



Commonwealth Fencing Federation
Commonwealth Championships '98
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**THE COMMONWEALTH AWARD
for
SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE**

The CFF Council Meeting at Cape Town agreed that the following award shall be made to up to six deserving fencers at the Championships at Shah Alam, and at subsequent CFF Championships.

For the 1998 Championships, the Malaysian Fencing Federation has been successful in obtaining Milo to sponsor six handsome plaques. The CFF will provide certificates for the successful fencers, and will also write letters of commendation to the governing body of fencing, the Olympic or Commonwealth Association and to the government department responsible for sport in the successful fencers' countries.

Team managers and referees can make nominations in addition to Directoire Technique and Organising Committee. Although it is yet another piece of paper to read, I would ask team managers and referees to read the following information and to be prepared to make nominations. We all seek to encourage and to provide an incentive. The trophies and certificates are handsome and worth winning, and the CFF Council believes that official letters as detailed above will help to raise the profile of the sport in general, as well as helping to advance the cause of the individual fencers.

Nomination forms, for use by team managers and referees, are available from the Directoire Technique office or from the CFF Secretary, Neil L'Amie. Completed forms should be returned either to DT or to Neil.

Piers Jones

Purpose

To acknowledge and reward fencers who have contributed in an especially worthy manner to the Spirit of the Commonwealth Championships. Criteria for recommendation for this award can include some, any, or all of the following areas: sportsmanship, commitment to the sport in the Commonwealth, discipline and dedication, progress.

Eligibility

Any fencer attending the championships in the year of the award.

Format

- (a) A maximum of six awards to be made at each championship.
- (b) An award to consist of a small trophy or plaque plus a certificate plus letters of commendation (see below) issued by the Commonwealth Fencing Federation.
- (c) The certificate and letters of commendation to state the area(s) of achievement for which the award is made.
- (d) The areas of achievement are not tied to the number of awards i.e. it is possible to make the majority of awards in, say, Sportsmanship, if appropriate.

Nominations

Nominations, in not more than 100 words, can be made by any of the following:

- Team Manager (normally to a maximum of two fencers per country)
- Referees
- Directoire Technique (through its chairman)
- Organising Committee (through its chairman)

All nominations must be in the hands of the President of the CFF by noon of the final day of the champion-

ships. The awards will be made at the same time as the award of the Wilkinson Sword at the conclusion of the championships.

Awarding Committee

- President of the Commonwealth Fencing Federation (chair and casting vote if necessary)
- Representative of Organising Country
- An independent assessor appointed by the sponsor of the award (optional and depending on wishes of the sponsor)
- Up to two persons co-opted by the President,

The Awarding Committee must consist of at least three persons.

Letters of Commendation

Our aims are always to reward achievement and to give incentive to progress in the sport. A suitable sponsor in the future might allow the development of a scholarship or other scheme with financial implications. In the meantime, it was recognised that letters of commendation issued by the recognised Commonwealth body to national governing bodies/sports councils/government ministries would always reinforce recognition of achievement, and in some cases will raise the profile of the fencer to his or her potential benefit. To this end, the committee proposed that the CFF issues letters of commendation to all medallists and award winners:

- to the fencer
- to the national governing body of fencing responsible for the fencer
- to the Olympic Committee of the fencer's country
- to the sports council and/or the sports minister of the fencer's country.

If the President is unable to attend his or her duties will be undertaken by a Vice President or by a person nominated by the President.