5.1 CLUB AFFILIATION OF ATHLETES

5.1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this section is to recognise the club affiliation of athletes on an annual basis.

5.1.2 Scope

This Section is applicable to all athletes who are members of clubs affiliated to Fencing Singapore or schools.

5.1.3 Responsibilities

Athletes, officials and members from the affiliated clubs or schools shall be responsible for the proper implementation of this recognition.

5.1.4 References

This Section is made in reference to Para 4 of the Constitution of Fencing Singapore.

5.1.5 Recognition Of Affiliated Clubs, Schools And Athletes

Fencing Singapore recognises the importance of the support given by the various affiliated clubs and schools.

It recognises:

- (a) Clubs that are affiliated to Fencing Singapore, such as Ordinary and Associate Affiliates.
- (b) Schools that recognise and promote fencing as a sport whether as a Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) or enrichment programme.
- (c) Athletes that are members of the clubs and schools mentioned in Para 5.1.5(a) and (b).
- (d) Fencers based overseas who are not members of the affiliated clubs and schools mentioned in Para 5.1.5(a) and (b) but who wish to be connected to the fencing scene in Singapore for the purpose of participation in local competitions, national representation or other relevant reasons.



5.1.6 <u>Club Representation In Local Competitions And Trials</u>

An athlete can be a member of one or more affiliated clubs or schools. However, for purpose of club representation in local competitions and trials, the following must be observed:

- (a) The club/school representation of an athlete must be made known to Fencing Singapore by 15 December of each year for the following year and will be valid till the end of the following year. E.g. Submission of list of athletes on 15 Dec 2005 will be valid till 31 Dec 2006.
- (b) Submission of list of athletes is to be made in the format prescribed at Annex A or on forms sent to clubs for this purpose.
- (c) Clubs and schools are allowed to submit names of new athletes during the course of a year provided that these athletes have not represented another club or school in local competitions and trials within the same year or who satisfy the conditions laid down in Paras (d) and (e).
- (d) An athlete who is both a member of an affiliated club and a school can represent either the club or the school at different competitions and trials within the calendar year subject to Para (e). For a competition or trial with multiple individual and team events, the athlete can only represent either the club <u>or</u> the school but not both for the entire competition.
- (e) An athlete who wishes to represent another club or school within the same year will have to seek approval from his affected club or school. The club or school (i.e. all affected clubs or schools) will then inform Fencing Singapore about the change via email, fax or letter prior to or upon submission of entries for a competition.

5.1.7 <u>Club Representation And Ranking Points</u>

- (a) The points earned by an athlete in any competition or trials is tied to his/her club representation. If an athlete decides to represent another club halfway through the year, he/she will lose all points earned while fencing for his/her former club/school unless his/her former club/school consents in writing to the transfer of points to the new club/school.
- (b) In the event that his/her former club/school does not consent to the transfer of points, the athlete can seek assistance from the Athletes' Commission which will review and present the case to the Executive Committee for decision on a case by case basis.
- (c) Situations whereby approval for transfer of points will be granted automatically:
 - (i) From one school to another school
 - whereby an athlete transfers to another school in the midst of a year after receiving his/her GCE 'O' level results
 - whereby an athlete transfers to another school so that he/she can study the subjects of his/her choice
 - whereby an athlete transfers to another school in order to be nearer to his/her place of residence
 - (ii) From a club to a school or vice-versa
 - whereby the athlete is not studying at any school but enrolls into one during the course of a year e.g. upon receipt of GCE 'A' level results
 - where an athlete decides to stop schooling or is unable to continue school and hence has to represent a club



- (iii) From one club to another club
 - where an athlete graduates from a tertiary institution and is no longer eligible to fence for his/her tertiary club
 - where an athlete joins a tertiary club after enrolment in the tertiary institution in the course of a year
- (iv) For overseas competitions, fencers are to seek approval from their clubs/schools if they want to participate. The clubs/schools are to inform Fencing Singapore. Using the National Ranking, Fencing Singapore will then rank the fencers for overseas competitions.

Any clarification of these procedures shall be directed to the President of Fencing Singapore



Annex A

MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR CLUBS/SCHOOLS

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