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COMPETITION DETAILS

Date:

The Commonwealth Senior and Veteran Championships will be held as a combined event, to be run concurrently over a 6 day period starting in early to mid-November 2018. The final dates for the event will be confirmed in late 2017.

Location:

The Championships will be held in Australia's national capital city of Canberra, which is located in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).

Canberra is situated 280km southwest of Sydney and 660km northeast of Melbourne. It is serviced by an international and domestic airport. Canberra and the surrounding region offer many attractive experiences for international visitors, including visits to sites of national significance (Parliament House, the Australian National Gallery, Questacon, the Royal Australian Mint), as well as winery tours, balloon rides and opportunities to experience Australia's native flora and fauna.

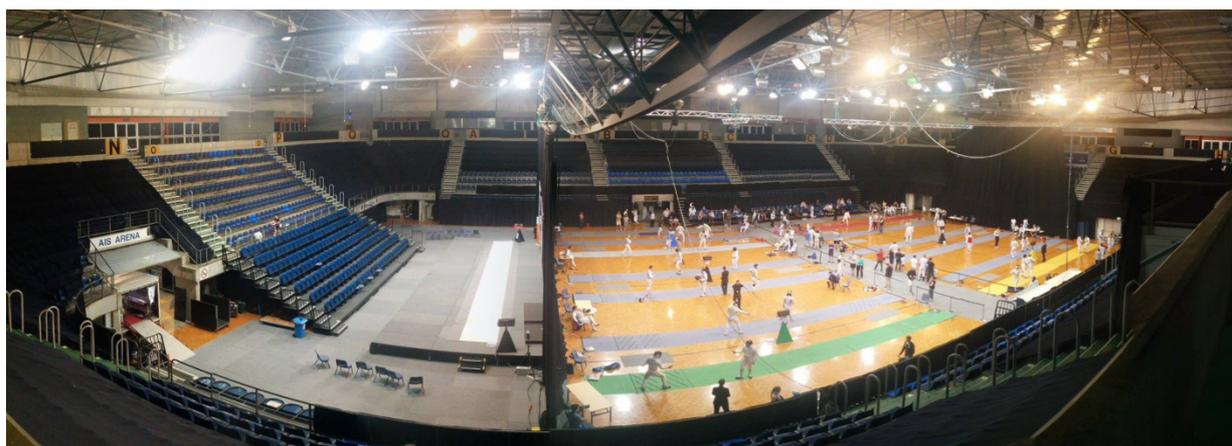


More information about Canberra can be found at: www.visitcanberra.com.au.

Venue:

The Championships will be hosted at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) facility, a 66 hectare site located in the northern suburb of Bruce, minutes from the Canberra city centre. The AIS is Australia's premier sports training institute and the centre of excellence for many of Australia's most successful sports. The AIS site offers an array of sporting facilities, together with onsite accommodation.

The competition will be held at the AIS Arena, which is Canberra's largest indoor multi-purpose entertainment and function venue. The Arena has the floor space for up to 12 competition pistes plus a separate finals piste complete with dedicated seating. Additional pistes will be provided in adjoining sports halls to provide for training and overflow requirements.



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The AIS Arena has been used as the venue for the Australian Senior and Veterans Championships for several years, with positive feedback from both athletes and officials. In addition to the competition area, the Arena has a number of offices and meeting rooms, which can be used for competition support services. The venue also offers on-site café facilities.

The competition venue (including the AIS grounds) is a strictly no alcohol and no smoking area. More information about the AIS can be found at www.experienceais.com.

Organising Committee:

The Organising Committee for the Championships will be made up of representatives from the Australian Fencing Federation, the Australian Capital Territory Fencing Association and the Commonwealth Fencing Federation.

The Organising Committee will appoint an Event Director to co-ordinate planning and delivery of the Championships.

Competition schedule:

A detailed competition schedule comprising both the Senior and Veterans events will be developed by the Organising Committee and made available in late 2017, for approval by the CFF.

The Senior and Veterans events will be run concurrently over a 6 day competition period. In order to facilitate participation by eligible Senior fencers in Veterans events, the Senior and Veteran competitions in the same weapon will be scheduled on different days.

The proposed timetable reflects the approach adopted for the 2010 Commonwealth Championships in Melbourne and the 2014 Asian Masters Championships in Perth.

Pre-competition training and warm-up events:

Competitors will have access to training facilities (4 to 6 pistes) at the AIS site for the duration of the event (and the three days prior), in accordance with a training schedule to be developed by the Event Director. Additional training opportunities may be available at fencing clubs located in various suburbs in and around Canberra.

