



## Special General Meetings (SGMs) Set for June 14<sup>th</sup>

### To all Members of the IPF and WPF,

We are pleased to share a significant milestone in the unification of the International Pickleball Federation (IPF) and the World Pickleball Federation (WPF). The United Transition Board has been working diligently to bring our two federations together in a manner that reflects our shared vision for the sport's future.

As part of this process, both entities must formally approve the unification. To best accomplish this, both the IPF and WPF will hold **separate Special General Meetings (SGMs) on June 14, 2025**. At these meetings, members of each federation will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed unification.

### Next Steps in the Unification Process

#### 1. **Special General Meetings (SGMs) – June 14, 2025**

Each federation will conduct its own SGM, where members will be asked to vote on the formal acceptance of the unification. Detailed information, including the agenda and voting procedures, will be sent in due course.

#### 2. **Director Nominations Submission – 45 Days Before the Joint AGM**

To ensure a smooth transition and effective governance, nominations for director positions must be **received no later than 45 days prior to the Joint AGM**. This will allow adequate time for review, validation, and preparation for elections. Details regarding the nomination process, eligibility criteria, and submission procedures will be shared following the SGMs.

#### 3. **Joint Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Should the unification be approved at both SGMs, preparations will begin for the first **Joint AGM**, where the new federation's leadership and governance structure will be finalized. Elections for the new Board of Directors will be a key part of this meeting.

### Clarifying the Global Landscape

We recognize that another organisation, the Global Pickleball Federation (GPF), continues to operate separately. However, the newly unified federation, utilising all historical basis for governance, is being structured explicitly to align with **International**

**Olympic Committee (IOC) standards and requirements**, ensuring its legitimacy and recognition on the global stage. As we move forward, we will work closely with all national governing bodies and international sporting authorities to ensure that the unified federation is the definitive representative of pickleball worldwide.

### **Why This Matters**

This unification is a historic step for the sport of pickleball. It will establish a single, internationally recognized governing body that will strengthen our global presence and accelerate our journey towards Olympic recognition. A unified federation ensures better coordination among national governing bodies, improved resources for players and organizations, and a clearer pathway for the sport's growth worldwide.

We encourage all members to participate in this critical decision and help shape the future of our sport. Further details regarding the SGMs, director nominations, and the Joint AGM will follow soon.

Thank you for your patience, continued support and commitment to the future of pickleball.

“For the Good of Pickleball”

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**Karen Mitchell, Steve Kuhn (WPF)**

**The United Transition Board**