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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019 PROPOSALS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY ECU BOARD

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## **Proposal 1**

Subject: Judges selection - open call

The ECU Judges Committee proposes to abandon the current practice of requesting judges exclusively through the ECU Members.

We fully agree that the judges selected to judge ECU events should be judges of the highest ability level and quality and that the judges should be well recognised and in good standing. However, it has been noticed that in some circumstances our current procedures introduce a lot of overhead for the national federations, sometimes causing significant delays in judges receiving the information on when, where and how to apply to judge events. In extreme cases the delays are severe enough to cause problems with the selection process or, even worse, the application might be too late to be considered altogether.

In order to streamline this process, we would like to more closely follow the practice of ICU where the call of judges is issued publicly via many communication channels and anyone can apply directly. ECU Members would still be informed and could inform their judges, but would no longer be the exclusive communication channel. Considering the fact our selection process involves review and information exchange of all committee members regarding received application, the chances of choosing a judge who would not be well known and in good standing are negligible. In case of concerns the committee would still have the option to use the ECU Intranet list of judges for reference or contact the relevant ECU Member for additional information, if such would be deemed necessary.

## **Proposal 2**

Subject: Score calculation in Finals

The ECU Board proposes that the General Assembly decides whether the "clean slate" or "combined" system should be used to calculate the final score in the categories that have semi-finals and finals.

There are two basic ways to approach the score calculation when teams perform twice during the championships (semi-finals / finals). First approach is so called "clean slate" system where score from the first performance is not included in the final score calculation - only score from finals matters. The system is also used by the ICU for the World Championships. The second way to calculate score is a "combined" system where final score is calculated and includes a percentage of the first performance score (semi-finals score) and second performance score (finals score) - for example final score is calculated combining 20% of first performance score (semi-finals) and 80% of second performance score (finals).

The ECU Board had decided that for the first year (2019) the clean slate system should be used. However, the decision was not unanimous and ECU committees gave different opinions about these two different systems. Because of that the ECU Board proposes that the General Assembly decides which system should be used. If the combined system would be chosen then the General Assembly would also have to decide on the percentage of the score that should be used for calculation of the final score. For example:

Semi-Final	Final
50 %	50 %
75 %	25 %
80 %	20 %
90 %	10 %

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