

World Croquet Federation

Statutes

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101.NAME

The Federation shall be called "The World Croquet Federation".

102. CONSTITUTION

(102.1) The Federation shall consist of:

(102.1.1) Full members with voting rights.

Full members are elected under Rule 114. A Full Member is a croquet association responsible under its Constitution for the administration of croquet within a particular nation.

A Full Member must be self-supporting and fully independent of other croquet associations. (In this context "self-supporting" means that the association must be financially viable in its own right and "independent" means that the association is not under the jurisdiction of another croquet association).

A Full Member must also meet the following criteria:

(102.1.1.1) There must be clear evidence of a structured organization. The authority of the Association must be recognised by at least 5 subsidiary organizations (federations, clubs or other specific groups.)

(102.1.1.2) The Association must be able to produce a copy of its own audited accounts, which demonstrate the payment of membership subscriptions to it.

(102.1.1.3) The Association must play a version of croquet recognised by the WCF.

(102.1.1.4) There must be clear evidence that the Association is involved in promoting croquet and that an effective coaching scheme is in place.

(102.1.1.5) The Association must have ultimate responsibility for its national tournament calendar and must have staged at least two national championships.

(102.1.1.6) The number of individual participants acknowledging the authority of the Association must exceed 50.

(102.1.1.7) The Association must be able to demonstrate that it fully supports the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by incorporating within its own Rules of Association, written child protection procedures commensurate with their National State laws relating to the Convention.

(102.1.2) Associate Members without voting rights.

An Associate members is a croquet association elected to Associate membership under Rule 114

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An Associate Member must be self-supporting and fully independent of other croquet associations. (In this context "self-supporting" means that the association must be financially viable in its own right and "independent" means that the association is not under the jurisdiction of another croquet association).

An Associate Member must also meet the following criteria:

(102.1.2.1) There must be clear evidence of a structured organization. The authority of the Association must be recognised by at least 2 subsidiary organizations (federations, clubs or other specific groups.)

(102.1.2.2) The Association must be able to produce a copy of its own audited accounts, which demonstrate the payment of membership subscriptions to it.

(102.1.2.3) The Association must play a version of croquet recognised by the WCF.

(102.1.2.4) There must be clear evidence that the Association is involved in promoting croquet and that an effective coaching scheme is in place.

(102.1.3) Observer Members without voting rights.

An Observer Member is a croquet association elected to Observer Membership under Rule 114.

(102.2) Only one croquet association may be elected in respect of any one nation.

(102.3) Full Members, Associate Members and Observer Members are hereinafter referred to as "Associations" where the context permits".

(102.4) Each Association shall consist of organisations and individuals associated for the purpose, either solely or inter alia, of playing and promoting the Games or any of them.

(102.5) Each Association must lodge a copy of its constitution with the Federation and notify it immediately of any amendments thereto.

103. PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS

The principles and objects of the Federation are:

(103.1) To encourage, promote and develop the recognised versions of the game of croquet ("the Games") internationally at all levels.

(103.2) To encourage and promote the teaching of the Games internationally.

(103.3) To uphold and enforce the laws of the Games.

(103.4) To promote international team and individual championships.

(103.5) To make and uphold regulations for international championships.

(103.6) To recognise certain croquet championships by sanctioning and licensing them to be held under the auspices of the Federation.

(103.7) To employ the funds of the Federation as may be deemed appropriate.

(103.8) To increase by joint action the influence of Associations in dealings with other sports governing bodies and with local and national authorities.

(103.9) To preserve the independence of the Federation in all matters relating to the Games and its relations with Associations.

(103.10) To recognise that the Federation has powers to control Games played in any nation, but only when the appropriate Member Association has given its prior agreement.

(103.11) To publish a newsletter periodically to aid exchange of information.

(103.12) To make awards to those who have contributed to the achievement of the Federation's aims.

(103.13) To uphold these principles and objects and generally to take such measures as may seem expedient for advancing the international interests of the Games whilst upholding a commitment to non-racial and non-discriminatory sport.

(103.14) To enforce the observance of these Rules.

