



PROPOSED DOCUMENTATION CHANGES – 2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The purpose of this note is to outline the changes being proposed to the major governance documentation of FIL. The proposed changes have been identified by the Board during the initial 18 months of operation.

1. Constitution

- *Membership*: encouragement to Associate Members and likely new Associate Members to attend the General Assembly (GA).
- *Budget*: a 2-5 year period (rather than 2years).
- *Sectors / Sector voting*: clarification of the current sectors and proposals for sector voting criteria.
- *Financial*: subscriptions and fees to be paid within 90 days from notification.
- *Anti Doping*: re-titled from Drug Abuse.
- *Disputes*: expanded to cover points previously included in the Bylaws. Flexibility of use of an independent panel as appropriate.
- *Dispute Resolution*: process to apply only to matters, which cannot be resolved by the GA.

2. Bylaws

- *Membership Subscriptions*: applicable from January 1st following membership acceptance or status change.
- *Committee Membership*: flexibility to allow committee members to come from Associate Members and chairs from other than Full Members on Board.
- *Agreement*.
- *Flexibility in Committee Members terms of office*, at Board discretion, to allow rotation and continuity.
- *Committees*: Budget Committee renamed Finance Committee.
- *Disputes*: now covered in the Constitution.
- *Anti Doping*: duplications with the appendix covering the WADA position removed.
- *Postal / Electronic (e-mail) Voting*: inclusion of postal / electronic voting with a 30 day response period.
- *Appendix A - Membership Criteria*: status and benefits of Allied Organisations.



3. Policies

- *Contents*: contents page added and items revised in a more logical order.
- *Attendance at GAs*: Delegate / Observer to be advised 30 days in advance.
- *Sectors*: current sectors listed and reference to the Constitution for criteria.
- *Drug Exemption (Medical Certification)*: removed now covered by WADA Bylaw appendix.
- *Administrative Assistant*: providing support in a number of areas.
- *Rule Changes*: error relating to time periods for women corrected (reference to 1 year should have been to 2 years). Process for men's and women's rule changes aligned.
- *Flags and Banners*: cost of replacement in event of loss the responsibility of event hosting NGB.
- *Committee Chair and member appointments* (recommendation of relevant Director to the Board) to take place in the three month period following a GA.
- *Appendix A Meeting Standing Orders*: matters for the agenda 60 days out (rather than 90) and final notice of GA and papers 30 days out (rather than 60). Nominations 60 days out (rather than 3 months).

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- *Board of Directors*: flexibility of timing of Board meetings.
- *Responsibilities*: flexibility to modify subscriptions but not increase.
- *General responsibilities*: references to support of the Administration Assistant.
- *Finance*: changed from "Budget" to "Finance" Committee, 2-5 year operating budget.
- *Committee composition*: Chairs from Full Members, others from Full or Associate unless otherwise agreed by the Board.
- *Men's and Women's Rules Committee membership* extended by up to 3 additional people. These to be from other than the "Officiating" community to provide a more balanced and wider view on the Rules deliberations.
- *Rule Changes*: correction of error and alignment of men's and women's processes.
- *Finance Committee*: may include other than Board members.

Other changes have been made in respect of error correction, use of US English and some removal of duplication.

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