



## **VOTING PAPER**

### **WCF Statute 105.9**

#### **Purpose of the Voting Paper:**

The voting paper is the means to record the wishes of the voting FULL Members in relation to each proposed resolutions on their behalf.

The voting paper should be sent to the Returning Officer and with copies to the scrutineers by 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

#### **Eligibility to Vote:**

In accordance with WCF Rules, any Association in arrears with its subscription (to the WCF) is not eligible to vote.

#### **How to complete this Voting Paper:**

Place a CROSS ("X") in the relevant box of your choice to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" each motion.

In accordance with WCF Statute 110.5, each vote cast shall be scaled up by the full number of votes to which an Association is entitled under WCF Rule 104 before the total number of votes is counted.

#### **Voting Scale Entitlement**

Voting entitlement [WCF Rule 104] depends on the number of individual associates affiliated to each individual Association. Currently voting entitlements and weighting factors are as follows:

Australia 3 votes, Canada 1 vote, Egypt 2 votes, England 3 votes, Ireland 1 vote, Italy 1 vote, Japan 1 vote, New Zealand 3 votes, Scotland 1 vote, South Africa 1 vote and USA 3 votes.

## **Outline of the Voting Paper**

### **Proposal Number 1**

Stands as originally circulated.

### **Proposal Number 2**

Following the proposal made to member associations, two of them (Australia and England) have responded with a commentary and proposed amendments to the original text proposed by the WCFMC. One additional member association (Scotland) has made comment on the matters for circulation with the voting papers.

You will see below that the proposed amendments closely mirror the original text but have subtle differences.

Accordingly, you have three different options to consider: a proposal and two amendments.

For greater clarity you will find the full text of the commentary and allied proposals below with, underneath, voting paper table 2, showing the three different versions alongside each other.

## **The Voting Paper – Guidance for completion:**

### **Proposal Number 1:**

Vote: For or Against at Table 1 of the voting paper.

In the event that there is not a two thirds majority vote, of the votes cast, in favour of deleting the WCF Statute, the results of Proposal 2 will take precedence.  
Effective date 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

### **Proposal Number 2:**

By convention and by WCF Statute, the proposed amendments shall be voted upon first. If the relevant amendment is not carried, then the substantive resolution shall be voted upon next. You are therefore asked to vote in the following order to reflect the order in which the proposed amendments were received by WCF.

Vote: For or Against for amendment 2. (Australian) – (Received 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009)

Vote: For or Against for amendment 1. (English) - (Received 7<sup>th</sup> August 2009)

Vote: For or Against for the original proposal. (WCFMC)

at Table 2 of the voting paper.

Consequently, member associations should ensure that they have voted for or against the proposed amendments AND the relevant substantive motion. This will ensure that the postal vote can be counted towards all eventualities.

Additionally, to ensure that the right WCF positions are included or excluded from the restriction of membership of WCFMC please ensure you vote in Table 3 of the voting paper: For or Against for each post.

Effective date 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

In all cases please indicate your vote with an "X" in the relevant box.

## **Return of Voting Paper:**

This Voting Paper should be completed correctly by each FULL Member Association that is entitled to vote under WCF Rules and send it by post or email and received by the WCF Secretary-General acting as "Returning Officer" no later than 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Failure to comply with these requirements will invalidate the vote. (WCF Statute 110.3)

## **Scrutineers**

In addition to sending the completing voting paper to the Returning Officer, copies of the voting paper, as email attachments, MUST be sent to the two scrutineers, appointed by the WCF Management Committee:-

Chris Williams (Wales) [chris@butedock.demon.co.uk](mailto:chris@butedock.demon.co.uk)

AND

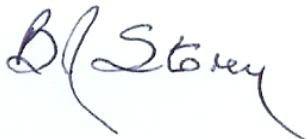
Leopold Walderdorff (Austria) [Leopold.Walderdorff@gmx.at](mailto:Leopold.Walderdorff@gmx.at)

## **Returning Officer:**

For the purposes of this vote the returning officer is:-

Brian Storey  
WCF Secretary-General  
3 Groby Place  
Altrincham  
Cheshire  
WA14 4AL  
United Kingdom

[secretary@wfcroquet.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wfcroquet.org.uk)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Storey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Storey  
Secretary-General  
World Croquet Federation

## **Original WCFMC proposals:**

### **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<sup>1</sup>], 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.”