104. THE COUNCIL

(104.1) The Federation shall be managed by delegates of the Association assembled in General Meetings hereinafter referred to as "the Council".

(104.2) Each Full Member is entitled to be represented at General Meetings by a number of delegates equal to their number of votes and by a maximum of three representatives who may speak but not vote. Where the number of voting delegates is less than the number of votes, then the delegates present may cast the full number of votes between them. The number of voting delegates to which each Full Member is entitled is determined according to the number of individual associates affiliated to the Full Member as follows:

More than 1000 associates 3 delegates

500 to 1000 associates2 delegates

Fewer than 500 associates1 delegate

(104.3) Each [Associate](#) or Observer Member is entitled to be represented at General Meetings by one delegate who may speak but not vote.

(104.4) A delegate must be nominated by the Association he represents.

105. PRESIDENT AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(105.1) The Council shall elect a President who may be re-elected for one more term thereafter. Candidates for President shall be nominated in the same way as candidates for the Management Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee"), but they should preferably have previously served on the Committee for a period of at least one year.

(105.2) The President shall, ex-officio, be a member of the Committee, and shall, on retiring from the Presidency, remain a member of the Committee until the next General Meeting, or until the next election is held.

(105.3) In the case of a contested election for President, any nominee not elected shall automatically become eligible for election as a member of the Committee.

(105.4) The Council shall also elect six other members to the Committee, each of whom will be eligible for re-election without restriction on the number of terms.

(105.5) Elections shall take place at the first General Meeting to be held after a period of at least two years has elapsed since the previous election. At such Meetings, the President shall retire, together with 3 members of the Committee who shall retire in rotation. If such a meeting is not scheduled to take place until more than 30 months since the previous election, then the election shall be determined by a postal vote held before 30 months has passed since the previous election, subject to the following conditions.

(105.5.1) If the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies, then the candidates shall be deemed to be elected to fill the vacancies, subject to [Rule 105.5.2](#).

(105.5.2) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of full-term vacancies, but does not exceed the total number of vacancies, the candidates shall be deemed to be elected and the Committee shall decide by lot which candidates shall fill the full-term vacancies and which the part-term vacancies.

(105.5.3) In cases where there is a contested election for the post of President, provision will be made on the voting paper for candidates who are not successful in the Presidential election to be included in the election for membership of the Committee, if they have indicated they wish to stand for such election.

(105.6) The Council shall appoint a Treasurer and the Committee shall appoint a Secretary-General, both of whom shall be ex-officio members of the Committee with one vote each.

(105.7) The Committee shall settle all urgent questions subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting and shall have general administrative powers to carry on the work of the Federation and to govern its financial affairs between General Meetings.

(105.8) Candidates for election to the Committee may be nominated by Full, Associate or Observer Members.

(105.9) The Committee may not contain more than two members from one Association¹.

(105.10) Subject to 105.9 above, the Committee may fill any vacancy arising subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting.

(105.11) All nominations for these offices, duly authorised by the candidate and an appropriate officer of the Association making the nomination, together with a brief resume of the candidates' personal details and objectives, must be received by the Secretary-General in writing not less than 120 days prior to the "end date", defined in Rule 108.2. Failure to comply with these requirements will render any nomination invalid.

(105.12) A voting paper shall be posted to every Association by the Secretary-General by the most expeditious postal service not later than 90 days before the "end date", giving the names and details of the candidates, and the nominating Associations.

(105.13) The WCF Management Committee may, from time to time, publish Regulations or amend existing Regulations, to cover the operation of any aspect of the WCF Rules. Non-compliance with any Regulation shall make the offender liable to the same punishment laid down in the relevant cross-referenced Rule.

(105.14) In the event that the provisions of WCF Rules conflict with the provisions of any Regulations made under them, the provisions of the WCF Rules shall prevail.

¹ **Note:** This footnote does not form part of the WCF Rules. By WCF Management Committee decision 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".

106. SUB-COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

(106.1) The Committee may appoint sub-committees to carry out any of its functions.

