

Commonwealth Veterans Fencing Association

Statutes

1. The name of the Association shall be the Commonwealth Veterans Fencing Association (CVFA).
2. The object of the Association is to encourage the development of fencing by veterans within the Commonwealth.
3. The Association will abide by the eligibility rules as laid out in the Commonwealth Fencing Federation (CFF) statutes.
4. Each member body should nominate one representative to a meeting of Council or Congress.
5. The officers of the Association shall be:
 - President
 - Secretary and Treasurer
 - Chairman (from the host Nation of the next Championships)

The President and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by Council. They will serve until the conclusion of the next meeting of Congress (normally the fourth calendar year after election).

6. Congress may elect any person who has given valuable service to fencing within Veterans Fencing to be Honorary Vice President for such term as the Council shall decide. An Honorary Vice President shall not be an officer nor a member of Council, but they will be entitled to attend meetings of Council without a vote.
7. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Council which will consist of the officers and the representative members. Every member of Council shall have one vote and decisions will be made by the majority of votes cast. The President holds the casting vote. The quorum for Council shall be 4 members present. At Council meetings if the Chairman is not available the President will take the chair. If the President is not available the members shall elect one of their number to take the chair. Every fourth year (normally co-incident with the CFF Championships) the meeting of Council shall be called a Congress. The decisions of all Council meetings shall have equal validity, but elections will be made at Congress. Congress will also fix the rate of annual subscription for the period up to the next Congress.
8. A meeting of Council may be called by the President at any time. The President is required to call a meeting of Council if petitioned to do so by three or more member bodies. The President shall fix a date and place of a Council meeting as he or she considers practicable in the best interests of the Association (This may be an electronic meeting). Twenty-eight days notice shall be given of a Council meeting unless the President considers that there are specific reasons that make this period impracticable. The notice of the Council meeting will specify the general nature of the business to be transacted. Subject to these statutes, the procedure at, and conduct of, the meeting shall be in the power of the Chairman.

9. The President may take any actions or decisions in consultation with the Secretary/Treasurer which they feel requires to be taken during the period between Council meetings. This includes the filling of a casual vacancy among the officers. A person who is appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of office of the person whose vacancy is being filled.
10. Any notice to be given by the Association to a member Body or to the appointed representative member shall be sent to the Secretary, Honorary Secretary or head office of the Member Body.
11. The annual subscription of a Member Body will be fixed in accordance with statute 7 and will be payable before the start of the next Championship.
12. These statutes may only be altered by resolution of Council passed by a majority of not less than two thirds of those present voting.
13. In the event of the CVFA being wound up all the remaining funds will be disbursed to the CFF.