



International Pickleball Federation, Inc.

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Proposal To Amend Bylaws of the

International Pickleball Federation, Inc. A MARYLAND CORPORATION

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| Name of Proposal: | New Membership Criteria |
| Current language of the Bylaws: | |
| ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP | |
| 3.01 Eligibility for Membership | |
| Application for voting membership shall be open to any recognized national federation, association, league, or other recognized national body. Provisional 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. | |
| The following language will amend and replace the above-quoted Section: | |
| ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP | |
| 3.01 Eligibility for Membership | |
| Application for voting membership shall be open to any IPF-recognized national pickleball organization. | |
| 3.01.1 Candidate Membership - Candidate membership is granted to any IPF-recognized national pickleball organization that meets all the Qualification Criteria defined in the IPF Operation Manual for a candidate member. | |
| 3.01.2 Full Membership – Full membership is granted to any IPF-recognized national pickleball organization that meets all the Qualification Criteria defined in the IPF Operation Manual for a full member. | |



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Rationale for this Bylaw Amendment:

The IPF must have National Governing Bodies (NGBs) in each country to apply for International Olympic Committee (IOC) membership. To be recognized as an NGB, pickleball organizations must be recognized by the national sports department or ministry or by the National Olympic Committee (NOC) for that country.

Pickleball organizations like associations, leagues, clubs, and other sub-national organizations may not have the approval of their government to represent their nation. For these types of organizations, candidate membership will be granted. These organizations must demonstrate that they have developed sufficient membership and resources to be granted candidate status. Once granted candidate status, the IPF will recognize them as the governing authority for pickleball in their country. Countries requiring an international federation of the sport to recognize the organizations as a governing authority for pickleball will allow an organization to apply to become the NGB for their country.

Organizations already recognized as an NGB have an advantage in being recognized as an NGB for pickleball if they can demonstrate a developmental program. Candidate organizations that have demonstrated that they have developed sufficient membership and resources to be granted candidate status will be granted Full membership once recognized as the NGB for pickleball in their country.

Based on this review and consideration of this amendment to the Bylaws of the Corporation by the Board of Directors, the following resolution was unanimously approved for submission to the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Members (AGM).

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: _____

Karen Long
Secretary