(106.2) The Committee may co-opt one or more individuals to serve on a sub-committee provided that the sub-committee contains at least one Committee member.

(106.3) The WCF Golf Croquet Rules Committee (GCRC) shall comprise six members who will elect their own chairman. The (English) Croquet Association, Croquet Australia, Egyptian Croquet Federation, the New Zealand Croquet Council and the United States Croquet Association will each appoint one member. The remaining Full Member Associations will elect a sixth member. Procedures for the election of this committee will be determined by the Management Committee.

(106.4) The Committee may appoint suitable persons to assist in administration. Examples of such officers are: Rankings Officer, Equipment Officer, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Archivist/Historian, Events Manager (America), Events Manager (Europe), Events Manager (Australia/New Zealand), Chief Referee, Handicapping Coordinator.

107. GENERAL MEETINGS

(107.1) An Ordinary General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Committee may decide but not more than four years after the date of the previous Ordinary General Meeting.

(107.2) The business of an Ordinary General Meeting shall be:

(107.2.1) To confirm the minutes of the last General Meeting.

(107.2.2) To receive the Report of the Committee.

(107.2.3) To receive the Statement of Accounts.

(107.2.4) To consider applications for membership.

(107.2.5) To consider revisions of Association status.

(107.2.6) To consider applications for championships to be recognised.

(107.2.7) To consider resolutions for which due notice has been given.

(107.2.8) To confirm, revise or remove any penalties imposed under Rule 206 or 207.

(107.2.9) To elect a President, members of the Committee and the Auditors as appropriate.

(107.2.10) To transact any other business of the Federation.

(107.3) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee.

(107.4) An Extraordinary General Meeting must be convened by the Secretary-General within 90 days of the receipt by him at the Federation Office of a written requisition given by Full Members representing at least one-third of the votes that could be cast. A requisition must specify the business to be transacted at the meeting and no other business except for the confirmation of the minutes of the previous General Meeting may be transacted.

108. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS, ELECTIONS, AND POSTAL VOTES

(108.1) The Secretary-General shall give notice to all Associations of the dates of General Meetings (stating the time and place thereof) by the most expeditious service. Similarly he shall give notice to all Associations of the dates of elections and any postal votes, and the timetables attached to these events.

(108.2) To be valid, such notices must be despatched from the Federation Office at least 180 days before the "end date", defined as the date of the General Meeting, or the date of announcing the result of any election or postal vote. In the case of an Extraordinary General Meeting, the notice shall be despatched at least 60 days before the "end date".

(108.3) At the same time as giving notice of an election, the Secretary-General shall seek nominations for the office of President and membership of the Committee.

(108.4) The accidental omission to give valid notice to an Association shall not invalidate the proceedings of any General Meeting.

109. NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS

(109.1) Resolutions may be proposed only by an Association or by the Committee.

(109.2) Written notice of a resolution to be proposed by an Association, and any supporting documentation, may be sent to the Secretary-General at any time. The Secretary-General shall arrange for such resolutions to be considered at the next General Meeting to be held that will allow him to give each Association notice of the proposed motion at least 180 days before the "end date", defined in Rule 108.2.

(109.3) If no General Meeting is scheduled at an appropriate time, the Committee may instruct the Secretary-General to give notice to each Association at least 180 days before the "end date" that the resolution will be put to a postal vote.

(109.4) If notice of a resolution has been given by an Association under Rule 109 or [Rule 207](#), or the Committee intends to propose a resolution, the Secretary-General shall give notice of the details of the resolution and any supporting documentation provided by the proposer to each Association at least 180 days before the "end date" defined under Rule 108.2.

(109.5) Any documents outlining arguments for or against the resolution shall reach the Secretary-General at least 120 days before the "end date". The Secretary-General shall give notice of these documents, together with a voting paper, to each Association at least 90 days before the "end date". In the case of a General Meeting, the Secretary-General shall include in this notice details of all the business to be transacted at the Meeting.

