



## Congress 2021 - IRF Bylaws

### Proposals for changes, additions, or deletions from the existing text

#	Submitted by	Article or Annex	Existing text	Proposed text	Comment(s)	Exec Com and/or BOD stance
1	Secretary General	Preamble	The INTERNATIONAL RAFTING FEDERATION (IRF) is the only legitimate international body governing rafting sports, and actively oversees and monitors all aspects of rafting around the world.	The INTERNATIONAL RAFTING FEDERATION (IRF) is the <del>only</del> legitimate international body governing rafting sports, and actively oversees and monitors all aspects of rafting around the world.	Clarification	In favour
2	President	Preamble	The IRF works with the global rafting community—sport, recreational, commercial, ...	The IRF works with the global rafting community—sport <b>and</b> recreational, <del>commercial</del> , ...	Eliminating ‘commercial’ rafting prevents a misunderstanding of the IRF’s non-profit mission and objectives so we can change our registered US non-profit status from 501(c)6 to 501(c)3.	In favour
3	Secretary General	Preamble	<p>...and with environmental and conservation organizations—to advance all avenues and concerns of rafting.</p> <p>The IRF creates opportunities to ensure that fair play and sportsmanship is adhered to in raft racing; creates awareness and support for sustainable conservation strategies that preserve and protect wild rivers and ecosystems; and leads the way in the development and evolution of international rafting guidelines and standards to help keep people safe on the water.</p>	<p>...and <b>with</b> environmental and <del>conservation</del> <b>sustainability focused</b> organizations—to advance all avenues and concerns of rafting.</p> <p>The IRF creates opportunities to ensure that fair play and sportsmanship is adhered to in raft racing; creates awareness and support for sustainable <del>conservation</del> strategies that preserve and protect wild rivers and ecosystems <b>and environment generally</b>; and leads the way in the development and evolution of international rafting guidelines and standards to help keep people safe on the water.</p>	References to “conservation” have been replaced with “sustainability” throughout the Bylaws because sustainability includes conservation. This change clarifies that the IRF supports not only conservation, but sustainability objectives in general.	In favour
4	Secretary General	Article	1.2 The IRF was founded with the intent to foster and increase amateur sport competition locally, nationally, regionally, and internationally; to create	The IRF was founded with the intent to foster and increase amateur sport competition locally, nationally, regionally, and internationally; to create and maintain	Refer to comment in proposal 3 (sustainability)	In favour

				and maintain rafting guidelines and standards; and to promote river conservation.	rafting guidelines and standards; and to promote river conservation <b>sustainability</b> .		
5	Secretary General	Article	1.3	The IRF is recognized as an international non-profit, non-governmental world organisation (INGO) for rafting activities of unlimited duration.	The IRF is recognized as an international non-profit, non-governmental world organisation (INGO) for rafting activities of unlimited duration. <b>This includes but is not limited to the education and certification of international safe rafting guidelines, fostering national and international amateur sports competition, and delivering sustainable development goals through rafting projects.</b>	This sentence added so that the IRF can change our registered US non-profit designation from 501(c)6 to 501(c)3. This will allow us to accept a number of valuable non-profit benefits and sponsorships	In favour
6	Secretary General	Article	1.5	<b>NEW</b>	<b>The IRF does not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates or parties in any nation.</b>	Same as above.	In favour
7	Secretary General	Article	2.1	The IRF, the trustee of the rafting tradition, maintains and promotes the conditions that encourage the practice and development of rafting at all competitive and recreational levels. The IRF aims to facilitate the growing demands of the rafting fraternity through a unified body that deals exclusively with rafting issues and factors that influence the development of rafting. This includes amateur and professional sport and competition, education, safety, and conservation.	The IRF, the trustee of the rafting tradition, maintains and promotes the conditions that encourage the practice and development of rafting at all competitive and recreational levels. The IRF aims to facilitate the growing demands of the rafting fraternity through a unified body that deals exclusively with rafting issues and factors that influence the development of rafting. This includes amateur and professional sport and competition, education, safety, and <b>conservation sustainability</b> .	Refer to comment in proposal 3 (sustainability)	In favour
8	Secretary General	Article	2.2	The IRF purpose in sport is to promote Olympic values in order to place sport at the service of humanity for a better world. IRF competitions closely follow the Olympic model and International Olympic Committee (IOC) recommendations, while remaining true to the traditions and history of our sport. The IRF shall observe the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and the IOC Manuals on sport and the environment.	The IRF purpose in sport is to promote Olympic <b>and Paralympic</b> values in order to place sport at the service of humanity for a better world. IRF competitions closely follow the Olympic <b>and Paralympic</b> models and International Olympic Committee (IOC) <b>and International Paralympic Committee (IPC)</b> recommendations, while remaining true to the traditions and history of our sport. The IRF shall observe the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic <b>and Paralympic</b> Charters and the IOC <b>and IPC</b> Manuals on sport and the environment.	'Paralympic' and 'IPC' have been inserted to better reflect the IRF's embrace of the Paralympic movement.	In favour
9	Secretary General	Article	3.2	Support for the fair representation and equal access of both men and women to all rafting activities.	Support for the fair representation and equal access of <b>all persons</b> <del>both men and women</del> to all rafting activities.	Revised to reflect better gender referencing.	In favour
10	President	Article	4.1	The IRF shall allow its Member Organisations complete internal autonomy and will have no part in purely national or territorial questions, unless the actions of a Member adversely affects the Status and Standing of the IRF or another IRF Member. The IRF shall, however, monitor all activities of its Member,	The IRF shall allow its Member Organisations complete internal autonomy and will have no part in purely national or territorial questions, unless the actions of a Member <b>Organisation</b> adversely affect the Status and Standing of the IRF or another IRF Member <b>Organisation</b> . The IRF shall, however, monitor all activities of its Member	'Organisation' is inserted to ensure there is no confusion with another type of Member.	In favour

