

# Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs

## World Tenpin Bowling Association World Ninepin Bowling Association

### PROPOSAL FOR FIQ REORGANIZATION

Authority to govern each sport discipline should reside with that particular discipline (WNBA, WTBA). The primary function of FIQ should be as the representative of the sport, and all its disciplines, to the recognized international sport federations, such as IOC, GAISF and SportAccord. The following proposal would accomplish that result.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT REVISIONS BE MADE TO THE STATUTES OF FIQ, EFFECTIVE DATE SEPTEMBER 1, 2011:

1. **Revise Article II, as follows:**

#### **Purposes**

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and to foster national and international sports competition, within the meaning of sections 501(c)(3) and 501(j) of the Internal Revenue code. Subject to the foregoing, the specific purposes and objectives of the corporation shall include but not be limited to the following:

~~1. To encourage the development of tenpin and ninepin bowling throughout the world;~~

~~2.1. To foster international friendship by promoting national and international competition in tenpin and ninepin bowling;~~

~~3.2. To pursue the recognition of tenpin and ninepin bowling as a fully recognized athletic competition in the Olympic Games, and all recognized regional games;~~

~~4.3. To support national organizations that promote tenpin and ninepin bowling within their respective countries and the world as a whole; and~~

~~5.4. To exercise any, all and every power which the Colorado Non-profit Corporation Act allows a corporation to exercise.~~

2. **Revise Section 3.1(f), as follows:**

f. **Membership Disciplines:**

FIQ shall ~~maintain~~ include two separate membership disciplines known as ~~the~~ The World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA) and The World Ninepin Bowling Association (WNBA). ~~Other disciplines can be admitted to membership, but only by the Congress, and only provided the discipline is played in at least eight countries and on three continents. Except as provided below~~ WTBA and WNBA, ~~they~~ shall determine, ~~and shall be responsible for enforcing,~~ their own rules and regulations, ~~provided that they may not conflict with these Statutes.~~

~~i. WTBA shall have the following zones: American, Asian, and European.~~

~~ii. WNBA shall have the following sections: Bohle, Classic and Schere.~~

~~iii. Additions or changes to zones and sections can only be made by the Congress.~~

~~iv. Other disciplines can be admitted to membership, but only by the Congress, and only provided the discipline is played in at least eight countries and on three continents.~~

~~v. WTBA and WNBA are entitled to promulgate and enforce playing rules and equipment specifications for tournaments they conduct or approve, thereby providing an example of uniformity for the sport, provided that:~~

~~a. Their rules may not conflict with these Statutes; and~~

~~b. They shall be separately responsible for enforcing their own rules.~~

3. **Delete Section 3.2(c), renumbering 3.2(d) and (e).**

~~c. Appeal to the FIQ Presidium in cases of controversies;~~

4. **Revise Section 4.3, as follows:**

#### Section 4.3 Biennial Congress

The Congress shall meet biennially through 2011. Thereafter, the Congress shall meet ~~Every~~ fourth year ~~the Congress will be held~~ in conjunction with the FIQ-WTBA World Tenpin Bowling Championships.

~~The Congress shall be held in the other years at a time and place decided by the previous Congress from applications submitted in accordance with the following rules:~~

~~a. The Congress shall be held in conjunction with the FIQ World Tenpin Bowling Championships;~~

~~b. The host federation for any other Congress shall be decided by the Congress from applications submitted by Members which comply with and follow the provisions adopted by the Presidium;~~

~~c. The Presidium may change the location and/or date if necessary, and will decide the location and date if no application is received.~~

5. **Revise Section 4.4(a) as follows:**

a. The ~~Biennial~~ Congress Agenda

The ~~Biennial~~ Congress Agenda shall contain the following points, when applicable:

i. Opening of the Congress;

ii. Identification of members present and examination of proxies. The examination of proxies shall be done by an appointed Credential Committee, which shall consist of one person from the WNBA and one from the WTBA. Before a proxy can be validated, the member who issued it must have paid all applicable dues;