(109.6) A resolution of which due notice has not been given may be discussed at an Ordinary General Meeting as a matter of urgency if a motion to that effect is carried by a two-thirds majority of the votes recorded in respect thereof. If it is so decided, it shall be deemed that due notice of the resolution has been given.

(109.7) No resolution may be proposed by an Association which would have the effect of reversing a resolution adopted at the immediately preceding General Meeting unless a motion to that effect is carried by a two-thirds majority of the votes recorded in respect thereof.

110. VOTING PROCEDURES

(110.1) The Committee shall appoint a "Returning Officer" to receive postal votes.

(110.2) Any Association that intends to be represented and vote at a General Meeting shall advise the Secretary-General in writing at least 30 days before the date of the meeting of the name(s) of the delegate(s) who will represent that Association at the meeting. Substitute delegates will be permitted to vote at the Meeting provided they are listed as possible substitutes on the original notification. Associations not able to be represented at a General Meeting shall be allowed to cast a postal vote.

(110.3) In the case of a vote cast by post, the voting paper shall be completed correctly and received by the Returning Officer not later than first post, 30 days before the "end date" defined under Rule 108.2. Failure to comply with these requirements will invalidate the vote.

(110.4) In the case of votes cast at a General Meeting, delegates will record their votes by using the same voting paper as that already sent to their Associations.

(110.5) Any vote cast shall be scaled up by the full number of votes to which an Association is entitled under Rule 104 before the total number of votes is counted.

(110.6) In the case of an election, an Association may not give more than one vote to any one candidate, and may not record more votes than there are vacancies. Any such error will invalidate the voting paper.

(110.7) The result of the vote will be announced on the "end date".

111. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

Any Association in arrears with its subscription 30 days prior to the "end date" as defined under Rule 108.2 is not eligible to vote in any election or on any other matter.

112. COUNTING AND RECORDING THE VOTE

(112.1) Two "Scrutineers", who are not members of the Committee and one of whom may be the "Returning Officer", shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Committee to count the votes cast at an election or in consideration of a motion.

(112.2) The Treasurer shall advise the Scrutineers of the votes to which each Association is entitled under Rule 104.2, and the Scrutineers shall be responsible for scaling up the number of votes cast appropriately.

(112.3) Following the latest date for receipt of postal voting papers, the Scrutineers shall prepare a table of votes cast by each Association, appropriately scaled up as necessary. In the case of a resolution, they shall show the number of votes cast for and against the motion by each Association, and in the case of an election, they shall show the number of votes cast for each candidate by each Association.

(112.4) In the case where there is no associated General Meeting and it is a vote entirely by post, before or on the "end date" as defined under Rule 108.2, the Scrutineers shall report the result of the vote in writing to the Committee as outlined in Rule 112.3.

(112.5) In cases where a General Meeting is held to coincide with the vote, the Scrutineers shall attend the Meeting, and at the conclusion of the election process, or the debate on the motion, the Chairman of Council shall call upon those present who have not cast a postal vote to vote upon the matter using a copy of the voting paper already circulated for the postal vote.

(112.6) The Scrutineers shall then combine these votes with those already received by post, scaled up as appropriate, and provide the Chairman with the final voting figures. The Chairman shall then announce to the Meeting the result of the vote, and the Scrutineers will provide a written report recording the vote as outlined in Rule 112.3 above.

(112.7) An Association that has cast a postal vote but whose delegate(s) attend the meeting in person may cancel the postal vote and vote at the meeting, provided that the delegate(s) so inform the Scrutineers before the result of the postal vote is announced, the delegate(s) is included on the list of authorised delegates under Rule 110.2, and the delegate(s) has due written authorisation from his Association to that effect.

(112.8) The Chairman may require those who have voted at the meeting to identify themselves to the Scrutineers.

(112.9) The Secretary-General shall circulate a copy of the Scrutineers' report to each Association within 30 days of the "end date".

113. EQUALITY OF VOTES

(113.1) In the event of a tie in an election, the Scrutineers shall decide the election by lot.

(113.2) In the event of a tie when voting on a resolution, the motion shall be declared defeated.

