



International Pickleball Federation, Inc.

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Proposal To:	IPF 100-1 Operation Manual		
Name of Proposal:	New Membership Criteria		
The current language of the Bylaws:			
CHAPTER II: FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP			
1.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP			
<p>Application for voting membership shall be open to any recognized national federation, association, league, or other recognized national body. Candidate Membership is granted after completing, receiving, and approving a membership application. Full Membership is granted after approval of a membership application and payment of annual dues. All memberships are granted upon a majority vote of the board.</p>			
1.2 QUALIFICATIONS CRITERIA			
<p>Countries must meet the following qualification criteria for each full or provisional membership type to become a member of the Federation.</p>			
Qualification Criteria			
Criteria	Full Member	Provisional Member	Qualification Documents
1. Is the organization registered as a sports association with the appropriate ministry or department of the organization's country (if applicable)?	Yes	No	Organization Registration Waiver*
2. Can the organization provide a copy of its Articles of Incorporation?	Yes	No	
3. Can the organization provide a copy of its Bylaws?	Yes	No	
4. Does your organization have liability insurance coverage for the organization, officers, and directors?	Yes	No	



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5. Does the organization have a bank account and provided account information for direct fund transfers?	Yes	No	
6. Does the organization engage as a seller or manufacturer of any pickleball products?	No	Yes	Complete Conflict of Interest Declaration
7. Did the organization provide a High-Resolution Logo Image in PNG Format?	Yes	No	
8. Does the organization have a website or a publicly accessible Facebook or Instagram organization page?	Yes	No	
9. Has the organization paid the membership fee?	Yes	No	

**** Organizational Registration Waiver – Sports organizations that require the international Federation to be registered and approved as the global Federation by the IOC will be issued a waiver from this requirement.***

Provisional members have 180 days to fulfill the requirements to qualify for becoming Full Members. After 180 days, provisional members will have to restart the membership process. During this second application period, countries that apply will not be eligible to vote in any elections until accepted as Full Members.

Effective March 1, 2023, countries cannot be members of another international pickleball organization.

1.3 MEMBERSHIP FEES

The yearly membership fee is \$48 U.S. Dollars.

Membership Fees are waived until March 2023.



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1.4 RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Each provisional and full Member representing a country shall be eligible to appoint one voting representative to cast the Member's vote in federation elections and at the Annual Meeting of the Members. If more than one organization represents a country, the organizations from the same country must caucus and select one voting representative to represent the county during voting.

The following language will amend and replace the above-quoted Section:

CHAPTER II: FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP

2.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application for voting membership shall be open to any IPF-recognized pickleball organization.

2.2 QUALIFICATIONS CRITERIA

Organizations must meet the following qualification criteria for a candidate or full member status to become a member of the Federation.

Qualification Criteria

Criteria	Full Member	Candidate Member	Qualification Documents
1. Is the organization registered as a sports association with the appropriate ministry or department of the organization's country (if applicable)?	Yes	Yes	
2. Can the organization provide a copy of its Articles of Incorporation?	Yes	Yes	
3. Can the organization provide a copy of its Bylaws?	Yes	Yes	



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4. Does your organization have liability insurance coverage for the organization, officers, and directors?	Yes	Yes	
5. Does the organization engage as a seller or manufacturer of any pickleball products?	No	Yes	Complete Conflict of Interest Declaration
6. Did the organization provide a High-Resolution Logo Image in PNG Format?	Yes	Yes	
7. Has the organization paid the membership fee?	Yes	Yes	
8. Does the organization have the following membership: a. For countries with a population of 5 million or less - 500 organizational members. b. For countries with a population of 5 million or more – 1,000 organizational members.	Yes	Yes	
9. Is the organization recognized as the National Governing Body (NGB) for pickleball by the appropriate ministry or department or; Is the organization recognized by the National Olympic Committee (NOC) for their country?	Yes	No	

2.3 MEMBERSHIP FEES

The yearly membership fee for each category of membership is:

1. Candidate Membership – USD 1.00 per member per year.
2. Full Member – USD 3,000 per year.



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2.4 RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Each member shall be eligible to appoint one voting representative to cast the Member's vote in federation elections and at the Annual Meeting of the Members.

Rationale for this Amendment to IPF 100-1 Operational Manual:

The members at the 2024 AGM adopted the change in Article III, Section 3.01 of the IPF Bylaws.

Based on this review and consideration of this amendment to the IPF 100-1 Operational Manual by the Board of Directors, the following amendments will be approved following ratification of the Bylaw amendment proposal at the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Members (AGM).

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: _____

Karen Long
Secretary