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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. 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 1st 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 Members¹ 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.

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

4. Election of President

1. The President is “an Elected Director who is further elected to represent the Company as its titular and functional head in all public affairs”².

2. The President holds that position for as long as they remain an Elected Director. Therefore it is necessary to elect a new President when they resign as an Elected Director or their term of office as an Elected Director expires.

3. An election for President shall be conducted in accordance with the conditions and arrangements for the Election of Directors set out in the Company Bye-Law ‘Election of Directors’ approved by the Board on 7 December 2018. The Electoral Officer appointed by the Board under that Bye-Law shall also determine the timetable and conduct the election for President.

4. Those wishing to stand as candidates for President must either also stand for election as a Director or already be serving as an Elected Director. They must:

- submit a Proposal supported by at least ten fully paid-up Voting Members;
- provide a statement of no more than 600 words describing their suitability to act as President and outlining what they would hope to achieve in the role.

5. No Voting Member may support the Proposal of more than one Presidential candidate.

6. If a single valid Proposal for President is received that candidate shall be deemed to have been elected President if they have also been successful in the ballot for election as a Director or they are already serving as an Elected Director.

7. If more than one valid Proposal for President is received, a Presidential ballot will be held. If a ballot is to be held for Elected Directors, the Presidential ballot shall be held simultaneously. If no ballot is necessary for Elected Directors³, the Electoral Officer shall arrange a single Presidential ballot in the same manner as laid down for the election of Directors.

² Article 1 of the Articles of Association.

³ Because the number of Proposals received is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled.

8. At each stage, nominations, voting and counting of ballots for Elected Directors shall be determined before nominations, voting and counting of ballots for President.
9. If no President is elected, whether because no valid nominations are received or because no candidate for President is successful in the ballot for election as a Director, the Board shall elect one of its Elected Directors to serve as President.
10. This Bye-law was agreed by the Board on 9 January 2021.