

WCFMC proposal to WCF Council meeting on 23rd August 2010:-

That WCF Statute 214.2 be deleted and replaced with the following:-

214.2 All Full Members and Associate Members shall have the right to send a representative to compete in any singles event licensed by the Federation as a World Championship.

214.3 All Full Members and Associate Members shall have the right to send a team to compete in any team event licensed by the Federation as a World Championship. For the purposes of this paragraph "team" includes a doubles pair.

214.4 If the conditions of the license for a team event licensed by the Federation as a World Championship permit composite teams, i.e. teams representing more than one Member, then subject to 214.5 (below) the right under 214.3 will be considered to be fulfilled in respect of a Member represented by a composite team whether or not the Member has a representative playing in that team.

214.5 A composite team in a team event licensed by the Federation as a World Championship cannot represent a Member unless that Member has expressly agreed so to be represented and has so informed the Secretary-General in writing or by e-mail.

Explanation/Clarification

This change to WCF Statutes is intended to clarify the rights that Full and Associate Members have in respect of competing in WCF events. The rights only apply to events licensed by the WCF as World Championships and therefore do not apply to other events, even if they are organised by the WCF. The opportunity has been taken to explain how the rights apply to team events, and to make provision for the possibility that the regulations for a World Team Championship will permit composite teams to take part. If composite teams are permitted in a World Team Championship then all Members represented by a composite team:

1. Are considered to be represented in the event regardless of whether they have a player in the relevant team, and
2. Can only be represented by a composite team if the Member has notified its consent to be so represented in writing (or by email) to the Secretary-General

Note that in a separate Motion the WCFMC is proposing that as a matter of principle World Team Championships will be open to entries from individual WCF Members only.

Rationale

The WCFMC is aware of concerns raised by Members that the terms of the existing Statute 214.2 were not being observed. Concerns were raised in respect of both the European Team Championship and the original proposals for Tiers 2 and 3 of the World Team Championship. The WCFMC recognises that it is important to preserve the rights given to Full and Associate Members. At the same time it recognises that the Federation now organises more events than when the Statutes were originally drawn up, and feels that the Federation needs to have the flexibility to organise events that by their nature are not intended to be open to representatives from every Member. The proposed development event in China later this year is an example of just such an event, as is the European Team Championship. The WCFMC is therefore proposing that a distinction be drawn between events that are World Championships, to which the rights to compete will apply, and other events, to which they will not apply.

In respect of composite teams the WCFMC is currently not in favour of them being allowed to enter World Team Championships. However, if at some time in the future the regulations for such events do permit composite teams then the WCFMC feels that it should be clear that a composite team represents all of its constituent parts even if one or more of the Members represented by the composite team does not have a player in that team. Also, the WCFMC feels that no Member should be compelled to join, or remain in, a composite team if it would rather enter in its own right. Agreement to be part of a composite team must therefore be confirmed in writing from every Member represented by the team.