

## Star Club Program 2023

The Star Club Program gives recognition to fencing clubs which adopt policies designed to foster sound governance in clubs and protect the health and wellbeing of club members.

There are benefits for clubs, and club's coaches, when clubs participate in the Star Club system:

1 star	2 Star	3 Star
<p>Affiliation Cost \$210 (basic cost of Club FV Affiliation is \$555)</p> <p>Free attendance at Club Referee course for up to 1 member. (value \$50)</p> <p>Access to whole of sport insurance policy (value \$6000)</p>	<p>Free Club affiliation.</p> <p>1 Free place on Coaching Course. (value \$195)</p> <p>Up to 2 free places at Club refereeing course. (value \$50 each)</p> <p>Access to whole of sport insurance policy (value \$6000)</p>	<p>Free Club affiliation.</p> <p>2 Free places on Coaching Course. (value \$195 each)</p> <p>Up to 4 free places at Club Refereeing course. (value \$50 each)</p> <p>Access to whole of sport insurance policy (value \$6000)</p>

The system aims to reflect what a club can offer a member and how involved it is in fencing at the state level, not the level of performance of a club's fencers.

Star Club Status is awarded based on a club having met a specific set of criteria in the *previous* year.

The criteria for each star level is based on various actions being taken by the club in the year, or the club membership demonstrating particular qualities (such as the accreditation level of its coaches and referees, or club members maintaining first aid or Member Protection qualifications).

The basic **requirements** to earn status and benefits under the FV Star Club system are set out below:

### Star One Level

- The club is affiliated with Fencing Victoria and all club members are registered with Fencing Victoria by 1 February each year (with the exception of those doing a beginner, or short introductory, program).
- All the club's coaches must have completed their accreditation through the AFF Coach accreditation system, and be affiliated with Fencing Victoria, by 1st February each year.
- Have a nominated First Aid certificate holder for their Club
- The club must verify their membership with Fencing Victoria each year (when requested by Fencing Victoria) including return of a completed Fencing Victoria Club Questionnaire.
- A Representative of the Club must attend the Fencing Victoria AGM.
- The club must have a member who has done the online Member Protection Course and Child Safety Standards Course (Link to these course - <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses>)

### **Star Level 1 (Universities Only)**

- The club is affiliated with Fencing Victoria within 2 weeks of the University Club becoming operational each year. (With the exception of those doing a beginner, or short introductory, program).
- Club's must report Member Numbers at the end of May and August – broken down into age and gender.
- All the club's coaches must have completed their accreditation through the AFF Coach accreditation system, and be affiliated with Fencing Victoria, by 1st February each year.
- Have a nominated First Aid certificate holder for their Club
- The club must verify their membership with Fencing Victoria each year (when requested by Fencing Victoria) including return of a completed Fencing Victoria Club Questionnaire.
- A Representative of the Club must attend the Fencing Victoria AGM.
- The club must have a member, who has done the online Member Protection Course and Child Safety Standards Course (Link to these course - <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses>)

### **Star Level 2**

- Club must fulfil **ALL** the criteria for star 1 status **and**
- have a nominated a First Aid certificate holder for their Club
- have adopted and displayed policies (including Fencing Victoria or AFF endorsed policies) promoting good governance and member health and wellbeing (e.g. Privacy, Member Protection, Child Safety & Smoke Free Environments).
- have a delegate/member attend at least 1 FV Advisory Council Meeting
- **have undertaken actions from the list below equal to 4000 points**

**Star Level 3** – as for 2 (includes 1 also) but the club must **also** demonstrate actions from both member qualifications and commitment to Fencing Victoria activity and

- **have undertaken actions from the list below equal to 8000 points.**

### **EXAMPLES OF POINT ACCUMULATION**

#### **Club Fencing Activities & Training:**

- Weekly training sessions (minimum of 2 per week): 500 points
- General Skills /warm-up class incorporating juniors: 200 points.
- Beginner program with more than 10 participants: 500 points
- Designated Junior Development time and course: 500 points.

#### **Strategic activities:**

- Have developed and submitted a Strategy/Action plan (maximum 3-year term for each plan) to FV with the club affiliation. 1000 points

#### **Community engagement:**

- Hold fencing Demonstration at school/shopping centre or University Orientation Week - 500 points.
- Have newspaper article/radio or television coverage of your club or club fencer - 500 points
- Hold a Seminar or Presentation focused on helping the Fencing Community of Victoria - 500 points

### **Contributing to club administration or Fencing Victoria administration:**

- Hold position of responsibility on the executive or other voted position or be an identified member of an official Fencing Victoria reference group: 500 points per appointment, to a Max of 3 claimable each year
- Have a member/delegate attend FV Advisory Council Meetings **held** in the year: 100 points awarded **per meeting** (not per attendee)
- Provide volunteers for AFF events run by FV, or for high volume FV competition events or for High Profile FV events: 100 points per volunteer, per event.

### **Competition & Coaching:**

- Have a non-competing referee invited to AFF competition: 100 points per appointment.
- Provide an approved referee to a FV competition: 25 points per full day appointment.
- Have a club member acts as DT, Assistant DT or Competition Manager at FV event: 50 points per day of competition.
- Have a club member graduate from FV Referee Course: 250 points
- Have club member graduate as National Referee - 375 points
- Have club member graduate from FV Coaching Course Level 0 - 100 points
- Have club member graduate from FV Coaching Course Level 1 - 250 points

Clubs can also nominate an activity undertaken by the club, or its coaches or members, to the Fencing Victoria Board (i.e., as a FV meeting item] for consideration of an award of points under the Star Club scheme.

### **Compliance with *The New Victorian Child Safe Standards*, which commenced in Victoria on 1 July 2022**

Irrespective of participation in the Fencing Victoria Star Club system, all fencing clubs are reminded that Child Safe Standards apply to all sporting organisations that operate and provide sporting services to children within Victoria. This includes complying with the Working with Children Act where club members are involved in child related work.

Commission for Children and Young People has detailed information and guidance for organisations at <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/>

Working With Children Check information can be found on the Department of Justice and Community Safety website <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>