

Voting Record for Proposed changes to WCF Statute 105.9

Full Members: 11 associations

Quorum: 6 associations

Majority required: Two thirds of votes cast.

The following votes were cast:

	Delete 105.9	Australia Amendment	England Amendment	WCFMC Original Proposal	Ignore Named persons
Australia	Against 3	For 3	Against 3	Against 3	Sec-Gen 3 Treasurer 3 PastPresident 3
England	Against 3	For 3	For 3	For 3	Sec-Gen 3 Treasurer 3 PastPresident 3
South Africa	Against 1	For 1	Against 1	Against 1	Sec-Gen 1 Treasurer 1 PastPresident 1
USA	Against 3	Against 3	For 3	Against 3	President 3 Sec-Gen 3 Treasurer 3 PastPresident 3
New Zealand	Against 3	For 3	Against 3	Abstain	Abstain
Egypt	Against 2	For 2	For 2	Abstain	Sec-Gen 2 Treasurer 2 PastPresident 2
Scotland	Against 1	For 1	Against 1	Against 1	Sec-Gen 1 Treasurer 1 PastPresident 1
Total	For 0	For 13	Not voted upon	Not voted upon	Not voted upon
	Against 16	Against 3			
	Defeated	Carried by 2/3 majority and is adopted.			

Original proposals and proposed amendments below:

WCF Notice

4th August 2009.

WCF Member Associations have been formally advised that there will be a Postal Vote of WCF FULL Member Associations to consider the status of WCF Rule (Statute) 105.9: "The Committee may not contain more than two members from one Association."

The following WCF Statute timetable will apply:-

- The "End Date" is 12th October 2009. (Rule 108.2)
- Member associations may respond outlining arguments for or against the proposals made, including any amendments to the Secretary-General no later than 2nd September 2009. (Rule 109.5)
- The Secretary-General shall then give notice of these documents (together with a voting paper to full voting members) no later than 12th September 2009. (Rule 109.5)
- Full voting member associations shall vote by "post", by sending it to the designated returning officer(s), no later than 12th October 2009 (Rule 110.3)

This timetable has been chosen to take account of the fact that later this year an election will take place for the Presidency of WCF and membership of the WCF Management Committee, as some current members retire by rotation.

The final date for nominations for election will be 22nd October 2009.

This therefore will give a ten day period for FULL member association to consider any nominations they wish to make, in line with the decisions taken by them in regard to the make up of WCFMC.

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The FULL Proposals:

WCF Rules (Statutes) require under Rule 105.9 that:

"The Committee may not contain more than two members from one Association."

This was interpreted by the WCF Management Committee decision of 10th March 2006:

This Rule 105.9 shall be interpreted as follows:

"On being proposed for election to the WCF Management Committee, the person shall nominate his member association relevant to Rule 105.9. They shall retain this affiliation throughout their period of office".

However this interpretation did not consider whether ex-officio members of WCFMC should also apply to this 105.9 number.

The President, a retired President, Secretary-General and Treasurer are ex-officio members of WCFMC (Rules 105 .2 and 105.6)

The FULL WCF Member Associations are now asked to consider the following changes proposed by the WCF Management Committee:

There are two options:

One is delete 105.9 completely. The argument for that is that the membership has the opportunity to control the vast majority membership of WCFMC by way of elections of President, 6 members and appointment of the Treasurer. The only position they cannot control is the appointment of a Secretary-General which lies with the WCFMC itself.

The contrary argument is that it prevents one member association from dominating the WCFMC membership. In which case, it should be retained but explicitly indicate to which post holders the restriction applies for the elimination of any doubt.

Therefore the voting paper attached provides for 2 proposals for your consideration.

The first is to consider whether to delete 105.9, Yes or No?

The second, if the answer to the first is No, then consider which post holders have the restrictions applied to them and amend 105.9 accordingly?

Proposal 1

That WCF Rule (Statute) 105.9 be deleted?

Proposal 2

If the decision at Proposal 1 is defeated:

Which office holders shall have the restrictions applied to them:

1. **President?**
2. **Ex-President, while they remain on the WCFMC?**
3. **Treasurer**
4. **Secretary-General?**

Following that consideration, 105.9 to be amended as follows:

“The Committee may not contain more than two members holding the office of, [Insert results from Proposal 2] and the six elected members, from one Association. A member of the Committee comes from the country of the member association that nominates them for election unless they are not eligible to play for that member association on the date of nomination for election [or, are not nominated but appointed[1]], in which case they come from the member association for which they are eligible, and, if eligible for more than one member association, one of them. They shall retain this affiliation throughout their period of office.”

[1] This part to be included if, Office holders of Secretary-General and / or Treasurer are to be included in the restriction.

NOTE:

As these two proposals are for changes to the WCF Statutes, they will require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast for each component part to take effect in whole or in part.

Subsequent to this proposal two further amendments were received in relation to proposal number 2:

1. From the CA (of England):

“The Committee may not contain more than two members who are affiliated to the same WCF Member. However, the affiliation of the [President, Secretary-General, Treasurer and Past President (if a member of the Committee)] shall be ignored for this purpose. A member is said to be affiliated to a WCF Member if they are nominated for election to the Committee by that WCF Member or are eligible to play for that WCF Member. If eligible to play for more than one WCF Member, the member shall declare to which WCF Member they are affiliated when elected and shall retain that affiliation throughout their period of office.”

2. From the Australian Croquet Association (ACA)

“The Committee may not contain more than two members from one Association excluding the offices of Secretary General, Treasurer and Immediate Past-President. A member of the Committee comes from the country of the member association that nominates them for election unless they are not eligible to play for that member association on the date of nomination for election, in which case they come from the member association for which they are eligible, and, if eligible for more than one member association, one of them. They shall retain this affiliation throughout their period of office.”

In accordance with WCF Statute 906, the ACA proposed amendment is voted for first. If not successful then the CA (of England) proposed amendment second. If that is not successful then the original WCFMC proposal is voted for next.