				which may affect the IRF either in part or in its entirety.	<b>Organisations</b> , which may affect the IRF either in part or in its entirety.		
11	President	Article	4.2	A Member may call on the IRF for advice on internal matters, and the IRF may act as adjudicator when requested by the Member concerned.	A Member <b>Organisation</b> may call on the IRF for advice on internal matters, and the IRF may act as adjudicator when requested by the Member <b>Organisation</b> concerned.	'Organisation' is inserted to ensure there is no confusion with another type of Member.	In favour
12	President	Article	4.3	Where a Member does not uphold the Objectives of the IRF, or does not conform with the conditions and duties of IRF Membership, or when a significant number of the members of an IRF Member Organisation so demand, then the IRF may convene an enquiry into the conduct of the Member.	Where a Member <b>Organisation</b> does not uphold the Objectives of the IRF, or does not conform with the conditions and duties of IRF Membership, or when a significant number of the members of an IRF Member Organisation so demand, then the IRF may convene an enquiry into the conduct of the Member <b>Organisation</b> .	'Organisation' is inserted to ensure there is no confusion with another type of Member.	In favour
13	Secretary General	Article	5.7	Promote rafting as an Olympic and Paralympic sport. The IRF shall observe the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter, the IOC manual on sport and the environment and no provision of these Bylaws shall be deemed to conflict with or derogate from those principles.	Promote rafting as an Olympic and Paralympic sport. The IRF shall observe the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic <b>and Paralympic</b> Charters, the IOC <b>and IPC</b> manuals on sport and the environment and no provision of these Bylaws shall be deemed to conflict with or derogate from those principles.	'Paralympic' and 'IPC' have been inserted to better reflect the IRF's embrace of the Paralympic movement.	In favour
14	Secretary General	Article	5.8	Train and qualify international judges for all IRF sanctioned competitions.	Train and qualify international judges <b>and officials</b> for all IRF sanctioned competitions.	The IRF also trains and qualifies persons other than judges.	In favour
15	President	Article	5.11	Work with rafting tour operators and their associations to help safeguard the rafting industry.	Work with rafting <del>tour</del> operators and their associations to help safeguard <del>the rafting industry</del> <b>activities</b> .	Eliminate mention of 'tour' or 'industry' 'to prevents a misunderstanding of the IRF's non-profit mission and objectives.	In favour
16	Secretary General	Article	5.14	<b>NEW</b>	<b>Align, promote, and educate on sustainable development throughout rafting communities.</b>	Codifies IRF sustainability objectives with rafting communities	In favour
17	Secretary General	Article	5.15	<b>NEW</b>	<b>Inform, educate, and promote sustainable rafting operators and rafting events across the globe.</b>	Codifies IRF sustainability objectives with rafting operators and events	In favour
18	Secretary General	Article	6.1	IRF Member Organizations are organizations who are representative national bodies recognized by the IRF, that oversee rafting activities in their respective countries. These activities include (but are not	IRF Member Organizations are organizations who are representative national bodies recognized by the IRF, that oversee rafting activities in their respective countries. These activities include (but are not limited to) raft racing,	Refer to comment in proposal 3 (sustainability)	In favour

