

2025 Rule Proposal - Statutes - Initial review						
Editor: NF / BoD / Committee	CR/PR/SR	ART.	EXISTING WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING. All modifications must be written in bold blue	Committee/NF Comment	BOARD STAND April 2024
GBR	statutes	32,1 The ICF Standing Committees (except the Athletes' Committee) are composed of up to four (4) Members, of which at least one (1) member should be of the other gender	Amend the sub article 1. as follow The ICF Standing Committees (except the Athletes' Committee and the Medical and antidoping committee) are composed of up to four (4) Members, of which at least one (1) member should be of the other gender	It is consistently difficult to find enough doctors to contribute to the MAC. Those that are on the MAC often fade away because they simply do not have the time required to deal with other work on top of their busy schedules. This can be compounded by long shifts which make it difficult to organise meetings when all can attend. We have not had a face to face meeting since about 2018. Additionally, the kind of topics that we need to discuss are not just the territory of doctors, most of whom are highly specialised and unlikely to have detailed knowledge of the issue. We need to have a wider range of skills on the MAC, particularly those with Sports Science or Sports Physiology backgrounds, Physiotherapists and Sports Psychologists.	In Favour
SVK	statutes	7,1	The official languages of the ICF are English, French, German, Spanish and Russian. In case of discrepancy, the English text shall prevail.	The official languages of the ICF are English, French and German.	At the last ICF Congress in Pattaya only three delegates were listening to the translation. Moreover, one of them was the delegate from Singapore. It is a great burden for the organizers with almost zero effect. The proposal will simplify the organization.	Board is not in favour
FIN/DEN/SWE/ NOR	statutes	7,1	The official languages of the ICF are English, French, German, Spanish and Russian. In case of discrepancy, the English text shall prevail.	The official languages of the ICF are English, French, German , Spanish and Russian . In case of discrepancy, the English text shall prevail.	Cost saving for organizers and a more efficient Congress and execution of all events within our sport. All participants should be able to communicate in at least one of these languages. At the last ICF Congress in Pattaya only three delegates were listening to the translation. It is a great burden for the organizers with almost zero effect.	Board is not in favour
FIN/DEN/SWE/ NOR	statutes	22	The Congress has the power to act if at least one half of the recognised National Federations entitled to vote are represented	The Congress has the power to act if at least 30% of the recognised National Federations entitled to vote and at least two continents are represented at the congress.	Given the expanding membership base, the current quorum requirement is excessively high. Various factors may hinder the participation of engaged member federations. A lower percentage, when integrated with a continental requirement, will ensure a more attainable quorum level. This adjustment aligns with the criteria for world championships to be recognized as official.	Board is not in favour
FIN/DEN/SWE/ NOR	statutes	16,1	Each National Federation has the right to appoint up to three (3) delegates from its National Federation to the Congress one of whom has the right to vote. If there are three (3) delegates, at least one (1) should be from the other gender. Delegates must be official members of that particular National Federation (Eg. Staff, Board Member, official).	Each National Federation has the right to appoint up to three (3) delegates from its National Federation to the Congress one of whom has the right to vote. If there are three (3) delegates, at least one (1) should be from the other gender. Delegates must be official members of that particular National Federation (Eg. Staff, Board Member, official). ICF will cover the travel and accommodation expenses for two subsequent Congresses of one delegate from the National Federation which has never participated at the Congress.	We firmly hold that debate, along with its resulting co-creation and engagement, is a crucial component of democracy. Proxy participation deprives the represented federation of the valuable insights and understanding that arise from direct involvement in Congress debates. Consequently, we propose the elimination of proxy voting and recommend that the ICF takes measures to facilitate direct federation participation in the Congress.	Board is not in favour
FIN/DEN/SWE/ NOR	statutes	16,2	A National Federation may be represented at the Congress by another Member association.	DELETE THIS POINT		Board is not in favour
FIN/DEN/SWE/ NOR	Byelaw	Byelaw to article 16.1	At least thirty (30) days before the opening of the Congress, each National Federation shall forward to the ICF Headquarters the names of its delegates and any proxy they hold, indicating the delegate exercising the voting right.	At least thirty (30) days before the opening of the Congress, each National Federation shall forward to the ICF Headquarters the names of its delegates and any proxy they hold , indicating the delegate exercising the voting right.		Board is not in favour
FIN/DEN/SWE/ NOR	statutes	15,4	The Congress shall be chaired by the ICF President or, in the absence of the ICF President, one of the ICF Vice-Presidents.	At the opening of each Congress a chairperson is elected to lead the Congress. The Chairperson is in charge of voting procedures and protocol. The chairperson can suggest rewording of suggestions to the Congress, decide in which order proposal should be handled, ensure the speaking order is upheld. The Chairperson is elected by simple majority by show of hand (or similar). The Chairperson cannot hold a majority against him. A member of the Congress can request a vote of confidence to determine if the chairperson should be replaced following the same procedure.	We suggest that the future Congresses are led by a chair elected for that position at the Congress. Serving simultaneously as President, with the duty of addressing suggestions from the board and inputs from the National Federation, is a significant challenge. Appointing a Chairperson could streamline this responsibility, ensuring a more organized, efficient, and potentially more democratic Congress.	Board is not in favour