114. ELECTION OF ASSOCIATIONS

(114.1) An application for membership of the Federation may be made only by a national croquet association. An application must be made in writing to the Secretary-General and must contain such information as the Committee may require. An application validly submitted will be considered by the Management Committee which will have power to admit the applicant to membership subject to formal ratification [at the next General Meeting](#).

(114.2) At the General Meeting the Secretary-General shall propose a motion in respect of each candidate for membership that it be elected. Members shall be elected if the motion is passed by a simple majority of the votes cast. In the case of an application for Full Membership, any Full Member may propose an amendment that the candidate be eligible for election only as an [Associate Member](#) or Observer Member without voting rights and if such amendment is passed by a simple majority of votes cast, the substantive motion shall be so amended.

(114.3) The delegates of a successful candidate may attend the meeting immediately after its election and, if so entitled, vote in respect of any subsequent business.

115. SUBSCRIPTIONS

(115.1) Each Full, [Associate](#) and Observer Member must pay an annual subscription of such amount as shall be decided and published by the Council from time to time. Subscriptions may not be increased by more than 10 per cent each year unless a resolution to that effect is passed at a General Meeting by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

(115.2) Subscriptions may be paid in pounds sterling or the equivalent in the currency of the Association.

(115.3) Subscriptions are payable initially upon election and subsequently during January in each year.

(115.4) The delegates of an Association whose subscriptions is in arrears may not attend General Meetings or serve on the Committee.

116. EXPULSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

If an Association fails to pay its subscription in any year by the due date, its membership shall be deemed to have lapsed. If such an Association wishes to be re-admitted it must either pay all arrears of subscription or go through the procedure for admission in accordance with Rule 114. If the period since a subscription was paid is three years or less the Council may require payment of all or some of the intervening subscriptions. The Council should consider each case on its merits

117. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

(117.1) If, in the opinion of the Council, an Association ceases to represent adequately the Games in its country or territory or commits a significant breach of the Rules, it shall be liable to be expelled by a motion passed at a General Meeting by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

(117.2) Notice of such a motion must be given in accordance with Rule 108.1, and Rule 108.4 may not be applied.

(117.3) If an Association is expelled and wishes to be readmitted, it must comply with Rule 114.

118. RESIGNATION OF AN ASSOCIATION

An Association must give written notice of its intention to resign from the Federation to the Secretary-General not later than 31 December in any year failing which it shall be liable for its subscription for the following year.

119-199. Not in Use

200. Rules of the WCF - Administration

201. LANGUAGE

The official language of the Federation shall be English.

202. DOMICILE

The Federation shall be deemed to be domiciled in the domicile of the President for the time being.

203. OFFICE

The Federation Office shall be situated in such place as the Committee shall from time to time decide.

204. FINANCIAL YEAR AND ACCOUNTS

The financial year of the Federation shall end on 31 December in each year and the annual statement of the accounts of the Federation shall be prepared by the Honorary Treasurer and audited by the Auditors forthwith thereafter.

205. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Any person who wishes to accept administrative office in an Association must give written notice of any financial interest he has in the Game to the Association and to the Federation before taking up the appointment.

206. PENALTIES

(206.1) The Committee is empowered to call upon any Association to explain and, if necessary, correct any breach of these Rules or other act against the interests of the Game that is alleged to have been committed by the Association or any organisation or individual affiliated to it.

(206.2) Subject to Rule 207 the Committee is empowered to impose such prohibitions or penalties in respect of the above as it shall by a majority decide.

207. SUSPENSION OF AN ASSOCIATION

(207.1) The Committee is empowered to suspend an Association from official team competitions if, in the unanimous opinion of the Committee, it ceases to represent the Game adequately in its jurisdiction or commits a grave breach of these Rules.

(207.2) Notice of such suspension and the reasons therefore must be communicated in writing to all Associations as expeditiously as possible.

(207.3) Any suspension so imposed may be challenged by the suspended Association at a General Meeting and, in any event, must be confirmed or removed at the next General Meeting.

