.F.F.

- 3.10 Any participant, including but not limited to coaches, referees, athletes, managers or other C.F.F. designates who participates in a C.F.F. recognized or funded program shall be required to be a licence holder in good standing.

PROFESSIONALS

- 3.11 Must hold a current individual licence of the C.F.F.

PROCEDURES

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- (a) The CFF is responsible for maintaining an electronic registration system that collects fees for the C.F.F. and fees (cf 3.5) and for the Branch as determined by each Branch from time to time.;
- (b) Branch fees collected through the electronic registration system shall be directly deposited to the bank account designated by the Branch;
- (c) Participants must purchase annually from the C.F.F. website or through their Branch a licence prior to participation in any C.F.F. recognized event.
- (d) Participants may purchase annually from the C.F.F website an FIE License at periodic intervals. It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that they purchase a licence prior to participation in an international event. The dates at which the C.F.F. orders FIE licences from the FIE will be periodically posted on the C.F.F. website. It is recommended that participants purchase an FIE licence no less than 30 days prior to their first international event of the season.
- (e) The Branches shall forward to the C.F.F. National Office:
 - i) Annual Branch fees prior to October 1st of each year. Fees received after this date will be assessed a penalty for the current membership year.;
 - ii) A report of all Club names and contact information, including contact name, email address, street address and coach(s).

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- 3.14 To have the status of a licenced club of the C.F.F. in any fencing year, notification from the Branch that the club is a licensee in good standing of that Branch must be received by the membership registrar not later than sixty (30) days before the first day of the National Championships of that fencing year.
- 3.15 For a participant to be recognized as the member of a club:
- (a) He/she must have represented himself as a member of that club at the time of C.F.F. licence registration or must have effected a change of club membership from his/her previous club to that club and the Branch must have notified the C.F.F. according to article 3.14..
 - (b) That club must be a member club of the Federation otherwise he/she shall be regarded as unattached.
 - (c) An athlete may not represent more than one club in the same weapon. If an athlete wishes to belong to more than one club as a result of fencing

competitively in more than one weapon, he/she must declare all of his or her club/weapon affiliations at the time of annual registration for a CFF licence.