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

## **Croquet Association (of England) commentary and amendment proposal:**

The CA believes that it is important for the best people who wish to serve as WCF officers and Management Committee members to be able to do so. It is also in the interests of the WCF and the wider croquet community for the WCFMC to have representatives from a spread of countries, not just from one or two. The current Statute 105.9 is designed to ensure an adequate spread. However, it is awkward in practice because people may qualify for more than one country, and their affiliation may change. It also means that, for example, a potential keen and competent Treasurer or Secretary-General might be turned down because there were already two people from their Association on the WCFMC. The CA believes this is undesirable. In practice, a spread of representatives has always been obtained via the election process for WCFMC members. Overall, the existing statute seems unnecessarily strict to ensure an adequate spread of WCFMC members.

We believe that a less strict rule would be more beneficial, although on balance we think that some rule is worth having. Thus we intend to vote to retain Statute 105.9, but for the four named officers not to be counted towards the limit of two members per Association. We believe that would be adequate to ensure a spread of members, but to allow the best people to take on the officer positions.

We do not have a very strong opinion, so will consider any other arguments which other Associations put forward before making a final decision on how to vote.

---

## **Proposed amendment to Proposal 2**

“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.”

## **Australian Croquet Association commentary and amendment proposal:**

Please note Australia’s vote to the two proposals below:

### **Proposal 1: That WCF Rule (Statute) 105.9 be deleted?**

Australia Votes "No". (It would be unfortunate for the WCF to be dominated by one country).

### **Proposal 2: Which office holders shall have the restrictions applied to them?:**

Australia is of the view that only the President should be subject to the restriction of two WCFMC members per country.

The Immediate Past-President should not be included as it would be unfortunate if his presence prevented someone otherwise eminently suitable from being elected. His role diminishes fairly rapidly and he would be unlikely to help others to "dominate". Neither the Secretary-General nor the Treasurer should be included because it is difficult to find willing occupants of those positions. They are both appointed by the remainder of the WCFMC and that body would ensure they were people who would not exercise a bias in favour of their home countries

## **Proposed amendment to Proposal 2:**

“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.”

## **Scotland Croquet Association commentary:**

WCFMC should be made up of President, past President (if necessary), Secretary-General, Treasurer, six others (no change).

The restriction of maximum two persons from any member-country should remain in force, and apply to President, and the six others.

The past President being included would limit the election of the next President from the same country - not necessarily a good thing.

The Secretary-General is appointed - get the best person regardless of country.

Although the Treasurer is elected, the post appears to be largely administrative, given the approach of Andrew Hope (and Rod Williams before him) - get a competent volunteer regardless of country.

So the President plus the six others should have the limit of two applied to them, i.e. two from seven, as Statute 105.1 says that the President should normally have been on the Committee for at least one year, so has had that restriction applied previously.

Whether the voting rights of Secretary-General and Treasurer should be changed back (to not having them) if the restriction does not apply to them is another matter. This comment may have to be considered, although Scotland's position is that there is no need to change, despite the restriction being removed.

Whether a change of playing allegiance mid-term should affect this is another matter too, as this could affect the situation mid-term (it would have not necessarily have done in Keith Aiton's case as the two English already there are David Openshaw and Brian Storey, and it is not clear whether Brian is included, but it could limit the possible nominations from England as Keith is there until 2011). However the political effects of such a change outside Britain may be different, and other countries may think that it is more important. This comment may have to be considered, although Scotland's position is that there is no need to change, despite the anomaly.

## VOTING PAPER

### Members Details:

Name: _____ Croquet Association
Scaling Factor:

Vote "X" in one box only for each resolution.

**Table 1**

	For	Against
That WCF Rule (Statute) 105.9 be deleted		

Effective date 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

**Table 2**

105.9 to be amended as follows:

<b>Australia</b>	<b>England</b>	<b>WCFMC</b>						
<b>Amendment 2</b>	<b>Amendment 1</b>	<b>Original Proposal</b>						
"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."	"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."	"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 <sup>2</sup> ], 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."						
<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none;">For</td> <td style="border: none;">Against</td> </tr> </table>	For	Against	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none;">For</td> <td style="border: none;">Against</td> </tr> </table>	For	Against	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none;">For</td> <td style="border: none;">Against</td> </tr> </table>	For	Against
For	Against							
For	Against							
For	Against							

Effective date 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

---

**Table 3**

	Ignore President	Ignore Secretary- General	Ignore Treasurer	Ignore Past- President
For				
Against				

Effective date 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Signature
<input type="text"/>

Date
<input type="text"/>