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Until a new Board is in place the combined entities of the IPF and WPF will be known as the Unified World Pickleball Federation (UWPF).

The Unified Transition Board encourages Member Country Organisations to encourage exceptional individuals that want to make a difference for pickleball across the world to submit an application. We are looking for Board Directors and Committee volunteers. People that are effective at working in collaboration with colleagues across the world. People with skills that will help to build a strong Unified World Pickleball Federation that will be able to work with the IOC and other sporting bodies at local, continental and world level.

While the current WPF Bylaws do not explicitly require a nominee to be a citizen or resident of a Member Country, it is expected – consistent with good governance practices and international norms – that nominees have a demonstrable and substantive relationship with the Member Organisation or that the Member Organisation does not veto the nominee. This may include:

- Citizenship
- Legal residence
- Current or former leadership role within the Member Organisation
- Long-term involvement or service

This ensures fair representation and alignment with the principles of accountability and international diversity.

Board of Directors (BOD) Application & Eligibility Form

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete all sections of this form. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

SECTION 1: CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Province/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Time Zone: _____

SECTION 2: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

A person connected in any way with the manufacture, sale, endorsement, or consultation on pickleball equipment is not eligible for the Board.

☐ I confirm I meet this eligibility requirement.

Conflicts of interest must be declared. Members must act to remove themselves from conflicting situations.

☐ I declare I have no actual, perceived, or potential conflicts of interest.
(If any, please describe:

_____)

A person disqualified to be a company director in their principal country of residence is not eligible.

☐ I confirm I am not disqualified from being a company director and have no criminal convictions.

Eligible applicants must have at least 2 years in a senior management role or 1 year on a governing board.

☐ I confirm I meet this requirement.

Please provide supporting experience:

SECTION 3: PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Current Position in Local/National Organisation:

Is your country an IPF/WPF member in good standing? ☐ Yes ☐ No. Please describe your relationship to the Member country/Organisation (e.g., citizen, resident, board member, long-term volunteer). _____

Are you a member of any other Continental or International Federation? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If yes, Name of organisation: _____

Past or Current Board Experience:

Relevant Skills/Expertise:

Educational Background:

SECTION 4: PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Strengths and Weaknesses:

Why do you want to join this Board?

Preferred Board/Committee Tasks/Areas of Interest (check all that apply):

☐ Governance ☐ Marketing/PR ☐ Social Media ☐ Technology ☐ Coaching ☐ Rules ☐ Officiating ☐ Tournaments ☐ Finance ☐ Youth/Mentorship ☐ Adaptive Pickleball ☐ Grants/Scholarships ☐ Ambassadors ☐ Country Membership ☐ Operations ☐ Equipment Standards/Testing ☐ Finance ☐ Sponsorship

For how many hours per week/month can you commit?

Are you comfortable with fundraising? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe past fundraising experience:

What skill and expertise can you bring to the Board?

Would you like to join a committee, if you are not voted to the Board? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 5: DECLARATIONS & SIGNATURES

- ☐ I agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct and Governance Ethics Policy.
- ☐ I consent to my nomination being listed on the AGM agenda.
- ☐ I understand that Board members must participate in committees and attend regular meetings (maximum two absences).

Candidate Signature: _____

Date: _____

To ensure that candidates are not in violation of UWPF ethics and behavioural standards, the applicant's **Member Country Organisation** may exercise a veto **only if** the individual has a known record of misconduct or disruptive behaviour that could harm UWPF or the federation's integrity.

Important Notes:

- Nomination or seconding by a Member Country Organisation (MO) is not required.
- The Member Country Organisation may submit a veto in writing, no later than 14 days before the election deadline.
- All vetoes must be justified and are subject to review by the Governance and Ethics Committee.

Country of Residence: _____

Member Country Organisation (if known): _____

Are you in good standing with your MO? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Have you ever been sanctioned by your MO? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

SECTION 7: OPTIONAL DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

The Unified World Pickleball Federation values board diversity. This section is voluntary.

Gender Identity: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Languages Spoken: _____

Disability Status (if any): _____

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Completed Application Form
 - ☐ Nomination & Endorsement Completed
 - ☐ Resume/CV Attached
 - ☐ Conflict of Interest Declaration (if applicable)
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**Please return the completed form and attachments no later than 26th July 2025] to:
Secretary@worldpickleballfederation.org**