208. ARBITRATION

Any dispute between two or more Associations shall be referred to three arbitrators appointed by the Committee. No person interested in the dispute may be appointed an arbitrator or, if a member of the Committee, vote on the appointment of arbitrators.

209. INTERPRETATION

All references in these Rules to the masculine include the feminine.

210. ALTERATION OF THE RULES

These Rules may be altered at a General Meeting if a resolution of which due notice has been given in accordance with Rule 109 is passed by a majority of two-thirds (or such greater majority as the Rule to be amended may require) of the votes recorded. Any alteration shall come into effect on the succeeding 1st January unless the amending resolution shall otherwise provide.

211. DISSOLUTION

(211.1) The Federation may only be dissolved if a resolution to that effect is passed at a General Meeting convened specifically for that purpose by a majority of four-fifths of the votes recorded.

(211.2) In the event of such dissolution, any surplus or deficit in the assets of the Federation shall be distributed to or contributed by each Association in the same proportion that its annual subscription to the Federation bears to the total subscription income of the Federation.

212. COPYRIGHT AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

All copyright, patents, registered trade marks, trade marks, and any other intellectual property rights relating to WCF Events, WCF logo, all other property and other related matters shall remain with the World Croquet Federation.

213. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence and communication between the Federation and a member association shall be between the World Croquet Federation Secretary General and a representative nominated by the Association.

214. UNDERTAKING BY ASSOCIATIONS

(214.1) Membership of the Federation shall constitute an agreement between the Federation and each Member Association to be bound by and to comply with:

(214.1.1) the World Croquet Federation Rules and any Regulations made under them, (each as amended, revoked or added to from time to time);

(214.1.2) the relevant Laws or Rules of the recognised variants of Croquet as recognised by the Federation for any Federation event they are hosting;

(214.1.3) the Rules or Regulations made under them agreed by the Federation for its individual competitions.

(214.2) For the avoidance of doubt, all Full Member Associations and Associate Members shall have the right to compete or send representatives to compete in all competitions of the Federation.

215. NOTICES

(215.1) Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to the Rules shall be in writing except that a notice calling a meeting of the Council or Management Committee need not be in writing.

(215.2) Any notice or other document may be served on or delivered to any Member Association by the Federation either personally, or by sending it by post addressed to the member at its registered address or by facsimile transmission or other instantaneous means of transmission by sending the notice or document to a number or address, including electronic address provided by the Member Association for this purpose, or by leaving it at its registered address addressed to the member, or by any other means authorised in writing by the Member Association concerned.

(215.3) Any notice or other document, which is sent by post, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered 7 days after posting and, in proving such service or delivery, it shall be sufficient to prove that the notice or document was properly addressed, stamped and put in the post. Any notice or other document left at a registered address otherwise than by post, or sent by facsimile transmission or other instantaneous means of transmission, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered when it was left or sent.

(215.4) A Member Association present, either in person or by proxy, at any meeting of the Federation shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.

(215.5) The application of any Federation Rules or Standing Order to any written notice or resolution required to be sent, or receiving postal votes, shall allow such a notice, resolution or postal vote to be carried out by means of the methods described at 215.2 and 215.3 above.

216. Indemnity

Subject to the provisions of the legal requirements of the nation represented by any Member Association, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a Member Association representative or delegate may otherwise be entitled, every other representative, delegate, committee member, officer or auditor of the Federation shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Federation against any liability incurred by him or her in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in his or her favour or in which he or she is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him or her by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Federation.

217-299. Not in Use

300. Rules of the WCF - Competitions

301. THE GAMES

(301.1) The Federation recognises the following versions of the game of croquet:

(301.1.1) Association Croquet

(301.1.2) Golf Croquet

(301.1.3) Short Croquet

(301.1.4) Two-ball Croquet

(301.1.5) U.S. Six-wicket Croquet

(301.1.6) U.S. Nine-wicket Croquet

(301.2) The Federation recognises that all relevant nations should be consulted on any proposed changes to the Laws of Croquet and that the following bodies should be responsible for proposing amendments to, or new editions of, Laws and Rules, and for issuing rulings on them. The final authority for the Laws and Rules used in each nation lies with its national association.