				limited to) raft racing, raft guide training and education, rafting safety, river conservation, and other areas of interest that are mentioned in the IRF Objectives.	raft guide training and education, rafting safety, river <del>conservation</del> <b>sustainability</b> , and other areas of interest that are mentioned in the IRF Objectives.		
19	Secretary General	Article	9.3	At the Congress and other official meetings of the IRF, Delegates are entitled to speak in the language of their country, provided that their speech is translated into English by a competent interpreter. Interpreters shall be arranged, and costs covered by, the Member Organization or Delegate themselves.	At the Congress and other official meetings of the IRF, Delegates are entitled to speak in <del>the language of their country</del> <b>a language other than English</b> , provided that their speech is translated into English by a competent interpreter. Interpreters shall be arranged, and costs covered by, the Member Organization or Delegate themselves.	Clarification	In favour
20	Secretary General	Article	11.1	The IRF emblem was agreed on at the first founding Congress, held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 8th September 1997. The IRF emblem, as seen on the title page of this document, was redesigned in 2016, and subsequently accepted as the official IRF logo by the IRF Congress in October 2017.	The IRF emblem <b>logo</b> was agreed on at the first founding Congress, held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 8th September 1997. The IRF emblem <b>logo</b> , as seen on the title page of this document, was redesigned in 2016, and subsequently accepted as the official IRF <b>emblem</b> logo by the IRF Congress in October 2017.	Clarification. The IRF official mark consists of font inside a symbol. This is defined as an 'emblem logo' rather than a logo or an emblem.	In favour
21	Secretary General	Article	11.2	The IRF may design and/or approve the use of additional types of IRF emblems for development, marketing and merchandising purposes.	The IRF may design and/or approve the use of additional types of IRF emblems <b>or logos</b> for development, marketing and merchandising purposes.	Clarification as stated above.	In favour
22	Secretary General	Article	11.3	The IRF flag consists of the IRF emblem in the middle of a plain, neutral-colored background. The proportion of the emblem to the background will be 50%.	The IRF flag consists of the IRF emblem <b>logo</b> in the middle of a plain, neutral-colored background. The proportion of the emblem to the background will be 50%.	Clarification as stated above.	In favour
23	Secretary General	Article	11.4	The IRF has the full authority and retains the complete rights for the use of its flag and emblem(s) and to ensure that they appear at every IRF activity.	The IRF has the full authority and retains the complete rights for the use of its flag, <b>logo(s)</b> and emblem(s) and to ensure that they appear at every IRF activity.	Clarification as stated above.	In favour
24	Secretary General	Article	12.6	Rafting is a low environmental impact activity that creates opportunities for its participants to gain appreciation for the natural environment, and awareness of the value of conservation practices.	Rafting is a low environmental impact activity that creates opportunities for its participants to gain appreciation for the natural environment, and awareness of the value of <del>conservation</del> <b>sustainability</b> practices.	Refer to comment in proposal 3 (sustainability)	In favour
25	Secretary General	Article	Part II	MEMBERS	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Change of title for accuracy	In favour
26	President	Article	13	CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP	CONDITIONS OF <b>FULL AND PROVISIONAL</b> MEMBERSHIP	Change of title for accuracy	In favour
27	Secretary General	Article	13.1	The constitution, statutes, Bylaws, regulations, policies, or edicts of an IRF Member Organization shall NOT contradict or conflict with these Bylaw Articles and Annexes.	The constitution, statutes, Bylaws, regulations, policies, or edicts of an IRF Member Organization shall NOT contradict or conflict with these Bylaw Articles and Annexes. <b>In the case that such contradictions or conflicts exist, the IRF's Bylaw Articles and Annexes shall prevail.</b>	Clarification	In favour

28	Secretary General	Article	13.5	IRF Member Organizations are expected to keep the IRF advised and informed on internal matters concerning their members, and all rafting activities within their national borders. This includes rafting events, guide training, conservation, recreation, and any other aspects of rafting.	IRF Member Organisations are expected to keep the IRF advised and informed on internal matters concerning their members, and all rafting activities within their national borders. This includes rafting events, guide training, <del>conservation</del> <b>sustainability</b> , recreation, and any other aspects of rafting.	Refer to comment in proposal 3 (sustainability)	In favour
29	Secretary General	Article	14	The types of IRF membership available to Member Organizations are Full and Provisional.	The types of IRF membership available to Member Organizations are <del>Full and Provisional</del> , <b>Full, Provisional and Associate</b> .  <b>Individual Membership is available to natural persons. Natural persons are defined as living and breathing individual human beings and not organisations.</b>	Includes a reference to Associate and Individual Membership.	In favour
30	Secretary General	Article	14.2. c	Provisional IRF Members have the right to attend the IRF Congress, but do not have the right to speak during the IRF Congress or to vote on IRF issues.	Provisional <del>IRF</del> Members have the right to attend the IRF Congress, but <b>unless invited</b> , do not have the right to speak during the IRF Congress or to vote on IRF issues.	Clarification	In favour
31	President	Article	14.3	<b>NEW</b>	<b>Associate Members</b>  <b>a. Associate Membership may be awarded to an organisation that participates in, or wants to show support for, any of the various interests, programs, or objectives of the IRF; but do NOT meet the requirements and conditions necessary to become an IRF Member Organisation as described in ARTICLE 6 and ARTICLE 13.</b>  <b>b. Associate Member organisations should be congruous with one of the following categories:</b> <b>i. Event Hosting and Funding</b> <b>ii. Education and Training</b> <b>iii. Equipment and Facilities</b> <b>iv. Sustainability and/or Environmental Protection</b> <b>v. Communications</b> <b>vi. Any other category approved by the IRF Executive Committee</b>  <b>c. Associate Membership will NOT be awarded to organisations who are representative bodies, clubs, or leagues that oversee rafting competitions. Such organisations are encouraged to affiliate with the existing national IRF 'Full' or 'Provisional' Member Organisation. If no such organisation exists, the Associate Member may request to be awarded</b>	Associate Membership is moved from ANNEXES TO ARTICLE 14 to Bylaw Article 14.3.	In favour

