49th WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

09:30 Wednesday 6 November 2019
Southern Sun Cape Sun Hotel
Cape Town, South Africa
WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION LIMITED

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WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2019

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PRESIDENT’S WELCOME

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. ATTENDANCE & PROCEDURES
   a) Members represented and number of votes
   b) Observers present
   c) Others present:
      i. By right
      ii. By invitation
   d) Voting procedures
   e) Appointment of scrutineers

3. APPLICATIONS FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

   Received from Liechtenstein, Malta and Zambia. The requisite documentation and payment has been received from each of the above National Federations.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

   Held on 27 October 2018, Cairo, Egypt

5. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2018-2019

6. MOTION TO AMEND THE WSF SQUASH 57 STANDARD RULES

   Racket & Ball Specifications – Amend Section 5, Point 2
   Motions: Executive Board at the request of the Squash 57 Commission

   GENERAL USE BALL (blue)
   Weight: 39 – 41 gms
   Diameter: 55 – 57mm
   Rebound Resilience: Min 1120mm - Max 1150mm (from a height of 254cm/100 inches at a temp of 25 deg C)
**BLUE (higher bounce) BALL**

The following specification is the standard for a General play (blue) Squash 57 ball to be used under the Rules of Squash.

*Diameter (millimetres) 57 + or - 1.0*
*Weight (grams) 40.0 + or - 1.0*
*Rebound Resilience from 254 centimetres @ 25 degrees C. 60% minimum*
* @ 33 degrees C. 63% - 65%

**COMPETITION BALL (black)**

*Weight: 38-40 gms*
*Diameter: 55 – 57mm*
*Rebound Resilience: Min 940mm – Max 970mm (from a height of 254cm/100 inches at a temp of 25 deg C)*

**BLACK (lower bounce) BALL**

The following specification is the standard for a Competition (black) Squash 57 ball to be used under the Rules of Squash.

*Diameter (millimetres) 57 + or - 1.0*
*Weight (grams) 40.0 + or - 1.0*
*Rebound Resilience from 254 centimetres @ 25 degrees C. 54% minimum*
* @ 33 degrees C. 56% - 58%

**Explanation/Rationale**

The current Squash 57 Ball Specification has a rebound range tested at only one temperature; the WSF 57 Commission wish to include a range for warmed up balls too - the same as the Squash Ball specification which has both.

Adding the extra rebound resilience at 33c will help ensure that the differential between blue and black balls and their range of bounce will be more uniform across the brands that are WSF Approved.

**7. MOTIONS TO AMEND THE RULES OF SQUASH**

a) **Motion 1 – Squash Rackets Association of Malaysia (SRAM)**

It is the motion of SRAM that players may ask for a let by raising their hand at the end of the rally instead of having to utter "let please", at which point the referee shall make a decision and the players will continue play.

THE RULE - 8.2 A striker who believes that interference has occurred may stop and request a let, preferably by saying “Let, please.” That request must be made without undue delay.

Notes:
- Before accepting any form of request the Referee must be satisfied that the player is actually requesting a let.
- A request for a let includes a request for a stroke.
- Normally, only the striker may request a let for interference. However, if the non-striker requests a let for lack of access before the ball has reached the front wall, that request may be considered, even though that player is not yet the striker.

10. **APPEALS**

1. 10.1. Either player may stop play during the rally and appeal against any lack of call by the Marker by saying “Appeal, please.”
2. 10.2. The loser of a rally may appeal against any call or lack of a call by the Marker by saying “Appeal, please.”
**Explanation/Rationale**
To remove any sort of communication between players and referees. This will present a more professional environment and all parties concerned (referees, media, spectators, etc.) will benefit.

b) **Motion 2 – Squash Rackets Association of Malaysia (SRAM)**
It is the motion of SRAM that henceforth there shall be no more discussions questions by the players on referee’s decisions. Any discussion or show of dissent should warrant a conduct penalty.

