

Alberta Fencing Association

Tournament Sanctioning

Definition (from policy document)

Tournaments that are administered and organized within the jurisdiction of the AFA in partnership with host clubs (when/where applicable). Participation in any sanctioned tournament has the potential for athletes to earn points towards their provincial and national rankings as outlined in the Alberta Rankings Policy. An AFA membership is required to participate in these events.

Purpose of the Alberta Fencing Association in sanctioning an Event:

1. Ensures a commitment by the event organizer that the event will be conducted in accordance with the FIE, CFF, and AFA rules.
2. Ensures that the event will be conducted in a fair and safe manner.
3. Ensures the recognition of results (provided there is compliance with #1 above).
4. Ensures that the event meets a standard of quality required for sanctioning by the AFA.
5. Failure to meet the set requirements for sanctioning will result in the suspension of subsidies for the tournament and the tournament results not being included in Alberta Provincial Rankings. For serious breaches the host club may be suspended from hosting tournaments for a period of time, as determined at the discretion of the AFA Board of Directors.

Level 0 (Club Level):

- All registrants must have a minimum of Alberta Fencing Associate Membership.
- There are no minimum referee qualifications for the event.
- There are no points accrued towards rankings from the event.
- The event must have one individual with current First Aid and CPR-C training on site. This can be a volunteer, coach etc. but must be a dedicated resource visible for the duration of the event.
- This level of event is not eligible for a loan of AFA equipment unless approved by the AFA ED on a case-by-case basis.

Level 1 (Regional):

- All registrants must have a minimum of Alberta Fencing Associate Membership.
- The event must be an open event (does not exclude any registered AFA member in good standing from participation).
- The event must be approved by the AFA ED at least 1 month prior to the tournament.
- The event must use the AFA registration system and tournament registration form. The AFA ED must have access to the registration system.

- The event must have at least 1 P level referee officiating, and a P level referee must either officiate or monitor semi final and final DE matches for events. All other referees must have minimum R level certification. All officials must have a current referee membership.
- The event must use Fencing Time and provide results to the AFA in .fff file format within one week of tournament completion.
- The event must have at a minimum masks and gloves checked prior to competing. The armoury must be overseen by at least a P level armourer.
- The event must meet current CFF sanctioning requirements and equipment standards. Limited exceptions may be approved by the head referee and armourer.
- Results from these competitions will be counted towards the Alberta Provincial Ranking as specified in the Alberta Rankings Policy.
- The event must have at least one medical personnel present. The minimum requirement for the medical personnel on site during a competition is that they are First Responder Certified. Individuals who are generally First Responder certified are athletic therapists, physiotherapists, chiropractors, EMS, medical doctors, nurses, firefighters, and police.
- The Emergency Action Plan must be sent to the AFA on the evening prior to the tournament and visibly posted during the tournament at the designated medical area.

Level 2 & Level 3 (Alberta Cups / Provincials):

- All registrants must have a minimum of Alberta Fencing Competitive Membership.
- The event must be an open event (does not exclude any registered AFA member in good standing from participating).
- The event must receive approval to host from the AFA Board of Directors.
- The event must use the AFA registration system and tournament registration form. The AFA ED must have access to the registration system.
- The event must have at least 1 N level referee officiating.
 - All other referees must have minimum R level certification.
 - Semi-final and Final DE matches must have at least a P level referee officiating or supervising the bout.
- There must be a bout committee declared consisting of at least the Head Directoire Technique, Head Referee, and one other member, and posted visibly for the duration of the tournament.
- There must be a Head Referee of at least N level referee certification, confirmed at least 3 months prior to the tournament.
- There must be a Head Directoire Technique with prior experience running a level 2 or above tournament, confirmed at least 3 months prior to the tournament.
- There must be a Head Armourer with a minimum of P level certification.
- The event must have at least one certified Athletic Therapist (AT) on site. For a competition of 14 or more pistes an additional medical personnel are required to support the Head Athletic Therapist (nurse, doctor, physiotherapist, etc.).
- The Emergency Action Plan must be sent to the AFA on the evening prior to the tournament and visibly posted during the tournament at the designated medical area.

- The event must use Fencing Time and provide results to the AFA in .fff file format within one week of tournament completion.
- All events designated in AFA Policy Manual section 4.1.3 must be offered as sanctioned events.
- Pools must use appropriate rankings from the Alberta Provincial Rankings. This ranking will be sent by the AFA ED to the tournament organizers one week prior to the competition. If those results are unavailable, other ranking options must be approved by the bout committee at least one week prior to the tournament and sent to the AFA ED.
- Competitors must have masks, lames, gloves, body wires, and mask wires checked by at least a P level armourer prior to competing.
- The event must meet current CFF sanctioning requirements and equipment standards.
 - Any exceptions must be approved by the AFA Tournament Committee at least one month prior to the tournament and posted with the tournament registration.