

ARNIS CANADA

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION POLICY

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Arnis Canada embraces an environment where equity, diversity and inclusion are cultural norms and where all individuals, regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, color, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status or disability are respected and valued.

Arnis Canada seeks to create welcoming environments that encourage and support engagement in the sport of Arnis so that Arnis Canada better reflects the rich diversity of Arnis in all aspects of our organization.

The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, approved by the Arnis Canada Board of Directors, sets expectations for all Arnis Canada volunteers, staff and contractors. It also provides direction for working with our provincial/national partners and boxing clubs to better engage with groups under-represented in our sport and in our organizations.

2. PURPOSE

To promote the benefits, principles and opportunities of equity, diversity and inclusion within Arnis Canada and with provincial/national partners, boxing clubs and boxers / potential boxers.

To build relationships with established organizations and boxers who are members of the under- represented groups in order to understand and address the barriers faced by them engaging in the sport of boxing, so that we can identify opportunities for mutual benefit and/or mutual support and encourage participation of these boxers in Arnis in Canada.

To encourage individuals of all demographic groups, particularly those of under-represented groups, to become involved in the sport of boxing as athletes, members, volunteers, staff, supporters and spectators.

3. BENEFITS

Equity, diversity and inclusion will help to create environments which welcome everyone to be part of the sport of Arnis. Welcoming environments will help to increase the number and diversity of individuals and organizations involved in Arnis.

Increasing the diversity of individuals and organizations involved with Arnis will help to bring new ideas, support growth in participation, increase the fan base and expand the number of competent personnel to serve as volunteers and staff for Arnis Canada, provincial and territorial boxing associations and Arnis clubs.

Individuals and organizations will access opportunities to participate in recreational and or/competitive Arnis, as well as being more aware of opportunities for involvement in Arnis as volunteers, staff, supporters and spectators.

4. PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Equity is demonstrated by treating people fairly. This requires the removal of barriers and the creation of accessible and respectful environments, including any accommodations required to allow equal opportunities, equal access and equal benefits to participate so that people can achieve their personal potential in the sport of Arnis.

Valuing diversity means respect and appreciation of differences in individuals and in groups and honoring and upholding human rights. It also means valuing various points of view and being open to new and different ideas.

Inclusion ensures that everyone feels welcome, comfortable and that they belong.

5. OPPORTUNITIES

To incorporate equity, diversity and inclusion considerations and strategies when developing/evaluating programs, setting/reviewing policies, establishing procedures/rules, setting up boxing events and in all aspects of management of staff and volunteers.

To engage established organizations and boxers of under-represented groups to support the strategic pillars of development of boxing in Canada: Grow Participation; High Performance; Enhanced Capacity.

6. RESPONSIBILITY

The Board will ensure attention to equity, diversity and inclusion during their planning, oversight and policy development/approval activities.

The CEO will ensure that Arnis Canada staff, volunteers and contractors are aware of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and consider equity, diversity and inclusion during: program development, implementation and review; staff and volunteer management; and, during the development of management policies and operational procedures.

It is the responsibility of all Arnis Canada volunteers, staff and contractors to uphold the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion in all our activities and interactions and to identify any opportunities or gaps in the implementation of this policy.

Arnis Canada will encourage and support provincial and territorial boxing associations and boxing clubs to develop their own policies and strategies to encourage and support equity, diversity and inclusion.

7. STRATEGIES

Specific strategies will be developed, implemented and evaluated on an annual basis and should include:

- Outreach by Arnis Canada, and through the provincial and territorial boxing associations, with established organizations and with arnis from under-represented groups, in order to better understand what can be done to further advance equity, diversity and inclusion in the sport of boxing;

- Educational/awareness strategies for Arnis Canada volunteers, staff and provincial and territorial boxing associations and boxing clubs to advance the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion and encourage and support opportunities to grow the sport of boxing with under-represented groups;
- Local/provincial/national/international resources and successes related to equity, diversity and inclusion will be shared in order to provide ideas and motivation for others; and
- Arnis Canada will stay informed about related work, policies, legislation and education that may benefit the advancement of equity, diversity and inclusion.

8. LEARNINGS

Arnis Canada's CEO will report to the Board on efforts to advance our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion. This will include learnings on: successes and how to build on them; challenges and how to overcome them; opportunities and how to pursue them.

Directors will annually share the initiatives that they have been engaged in to advance equity, diversity and inclusion in boxing, including their learnings on successes, challenges and opportunities.

9. RELATED POLICIES

Several Arnis Canada policies have content which supports equity, diversity and inclusion. The following policies, as well as all Arnis Canada policies, can be found on the Arnis Canada website and are reviewed regularly to ensure continued relevance, accuracy and compliance with legislation:

- Code of Conduct

- Complaints and Dispute Resolution
- Gender Equity
- Harassment and Discrimination
- Head Covering
- Human Resources
- Official Languages
- Privacy
- Nomination
- Risk Management
- Tournament Standards and Sanctioning
- Transgender Athletes
- Whistleblower