				<p>temporary and limited authority to oversee rafting competitions under Article 14.3.i.</p> <p>d. Associate Membership shall be awarded on a set date, by a majority vote of the IRF Board of Directors or the IRF Congress, after acceptance and recommendation from the IRF Executive Committee.</p> <p>e. Associate Members shall have the right:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To advise, without voting rights, IRF committees that are specifically relevant to its category;</li> <li>ii. To propose items for inclusion in the provisional agenda of the IRF Congress;</li> <li>iii. To receive equally with Full and Provisional Members all notices, documents, reports and records that are specifically relevant to its category;</li> <li>iv. To use the IRF 'Associate Member' logo in its organizational documents, and in print and electronic media.</li> <li>v. To be listed in the IRF electronic directory as an Associate Member complete with organisation name and contact information.</li> </ul> <p>f. Associate Membership shall commence on the date of the award, and remain in effect for the remainder of the calendar year.</p> <p>g. Associate Membership shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis if the Associate Member has fulfilled its membership obligations. However, the IRF Executive Committee shall retain the right to revoke an Associate Membership, with or without cause, after giving notice to the Associate Member.</p> <p>h. An Associate Member may resign its membership, with or without cause, after giving notice of its resignation to the IRF Executive Committee.</p> <p>i. The IRF Executive Committee may award an Associate Member with additional specific rights and privileges other than those stipulated in this Article, and it may require additional obligations from an Associate Member, including membership fees.</p>		
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32	Secretary General	Article	15.1	<b>NEW</b>	<b>Applications for Full and Provisional Membership</b>	Added as 15. 1 so that “Applications for Associate Members” can be included at 15.2.	In favour
33	Secretary General	Article	15.1. a	An application for membership in the IRF may be made by any national rafting organisation that represents the interests of rafting in their respective country.	An application for <b>Full or Provisional Membership membership</b> in the IRF may be made by any national rafting organisation that represents the interests of rafting in their respective country.	Clarification of type of membership	In favour
34	Secretary General	Article	15.1. b	Applications for membership are reviewed, then accepted or rejected by the IRF Board of Directors. If the application is rejected, membership fees paid at the time the application was submitted will be refunded. If the application is accepted, the applicant shall become a Provisional IRF Member.	Applications for <b>Full or Provisional Membership membership</b> are reviewed, then accepted or rejected by the IRF Board of Directors. If the application is rejected, membership fees paid at the time the application was submitted will be refunded. If the application is accepted, the applicant shall become a Provisional <del>IRF</del> Member.	Clarification of type of membership	In favour
35	Secretary General	Article	15.1. d	Unless otherwise agreed, the application for membership and all accompanying documents must be written in English and submitted in digital form (.pdf, .doc, .rtf, .txt, or similar document text format) to the IRF Secretary General.	Unless otherwise agreed, the application for <b>Full or Provisional Membership membership</b> and all accompanying documents must be written in English and submitted in digital form (.pdf, .doc, .rtf, .txt, <del>or similar document text format</del> ) to the IRF Secretary General.	Clarification of type of membership  Redundant	In favour
36	Secretary General	Article	15.1. e	Applications for membership must contain the following elements:	Applications for <b>Full or Provisional Membership membership</b> must contain the following elements:	Clarification of type of membership	In favour
37	Secretary General	Article	15.1. e.ii	A copy of the text of the current constitution/governing documents and all regulations which govern the applicant rafting organisation. When such documents are written in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by an accurate English translation. The IRF will accept new drafts of these documents that have been revised to be compliant with IRF Bylaws, provided that the revisions will be ratified at the applicant’s next Congress. (A failure of ratification of a compliant constitution or regulations will result in automatic membership termination.)	A copy of the text of the current constitution/governing documents and all regulations which govern the applicant rafting organisation. When such documents are written in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by an accurate English translation. The IRF will accept new drafts of these documents that have been revised to be compliant with IRF Bylaws, provided that the revisions will be ratified at the applicant’s next Congress. (A failure of ratification of a compliant constitution or regulations <b>will could</b> result in <del>automatic</del> <b>membership application</b> termination.)	Allows more opportunity for an applicant to correct document faults if not ratified with first attempt.	In favour
38	Secretary General	Article	15.1. e.x	● A summary of what their organization has done to date under the headings of: Sport, Conservation, Guide Training, and Recreational Rafting.	● A summary of what their organization has done to date under the headings of: Sport, <del>Conservation</del> <b>Sustainability</b> , Guide Training, and Recreational Rafting.	Refer to comment in proposal 3 (sustainability)	In favour
39	Secretary General	Article	15.1. e.x	● A basic strategic plan for the next two (2) to ten (10) years under the headings of: Sport, Conservation, Guide Training, and Recreational Rafting.	● A basic strategic plan for the next two (2) to ten (10) years under the headings of: Sport, <del>Conservation</del> <b>Sustainability</b> , Guide Training, and Recreational Rafting.	Refer to comment in proposal 3 (sustainability)	In favour