FIN/DEN/SWE/ NOR	statutes	19			Add the election of the Chairperson for the Congress to the agenda, according to the change to 15.4	Board is not in favour
FIN/DEN/SWE/ NOR	Byelaw	Byelaw to Article 35 (d)	Chair meetings of the ICF Executive Committee, the ICF Board of Directors and the Congress or Extraordinary Congress;	Chair meetings of the ICF Executive Committee, the ICF Board of Directors and the Congress or Extraordinary Congress;	Not mentioned by the NFs proposing the change, but this would also have to be updated to remove the Congress.	Board is not in favour
Board	Byelaw	Byelaw to article 32.12	Stand Up Paddling (No Board representative)	Stand Up Paddling (No Board representative)	Stand up paddling has met the criteria for their Chair to be on the Board of directors	In Favour
Board	statutes	Article 11.3 & 11.4	The Congress shall fix the annual Membership Fee for each category payable to the ICF every 4 years in the year of the Olympic Games. The ICF Board of Directors shall establish the list of National Federations in each category every 4 years in the year of the Olympic Games.	The Congress shall fix the annual Membership Fee for each category payable to the ICF every 4 years during the Congress of the third year of the Olympiad. The ICF Board of Directors shall establish the list of National Federations in each category every 4 years during the Congress of the third year of the Olympiad.	To ensure this is removed from a Congress where there are elections, to ensure it is not politically motivated.	In Favour
Board	Byelaw	Byelaw 31.3	The ICF Executive Committee can be convened to act as the Finance Committee if determined by the ICF President	Deleted	remove	APPROVED
Board	statutes	Article 38	The ICF Treasurer chairs the Finance Commission...	The ICF Treasurer is member of the Finance Commission and...		In Favour
Board	statutes	Article 29	New	add t) Select the Chair and members of the finance commission		In Favour
Board	Byelaw	Byelaw to Article 38 (b)	Prepare in consultation with the ICF Executive Committee (Finance Committee) the budget of the ICF for submission to the ICF Board of Directors and Congress;	Prepare in consultation with the ICF Executive Committee (Finance Committee) the budget of the ICF for submission to the ICF Board of Directors and Congress;	Correction - remove finance committee or change to commission	APPROVED

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Board	statutes	21	New sub-article (21.5)	The Standing Committees (upon approval of the ICF Board of Directors) may amend the appendices of the Competition Rules every year between October 1st and December 31st but not before the discipline's last major event of the season. The changes of the appendices go into effect the following January 1st.	AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES AND COMPETITION RULES	In Favour
Board	STANDING BYELAWS TO THE PREPARATION AND ORGANISATION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD CUPS	I.1	Application deadline: before 1st November five (5) years before the year of the planned World Championships and three (3) years for World Cups.	Application deadline: before 1st November five (5) years before the year of the planned World Championships and three (3) years for World Cups.		APPROVED
Board	STANDING BYELAWS TO THE PREPARATION AND ORGANISATION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD CUPS	I.2	A National Federation applying for World Championships shall submit a bidding file in electronic format plus one paper copy to the ICF Secretary General before 1st February four (4) years before the year of the planned event and two (2) years for World Cups.	A National Federation applying for World Championships and World Cups shall submit a bidding file in electronic format plus one paper copy to the ICF Secretary General. before 1st February four (4) years before the year of the planned event and two (2) years for World Cups.		APPROVED
Board	STANDING BYELAWS TO THE PREPARATION AND ORGANISATION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD CUPS	I.2.n	Hosting fee for Senior World Championships(Olympic Disciplines) is 15.000 Euros. Hosting fee for Senior non-Olympic Disciplines and Junior and U23 Olympic Disciplines is 10.000 Euros. Hosting fee for World Cups (Olympic Disciplines) is 3.000 Euros. The fee must be paid on notification of the winning candidature.	Hosting fee for Senior World Championships(Olympic Disciplines) is a minimum of 15.000 Euros . Hosting fee for Senior non-Olympic Disciplines and Junior and U23 Olympic Disciplines is a minimum of 10.000 Euros . Hosting fee for World Cups (Olympic Disciplines) is a minimum of 3.000 Euros . The fee must be paid on notification of the winning candidature.		APPROVED
Board	STANDING BYELAWS TO THE PREPARATION AND ORGANISATION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD CUPS	II.	The minimum requirement for applicants is to submit a written presentation to the ICF Board of Directors. Audio-visual presentations of no more than 10 minutes may be used to supplement this written presentation if the applicant feels it is necessary.	The minimum requirement for applicants is to submit a written presentation to the ICF Board of Directors. Audio-visual presentations of no more than 10 minutes may must be used to supplement this written presentation if the applicant feels it is necessary required .		APPROVED
Board	STANDING BYELAWS TO THE PREPARATION AND ORGANISATION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD CUPS	III.b	The ICF Board of Directors will allocate World Championships only four (4) years in advance. For World Cups they will be decided two (2) years in advance.	The ICF Board of Directors will generally allocate World Championships and World Cups three (3) only will four (4) years in advance. For World Cups they will be decided two (2) years in advance.		APPROVED
Board	Byelaw	byelaw to article 27.2	All members of the ICF Board of Directors can serve a maximum of 3 consecutive terms of office.	All members of the ICF Board of Directors can serve a maximum of 3 consecutive terms of office in the same position .	To clarify the previous wording	APPROVED