**Explanation/Rationale**
There has always been an issue with the media and the general public on the discussions (usually negative) players have with the referee despite the rules being explicit that the referee’s decision is final. Players continue to debate with the referees and this is a poor reflection of the sport. This will also prevent the referees from being commented upon due to incorrect or irrelevant explanations. The game will flow better.

c) **Motion 3 – Squash Rackets Association of Malaysia (SRAM)**
It is the motion of SRAM that henceforth the tin height for all levels of competition be standardised to 17 inches.

**Explanation/Rationale**
Let us have a uniform court for all competitions. Our juniors do play on 17 inch tins and have not found much difficulty to adapt. Promotes better understanding amongst the uninitiated. Standardised with PSA as well. Avoids the hassle of having to construct a movable tin. Initial problem of converting the old courts, but once done all new courts will be constructed to this new 17 inch tin.

The PSA and the WSF Rules, Athletes and Refereeing Commissions were asked to provide background to the delegates on the three motions proposed by SRAM. These are the comments received:

"The Rules Commission has discussed the proposed amendments and are of the opinion that:
We can understand the sentiment behind the motions. One of the biggest issues seen as preventing the inclusion of squash in the Olympics is the perception that the players show lack of respect towards the referees and self-discipline. With similar sports included in the Olympics such as table tennis and badminton there is absolute respect and self-discipline with immediate acceptance of decisions.

Despite this we would prefer the position where the Appeal remains a verbal request of "Let Please".....but then the Referee provides a short explanation for his decision/line of thinking......and no further response from the player or discussion....other than a request for a "review" if this is available.

We would support the idea of creating consistency by have all tin heights the same regardless of standard of player.”

"Overall consensus from the Athletes Commission regarding proposed amendments to the rules of the squash by SRAM is a resounding no on all three motions. For reasons such as:

a) By having to ask for a let verbally it removes any confusion as to whether or not you are appealing. Hand gestures are much easier to misinterpret.

b) Whilst all referee decisions should be final, allowing clarification and communication on a decision allows the referee to pass important information to the player so as the game can be played with fewer decisions moving forward. Better communication is required rather than cutting it out."
c) Has more potential and mileage as ideally the sport would have one set of rules and one court with the same dimensions but unrealistic in reality. Too many recreational players already struggle to have lengthy rallies and often turn to Racketball as they age. This would not improve the sport as a whole and there is not a need for it. The tin is 17 inches for professionals as they are professional athletes and it shows off both their skill and athleticism; recreational players, juniors and masters don’t possess the same attributes and will struggle to cope with a lower tin.”

8. MOTIONS TO AMEND THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF WSF LIMITED

a) Amend Article 59 as follows:
Motion: Executive Board at the request of the Governance & Audit Commission

59. The WSF may by special resolution remove any member of the Executive Board for cause - in accordance with the Fundamental Principles and Integrity of Conduct sections of the current WSF Code of Ethics - whereupon an election of his/her replacement shall be held in accordance with the provision of these Articles, with a term of the unfinished portion of the person replaced. This action must meet the requirements of Articles 35 and 49.

b) Amend the Heading to Article 64 and Article 64 as follows:
Motion: Executive Board at the request of the Governance & Audit Commission

MAXIMUM TERM, AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION & REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

64. The office of a member of the Executive Board shall be automatically vacated if: ...........

Explanation/Rationale
Both amendments proposed to address the risk of inappropriate leadership behaviour, raised by the WSF Governance & Audit Commission in production of the WSF Risk Register.

c) The following new definition to be alphabetically inserted in Article 1.2
Motion: Executive Board

“Qualified Delegate” shall mean an individual duly authorised by a Full Member to be its in-person representative at the respective AGM who also meets the qualification requirements. In order to be a Qualified Delegate, the Full Member, by its appropriate officer (Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, or President), shall directly notify the office in writing at least fourteen (14) days before an AGM commences of the appointment of its delegate, including a specific confirmation that the prospective delegate was born in the Full Member country, or is a citizen of, or became a naturalised citizen of, or is an employee of, or has been a legal “full time” resident of the respective Full Member country for at least three (3) years preceding the AGM. Notwithstanding the above, a prospective delegate is ineligible to represent a Full Member if they have represented another Member at the AGM within the one (1) year preceding the upcoming AGM.”

