

3.2 Active Membership:

All active members must qualify as being either a full-time firefighter or volunteer firefighter as defined below.

The membership of the AFFCA shall consist of any person who is a full-time paid employee of any Alberta Fire Department (Paid Department), or a member of a Volunteer Department of any Alberta community, or any military or industrial firefighting personnel who qualifies under the subsections of this Article.

a) Full-time Firefighters:

- (i) Must be employed on a full-time basis for a Fire/Rescue/Emergency Service within the province of Alberta;
- (ii) Must be employed to provide active firefighting duties on a full-time basis; or
- (iii) Any person who has completed a career as a full-time firefighter and has retired from their employment.
- (iv) Full-time military firefighters or full-time industrial firefighters who are employed solely for the purpose to provide active firefighting duties may qualify.
- (v) Military Fire Fighters who wish to compete must submit a letter from their Commanding Officer stating that their employment within the Armed Forces is that of a firefighter.

b) Volunteer Firefighters:

- (i) Must be a member in good standing of a volunteer fire department registered within the province of Alberta.
 - (ii) A volunteer fire department shall be defined as a department which holds a minimum of twelve meetings or drills per year.
 - (iii) Must be a volunteer firefighter with a minimum of one year continuous service as of December 31st of the current curling season.
 - (iv) A volunteer must be able to show proof of attendance and being active in practices, meetings, drills and fire calls which is to be certified by their chief as requested by the AFFCA executive.
 - (v) A record of attendance, meeting dates, and/or drills may be required in the case of an eligibility enquiry.
 - (vi) Any person who has retired from service as a volunteer and has contributed five (5) years' service as a volunteer may apply for membership. Any Retired volunteer Fire Fighter who has served for five (5) years can curl in the AFFCA Provincial Championship Bonspiel for life.
- c) All curlers must take part in active firefighting duties to participate in the Alberta Fire Fighters Curling Championships.