



International Federation of
American Football

2020 Congress



Introduction

The 2020 Congress is being held online. Each Full and Associate Member nation will be allowed two representatives. Each Allied Member will be allowed one representative.

Date: December 5, 2020

Time: 10:00 EST

The format will be a meeting held via Zoom.

Each registered attendee must fill in their Zoom profile in the same way:

First Name. Last Name. Nation

i.e. Darrin Mitchell Australia

All nations will be asked to confirm their attendees in advance and confirm their voting delegate.

All attendees will be on mute during each item on the Agenda with an opportunity to submit questions via the message box. Their microphone will then be activated for the question.

Procedures for voting will be outlined before the meeting. People should seek to log in at least 20 minutes prior to the start.

Agenda

Registration.

Roll call of attendees and declaration of calling of Congress.

Opening Speech from the President of IFAF

1. Appointment of two scrutinisers.
2. Appointment of three delegates to whom the Minutes must be submitted to for review.
3. Approval of the Minutes from the 2019 Congress.
4. Report of the Executive Board covering the period of the last year.
5. Presentation of the latest financial statement.
6. 2021 budgeting and activity
7. Membership of Nations - confirmation of status
8. Consideration of any Motion sent according to the Statutes and proposals by the Executive Board.
9. Any Other Business.



10. Congress 2021 and 2022 announcement

11. Closure of Congress.

Motions

No Motions have been received from the Membership.

The following Motions are proposed by IFAF.

Motion One

The Statutes make specific reference to the address of IFAF. This was a location shared with the French Federation – an address no longer used.

Current text:

2.5 The Legal seat of IFAF is located at 79 rue Rateau, 93120 La Courneuve, France. It may be transferred to any other place by a decision of the Council.

To become:

2.5 Following instruction from Congress, the IFAF Legal seat will be registered at an address under advisement from IFAF's retained Legal Counsel. The address may be changed within the legal jurisdiction of the seat as needs must by the Executive Board under advisement from IFAF's retained Legal Counsel.

Motion Two

In order to reflect IFAF's Strategic Objectives the Game Development Committee should be renamed the *IFAF Game Development and Sport for All Committee*.

Motion Three

In order to reflect IFAF's commitment to Gender Equality and Diversity the following should be added to the Statutes under Section 2.1 The Organisation's fundamental purposes are:

m) to promote within its structures, gender equality and a commitment to effectively represent the diverse communities which support the sport of American football.

Motion Four

It is proposed that the Discipline and Ethics Committee becomes two distinct committees – A Disciplinary Committee and an Ethics Committee.

Motion Five

At present the way in which nations engage with IFAF is through a four-tiered membership system: Full Member; Associate Member; Allied Member and Inactive Member.

This system requires certain amendments to properly reflect the status and development of federations and to ensure access to IFAF competitions. Those organisations which may have historically been considered Allied Members but are not actually merging federations will be considered partners with a relationship defined by contract. Membership will solely be a term used for national federations.

To avoid the confusion which existed over entry to certain international competitions under these proposed terms, both Full and Associate Members should be able to compete in IFAF-sanctioned tournaments as the proposed definition allows.

Secondly, the proposed definition recognises that Full Member nations should have a commitment to both the tackle and flag disciplines of the game – from grassroots through to high performance. This is then reflected in the vote weighting.

Section 3.2.1 has a proposed amendment to reflect the commitment to both versions of the game. The two-year period prior to membership status will ensure that there will have been the opportunity to compete in an existing IFAF-sanctioned Championship. The scope also now states 'sanctioned fixture' so where an event has been a challenge, an officially-sanctioned game will suffice.

In accepting this proposal, it is anticipated that existing Full Members who currently do not have either a tackle or flag national team programme will be 'grandfathered' as having the opportunity to be Full Members (subject to meeting other criteria) until the start of membership year 2023 to give sufficient time for participation in either an event of sanctioned game.

