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## **1. Anti-doping**

In the area of anti-doping, Scottish Fencing defers to the jurisdiction of British Fencing. The anti-doping rules of British Fencing (the 'Anti-Doping Rules') apply to the sport of Fencing in Scotland. Persons participating in the sport of Fencing under the jurisdiction of Scottish Fencing who qualify as 'Participants' (as that term is defined in the Anti-Doping Rules) are bound by and must comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules. Scottish Fencing shall recognise and take all necessary steps to give full force and effect within its jurisdiction (a) to the Anti-Doping Rules; and (b) to any sanction(s) imposed under the Anti-Doping Rules.

**Adopted February 2016**

## **2. By-Law regarding Membership System and Associated Fees**

Under powers granted in the Articles of Association in February 2015, the Board of Scottish Fencing has agreed the details of a revised common membership scheme for Scottish Fencing, the other Home Countries and British Fencing with those parties. This supersedes the Home Countries Agreement of 2002 (which previously defined the common membership system) and will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016. (Link to new scheme details on BF website).

The Board of Scottish Fencing will represent the members of Scottish Fencing in any future consideration of variations to the membership scheme and associated fees and will use its best endeavours to develop and secure agreements with the Home Countries and British Fencing which are judged to be in the best interests of the members.

**Adopted February 2016**

## **3 Election of Directors**

1. When it is necessary to fill vacancies arising from the expiry of the terms of office of Elected Directors, the Board shall appoint an Electoral Officer, who may be a Director or Voting Member provided that they are willing to serve.
2. The Electoral Officer shall:
  - determine the date by which nominations must be received;
  - ensure that a call for nominations is issued at least four weeks before the date by which nominations must be received, and is publicised effectively;
  - determine the validity of nominations received, in accordance with the Articles and Bye-laws;
  - ensure the immediate publication of valid nominations.
3. Those wishing to stand as candidates for election must:

- be Voting Members<sup>1</sup> of Scottish Fencing;
  - submit a Proposal supported by at least five fully paid-up Voting Members;
  - provide a statement of no more than 400 words describing their suitability to serve on the Board and outlining what they would hope to achieve for fencing in Scotland through membership of the Board.
4. No Voting Member may support the Proposal of more than one candidate.
  5. If the number of valid Proposals for election does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, such candidate or candidates shall be deemed to have been elected. If more valid Proposals are received than there are vacancies, the Electoral Officer shall:
    - determine the dates of the period allowed for the the casting of votes in a ballot;
    - make arrangements for the casting and counting of votes;
    - notify the Board and the candidates of the outcome of the ballot.
  6. The ballot shall be conducted by electronic means which ensure reasonable security and secrecy of voting. The period for the casting of votes shall be no less than two weeks and no more than four weeks.
  7. Each Qualified Voting Member shall be able to number the candidates in the order of their choice and may mark as many or as few choices as they wish. Votes shall be counted according to the Single Transferable Vote method set out in the Scottish Local Government Elections Order 2007 ('Scottish STV').
  8. The Qualifying Date for entry on the roll of voters shall be five working days before the date set for the opening of voting.
  9. Qualifying Voting Members shall be notified of the voting arrangements and of candidates' statements by e-mail. This notification shall be sent as soon as possible after the Qualifying Date and in any event before the date set for the opening of voting. The e-mail address shall be that recorded in the membership database on the Qualifying Date.
  10. This Bye-law was agreed by the Board on 7 December 2018.

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1 . over the age of 16: see Article 1 of the Articles of Association.