40	Secretary General	Article	15.2	<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Applications for Associate Membership</b></p> <p>a. An application for Associate Membership of the IRF may be made by any organisation that complies with Article 14.3.</p> <p>b. Unless otherwise agreed, the application for Associate Membership and all accompanying documents must be written in English and submitted in digital form) to the IRF Secretary General. Applications for membership must contain the following elements:</p> <p>i. A formal statement that the applicant organisation shall accept, comply with, and apply the IRF's Bylaws.</p> <p>ii. The composition of the management committee, directors, or equivalent body.</p> <p>iii. Official contact details that will be used for correspondence with the IRF.</p> <p>iv. The identity of the person or persons empowered to represent the organisation, sign correspondence and contracts, and enter into agreements with the IRF.</p> <p>v. The URL address of any websites, social media profile(s) or other publicly accessible internet media of the applicant organisation.</p> <p>vi. Which category or categories they fall under in Article 14.3.b.</p> <p>vii. A summary of their reason to become an Associate Member.</p>	<p>Codification of details of Associate Membership applications.</p> <p>This Article is linked to Article 14.3. Therefore, if Article 14.3 is accepted this Article will automatically be accepted.</p>	In favour
41	Secretary General	Article	16.1	Membership fees are defined and proposed by the IRF Executive Committee and ratified by the IRF Congress.	<b>Full, Provisional and Associate</b> Membership fees are defined and proposed by the IRF Executive Committee and ratified by the IRF Congress.	Clarification	In favour
42	Secretary General	Article	16.2	Membership fees are due when a member receives an official invoice from the IRF. The fees must be paid to the IRF in the method directed, and by the specific due date shown on the invoice.	<b>Full, Provisional and Associate</b> Membership fees are due when a member receives an official invoice from the IRF. The fees must be paid to the IRF in the method directed, and by the specific due date shown on the invoice.	Clarification	In favour
43	Secretary General	Article	16.3	Only paid members in good standing are allowed to vote at the IRF Congress. or to take part in IRF sanctioned events.	Only <b>fully</b> paid-up <b>Full Members</b> <del>members</del> in good standing are allowed to vote at the IRF Congress. <b>Only fully paid-up members in good standing may</b> <del>or to</del> take part in IRF sanctioned events.	Clarification	In favour
44	Secretary General	Article	16.4	<b>NEW</b>	<b>Individual Membership fees shall be defined and proposed by the IRF Executive Committee and ratified by the IRF BOD.</b>	Codification of Individual Membership management responsibilities	In favour



45	Secretary General	Article	17	DUTIES OF MEMBERS WITHIN THEIR NATIONS	DUTIES OF <b>FULL AND PROVISIONAL</b> MEMBERS WITHIN THEIR NATIONS	Clarification	In favour
46	Secretary General	Article	17.1. f	Promoting and encouraging the conservations and responsible stewardship of rivers and river ecosystems within their nation.	Promoting and encouraging <del>the conservation</del> <b>sustainability</b> and responsible stewardship of rivers and river ecosystems within their nation.		In favour
47	Secretary General	Article	17.4	Carry out any extraordinary tasks which have been allocated to them by the IRF administration, in addition to the ordinary tasks and responsibilities relegated to all members.	Carry out any extraordinary tasks which have been allocated to them by the IRF administration, in addition to the ordinary tasks and responsibilities <del>relegated</del> <b>delegated</b> to all <del>members</del> <b>Full and Provisional Members</b> .	Correction and clarification	In favour
48	Secretary General	Article	18.1	An IRF Member Organization wishing to resign its membership from the IRF shall give notice of resignation by registered mail or reconfirmed receipt email or fax to the Secretary General. The membership shall end, if accepted formally by the IRF Board of Directors, after the next IRF Congress.	An IRF Member Organization wishing to resign its membership from the IRF shall give notice of resignation by registered mail or <del>reconfirmed</del> <b>receipt</b> email <del>or fax</del> to the Secretary General. The membership shall end, if accepted formally by the IRF Board of Directors, after the next IRF Congress.	Correction and update	In favour
49	Secretary General	Article	20.3. a	Ratifying or rejecting all alterations of the Bylaws.	Ratifying or rejecting all/ <b>any</b> alterations of the Bylaws.	Correction	In favour
50	Secretary General	Article	20.3. c	Ratifying or rejecting Full, Provisional and Associate membership fees proposed by the IRF Board of Directors.	Ratifying or rejecting <b>Full, Provisional and Associate Membership</b> <del>membership</del> fees proposed by the IRF Board of Directors.	Clarification	In favour
51	Secretary General	Article	22.1	If for any reason an IRF Full Member is unable to have a Voting Delegate attend the IRF Congress, they may at their option appoint a Proxy Delegate who shall stand as their Voting Delegate.	If for any reason an IRF Full Member is unable to have a Voting Delegate attend the IRF Congress, they may at their <del>option</del> <b>discretion</b> <del>appoint</del> <b>authorise</b> a Proxy Delegate who shall stand as their Voting Delegate.	Correction	In favour
52	Secretary General	Article		Proxy Delegates shall be considered as a Voting Delegate and shall have the voting and speaking rights and privileges of the IRF Full Member which he/she represents.	Proxy Delegates shall be considered as a Voting Delegate and shall have the voting and speaking rights and privileges of the IRF Full Member which <del>he/she represents</del> <b>they represent</b> .	Gender alignment.	In favour
53	Secretary General	Article	22.3	Proxy Delegates may only be an IRF Executive Officer, or an IRF Committee Head or, the Voting Delegate of another IRF Full Member.	Proxy Delegates <del>may can</del> only be an IRF Executive Officer, or an IRF Committee Head or, <del>the Voting</del> <b>a Registered</b> Delegate of another IRF Full Member.	Clarifies that all Registered Delegates can serve as a Proxy Delegate	In favour
54	Secretary General	Article	23.3	All elections to positions on the IRF Board of Directors will be held every four (4) years during the Ordinary IRF Congress, in the year following the Summer Olympic Games.	All elections to positions on the IRF Board of Directors will be held every four (4) years during the Ordinary IRF Congress, <b>which is usually in</b> the year following the Summer Olympic Games.	Clarification	In favour
55	Secretary General	Article	26.1. c	Reports on Membership applications, resignations, suspensions or expulsions.	Reports on <b>Full, Provisional and Associate</b> Membership applications, resignations, suspensions or expulsions.	Clarification	In favour