- iii. Admission and expulsion of members;
- iv. Confirmation of the agenda;
- v. Approval of the minutes of the previous Congress;
- vi. Discussion of the President's Report, which is to be submitted to the members two months before the Congress takes place. It should contain activity reports from the FIQ Presidium and the committees, important points from the WTBA and WNBA reports as well as a financial report;
- vii. Discussion of the Auditor's Report;
- viii. Release of the Presidium from further responsibility concerning the annual and financial reports;
- ix. Discussion of Presidium activities and future plans, and budget;
- x. Establishment of membership fees;
- xi. Discussion of proposals for amendments;
- xii. Election of Officers in the following order: President, ~~First~~ Vice President ~~and Second Vice President~~;
- xiii. Introduction of the other members of the Presidium who have been elected by the WTBA and WBNA;
- xiv. Election of ~~two~~ one auditors and one substitute;
- xv. ~~Selection of~~ Any announcements relating to the host federation for the next Congress, if applicable and announcements relating thereto; and
- xvi. Other business.

6. **Revise the first sentence in Section 4.4(b), as follows:**

Additional topics will be presented at any ~~biennial or special~~ meeting of the Congress provided that:

7. **Revise Section 4.5, as follows:**

The President shall advise each member of the time and location of a ~~biennial~~ Congress at least six months in advance of that Congress.

8. **Revise Section 5.1(b) as follows:**

b. ~~It shall also have authority to hear and determine disputes between FIQ members or between FIQ members and the membership disciplines (WTBA, WNBA and their~~

~~Zones/Sections).~~ Provided, however, that the IOC The Court of Arbitration for Sport shall be used as the final forum to resolve all disputes between FIQ and/or the membership disciplines and/or national federations and/or individuals and/or third parties. ~~WTBA and WNBA are each encouraged to form an Arbitration Commission legal committee to decide~~ advise on disputes prior to the disputes being submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

9. **Revise Section 5.2 as follows:**

The FIQ Presidium is made up as follows:

- a. The WTBA President, who shall also serve as the FIQ President.
- b. The WTBA President, who shall also serve as the ~~First~~ Vice President, and who shall substitute for the FIQ President when necessary.
- c. ~~Second Vice President, who shall substitute for the FIQ First Vice President when necessary.~~
- d. ~~A Vice President, who is also President of the WTBA.~~
- e. ~~A Vice President, who is also President of the WNBA.~~
- f. Three ~~Four~~ elected representatives of WTBA, ~~usually the Zone Presidents.~~
- g. Three ~~One~~ elected representatives of WNBA, ~~usually the Section Presidents.~~

Only members of the Presidium or their authorized substitutes as established by WNBA and WTBA may attend meetings of the Presidium and participate in deliberations. Observers may attend at invitation of the President, subject to the approval of the Presidium.

Any replacement of WTBA or WNBA Presidium members shall be determined by those organizations.

Members of the FIQ Presidium shall not in any official capacity nor personally in anyway become financially interested in a firm producing or selling bowling equipment. Persons employed by or working as honorary officials of a member organization shall be exempt from this rule, provided that their duties are only for or on behalf of the member and not of a personal nature.

10. **Revise Section 5.10 as follows:**

The FIQ Presidium or the President can appoint temporary or continuing committees to assist the Presidium in its work-; however, the need for continuing committees is not currently anticipated. The Chairman and the members of the committees will be appointed by the Presidium or by the President. When the President makes the appointment, he shall first consult with the Presidium members.

~~The Chairman and the members of the committees will be appointed by the Presidium or by the President. When the President makes the appointment, he shall first consult with the WTBA, WNBA and Zone/Section Presidents.~~

~~In general, the Chairman of the committee should be a member of the FIQ Presidium. The members of the committees shall usually be named in equal number from the WTBA and WNBA.~~

Committee findings and recommendations shall be presented in writing to the Presidium for discussion and decision. The meetings of the committees shall take place when necessary and in coordination with the President. The Chairman of the committee will convene the meetings.

Unless otherwise directed by the Presidium, each such committee shall fix its own rules governing the conduct of its activities.