(301.2.1) For alterations to the Laws of Association Croquet, Short Croquet and Two-ball Croquet: The International Laws Committee.

(301.2.2) For alterations to the Rules of Golf Croquet: The WCF Golf Croquet Rules Committee.

(301.2.3) For alterations to the Rules of American Six-Wicket and Nine-Wicket Croquet: The United States Croquet Association

302. OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Federation shall publish from time to time a schedule of events that it has sanctioned or licensed and such schedule shall be considered to be annexed hereto.

303. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYER TO REPRESENT A COUNTRY

(303.1) A player is qualified to represent a country in a croquet event if:

(303.1.1) he was born in the country; or

(303.1.2) either of his natural or adoptive parents was born in the country; or

(303.1.3) he is a citizen of the country, is entitled to hold a passport issued by the country and has lived there for thirty-six consecutive months at some time; or

(303.1.4) he has been a permanent resident of the country for a period of twenty-four months immediately prior to the event.

(303.2) In (303.1.3) and (303.1.4) above:

(303.2.1) residence solely for the purpose of education at a school, technical college or university shall not be included; and

(303.2.2) absences not exceeding 90 consecutive days relating to holidays or travelling on business shall not be relevant.

(303.3) A player who has represented a country in a 26-point International Association croquet event controlled by the WCF or by the participating Governing Bodies may not represent another country for which he is qualified unless a period of 36 consecutive months has elapsed since his last appearance for his former country.

304. DEFINITION OF A NATIONAL

A player shall be deemed to be a national of a country for the purposes of these Rules if he is qualified to represent that country pursuant to Rule 303.

305. RECIPROCITY OF MEMBERSHIP

(305.1) A player who is affiliated to a member Association should be granted reciprocal rights when visiting another member Association.

(305.2) Visiting players who are currently affiliated and in good standing with their home Association should obtain a letter or similar form of introduction from their home Association to present to the visited Association. The letter, etc should be sent or presented initially to the Head Office of the visited association and a copy carried to present to each club etc that is visited.

(305.3) Member Associations should provide details to fellow member Associations if any visiting player fails to observe the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. Such players could be denied letters of introduction, etc on future occasions.

306. AGE LIMITS

(306.1) A player may compete in a tournament, match or competition subject to a maximum age limit if his age does not exceed the limit on the preceding 31 December.

(306.2) A player may compete in a tournament, match or competition subject to a minimum age limit if he has attained the minimum age on the preceding 31 December.

(306.3) Players who have attained the age of 60 are described as Veterans.

(306.4) Players who have not attained the age of 18 are described as Juniors.

307. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

(307.1) Before accepting an application to license an event which is to be designated as a world event, the Federation must agree with the Association within whose jurisdiction the event is to be held the Laws or Rules of croquet that are to be observed thereat.

(307.2) The Tournament Regulations to be observed at any event held under the auspices of the Federation shall be those of the Association in whose jurisdiction the event is held insofar as such regulations do not conflict with these Rules.

308 -899. Not in Use

900. Standing Orders Of The World Croquet Federation

901. The agenda for each General Meeting of the Council shall be prepared by the President and the Secretary-General.

902. The President shall take the Chair at General Meetings of the Council, but he may in his discretion appoint a delegate to assist him to conduct the proceedings or request the meeting to appoint a Chairman in his place. Upon such a request, or in the event of the President being unable to attend, the first business at a General Meeting of the Council shall be to elect a Chairman, and in such case, the Secretary-General shall ask a delegate present to nominate a delegate to take the Chair and a Chairman shall then be elected, each delegate present having one vote for this purpose.

903. The Committee of Management shall assist the Chairman in taking charge of the proceedings and the Secretary-General shall act as Secretary of the Meeting with such assistance as the Committee of Management may think necessary.

904. The Chairman shall conduct the proceedings at the meeting and shall have power to interrupt the reading of any document or a speaker. Any delegate disobeying the ruling of the Chairman may be suspended by ordinary resolution of the meeting.