56	Secretary General	Article	27.3	<b>NEW</b>	All proposals to Congress must be submitted to the IRF Secretary General in accordance with timelines as set out in these Bylaws.	Codification of when proposals must be submitted.	In favour
57	Secretary General	Article	29.1	The IRF Congress has the power to act if at least one-half of the IRF Full Members entitled to vote are represented by a Voting Delegate in person or by proxy.	The IRF Congress has the power to act if at least one-half of the IRF Full Members entitled to vote are represented by <b>their</b> a Voting Delegate <b>virtually or</b> in person or by <b>their duly authorised</b> proxy.	Clarification	In favour
58	Secretary General	Article	30.1. a	Only Voting Delegates shall have the right to vote. Voting Delegates are entitled to cast one (1) vote on each proposal presented.	Only Voting Delegates, <b>including Proxy Delegates pursuant to Article 22</b> , shall have the right to vote. Voting Delegates are entitled to cast one (1) vote on each proposal presented.	Clarification	In favour
59	Secretary General	Article	31.2	During a session of the IRF Ordinary Congress where an election of IRF Directors takes place, the name and details of all nominees must be:	<del>During</del> <b>Prior to</b> a session of the IRF Ordinary Congress where an election of IRF Directors takes place, the name and details of all nominees must be:	Correction	In favour
60	Secretary General	Article	33	CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY	CONFLICT OF INTEREST <del>POLICY</del>	Correction	In favour
61	President	Article	33.4	<b>NEW</b>	<b>All members of the Board of Directors and administrative staff acknowledge that during their relationship with the IRF they will become familiar with Confidential Information. Therefore, they agree that this Confidential Information shall not be divulged to unauthorised persons under any circumstances, and during their term of affiliation with the IRF, and for a period of twelve (12) months following their removal, resignation or replacement, Directors and administrative staff shall not, directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever engage in any capacity with any competitive entity for their own benefit or for the benefit of any person or entity other than the IRF.</b>	Codification of an agreement for confidentiality.	In favour
62	Secretary General	Article	36.1	The term of office for IRF Directors shall be for four (4) years, and expire at the end of the Ordinary IRF Congress held during the year following the Summer Olympic Games.	The term of office for IRF Directors shall be for four (4) years, <del>and expire</del> <b>expiring</b> at the end of <del>the an</del> Ordinary IRF Congress <del>held during the year following the Summer Olympic Games.</del> <b>IRF Directors shall be eligible to stand for re-election if nominated.</b>	Update and clarification	In favour
63	Secretary General	Article	36.2	At the end of the IRF Congress, the IRF Directors shall resign and the newly elected IRF Directors will assume their positions on the Board.	At the end of the IRF Congress, the <b>incumbent</b> IRF Directors <b>up for election</b> shall resign and the newly elected IRF Directors will assume their positions on the Board. <b>In the case of no person being elected to a position(s), the Congress in its sole discretion, may ask that the incumbent person(s) continue in their position until such time as a substitute can be elected by a</b>	Updated to ensure continuity of the BOD.	In favour