Explanation/Rationale
To seek to encourage Members to ensure that delegates who participate in person at the AGM are involved in and have an appropriate nexus and connection to the Full Member they are representing. The qualification requirement tracks the WSF qualifications of eligibility for a player to represent a country in international competition pursuant to WSF Championship Regulations, Articles K2 and K4. This requirement should lead to more engaged and genuine representation of respective member interests. The current Constitution does not permit proxy voting and only authorised delegates attending in person may vote at an AGM but does not set forth genuine qualifications for Full Member delegates. This principal of requiring in-person meeting discussion and voting has great merit. One of the great advantages of this
requirement is that members from across the world are incentivised to gather in person to share ideas and best practices. This positive result is lost when a so-called “delegate” participates when they have virtually no involvement or connection to the member they purport to represent and is potentially a part of vote manipulation schemes. This proposed change is in line with the section on Governance for International Federations in the IOC 2014 charter mission statement.

d) Democracy and Voting at the WSF
Motion: Australia

That written or electronic voting be allowed at General Meetings of the WSF. [See Appendix 1, Proposal 1 for further details]

e) Democracy and Voting at the WSF
Motion: Australia

That the quorum be defined to include those present and eligible to vote and those having voted in writing or electronically. [Only be put forward if Motion 8 d) is passed]. [See Appendix 1, Proposal 2 for further details]

f) Voting Rights for the Regional Federations
Motion: European Squash Federation

To provide the European Squash Federation with 3 votes at the WSF AGM. [See Appendix 1, Proposal 2 for further details]

g) Voting Rights for WSF Full Members
Motion: Sweden and Belgium

All full members have one vote in the case of any election and changes to the Memorandum & Articles of Association.

In all other issues, a Member can have one extra vote if they participated in a WSF team event in the three years before the year of the AGM. A member can have one extra vote when that Member has hosted a team event in the previous three years. A member can have a maximum of three votes. [See Appendix 2, Point 1 for further details]

h) Voting Rights for WSF Full Members
Motion: Ireland

Full Members at the time of the meeting shall be entitled to the following number of votes:

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<td>A minimum of 70% participation in World Senior and Junior Team Championships in the 10 years preceding the AGM (total participation combined across events)</td>
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[See Appendix 3 for further details]

9. MOTIONS GENERAL

a) World Junior Ranking Under-17
Motion: European Squash Federation

Remove the World Junior Ranking at U17 level and the requirement for tournaments to use SPIN for the U17 event to be included in the World Junior U19 Ranking. [See Appendix 2, Point 2 for further details]
b) **Squash Personal Identification Number (SPIN)**

Motion: European Squash Federation

WSF to revert to charging a once in a lifetime fee for SPIN.

See Appendix 2, Point 3 a. for further details

c) **Squash Personal Identification Number (SPIN)**

Motion: European Squash Federation

SPIN must remain a registration tool only and must be fully controlled by WSF.

See Appendix 2, Point 3 b. for further details

10. **MOTIONS TO AMEND THE WORLD SQUASH ANTI-DOPING RULES**

None received.

11. **MOTIONS TO AMEND REGULATIONS GOVERNING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

a) **Amend WSF Championship Regulation K4 (eligibility) as follows:**

Motion: Championships Commission

K4. Notwithstanding the above, a player is ineligible to represent a country if he has represented another country in the **three years** preceding the Start Date in a recognised International Squash Team or Individual Championship (i.e. WSF World Championship, Regional Team or Individual Championship, official Match between MNFs in any age group).

**New Paragraph:** “Note for general guidance: In the case of Individual Championships, where a player is entered by their National Federation into a World or Regional Individual Championship, a player would be deemed to have represented their nation. However, playing in a National Open event does not count towards eligibility, nor does participating in Individual Masters events such as World and Regional events.”

A player who has not reached the age of 18 on the final day of an event may within the next three year period from the applicable final day subsequently exercise a different qualification based upon a reduction of three years to one year in the requirements of K2 and K4.

