

Membership Policy

1.4.4 Membership Level

Individual club members must indicate what level of membership they are applying or renewing.

Membership levels are as follows:

1. **COMPETITIVE membership** allows the member to take part in all Alberta Fencing Association sanctioned and non-sanctioned events, as well as Canadian Fencing Federation sanctioned tournaments. Canadian Fencing Federation tournaments hosted within Alberta require a Competitive membership for all events. A new Competitive member is awarded a CFF license number upon payment of the required fee. A Competitive member will be registered with the CFF, and will be included in CFF Domestic rankings. CFF Ranked Competitive members are eligible for funding support for travel through the Athlete Development Program, and funding for coaching and referee development.

2. **ASSOCIATE membership** is available for those who participate in club practices, compete in non-sanctioned (Level 0) events, sanctioned Level 1 events, coaches, officials, or any other supporter. Any non-sanctioned competitive events will not be included in the CFF rankings [See Individuals in this membership category also actively participate in the club's fencing classes and in-house tournaments. This membership category also includes any individual who takes part in a clinic, camp or class hosted by the club. The clinic, camp, or class may take place at the club or at another venue (i.e. schools, community league, recreational facilities, etc.).

All coaches/officials must have this level of membership at minimum.

All executive members of clubs or the AFA must have at least this level of membership.

This category may also include volunteers, family members, and executive members who wish to support the Association.

3. **TRIAL-level membership** is available to athletes new to the sport of fencing who participate in club practices and club or AFA outreach/community programs. Trial-level members may compete in no tournaments, enroll in no AFA courses or clinics, and may not participate in classes or programming over the course of more than 6 weeks.

Trial-level membership expires 6 weeks after registration. Any members who have previously held any provincial membership are ineligible to purchase a Trial-level membership. Any person who possesses this level of membership and continues fencing is expected to upgrade to a higher level of membership after their initial 6 week program has completed.

At no time after purchasing a higher-level membership during the current fencing season is a member allowed to downgrade to this membership level. Fee to be determined by the Board annually or as required.