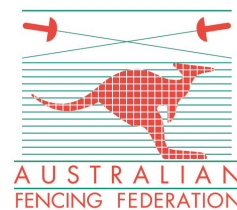


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31 March 2014

### INVITATION

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Australian Fencing Federation is pleased to invite your fencers to participate in the "Robyn Chaplin Memorial Tournament", which is the second circuit event for the Australian Open and Veterans Fencing Circuit (all weapons), along with the inaugural Australian Under-23 Foil Championships.

The competition will be held in coastal city of Adelaide from 7th to 9th June 2014 at the Immanuel College Sports Centre. We look forward to you joining us at this event.

Details of the competition can be found in the following pages. If you need further details, please contact us at the following:

Secretary General: (61) 413 487 640  
Contact email: [secretary@fencing.org.au](mailto:secretary@fencing.org.au)

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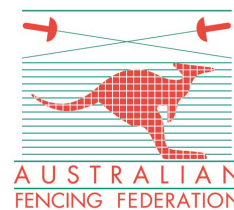
Yours truly,



Andrew Ius  
President  
Australian Fencing Federation, Inc.

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### COMPETITION DETAILS

#### **1. Date:**

The tournament will be held from 7th to 9th June, 2014

#### **2. Venue:**

The venue for the event is:

Immanuel College Sports Centre,  
32 Morphett Road  
Novar Gardens  
Adelaide, South Australia

The competition venue is air-conditioned. The venue, including the grounds, is a strictly no alcohol and no smoking area.

The tournament hosts will have a small shop operating at which it will be possible to purchase snacks, lunch, drinks and confectionery.

#### **3. Organiser:**

The tournament organiser is the Australian Fencing Federation, in conjunction with Fencing South Australia, proudly sponsored by the Government of South Australia, Scotch College Adelaide, and “Life. Be In It”.

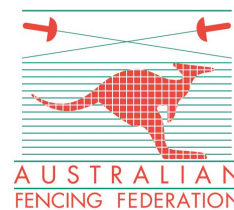
Email: [operations@fencing.org.au](mailto:operations@fencing.org.au)

#### **4. Event Web Site:**

The event web site is [www.robynchaplinfencing.com](http://www.robynchaplinfencing.com). The AFF’s web site is [www.fencing.org.au](http://www.fencing.org.au).

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### 5. *Competition Schedule:*

#### Friday – 6 June

6:30pm – 8:30pm: Weapons Control

#### Saturday – 7 June

9:00am: Open Men's Epee

10:45am: Open Women's Foil

1:45pm: Veteran Men's & Women's Epee

#### Sunday – 8 June

9:00am: Open Men's Foil

10:45am: Open Women's Epee

1:45pm: Veteran Men's & Women's Foil

2:00pm: Under-23 Women's Foil

#### Monday – 9 June

9:30am: Open Men's Sabre

10:15am: Open Women's Sabre

12:30pm: Under-23 Men's Foil

2:00pm: Veteran Men's & Women's Sabre

Weapons Control will also be available one hour before each event.

### 6. *Participants*

There is no limit on the number of fencers that may enter from each country. Participants must be a member of their National fencing Federation.

#### Open Events

Participants for Open (Senior) Events must be born in 2001 or earlier.

#### Under-23 Events

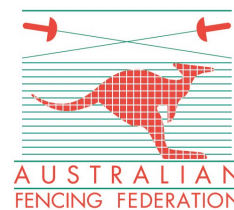
Participants for Under-23 Events must be born between 1991 and 2001 (both years inclusive).

#### Veterans Events

Participants for Veterans Events must be born in 1964 or earlier.

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### 7. *Entries and Fees*

All entries must be made by individual fencers using the AFF's online registration system, which is found here:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?ID=12315>.

The link to this can also be found on the AFF web site home page: [www.fencing.org.au](http://www.fencing.org.au) (AFC2: Overseas Competitors). Entries may be paid by debit or credit card (only) in AUD. No cash or bank transfer options are available.

Competitors may enter multiple events (both by weapon and age group).

- Normal Entry – online, by 24 May 2014 (Saturday)
  - Open event entries are \$75 per event
  - Under-23 entries are \$75 per event
  - Veteran event entries are \$75 for one event, or \$95 for two or three events
- Late Entry – online, between 25 May and 6 June 2014 (Friday)
  - Open event entries are \$174 per event
  - Under-23 entries are \$174 per event
  - Veteran event entries are \$75 for one event, or \$95 for two or three events

Note that the AFF charges a 4% transaction processing fee in addition to the fees above.

### 8. *Competition Rules*

The fencing tournament events will be conducted in accordance with the current Statutes and Rules of the FIE, qualified by the Australian rules as found on the AFF web site [www.fencing.org.au](http://www.fencing.org.au), under the Competitions menu, Competition Rules & Policies option. The Directoire Technique shall deal with any unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules.

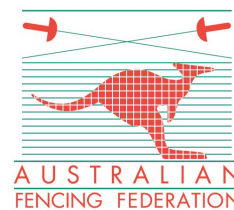
### 9. *Equipment*

All equipment used must pass standard weapon and equipment tests as prescribed by the FIE, subject to AFF qualifications as found on the AFF web site [www.fencing.org.au](http://www.fencing.org.au), under the Documents and Policies menu, All Documents and Policies option, Weapon Control Policy article. All equipment must be submitted for weapons testing individually by athletes and marked by the organisers before it can be used in the competition.