A player may only make one change using the reduced time period, and thereafter would be required to conform to the three year period in respect of exercising an eligibility.

In all cases of eligibility based upon residence, it is not permitted to do so based upon residence in respect of further education away from the family home, even if there is an intention to remain in the country afterwards i.e. the time period shall commence after the final day of the study period.

**Explanation/Rationale**

The addition of the Note to K4 does not alter the Regulation but offers a general guideline for interpreting the term "eligibility" in different circumstances.

b) **Amend WSF Championship Regulation X8 as follows:**

Motion: Championships Commission

X8. The random draw method shall be used in accordance with Appendix H to compile draws with the format and the placement of seeds being decided by the WSF Office in conjunction with the Championships Director.
The minimum number of sees normally will be calculated as 25% of the Draw size (including byes) up to a maximum of sixteen seeds in the case of 64 maximum entry. If there are more than 64 entries then 17/32 seeds will be shadowed, but not designated and denoted on the draw.

c) **New Regulation X6.**
Motion: Championships Commission

“X6. The seedings will be compiled by a specialist WSF Seeding Panel within 12 days of the entry deadline. This listing shall then be forwarded to all nations who are represented in the draws who will have a designated period of approximately 48 hours (deadline to be provided with the circulation) in which to lodge objections to the orders in writing, citing reasons. Any objections received will be reviewed by the WSF Seeding Panel and alterations made if agreed before the final listing is published. There shall be no further seeding objections allowable after the designated period.”

**Explanation/Rationale**

It has always been difficult to seed juniors. Thus, in order to allow the participating nations to be able to give comments on the initial seeding of the World Junior Championships, a new seeding timeline and procedure has been drawn up. This new procedure has already been used in the 2019 World Junior Championships. This new clause X6 formalises this new seeding timeline and procedure.

Current Regulations X6 to X16 to be renumbered accordingly if this motion is approved.

12. **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

a) To update Members on progress made in assigning World Championships in the last year and receive expressions of interest to host future events:

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**Note:** Tenders are required by 31 December two years ahead of the Championship e.g. for events in 2022: tenders must be submitted by 31 December 2019.

(A) Played before the Junior Team Championship held concurrently with it.
(B) Event currently available.
(C) Tender closes 31 December 2019.
13. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) To receive the Forward Plan of the WSF for 2019/2020. \(^{Annexure C}\)

b) To receive reports from WSF Regional Presidents:
   i. Africa \(^{Annexure D}\)
   ii. Asia \(^{Annexure E}\)
   iii. Europe \(^{Annexure F}\)
   iv. Oceania \(^{Annexure G}\)
   v. Pan-America \(^{Annexure H}\)

14. WSF FINANCE

a) Adoption of the audited accounts for the financial year 2018/2019. \(^{Annexure I}\)

b) To authorise the Officers to appoint and fix the remuneration of the auditors.

c) To receive the Budget for the financial year 2019/2020. \(^{Annexure J}\)

d) MOTION – WSF EXECUTIVE BOARD

That the Membership Fees of the WSF, for the calendar year 2020, shall be increased by 3% at:

- Full Member - 6 votes (1501 courts and over) £7,000 to £7,210
- Full Member - 5 votes (1001 - 1500 courts) £5,115 to £5,265
- Full Member - 4 votes (751 - 1000 courts) £4,175 to £4,300
- Full Member - 3 votes (501 - 750 courts) £2,295 to £2,360
- Full Member - 2 votes (51 - 500 courts) £1,300 to £1,340
- Full Member - 1 vote (1 - 50 courts) £415 to £430
- Associate Member £35 to £36
- Affiliate Member £575 to £590

15. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

(Subject to Clause 145 of WSF Articles of Association – "At all General Meetings only the business notified in the agenda shall be transacted. Amendments must be kept within the terms of the motion and the Chairman of the Meeting shall have the power to refuse any amendment which substantially alters the intention of the motion.")

16. FUTURE MEETINGS