The Championships will be preceded by the Australian Senior and Veterans Championships, which are anticipated to be held in Melbourne approximately one to two weeks prior.

The Australian Championships offers an excellent opportunity for international fencers to acclimatise and gain additional competition experience. Training opportunities with local clubs can be arranged for fencers staying in Melbourne either before or after this event.

Entries:

Individual and team entries for both Senior and Veteran events will be accepted from participating national federations, based on the rules of the Commonwealth Fencing Federation. Team managers,

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athletes and event officials will be able to view all entries in real time through a publicly-available web page.

The entry fees will be set by the Organising Committee, and will reflect the cost of running the event. Based on the current event budget, entry fees will be set at A\$150 (individual event) and A\$400 (team events). An additional levy to fund the provision of referees will also be imposed on a per competitor basis. All entry fees and levies will be payable in Australian dollars.

It is possible that the entry fees will be reduced, in the event that the Organising Committee is successful in obtaining external funding to assist with the running of the Championships. However, there is no certainty about the availability of such funding at this stage. It is anticipated that member federations will be notified of the final entry fees by mid-2017.

Competition management:

Directoire Technique

The Directoire Technique (DT) will be responsible for the technical organisation of the Championships.

The members of the DT will be appointed by the CFF (2 members) and the Organising Committee (1 member). The CFF President will be an ex-officio member of the CFC DT.

The costs (travel, onsite accommodation and per diem) for the two CFF-nominated international members of the DT will be met out of the event budget. Any expenses of the CFF President will be borne by CFF.

In order to minimise costs and build on existing relationships, it is anticipated that members of the DT will, wherever possible, be sourced from Australia and/or countries in the Asia/Oceania region (other than the Chair of the CFF Technical Commission, if nominated by the CFF).

The competition will be run using approved FIE competition management software – currently, the AFF uses the En Garde system.

The official language for the competition will be English.

Referees

Referees will be appointed by the CFF in accordance with the provisions of the CFF Handbook.

The costs (travel, onsite accommodation and per diem) for two non-Commonwealth three weapon referees will be met out of the event budget, subject to a limit of A\$2,000 each for travel costs.

It is anticipated that the travel budget for these referees will be met by accessing the services of qualified and experienced referees from countries in the Asia/Oceania region.

The costs (travel, onsite accommodation and per diem) for the other, CFF-appointed Commonwealth referees and the Director of Referees will be funded by a levy to be paid by each participating fencer. The levy is currently anticipated to be A\$100 per entry.

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In order to minimise costs and build on existing relationships, it is anticipated that members of the refereeing panel and the Director of Referees will, wherever possible, be sourced from Australia and/or countries in the Asia/Oceania region.

Technical operations

The equipment requirements for the Championships will be managed by experienced technical operations personnel. The AFF has extensive experience in running international events, having successfully hosted the 2010 Commonwealth Senior and Veterans Championships (in Melbourne) and the 2014 Asian Masters Games (in Perth).

Venue lay-out

It is anticipated that 4 colour pistes will be provided (as shown in the photograph on page 3 above). However, the use of coloured pistes for all bouts from the top 32 onwards is not feasible due to time and funding constraints.

The finals piste will be used for all finals matches (individual and team) and semi-final matches (individual only). The finals piste will have access to full video refereeing facilities.

All matches fenced on the finals piste will be live streamed through the AFF's dedicated YouTube channel.

Competition rules

The fencing events will be conducted in accordance with the current Statutes and Rules of the CFF. The DT shall deal with any unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules.

It is proposed to run the veteran events as mixed pools and DEs (across veteran age categories), to maximise the participation opportunity for veterans. However, the final decision on the format of the veteran competition will be made by the CFF.

Equipment

All equipment and clothing used must pass standard weapon and equipment tests as prescribed by the FIE (subject to any modifications by the CFF). All equipment must be submitted for weapons testing individually by athletes and marked by the organisers with the approved control mark before it can be used in the competition.

Weapons control will be available, at the competition venue on the day preceding the first day of competition, as well as one hour before the start of each event.

Medals

Medals will be presented in a ceremony after the conclusion of each event, in accordance with established CFF protocol and procedures.

Medical

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First aid services will be provided at the venue on each training and competition days. Canberra has a wide range of world-class medical facilities. A fully equipped hospital is located approximately five kilometres from the venue.

Communications & promotion

The AFF and ACTFA are committed to successfully promoting the Championships, in order to attract the interest and support of the local community. Both mainstream and social media channels will be utilised to achieve this objective.

A dedicated Commonwealth Fencing Championships website will be set up to provide access to detailed competition information (including the competition schedule, entry lists, announcements and social events). The event website will also include links to live results (as are currently provided for all Australian domestic events).