Mandatory protective clothing requirements are found on the AFF web site [www.fencing.org.au](http://www.fencing.org.au), under Competitions menu, Equipment Requirements option. Note that female fencers without chest protectors will not be permitted to fence.

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There will be opportunities to purchase equipment at the competition venue. Advance orders for pickup can be made via the equipment vendor, J G Fencing, at <http://www.jgfencesport.com/>.

### ***10. Competition Management***

#### Referees

There is no requirement for referees to be provided by participating countries. However, countries may offer the services of their referees for the event. Such referees must be properly attired in jacket / blazer and long pants. They are to be on duty under the assignment of the Directoire Technique throughout the competition, or as requested.

#### Directoire Technique (DT)

The DT shall be responsible for the technical organisation of the competition. The members will be appointed by the AFF in conjunction with Fencing SA. The decision of the DT shall be final.

#### Protests

Appeals against decisions of a referee should be immediately made by the competitors (only) to the referee, who will bring the complaint to the attention of the DT.

### ***11. Medals and Prizes***

Medals will be awarded to the first, second and equal third places in each event. In some events, medals are awarded to fifth to eighth places, or for specific age categories. Detailed information may be found in the AFF's National Competition Policy document, to be found on the AFF web site [www.fencing.org.au](http://www.fencing.org.au), under the Competitions menu, Competition Rules & Policies option.

### ***12. Transport and Accommodation***

Competitors will need to arrange their own transport and accommodation. The venue is approximately 8km (15 minutes) from Adelaide Airport, and approximately 11km (20 minutes) from the Adelaide city centre – approximately \$25 by taxi.

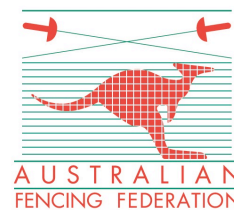
The venue is also approximately 3km from Glenelg Beach, a popular South Australian tourist location, where there are a number of hotel and similar accommodation options. An extended list of possible accommodation locations near the fencing venue can be found on the event web site, at: <http://robynchaplinfencing.com/accom.html>.

### ***13. Language***

The official language for the competition is English.

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### ***14. Winery Tour & Dinner***

#### Dinner

There will be an optional tournament dinner for competitors and their guests on Sunday 8 June at 7:30pm at a restaurant in Glenelg. A booking deposit for the dinner may be made at the time of event registration.

#### Winery Tour

South Australia is known internationally for its excellent wines. There will be an optional winery day tour for competitors and their guests on Tuesday 10 June of some of McLaren Vale's amazing wineries, including lunch. Expressions of interest for the tour may be submitted via email to [tours@robynchaplinfencing.com](mailto:tours@robynchaplinfencing.com), and are required by 30th April.

### ***15. General Information***

#### Holidays

Monday 9 June is a Public Holiday in Adelaide. Many shops will not be open, although the tourist precinct of Glenelg will still be largely operating.

#### Currency

Australia's unit of currency is the Australia Dollar (AUD). Foreign currency can be exchanged freely at selected banks, most large hotels, and the airport. The current exchange rate is approximately AUD 1.10 for USD 1.00. Major credit cards are widely accepted in most places.

#### Visa Requirements

All people entering Australia must possess valid passports; participants are recommended to check with their local Australian Embassies for visa applications before traveling. Further information can be found on the Australian Government web site:  
<http://www.immi.gov.au/Visit/Pages/Visit.aspx>.

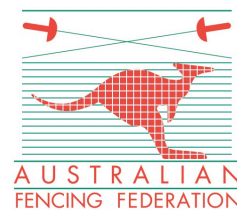
Competitors (and people who may be accompanying them) who require a formal invitation for their own Country's visa regulations should request same as soon as possible via email to [secretary@fencing.org.au](mailto:secretary@fencing.org.au).

#### Weather

The weather in Adelaide during early June tends to be mild and occasionally rainy, with a daily average temperature range of 8°C to 16°C.

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### Water & Electricity

It is safe to drink water straight from the tap in Adelaide. However, for those who prefer bottled mineral water, any supermarket will have ample stocks.

Australia's voltage is 220-240 volts AC, 50 Hz. The power plugs used in Australia are unique to Australia, and adapters may be purchased at the airport or at many outdoor clothing and outfitters 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>

### Tipping

Tipping in restaurants is not necessary, but certainly appreciated, 10% for good service is the usual figure. In bars and taxis, tipping is also not expected, although many people simply leave some of their coin change on the bar after picking up their drink, or tell the cabbie to “keep the change”. Tipping in hotels is uncommon, though a small tip for carrying cases to a room would be fairly normal.

### Smoking & Drinking

Smoking in almost all public places is against the law and subject to a fine. Smoking is also prohibited in all covered areas, including shopping centres, restaurants, cafes and bars (some have set up special smoking areas).

The legal drinking age in Australia is 18, and the consumption of alcohol on public transport and in some other controlled areas is prohibited.