



STATUTES CONSULTATION



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Introduction

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IFAF is proud of the Statutes adopted by Congress in 2025. These Statutes represent a significant milestone for the federation, reflecting the shared ambitions and values of our global membership. and establishing a modern governance framework for the sport worldwide.

Key advancements have been made across several areas, including:

- Advancing gender equality within the Board structure;
- Strengthening membership requirements;
- Enhancing continental representation; and
- Establishing greater independence within the work around integrity and health.

As with any significant governance reform, it is appropriate to periodically review the Statutes following implementation to ensure they remain clear, consistent, and effective in practice.

On January 31, 2026, the IFAF Executive Board established the Statute Review Working Group to undertake a comprehensive review of the Statutes. The Working Group has been tasked with identifying opportunities to improve clarity, consistency, transparency, and operational effectiveness.

Members include:

Eric Mayes | IFAF Board

Javier L'Episcopo | IFAF Board

Dagh Schwarz-Kristensen | Member Federation (DAFF)

Claude Ramoni | IFAF Legal Counsel

Andy Fuller | IFAF Secretary General

To support this process, IFAF is working with legal counsel in Switzerland to support this process and ensure that any recommendations are appropriately drafted and aligned with applicable legal and governance standards.

IFAF welcomes contributions from its Member Federations throughout this review process to ensure IFAF is fit for the future.

Areas of Review and Consultation

As part of this work, the Working Group will consider feedback relating to:

- Statutory clarity and consistency following the federation's transition to its legal seat in Switzerland;
- Alignment between the Statutes and IFAF policies, including references, applicability, and review cycles;
- Committee structures, including scope of work, composition, formation, and reporting;
- The roles, responsibilities, and operating cadence of the Executive Board and Federation Board; and
- Transparency and communication processes with Member Federations.

Matters Not Currently Targeted for Review

The Working Group has not been commissioned to reconsider certain foundational governance principles adopted by Congress in 2025. Therefore, the Working Group will not recommend changes in the following areas:

- IFAF's legal seat in Switzerland;
- The principle of one Member Federation per country or territory;
- The independent operation of Health and Integrity functions; and
- The overall structure of the IFAF Board as adopted through the 2025 Statutes.

Feedback Process

IFAF invites Member Federations to participate in the Statute Review Working Group consultation process by submitting feedback, observations, and proposed amendments for consideration. Feedback received through this process will assist the Statute Review Working Group in developing recommendations for consideration by the IFAF Executive Board.

All feedback received from Member Federations will be reviewed and considered by the Statute Review Working Group. However, submission of feedback or a proposed amendment does not guarantee its inclusion in any final recommendation presented to the Executive Board.

General Requirements

- One response per Member Federation will be accepted.
 - Member Federations are encouraged to coordinate internally and submit a consolidated response on behalf of their organization.
- Submissions should relate to the scope of review outlined within this consultation document.

Format of Submissions

To assist the Working Group in reviewing and evaluating feedback efficiently, Member Federations are encouraged to provide the following information for each item submitted:

- **Statute Clause Reference:** Clearly identify the applicable statute clause, section, or topic area being referenced.
 - Describe the concern, ambiguity, inconsistency, or opportunity for improvement.
- **Proposed Amendment:** Provide proposed replacement language or a suggested amendment to the relevant statute clause.
 - Provide a clear rationale supporting the proposed amendment.
- **Cross-References:** Identify any additional statute provisions that may be impacted by the proposed change.

Next Steps

The Statute Review Working Group consultation process will formally open on June 15, 2026, and close July 6, 2026. Member Federations will be invited to submit feedback through an online feedback form to be distributed.

To support this consultation process, representatives of the Statute Review Working Group will host a virtual Member Federation Town Hall during the week of June 22, 2026. The Town Hall will provide an overview of the Working Group's mandate, scope of review, consultation process, and timeline. Member Federations will also have an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification regarding the review process.

IFAF thanks all Member Federations in advance for their engagement and contribution to this important process. Together, we will help ensure that our Statutes continue to reflect the highest standards of governance and position IFAF strongly for the future.

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