All Senior event finals will be live streamed, with access provided via links to the AFF's YouTube channel, which will be made available on the event website. Veteran finals will also be live streamed, subject to any scheduling conflicts. The AFF introduced live streaming for all Australian domestic circuit events in early 2016 and has a number of skilled and experienced personnel who are well equipped to provide this service.

An event-specific Facebook page will also be established and used to promote the Championships in the months leading up to and during the event. The AFF currently maintains a Facebook page which is regularly updated with a variety of topical news and photographs. Additionally, event-specific Facebook pages have been used to generate interest in events such as the 2016 Australian Fencing Championships and the 2016 Asian Masters Games. .

The AFF and ACTFA have strong, established relationships with the venue management team at the AIS Arena, as well as with senior executives in the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). The AIS has provided media and promotional support for previous events hosted at the venue, which has resulted in increased exposure in both mainstream and social media.

Accommodation:

Competitors will be required to arrange their own accommodation.

Athletes and officials are encouraged to make use of the wide range of accommodation options offered onsite at the AIS. The AIS offers a range of bunk bed, single room and self-catering apartment-style accommodation less than two minutes walk from the competition venue.

The AIS accommodation packages are offered at competitive rates and include three meals per day at the AIS dining hall, featuring menus designed by expert nutritionists to support optimal sports performance.

There are many other accommodation options (ranging from budget to 5 star), available within 15 minute taxi ride from the competition venue. Information about accommodation options can be found at: www.visitcanberra.com.au.

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Transport:

Competitors will be required to arrange their own transport.

Athletes and officials are encouraged to make use of the onsite accommodation available at the AIS. The AIS is located approximately 30 minutes from Canberra airport (by car) and approximately 15 minutes from the Canberra city centre.

Canberra Airport is one of Australia's most modern and was named the 2013 Airport of the Year. Limited international flights operate directly to Canberra (primarily from Singapore and New Zealand). Most international travellers access Canberra by flying to either Sydney or Melbourne and then transferring to a short (40 minutes) domestic flight.

Championship Dinner:

A tournament dinner for competitors, friends, and officials and their guests will be organised during the Championships.

General Information:

Visa Requirements

All people entering Australia must possess valid passports and visitors from many countries will also require a visa. The AFF is able to provide a formal invitation letter to assist with visa support requirements where necessary.

Further information regarding Australian visa requirements can be found on the Australian Government web site: www.immi.gov.au/Visit/Pages/Visit.aspx.

Currency

Australia's unit of currency is the Australian Dollar (AUD).

Foreign currency can be exchanged freely at selected banks, most large hotels and the airport. Major credit cards are widely accepted in most places and ATMs dispense cash in convenience stores, petrol stations and outside banks for 24-hour access. Some banks may charge a transaction fee for cash withdrawals. Travellers cheques can be cashed at airports, banks or major hotels but are not accepted at many retailers.

Weather

The proposed dates for the Championships (early to mid November) occur during the late spring and early summer period. The weather in Canberra at this time is mild to warm, with a daily average temperature range of 10°C to 23°C.

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Water & Electricity

It is safe to drink water straight from the tap in Canberra.

Australia's voltage is 220-240 volts AC, 50 Hz. The power plugs used are unique to Australia. Adapters may be purchased at the airport or at many travel and outdoor stores.

Health and Safety

Current information on health and safety while travelling in Australia can be found here:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/practical-information/health>

Smoking & Drinking

Under ACT law, smoking is banned in all enclosed public places (including shopping centres, cinemas, office buildings, buses, taxis, restaurants, pubs and clubs), as well as in outdoor eating and drinking areas.

These bans apply to the use of all smoking products (including tobacco and electronic cigarettes). Failure to comply may result in fines of up to A\$750.

Certain liquor licensed venues in the ACT, such as pubs, clubs, taverns and bars, may choose to allocate part of their licensed outdoor area as a Designated Outdoor Smoking Area (DOSA). A DOSA is designed to provide patrons with an area to take a smoking break, while protecting the community and hospitality workers from exposure to second-hand smoke.

Smoke-free policies apply at the Canberra Stadium and Manuka Oval, all ACT Government schools, ACT Government buildings and health facilities.

The legal drinking (and smoking) age in Australia is 18 years old. The consumption of alcohol on public transport and in some other controlled areas is prohibited.

Tipping

Tipping in restaurants is not necessary but is certainly appreciated - 10% for good service is the usual figure. Tipping in bars and taxis is not expected, although many people leave their change on the bar after picking up their drink or tell the cabbie to "keep the change". Tipping in hotels is uncommon.