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Proposal 1

Constitution 6.1.2 General Assembly, General Provisions

Add the word “physical” as one of the alternatives for the GA meeting.

Amended 6.1.2 with this amendment will be:

“The General Assembly shall be conducted annually in the terms of meeting during the European Championship in the first half of the calendar year, physical, digitally or in combined way.”

Reason: Physical meetings provide the best basis for friendly and constructive discussion and cooperation between member federations. The EC has the last years worked to make it easier for more member federations to attend the GA by moving the GA from the open equipped to the open classic championship, and lately even to the middle of the championship. It doesn't make sense to exclude the physical meeting as one of the alternative forms of meeting for the annual GA. A digital meeting should also be an alternative in the Constitution in case of a pandemic or other reasons that make physical meetings difficult or impossible, but physical meetings should always be the first choice to encourage interaction and cooperation between member federations.

Proposal 2

Constitution 6.1.4 General Assembly, General Provisions

Add the following text: “However, EC-members cannot represent both the EC and their national federation at the same time, no person can have more than one vote.”

Amended 6.1.4 with this amendment will be:

“At the General assembly EC members have voice and voting rights. However, EC-members cannot represent both the EC and their national federation at the same time, no person can have more than one vote.”

Reason: The EC members are elected by the General Assembly to make decisions on behalf of all the member federations, and they have voting rights to represent us all. No person should have more than one vote in a democratic founded general assembly. This is probably obvious for most of the delegates and never mentioned, but we have seen EC members casting two votes through the years. This needs to be clarified in the Constitution to avoid any misunderstanding.

Proposal 3

Constitution 7.4 Powers of the EPF Executive Committee

Add the following text to bullet point number 13: "...when necessary due to rules changes outside the EPF. Changes made by the EC shall be presented, voted on and ratified on the first possible EPF General Assembly."

Amended 7.14 bullet point nr 13 with this amendment will be:

"To determine the creation, deletion, and modification of the By-Laws when necessary due to rules changes outside the EPF. Changes in By-Laws made by the EC shall be presented, voted on and ratified on the first possible EPF General Assembly."

Reason: According to the Constitution 6.1.1 the General Assembly is the supreme governing body of the EPF, and according to 6.2.5 the GA has the power to prescribe and amend the Constitution and By-Laws. Changes in rules outside the EPF can make it necessary to change the EPF By-Laws accordingly without time to wait for the next General Assembly. The EC shall be the governing body of the EPF between the General Assemblies (7.4) and should be able to make immediate necessary changes in these cases. But the powers of the EC to change the By-Laws should be limited to situations where rules changes outside the EPF make changes necessary, and these changes should be presented for and decided by the General Assembly as the supreme governing body of the IPF at the first possible General Assembly meeting.

Proposal 4

By-Laws 2.6 Motions and Amendments

Replace the second section with the following text: "Before voting on proposals published in the agenda, The General Assembly may propose amendments to the original proposal. Proposed amendments must be presented in writing to the Chair."

Amended 2.6 with this amendment will be:

"Proposals to the EPF General Assembly can be made by the EPF Executive Committee and by the EPF Member Federations, which have paid the annual membership fee within the deadline.

Before voting on proposals published in the agenda, The General Assembly may propose amendments to the original proposal. Proposed amendments must be presented in writing to the Chair.

Every proposal must be announced and seconded by the members present at the meeting before the discussion."

Reason: The EPF member federation are not professional, and most of us don't have English as our first language. Sometimes the proposals are not as precise and unambiguous as we wanted them to be, and they may be interpreted different by different people. Sometimes the wording is just bad English. When the agenda is published with all the proposals is the first time the member federations have the possibility to read them, and it is already too late to submit proposals. Sometimes you support the purpose of the proposal, but the wording or language

makes it unclear or unsuitable for Constitution or By-laws or other documents. It should be possible to amend proposals that have bad or unprecise wording in order to make them precise, understandable, and suitable.

Proposal 5

By-Laws 2.6 Motions and Amendments

Delete the word “the” in the last section.

Amended last section of 2.6 with this amendment will be:

“Every proposal must be announced and seconded by members present at the meeting before the discussion.”

Reason: The wording “the members” indicates that the proposal has to be seconded by every member present at the meeting, which has never been the rule and is probably not the intention of this section in the proposed new By-Laws.