



## ECU STATUTES CHANGES 2019

### Explanations

#### **Article 1.1**

Following the proposal from Greek federation the change incorporates deletion of membership status (*non-profit national federations that promote and regulate the sport of cheerleading in Europe*) because this is already regulated in the article 7.1.

#### **Article 1.2**

The ECU address should be determined by the ECU Board and not ECU General Assembly. This solution provides much faster and more effective way to change the address, especially if there would be any circumstances that would require faster change of address without calling for the General Assembly. The ECU Board would have to choose the address that is within the Europe.

#### **Article 2 (and others following) – “Cheer”**

The word “cheerleading” is changed to word “Cheer”. The change follows the ICU use of word in the ICU Statutes. Article 5.3 still explains that word “Cheer” refers also to the following words “Cheerleading”, “Cheering”, “Sport of Cheerleading”, “Sport of Cheer” and “Sport of Cheering”.

#### **Article 7 – “National Cheerleading Federation”**

The change simplifies the use of the word “federation” and deletes the word “cheerleading” before the it. There is no need to use the term “Cheerleading Federation” because the Article 7.1 determines that ECU Members Federation can only be not-for-profit and who administer Cheer in their own country. That means that ECU can also have multi-sport federations (that are not “Cheerleading” Federations) if they also administer Cheer.

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## **Article 12**

The proposed change moves the majority of the votes needed to expel a member from 50 % of all member federation (absolute majority) to 75 % of votes validly cast (relative majority that takes into account the number of member federations present at the General Assembly). The change will provide the possibility to expel a member in situation that General Assembly does not have sufficient participation (more than 50 % of all ECU Members). The word “Extraordinary” is deleted as the General Assembly means “ordinary” or “extraordinary” General Assembly (Article 15.2).

## **Article 12.2**

The current version of Article 12.2 is a bit unclear which can result in misinterpretation or different interpretation of the rule. The change incorporates a clear way of motivation of the member which expulsion is in progress. The change also removes the expelled member a possibility to appeal because the appeal (as currently written) would be decided by the same body (General Assembly) that originally made the decision. The appeal should be possible and makes sense when higher body decides about the decision of the lower bodies. The member which expulsion is in progress still has the right to send written comments to the General Assembly before the decision is made. In case of any mistake or change of circumstances the expelled member still has the possibility to newly apply for the membership.

## **Article 17**

The proposed change incorporates the membership tier system where members of different tiers have the right to attend the General Assembly with different number of delegates. The number of delegates is decided by the ECU Board. The change also gives the provisional members the right to attend the General Assembly.

## **Article 18**

Quorum for the General Assembly is lowered from majority (50 %) to 1/3 (33 %) of all Member Federations. The special quorum for the changes of the ECU Statutes

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remains the same - 2/3 of the member federations present having voting rights and in good standing.

## **Article 26.2**

The proposed change incorporates the use of terminology that is already used regularly (“*Executive Board*”) and clarifies the situation of Great Britain where ECU considers to have four different countries (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales).

## **Article 26.3**

The proposed change does not change the rule but rather makes the text more clear and easier to understand.

## **Article 28**

The proposed change is partially following the proposal of the Greek federation and determines that the General Assembly will elect a new Board member that will replace his / her predecessor until the end of the term. The proposed solution takes into account that with time circumstances can change and that the candidate that previously received second place may currently not be the first choice and possibly may not be the first choice in the previous election (for example: if the person that was previously elected would not be running for the office then it would be possible that some other candidate – 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> place – would receive more votes than 2<sup>nd</sup> place candidate).

## **Article 30.2**

The change provides legal basis for the individual member of the Executive Board (President, Vice President and Secretary General) to represent ECU towards 3<sup>rd</sup> parties which makes day-to-day activities of the ECU executive members of the Board easier and legally actually allows communication and some of the other actions to be taken by a single person.

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## **Article 30.5**

This new article is explanatory by its nature as it determines one of the basic and most important duty and power of the ECU Board that has already been implemented in practice.

## **Article 33**

The proposed change switches from 2-year budget to one-year budget that is prepared for the following year and not for the year that is already underway. It also determines that the Treasurer, appointed by the ECU Board, can make certain expenditures within the limit of the approved budget. The change also allows the treasurer (with the approval of the ECU Executive Board) to make certain transfers within the budget. The change allows easier changes that are sometimes necessary to carry out specific projects and to pay for specific expenses that were not possible to predict when budget was planned. However, the total budget amounts must remain the same and cannot be changed without the approval of the General Assembly.

## **Article 34 – Treasurer**

This new article officially and legally introduces the role of the ECU Treasurer, something that was already been implemented in practice.

## **Article 34**

The proposed change determines that Auditors are appointed for the term of 3-year which is the same as the term of the ECU Board so there is no need to appoint auditors at every General Assembly.

## **Article 36**

The proposed change deletes the unnecessary mentioning of the “Extraordinary” General Assembly (same as proposed change of the Article 12).

## **Article 38 (former)**

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Article 38 of the ECU Statutes was provisional and has regulated the change when ECU moved from multiple members (national federation) from one country to just one national federation from one country as an ECU member federation. The Article is no longer needed.