**11. Revise Section 6.1 as follows:**

~~The elected officers of the corporation shall be a President, a First and a Vice President and a Second Vice President. No person may simultaneously hold the offices of President and Secretary General or President and Vice President. The President may not simultaneously hold the offices of WTBA President or WNBA President. All officers must be at least eighteen years old.~~

**12. Revise Section 6.2 as follows:**

~~Except as provided below, the officers of FIQ shall be elected at the Congress held in the year of the FIQ World Tenpin Bowling Championships. Elections shall be conducted in open voting by raising delegate cards unless an absolute majority of the Congress requests a secret ballot. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected or until his/her prior death, incapacity, resignation or removal.~~

~~Nominations for the position of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President must be received by the Secretary General at least three (3) months prior to the FIQ Congress and then circulated to all member federations with the agenda. The Presidium is authorized to make recommendations. Nominations from the floor will only be accepted when there are no nominations received in due time, or when previously received nominations are withdrawn. The President of FIQ shall be the President of the WTBA. Likewise, the Vice President of FIQ shall be the President of the WNBA.~~

**13. Delete Section 6.6(a)(v), renumbering 6.6(a)(vi), (vii) and (viii) accordingly.**

~~v. The President shall appoint the Secretary General, subject to confirmation by the Presidium. He may also appoint a Deputy Secretary General, with the approval of the Presidium.~~

14. **Revise Section 6.6(b), as follows:**

- i. FIQ shall have a ~~First and Second~~ Vice President.
  - ii. ~~Their terms~~His/her term of office shall be ~~four (4) years~~for as long as he/she serves as the President of WNBA. ~~They shall take office immediately following the election and hold office until the next election.~~
  - iii. In the absence of the President or in the event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the ~~highest ranking~~ Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the powers and duties of the President.
  - iv. The Vice Presidents shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/~~her~~ by the Presidium, the Congress or the President.
  - v. ~~A vacancy in the office of the Second President shall remain open until the next election.~~
  - vi. ~~The President and each Vice President shall all come from different Zones.~~
15. **Delete Section 6.6(c), renumbering 6.6(d) and (e) accordingly.**

~~(c) — Secretary General~~

- ~~i. — The Secretary General shall be the chief administrative officer. He shall handle the correspondence and other administrative matters in cooperation with the President, take minutes at meetings of the Presidium and subcommittees, and publish regular information to the members.~~
- ~~ii. — The Presidium shall decide upon an honorarium to the Secretary General.~~
- ~~iii. — The Secretary General may participate in the meetings of the Presidium with voice but no vote. He shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees of the Presidium with voice only, unless he is a member of the committee.~~
- ~~iv. — The Secretary General shall:  
  
Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Presidium in one or more books provided for that purpose;  
  
See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes or as required by law;  
  
Be custodian of the corporate records and see that FIQ's seal, if any, is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of FIQ under its seal is duly authorized.  
  
In general, perform all duties and exercise such authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to him by the Congress, the Presidium or the President.~~

16. **Revise Section 6.6(c), formerly 6.6(d), as follows:**

d. Treasurer

The President ~~of FIQ~~ and Vice President shall ~~automatically serve as its~~ jointly choose a Treasurer, who may or may not be one of the officers. The Treasurer shall:

- i. Have charge and custody of and be responsible for all of FIQ's funds and securities;
- ii. Receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to FIQ from any source whatsoever and deposit all such money in FIQ's name in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be approved by the Presidium.
- iii. Keep FIQ's accounts and its other financial records;
- iv. Make such reports of FIQ's financial condition as may be required by law, the Congress or the Presidium; and
- v. In general, perform all of the duties incident to the office of treasurer and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to him by the Congress or the Presidium.

17. **Revise Section 8.1, as follows:**

The Presidium may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute or deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of FIQ, and such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances. In the absence of other designation, all deeds, mortgages and instruments of assignment or pledge made by FIQ shall be executed, in FIQ's name, by the President ~~or one of~~ and the Vice Presidents ~~and by the Secretary General, a Deputy Secretary General, the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, one of whom shall,~~ when necessary or required, ~~shall~~ affix FIQ's seal thereto; and when so executed, no other party to such instrument or any third party shall be required to make any inquiry into the authority of the signing officer or officers.

18. **Add new Section 10.14 as follows:**

**World Championships and World Tours.** In order to assist in the promotion of the disciplines, the WTBA and WNBA presidents shall use good faith efforts to hold jointly the WTBA and WNBA World Championships and World Tour stops in the same location at the same time.