IOC SESSION

DECISION PROPOSAL OR RESOLUTION

☑ Executive Board

Author of proposal: ☐ IOC member

Name: 

Date of proposal: 5 August 2021

Signature: 

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Olympic Charter

REFERENCE DOCUMENT OR BRIEF STATEMENT OF REASONS:

At its 5 August 2021 meeting, the IOC Executive Board discussed the proposals to amend the Olympic Charter with the aim of:

1. Allowing for up to seven IOC members to be elected in special cases without any nationality or NOC requirement.

2. Clarifying that the IOC Session may remove any sport from the programme of the Olympic Games, if, among other violations, the relevant International Federation governing such sport does not comply with the decisions of the IOC Executive Board or if the relevant IF acts in a manner likely to tarnish the reputation of the Olympic Movement.

3. Reinforcing the principle that nobody is entitled, as of right, to an accreditation, and the principle that the granting and removal of an accreditation is at the IOC’s full discretion.

4. Aligning the roll of honour representations to reflect current practice.

5. Allowing the IOC Executive Board to suspend a sport, event or discipline from the programme of the Olympic Games.

The details of the proposed amendments, approved by the IOC Executive Board, and a summary of the reasons supporting this decision proposal are included in Annex 1 below.
**FINANCIAL REPERCUSSIONS:**

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Amount and details: No direct financial repercussions.

**DECISION OR RESOLUTION REQUESTED FROM THE SESSION:**

Pursuant to Rule 18.2.1 of the Olympic Charter, the IOC Session is requested to approve the proposed amendments to the Olympic Charter referred to in Annex 1 of this decision proposal.
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DECISION OR RESOLUTION

Reference: 6 P.1
Date of decision/resolution: 8 August 2021
Signature of President or Director General: [click and type]

☐ Decision/resolution APPROVED AS PROPOSED
☐ Decision/resolution REJECTED
☐ Decision/resolution POSTPONED (new date: [click and type])
☐ Decision/resolution APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES [click and type]

Person in charge of follow up: Mariam Mahdavi, Legal Affairs Director

Report to be given to:

Session: ☐ Yes ☐ No Deadline [click and type]
EB: ☐ Yes ☐ No Deadline [click and type]
President/Directors' Meeting: ☐ Yes ☐ No Deadline [click and type]
1.) Reason for proposed amendment to Rule 16.1.1 (Members)

To allow up to seven members to be elected (instead of five) without any nationality or NOC requirement.

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16 Members*

1. Composition of the IOC – Eligibility, recruitment, election, admittance and status of IOC members:

1.1 IOC members are natural persons. The total number of IOC members may not exceed 115, subject to BLR 16. The IOC is composed of:

- a majority of members, the total number of which may not exceed 70, whose memberships are not linked to any specific function or office, including up to five seven members without any nationality or NOC requirement, who may be elected in special cases; their total number may not exceed 70; except for the five seven members referred to above, BLR 16.2.2.5 shall be applicable and there may be no more than one such member national of any given country, as defined in and subject to BLR 16;

2.) Reason for proposed amendment to the Bye-law to Rule 45 (Programme of the Olympic Games)

To allow the IOC Session to remove any sport from the programme of the Olympic Games, if the relevant International Federation governing such sport does not comply with the decisions of the IOC Executive Board, or if the relevant IF acts in a manner likely to tarnish the reputation of the Olympic Movement.

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45 Programme of the Olympic Games*

Bye-law to Rule 45

3. Other provisions

3.3 The Session is entitled to exclude remove from the programme any sport, at any time, at its full discretion, in particular (but not limited to) if the relevant IF governing such sport does not comply with the Olympic Charter, or the World Anti-Doping Code, or the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions or an IOC Executive Board decision applicable to the relevant IF, or if the relevant IF acts in a manner likely to tarnish the reputation of the Olympic Movement. In addition, the measures and sanctions provided for in Rule 59 may apply.

3.) Reason for proposed amendment to Rule 52 (Olympic Identity and Accreditation Card – Rights attached thereto)

To clarify that nobody has the right to an accreditation and reinforcing the principle that the granting and removal of an accreditation is in the IOC's full discretion.

52 Olympic Identity and Accreditation Card – Rights attached thereto

2. Nobody is entitled as of right to an accreditation. The granting or removal of an accreditation is determined by the IOC in its full discretion. The OCOGs, IFs, NOCs and all other persons or parties concerned shall comply with all regulations, decisions, manuals, guides, guidelines and instructions of the IOC, in respect of all matters subject to this Rule.

3. The Olympic Identity and Accreditation Card is delivered under the authority of the IOC, to persons eligible for accreditation. It gives access, to the degree necessary and as
indicated thereon, to the sites, venues and events placed under the responsibility of the OCOG. The IOC Executive Board determines the persons entitled to such cards and the conditions applicable to their delivery. The OCOGs, IFs, NOCs and all other persons or parties concerned shall comply with the manuals, guides or guidelines, and all other instructions of the IOC Executive Board, in respect of all matters subject to this Rule.

4.) Reason for proposed amendment to Rule 57 (Roll of honour)

To ensure alignment with current practice.

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57 Roll of honour

The IOC and the OCOG shall not draw up any global ranking per country. A roll of honour bearing the names of medal winners and those awarded diplomas in each event shall be established by the OCOG and the names of the medal winners shall be featured prominently and be on permanent display in the main stadium. Representations featuring competition results may be drawn up by the IOC and, with the authorisation of the IOC, by the OCOG, for informational purposes.

5.) Reason for proposed amendment to Rule 59 (Measures and sanctions)

To allow the IOC Executive Board to suspend a sport, discipline or event from the programme of the Olympic Games in the event that the relevant International Federation does not comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code, the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions or any other decision or applicable regulation issued by the IOC.

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59 Measures and sanctions*

In the case of any violation of the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code, the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions, or any other decision or applicable regulation issued by the IOC, the measures or sanctions which may be taken by
the Session, the IOC Executive Board or the disciplinary commission referred to under 2.4 below are:

1. In the context of the Olympic Movement:
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1.2 with regard to IFs:

   a) withdrawal from the programme of the Olympic Games of:
      – a sport (Session),
      – a discipline (IOC Executive Board),
      – an event (IOC Executive Board);
   
   b) suspension from the programme of the Olympic Games of:
      – a sport (IOC Executive Board),
      – a discipline (IOC Executive Board),
      – an event (IOC Executive Board);

   b)c) withdrawal of provisional recognition (IOC Executive Board);
   
   e)d) withdrawal of full recognition (Session).