					<b>quorum of the IRF Board of Directors to fill the position until the next IRF Congress election.</b>		
64	Secretary General	Article	37.1	● Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer	● Treasurer <del>and Chief Financial Officer</del>	Allows for the possibility of employing rather than electing a CFO	In favour
65	Secretary General	Article	37.2	● Chair of Conservation Committee	● Chair of <del>Conservation</del> <b>Sustainability</b> Committee	Update of nomenclature	In favour
66	President	Article	37.2	● Chair of Media and Marketing Committee	● Chair of <del>Media and Marketing</del> <b>Communications</b> Committee	Update of nomenclature	In favour
67	Secretary General	Article	37.2		<b>Honorary Officers:</b> ● <b>Honorary President</b> ● <b>Honorary Member</b>	Moved from ANNEXES TO ARTICLE 37 to Article 37.3	In favour
68	Secretary General	Article	38.1 0	The IRF Board of Directors is responsible for proposing membership fees to Congress when recommended by the IRF Executive Committee.	The IRF Board of Directors is responsible for proposing <del>membership</del> <b>Full, Provisional and Associate Membership</b> fees to Congress when recommended by the IRF Executive Committee.	Clarification	In favour
69	Secretary General	Article	39.2. a	The President has decided that the circumstances that prevailed at the time the decision was taken by the IRF Congress have changed to a material extent AND	The President has <del>decided</del> <b>warranted</b> that the circumstances that prevailed at the time the decision was taken by the IRF Congress have changed to a material extent AND	Correction	In favour
70	Secretary General	Article	40.4. c	If the Treasurer is temporarily incapable of discharging his/her duties during their term, the Secretary General shall fill the position until which time the Treasurer is capable or until the next Ordinary IRF Congress election.	If the Treasurer is temporarily incapable of discharging his/her duties during their term, the Secretary General shall fill the position until which time the Treasurer is capable or until the next Ordinary IRF Congress election, <b>whichever is sooner.</b>	Clarification	In favour
71	Secretary General	Article	40.5. c	To represent the IRF in cases as determined by the IRF Executive Committee or the President.	To represent the IRF in <b>some</b> cases as determined <b>appropriate</b> by the IRF Executive Committee or the President.	Clarification	In favour
72	Secretary General	Article	40.5. k	If the Secretary General is temporarily incapable of discharging his/her duties during their term, a replacement shall be chosen from among the IRF Board of Directors to fill the position until which time the Secretary General is capable or until the next Ordinary IRF Congress election.	If the Secretary General is temporarily incapable of discharging his/her duties during their term, a replacement shall be chosen from among the IRF Board of Directors to fill the position until which time the Secretary General is capable or until the next Ordinary IRF Congress election, <b>whichever is sooner.</b>	Clarification	In favour
73	Secretary General	Article	41.6	If an elected or appointed Committee Chair is temporality incapable of discharging his/her duties during their term, a replacement shall be appointed by the IRF Executive Committee to fill the position until which time the Committee Chair is capable, or until the next Ordinary IRF Congress election.	If an elected or appointed Committee Chair is temporality incapable of discharging his/her duties during their term, a replacement shall be appointed by the IRF Executive Committee to fill the position until which time the Committee Chair is capable, or until the next Ordinary IRF Congress election, <b>whichever is sooner.</b>	Clarification	In favour

74	Secretary General	Article	42.7	To examine proposals received for submission to the IRF Congress and to express the IRF Executive Committee's view on these to the IRF Board of Directors.	To examine proposals received for submission to the IRF Congress and to express the IRF Executive Committee's view on these to the IRF Board of Directors <b>for consideration.</b>	clarification	In favour
75	Secretary General	Article	42.9	To keep Member National Federations informed as to the position of the IRF and its activities	To keep Member <del>National Federations</del> <b>Organisations</b> informed as to the position of the IRF and its activities.	Correction	In favour
76	Secretary General	PART VI	1	All IRF Administrative Committees are consultative organs of the IRF Board of Directors and of the IRF Executive Committee and are responsible for carrying out their policies.	All IRF Administrative Committees are consultative organs of the IRF Board of Directors and of the IRF Executive Committee and are responsible for carrying out their <b>respective</b> policies.	Clarification	In favour
77	Secretary General	PART VI	13	The IRF Executive Committee has the power to suspend those Members of IRF Administrative Committees who have been absent for two consecutive meetings without a written justification.	The IRF Executive Committee has the power to suspend those Members of IRF Administrative Committees who have been absent for two consecutive meetings without <b>an acceptable</b> written justification	Clarification	In favour
78	Secretary General	Article	46.2	The Chair of the Judges' Committee shall be a duly elected member of the Board of Directors who is an active certified Judge Assessor.	The Chair of the Judges' Committee shall be a duly elected member of the Board of Directors who is an active certified Judge Assessor <b>in accordance with the presiding IRF Race Rules.</b>	Clarification	In favour
79	Secretary General	Article	48.1	The Guide Training and Education Committee is responsible for advancing ARTICLE 5, Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Bylaws. This includes developing and promoting programs and systems that may be used as a common standard for rafting guides, river safety personnel, and rafting tour operators.	The Guide Training and Education Committee is responsible for advancing ARTICLE 5, Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Bylaws. This includes developing and promoting programs and systems that may be used as a common standard for rafting guides, river safety personnel, and rafting <b>tour</b> operators.	Clarification	In favour
80	Secretary General	Article	49.1	The International Relations Committee is charged with advancing ARTICLE 5, Section 2 of the Bylaws, and shall serve as consultants to the IRF Board of Directors and the IRF Executive Committee on all IRF policies and decisions that are related to International Relations.	The International Relations Committee is charged with advancing ARTICLE 5, Section 2 <b>and 3</b> of the Bylaws, and shall serve as consultants to the IRF Board of Directors and the IRF Executive Committee on all IRF policies and decisions that are related to International Relations.	Correction	In favour
81	Secretary General	Article	51	CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	<del>CONSERVATION</del> <b>SUSTAINABILITY</b> COMMITTEE	Updates nomenclature	In favour
82	Secretary General	Article	51.1	The Conservation Committee is charged with advancing ARTICLE 5, Section 13 of the Bylaws, and shall serve as consultants to the IRF Board of Directors and the IRF Executive Committee on all IRF policies and decisions that are related to Conservation.	The <del>Conservation</del> <b>Sustainability</b> Committee is charged with advancing ARTICLE 5, Section 13, <b>14 and 15</b> of the Bylaws, and shall serve as consultants to the IRF Board of Directors and the IRF Executive Committee on all IRF policies and decisions that are related to <del>Conservation</del> <b>Sustainability.</b>	Updates nomenclature	In favour

