

Proposed resolutions for 2020 AGM

There are three resolutions proposing changes to the EBU's constitutional documents.

Resolution 4.1 is an ordinary resolution pursuant to Article 10 increasing the maximum number of Directors from ten to eleven, creating the opportunity to appoint a third additional Director. The Board's intention is to consult clubs with a view to appointing a Director with particular responsibility to ensure that the interests of all club players are represented at Board level.

Resolution 4.2 is an ordinary resolution amending the Bye Laws other than the Disciplinary Rules. Apart from changes for drafting clarity and consistency, the changes reinforce that online play is also subject to the Bye Laws

Resolution 4.3 is an ordinary resolution amending the Disciplinary Rules in Appendix A to the Bye Laws. The substantive changes are proposed in recognition of the fact that currently the large number of prosecutions for online cheating are taking too long to reach completion and create unsatisfactory situations during that period.

The substantive changes proposed are:

- (i) Once a defendant has been charged, he may not play in any Open Competitions including online club games and shall not be eligible for selection for international representation. The suspension will be deducted from any playing or membership suspension subsequently imposed, and will not be publicised, unless the defendant breaches its terms, which will also carry further penalties. The defendant may apply for a stay of execution of the suspension prior to the hearing.
- (ii) Any sanction imposed at a hearing will take effect following notification to the defendant, even if there is an appeal. The defendant may apply for a stay of execution of the sanction. A conviction and the related sanction will be publicised even where there is an appeal.
- (iii) The timetable for proceedings has been tightened
- (iv) A hearing will be in private, although the defendant may bring an observer as well as a representative
- (v) A convicted defendant will receive a note of the reasons for the decision automatically (the present rules require him to ask for them)

It is intended that the new regime will apply to charges brought after adoption of the new Bye Laws even where the conduct took place before that date, as it constitutes a change of procedure rather than creating a new category of offence or standard of proof.

Text of the proposed resolutions

Resolution 4.1

THAT, pursuant to Article 10 of the Articles of Association, the maximum number of Directors shall be increased to eleven, and the provision of Article 10 regarding additional Directors shall be construed accordingly.

Resolution 4.2

THAT the Bye Laws be amended as shown in the document marked “Proposed Amendment 1” provided to the members in advance of the meeting

Resolution 4.3

THAT the Disciplinary Rules contained in Appendix A to the Bye Laws be amended as shown in the document marked “Proposed Amendment 2” provided to the members in advance of the meeting