

State Squad Member

“National” List

“Elite” List

As a member of Wafa you have the right to compete in all the competitions within WA. Your default status in Wafa is “Member”.

If you desire to compete outside of WA or want to attend the State Training you will need to upgrade your Status to one of the following:

- **State Squad Member**
- **National**
- **Elite**

Each Status will provide you with different opportunities and is related to your level of fencing in WA, in Australia and Internationally.

State Squad Membership is the first step towards competitive fencing. You will ultimately decide yourself to become a State Squad Member; however Wafa’s High Level Commission (HLC) will give you guidance and their assessment of your application. The goal is to make sure that you are fully prepared to compete nationally and that you possess the minimum basic requirements for such competition.

“National” and “Elite” lists are high level lists. You cannot simply choose to be on these lists, as you have to achieve this status on the merits of your ability and results. It is considered very prestigious to be named on these high level lists. There are some compulsory criteria to meet to be named on both lists. “National” and “Elite” lists provide additional advantages to these fencers, and it should become the aim of State Squad members to achieve these high level lists.

A place on the high level list will provide fencers the opportunity to seek help in different areas including:

- Coaching
- Training programs
- Fitness programs
- Financial support
- School
- The list is not exhaustive.

Also being on the “High Level” lists will give fencers a special status within the state selection policy to assist them to combine high performance with a life balance for their best advantage. This would include recognition of national/international performance in lieu of State performance in the selection of these fencers to specific teams.

To understand better where you are, please read carefully the following descriptions:

1. **State Squad Member** (Yellow form)

Applying to be a State Squad Member is compulsory in order to enter AFF competitions outside of WA. The cost of the application is free but you will need to provide two passport photos with your application. You can download the State Squad Member application form from the Wafa website.

Before submitting your application you should consider the following guidelines:

- 18 months fencing experience
- 2 State or National competitions entered in the past 12 months.
- Regularly train at least twice per week
- Regularly take private lesson at least once a week.

The information you are providing will only be communicated to the Wafa High Level Commission and the State Training coaches. The information is utilized to implement the best training structure in relation to your experience and goals. The High Level Commission will also give you a detailed feedback on your application; however **you will be the one that makes the final call whether to join the State Squad.**

Becoming a State Squad member will give you:

- Access to weekly State Training in the Weapons centers designated by Wafa.
- Access to the quarterly Wafa camps at a discounted rate.
- Opportunity to represent WA in national competitions.
- Opportunity to purchase the official Wafa State Tracksuit.

Note: If the High Level Commission discourages you from joining the State Squad, you should seriously reconsider your request.

2. **“National”** (Green form) **and “Elite** (Blue form) **Lists**

How to apply:

Fencers will be required to fill out a State Squad Member application form and a separate application form (you can download it from the Wafa website) and send it to the High Level Commission. The fencer would need to fulfill at least one compulsory criterion in the past 12 months. The High Level Commission will meet every second month to discuss applications and will advertise by personal letter the result of the application. Successful applicants will be listed on the Wafa website.

The fencer will remain on the list until the end of the current season.

Compulsory criteria:

“National” List:

- Top 8 at the national championships in the weapon selected in their age group.
- Winning the State Championships

“Elite” List:

- Having at least 25 AFF points and 5 FIE points
- Representing Australia at the world championships
- Winning the National Championships

If you have anymore questions please contact the AFF Regional Coach at mathieumer@hotmail.com