83	Secretary General	Article	51.2	The Conservation Committee shall be appointed by the IRF Executive Committee and the Conservation Committee Chair.	The <del>Conservation</del> <b>Sustainability</b> Committee shall be appointed by the IRF Executive Committee and the <del>Conservation</del> <b>Sustainability</b> Committee Chair.	Updates nomenclature	In favour
84	Secretary General	Article	51.3	The Chair of the Conservation Committee shall be a duly elected member of the IRF Board of Directors who has experience in developing policy and directing issues related to river conservation.	The Chair of the <del>Conservation</del> <b>Sustainability</b> Committee shall be a duly elected member of the IRF Board of Directors who has experience in developing policy and directing issues related to river <u>conservation sustainability</u> .	Update nomenclature	In favour
85	Secretary General	Article	51.4	The Conservation Committee shall submit proposals and establish a budget for the development of projects related to the advancement of river conservation issues that are important to the IRF.	The <del>Conservation</del> <b>Sustainability</b> Committee shall submit proposals and establish a budget for the development of projects related to the advancement of river <del>conservation</del> <b>sustainability</b> issues that are important to the IRF.	Updates nomenclature	In favour
86	Secretary General	Article	51.5		<b>The Sustainability Committee shall develop, maintain and promote sustainable practices in recreational and sport rafting.</b>	Codifies committee responsibilities.	In favour
87	President	Article	52	MEDIA AND MARKETING COMMITTEE	<del>MEDIA AND MARKETING</del> <b>COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE</b>	Updates nomenclature.	In favour
88	President	Article	52.1	The Media and Marketing Committee shall have oversight over all IRF policies and decisions that are related to Media and Marketing.	The <del>Media and Marketing</del> <b>Communications</b> Committee shall have oversight over all IRF policies and decisions that are related to <del>Media and Marketing</del> <b>Communications</b> .	Updates nomenclature.	In favour
89	President	Article	52.2	The Media and Marketing Committee shall submit proposals and establish a budget for the development of IRF Media and Marketing.	The <del>Media and Marketing</del> <b>Communications</b> Committee shall submit proposals and establish a budget for the development of IRF <del>Media and Marketing</del> <b>Communications</b> .	Updates nomenclature.	In favour
90	President	Article	52.3	The Media and Marketing Committee shall establish contacts with the public relations unit of IRF Member Organizations.	The <del>Media and Marketing</del> <b>Communications</b> Committee shall establish contacts with the public relations unit of IRF Member Organizations.	Updates nomenclature.	In favour
91	President	Article	52.4	The Media and Marketing Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and the Committee Chair.	The <del>Media and Marketing</del> <b>Communications</b> Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and the Committee Chair.	Updates nomenclature.	In favour
92	President	Article	52.5	The Chair of the Media and Marketing Committee shall be a duly elected member of the Board of Directors who has experience in developing policy and directing issues related to Media and Marketing.	The Chair of the <del>Media and Marketing</del> <b>Communications</b> Committee shall be a duly elected member of the Board of Directors who has experience in developing policy and directing issues related to <del>Media and Marketing</del> <b>Communications</b> .	Update nomenclature.	In favour
93	Secretary General	Article	53.3	Upon the dissolution of the IRF, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of 501 (c) (3) of the USA internal revenue code, or shall be distributed to the government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.	Upon the dissolution of the IRF, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of 501 (c) (3) of the USA internal revenue code, or shall be distributed to <del>the government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose</del> <b>other charitable organisation/s serving the same or similar objectives as the IRF.</b>	Correction	In favour

94	Secretary General	Article	NEW	NEW	<p><b>PARA RAFTING COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>1. The Para Rafting Committee shall serve under the Sport and Competition Committee and is responsible for assessing and advising the Sport and Competition Committee and the Executive Committee on bids for Para Rafting Championship events, and to manage the Para Rafting section of the IRF Race Rules, as well as conduct votes on sport and competition issues relevant to Para Rafting.</p> <p>2.The Para Rafting Committee is also responsible for advising other sectors of the IRF on any issues, policies and decisions that are related to Para Rafting.</p> <p>3.The Para Rafting Committee Chair and Committee shall be appointed by the IRF Executive Committee. The Chair must be qualified for the position, which requires that they be very active in the IRF Para Rafting Committee, and be fully knowledgeable of the various roles of the committee.</p> <p>4. The Para Rafting Committee shall be composed of six to twelve (6-12) members who are appointed by the IRF Executive Committee and who are active in matters concerning para rafting.</p>	<p>Codifies the responsibilities and requirements of the Para Rafting Committee.</p> <p>This Article shall be inserted into the Bylaws immediately following the Sports and Competition Committee</p>	
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