From:

(j) it must have recognised national teams competing in the current cycle of at least two of the principle World Championship Disciplines and working towards participation in all disciplines; these teams must have taken part in an event approved by the Organisation (i.e. World Championship, Continental Championship or qualifiers for; or an approved international competition which consists of no less than three (for tackle events) or four (for non-contact events) Member nations of either Full Member or Associate Member status) within the last cycle for the World Championship Discipline.

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(j) it must have recognised national teams that have competed in an IFAF sanctioned international fixture in two calendar years preceding the start of the new membership year. These teams must encompass both Tackle Football and Flag Football (not exclusively one format) in the following categories:

Tackle Football: adult women; adult men; U20 men.

Flag Football: adult women; adult men

Pursuant to the above the following section of the Associate Membership section would be amended:

From

3.3.1 Membership Criteria. Any National Association (or other entity) that is not a Full Member may be eligible to be an Associate Member upon meeting the following requirements:

it has been charged with the leadership and management of the sport in their country (as per Section 3.2.1.c) and meet the requirements laid down in Sections 3.2.1.d, 3.2.1.e, 3.2.1.f, and 3.2.1.h.; and

it must pay all Associate Member subscriptions.

3.3.2 Associate Membership Rights and Benefits

3.3.2.1 Associate Members are entitled to host and/or participate in all non-World Championship recognised International Events subject to meeting the agreed criteria in the Championship Regulations.

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From there is it proposed that IFAF changes the definition of Allied Member and removes Inactive Member.

Allied Membership becomes solely for emerging national federations only and allows them to take part in major events (supporting their development) but without the right to compete for Championships.

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3.4 Allied Members.

3.4.1. Allied Membership Criteria.

The Board may assign the category of Allied Organisation to any organisation, other than National Associations for American football.

Allied Members must pay all Allied Member subscriptions.

8 3.4.2 Allied Membership Benefits.

3.4.2.1 Allied Members may send non-voting members to Congress.

3.4.2.2. Allied Members may bid to host tournaments.

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3.4.1. Allied Membership Criteria.

The Board may assign the category of Allied Organisation to any organisation working to become a recognised national federation.

Allied Members must pay all Allied Member subscriptions.

8 3.4.2 Allied Membership Benefits.

3.4.2.1 Allied Members may send a non-voting representative to Congress.

3.4.2.2. Allied Members may bid to host tournaments, may take part in IFAF-sanctioned fixtures, and may be able to take part in IFAF-sanctioned events if there is a designated 'Allied Membership' component.

3.4.2.3 Allied Members have the option of paying their membership fee at any point in the calendar year.

3.4.2.4 Allied Members have to be accepted by Congress in order to gain Associate or Full Membership status.

The Inactive Section would be removed and the following would be amended in regard to the status of a federation that did not meet its obligations:

From

3.8 Suspension and expulsion from membership

3.8.1 Subject to Article 3.8.2, a Full Member that fails to pay its annual subscription by 31 January of any year will be automatically become an Associate Member and an Associate Member that fails to pay that subscription by the end of that calendar year will be automatically become an Inactive Member

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3.8 Suspension and expulsion from membership

3.8.1 Subject to Article 3.8.2, a Full or Associate Member that fails to pay its annual subscription by 31 January of any year will be automatically become a non-member. They would then be required to apply for Allied Member status and be accepted by Congress in order to regain Associate or Full Member status.

Motion Six

For the purpose of development given the interest in The World Games 2022, for the sole focus of the 2021 IFAF Flag Football World Championship, Allied Members may compete. For the purposes of definition, an Allied Member must meet the new criteria for membership (if approved above), have the consent of the IFAF Executive Board (at its sole discretion) and support from either or both the National Olympic Committee and / or the National Government from that nation.



New Member Consideration

The following nations are proposed for Associate Membership Status for 2021:

Chile
Kenya
Poland
Ukraine

