

## **MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS - PROPOSED ADDITIONS AND CHANGES**

This note covers the changes being proposed to the General Assembly in July 2010 for member consideration in respect of men's events. When agreed these will be incorporated in the Championship Handbook.

### **1. Bench Area / "Official Party"**

- At the present time there are no restrictions on the number of non-playing personnel permitted in the bench area. It is felt that the number should be restricted and the non-playing members limited to twelve (12). The total would be 35 (12 plus a maximum 23 players).
- The Official Party number would be increased from 30 to 35.

### **2. Officials**

#### **a) Appointment of Referee –in –Chief (RIC).**

The current position is to ask the host National Governing Body (NGB) to recommend an appointment, in conjunction with the Chair of the Men's Officiating Committee and this to be endorsed at a meeting of the membership. The proposed change is for the Chair of Men's Officiating, in conjunction with the host NGB, to recommend an appointment to the FIL Board. The appointment to be made at least two years in advance of the event.

#### **b) Deputy RICs**

The current position allows for the appointment of a Deputy to support the RIC. Recognising the growth of the events in terms of the number of competing teams and consequently games the support needs to reflect the size of the event. The proposed numbers are as follows:

<b>Event Size</b>	<b>Number of Deputy RICs</b>
Up to 20 teams	1
21 – 30 teams	2
31 – 40 teams	3

To minimise the additional costs the Deputy RICs will, where possible, be from the host NGB

#### **c) RIC Travel Expenses**

If the RIC is not from the host NGB then the travel costs should be part of the overall shared "Officiating Costs" amongst the NGB's of the participating teams.



*Note: this will be the situation for the 2011 World Indoor Championships*

*Note: there is a wider ongoing discussion about the travel costs for all Officials being part of the shared "Officiating Costs".*

**d) Officials Meals**

The current bylaw related to "bed and breakfast" whereas recent custom and practice has been full board. It is proposed that the cost covered should be "Full Board" (this covering accommodation and all meals).

**e) Appointment of Officials to Championships**

The current model of each participating team being eligible to send two officials is now dated (not keeping pace with the growth over the last few years).

The proposal is to let the Officiating Committee determine the numbers each member is requested to provide. This will give due regard to the current state of the members officiating program, previous events officiated and the need to achieve the correct balance of officials development and the experience needed for games requiring the higher level of officiating.

**f) Officials Passport holding / Residency**

The current policy is that officials must hold the passport of the member country from which they are being nominated.

The proposal is to allow a dispensation to permit officials to be nominated even if they do not either hold the passport or reside in country of the nominating member.

The specific proposal is to allow the Officiating Committee to select a maximum of 5% of officials for an event who would not otherwise be selected by the member NGB. The selections to be agreed by the Men's Director.