905. Every resolution and every amendment to a resolution shall be proposed by a delegate and seconded by a delegate before the same can be discussed by the meeting.

906. In the event of there being more than one amendment to any resolution, the last amendment shall be first voted upon and if carried shall become a substantive resolution. If an amendment is not carried, the amendment (if any) immediately preceding it shall be next voted upon, and if carried shall become a substantive resolution. In the event of no amendment being carried the original resolution shall be voted upon.

907. Except as herein otherwise provided, all questions shall be decided by a bare majority of the votes cast in respect of the same.

908. In all questions to be decided by a bare majority of votes of the delegates present, in the case of equality of votes, the motion shall be declared defeated

909. A vote may be taken by a show of hands, unless one delegate requests that there be a roll call.

910. If a roll call is taken, countries shall be called in alphabetical order.

911. A secret ballot shall be held if the Chairman so decides, or if one delegate so requests, or if required by the Rules or Standing Orders of the Federation.

912. When calculating the number of votes required to obtain a majority neither abstentions nor soiled ballot papers shall be taken into consideration.

913. Decisions taken at a General Meeting, other than amendments to the Rules of the Federation unless otherwise decided shall become operative forthwith.

914. The speech of the proposer of a motion shall not exceed five minutes and that of each subsequent speaker thereon three minutes, without the consent of the meeting. The consent shall be ascertained without debate and where such extension of time is allowed it shall not be for more than three minutes at a time.

915. No delegate shall address the meeting more than once on any motion or amendment, but if directed by the Chairman the delegate may reply to questions or give further information. The proposer an original motion may, however, speak for five minutes in reply. Except by leave of the Chair, the right of reply shall not extend to the proposer an amendment which, having been carried has become the substantive motion. After the reply, the question shall be put forthwith.

916. Any delegate may move without debate at the close of the speech of any other delegate that the question may be now put, and the motion, if seconded by a delegate of another Association, shall unless the Chairman rule otherwise be put forthwith.

917. Any delegate may move without debate at the close of the speech of any delegate that the meeting proceed to the next business, and if the motion is seconded by a delegate of another Association it shall be put forthwith. When a motion is carried that the meeting do proceed to the next business, the question under discussion shall be considered as dropped. During the same debate a second motion that the meeting proceed to the next business shall not be made within half an hour.

918. The quorum shall be at least one half of the affiliated Associations, but a vote may be taken even if at any time some of the delegates of those Associations have left the conference hall. [If such a quorum is not present within half an](#)

hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the next day at the same time and place or to such time and place as the President may determine and the quorum for that meeting shall be the number of Member Associations present.

919. A General Meeting may be adjourned (recessed) if a resolution to that effect is carried by a majority of two-thirds of the votes recorded in respect of the same.

920. The procedure for nomination and election of the Committee of Management shall be as follows:

(920.1) Nominations for the Committee shall be accepted only by those who expect to be able to attend with reasonable regularity.

(920.2) Once seconded the candidates will be elected by a bare majority.

921. All matters of procedure not prescribed by the Rules of the Federation or by these Standing Orders shall be decided by the Chairman of the meeting.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

922. The Secretary-General shall issue notices of meetings of the Committee thirty days before the respective dates for such meetings, except in the case of emergency when shorter notice can be given.

923. Resolutions brought before the Committee of Management shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have the casting vote. The quorum shall not be fewer than four members.

924. The President shall convene a meeting of the Committee whenever in his opinion the importance of the business makes it necessary, and he shall convene a meeting of the Committee on the demand of any two members of the Committee.

ROUTINE MATTERS

925. Matters of routine shall be dealt with by the Secretary-General who shall advise the President of the same.

926. The Secretary-General shall refer to the President all matters which in his opinion cannot properly be dealt with by him.

927. The President shall consult his colleagues by letter or by e-mail whenever he thinks it necessary.

AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

928. These Standing Orders may be altered at a General Meeting of the Council provided due notice of the resolution is given and carried at the meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the votes recorded in respect of the same.

929. These Standing Orders may be suspended without previous notice if a motion to that effect be carried at the meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the votes