

Guidance Note Relating to Transition Period

Both the IPF and WPF Boards will continue to operate and work on the wind down of both organisations. As previously communicated, the unified organisation will begin under the name World Pickleball Federation (WPF), operating as the Unified World Pickleball Federation (“UWPF”). Until a new Board is elected—at which point decisions can be made on matters such as the permanent name and formalisation of the proposed Bylaws—we will continue to operate under the current WPF Bylaws..

Given the exceptional nature of the unification, some deviation from the usual timelines is warranted—and notably, the Bylaws allow for this and do not prohibit the same.

Guide regarding AGM and Director Nominations

Reference the WPF Bylaws ([April 2023 version](#))

- **Director Nominations (Clause 3.2.2 & 4.2.4–4.2.5)**
 - The **Closing Date** for submitting Director nominations must be:
 - **Notified by 31 December** of the year preceding the AGM.
 - Set to be **at least 12 weeks before** the scheduled AGM date.
 - Nominations must be:
 - Made in writing by a Member in Good Standing.
 - Seconded by another National Federation in Good Standing.
 - Sent directly to the Secretary by the published Closing Date.
- **AGM Notice (Clause 3.2.12)**
 - **At least seven (7) weeks’ notice** must be given to all eligible parties before the date of the AGM.

Legal & Governance Justification:

Precedent in Bylaws (WPF Clause 3.2.1.1) allows rescheduling the AGM in “exceptional circumstances”. The unification process is an exceptional circumstance.

1. **No Bylaw clause prohibits members from agreeing to a shortened nomination period**, especially with unanimous consent or no objections. Saturday’s SGM signalled that the AGM will be in August which allowed more than 7 weeks notice and we encouraged country members to complete nomination forms when they are sent out.
2. **We have been consistently signalling a late August AGM**, so members have had adequate, if informal notice—even if formal deadlines are only just issued.

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- **We are setting a 30-day nomination window** (rather than the standard 10–12 weeks)

- The unification process limited earlier notice.
 - Members will retain full voting rights at the AGM.
 - **We offer a short feedback window** (5 days) giving members an opportunity to ask questions, object or request adjustments.
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Director Representation Rule (Clause 4.1.2)

- The Board of Directors “**shall comprise no more than two (2) delegates from any one National Federation.**”
- While this does **not limit to one Director per country**, it **caps it at two**, allowing for some flexibility, particularly with Continental Directors.

While the current Bylaws permit up to two Directors from one country, all unification discussions have endorsed a model of one Director per country.