



NAGVA

2021 – 2022 Bylaw and Amendment Packet

Amendment Bylaw and Amendment discussion to be held
March 13, 2022 @ 4:00pm EST/1:00pm PST

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 613 538 9686

Passcode: NAGVA

Bylaw Amendment Submissions

Submission 1:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

2.02 B (Bylaws)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

B. Past Presidents and current Officers shall each be entitled to one vote.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Truly encompasses one member, one vote

Submission 2:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

2.02 C (Bylaws)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

C. Members, Past Presidents, and current Officers shall constitute the “General Membership” of this Association.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment? Each Member constitutes the Membership, not its past and current leadership.

Submission 3:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

2.02 D (Bylaws)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

D. Proxy and Absentee Voting: Voting by persons who cannot attend the Annual Meeting may be done as follows:

1. Any voting delegate who cannot personally attend can give their written proxy (form authorized by the Officers) to another person attending the meeting who is in good standing and who has paid their season dues.
2. The written proxy must be submitted and received by the Secretary no less than 24 hours before any meeting at which it is to be voted.
3. No Member shall proxy for more than 2 teams.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Annual Meeting has moved online and allows for participation and attendance by all, no matter their location.

Submission 4:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

2.02 F (Bylaws)

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What is the original text of the article/section?

F. A person may cast more than one (1) vote at the Annual Meeting, if credentialed as representing an absent Team, League, or current Officer by authorized proxy.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Proxy voting is not necessary as the format for the Annual Meeting has gone digital and is accessible to all, no matter their location.

Submission 6:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

2.09 B (Bylaws)

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What is the original text of the article/section?

B. The required number of signed approvals in writing is received setting forth the action so taken.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment?

This is repetitive verbiage in the Bylaws; i.e 2.09.C & 2.09.D

Submission 7:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.05.D.5 (Bylaws)

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What is the original text of the article/section?

5. Shall assure that all disbursements from the Association treasuries shall be in the form of a check requiring two (2) of three (3) signatures of the President, Executive Vice President or Treasurer. An Executive Officer may NOT act as a signatory on any disbursement which is made to that Executive Officer.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Updates the Bylaws to current times. The reality of digital repayment being the preferred method and quickest form of repayment. There are already checks and balances built into review financials by the Secretary & President on all financial transactions.

Submission 8:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

4.03 C (Bylaws)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

N/A

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

C. There will be no “write in” candidates accepted or elected at the Annual Meeting.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

For those running for an elected position, such as Member-at-Large, their nominations should be received prior to the Annual Meetings start. Similar to the rules of nomination for Executive Board Members.

Submission 9:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

5.03 (Bylaws)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

Regional Commissioners report to the Vice President of Regions, the Registrar, the Vice President of Tournaments, and the Director of Eligibility. Any one of these Board Members can ask a majority of the Board to remove any Regional Commissioner for reasons of non-performance and ask the President to appoint a new Regional Commissioner, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Regional Commissioners report to the Vice President of Regions. The Vice President of Regions may request the removal of an RC to the Board of Directors for reasons of non-performance.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

This aligns the responsibility directly with the Vice President of Regions as the position is prescribed.

Submission 10:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

6.01 (Bylaws)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

The President shall appoint, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, individual members and the Chairs or Co Chairs to head the various committees, divisions, or task groups as may be created for the day-to-day volleyball related activities. The President will determine the terms of office for the committee members and will have the authority to fill vacancies in the committee.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

The Board shall create any additional committees. The President shall appoint...

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Gives the power to the Board to create necessary committees that may be necessary in the future.

Submission 11:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

11.03 (Bylaws)

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What is the original text of the article/section?

3. A state from each of the central operations of the Association: Regions, Tournaments, Eligibility, & Communications.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

3. A state from each of the central operations of the Association: Regions, Tournaments, Eligibility.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Does not make sense to have a report from Communications.

Submission 12:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

14.01 (Bylaws)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

Since our beginning there have been many members who have left an indelible mark on the organization, and it is those people who we would like to recognize for their accomplishments and enshrine their names in our rich history.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Repetitive and adds unnecessary information.

Submission 13:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

14.01 (Bylaws)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

Potential inductees should demonstrate high standards of sportsmanship, moral character, and ethical conduct. They must demonstrate outstanding and exceptional abilities in the capacity they served in volleyball.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Potential inductees should demonstrate high standards of sportsmanship, moral character, and ethical conduct. They must demonstrate outstanding and exceptional abilities in the capacity they served within the Association.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

This allows for flexibility in nominations as there are those deserving of a Hall of Fame nomination that do not support NAGVA by playing volleyball, but running/supporting tournaments, and other aspects of the Association.

Rules & Regulations Amendment Submissions

Submission 1:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

1.01 (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

The Championships season shall commence at 12:01 am on the day after the final day of the previous season's Championships and shall end at midnight on the last day of the current season's Championships.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

The Championships season shall commence at 12:01 am June 1st and shall end at midnight May 31st.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Makes the verbiage more succinct.

Submission 2:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

1.06 (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

Each individual player participating in a NAGVA-sanctioned qualifying tournament must pay an annual registration fee as determined during the previous Annual Meeting (in currency of citizenship/permanent residence, limited to USD & CDN currencies), due for (at) the first competition of the player's respective fee, for purpose of general liability insurance coverage and administrative, operational, and organizational costs. Players that fail to register on-line and provide proper documentation prior to the start of the NAGVA-sanctioned event must register on-site and pay \$10.00 US more, regardless of citizenship/permanent residence, than the on-line rate.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Redundant to Rules & Regulations 1.02

Submission 3:**What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?**

Section 2.04 A.2 (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

2. The Skills Assessment will determine the player's NAGVA rating. A member's skills assessment result will be recorded for each question. The highest two skills will determine a member's rating. In the event the highest two skills do not match, the lower of the two will be the final rating. A member's skills assessment will be available for review by any member.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

2. The Skills Assessment will determine the player's NAGVA rating. A member's skills assessment result will be recorded for each question by an official NAGVA rater who is rated higher than the person being rated (except for A). The highest two skills will determine a member's rating. In the event the highest two skills do not match, the lower of the two will be the final rating. A member's skills assessment will be available for review by any member.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

This should minimize biases on rating a player coming from the same level. If a person is being rated by a player on a higher level, the expectation is that he has played with players on that same higher level and can provide a better estimation of person's skill if the player being rated should be at the level he is being rated or should be rated higher.

Submission 4:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.01.B.4 (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

4. Acceptable forms of payment for transactions between NAGVA and the tournament host include cashier's check, money order, checks drawn from accounts registered to the host organization or league, or credit card. Payment by credit card requires additional steps and early notification of your intention to do so. If the card is registered to an individual, documentation showing reimbursement to the individual from the host organization must be submitted to the Vice President of Tournaments within 30 days of the credit card transaction.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

4. Acceptable forms of payment will be mutually agreed upon between the tournament host and NAGVA.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Falls in line with current procedures.

Submission 5:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.01.H (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

H. Officiating Clinics

All NAGVA-sanctioned tournaments may conduct officiating and score keeping clinics. If a tournament wishes to hold an officiating clinic, they must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Roles & Responsibilities

a. Tournament Directors:

i. Shall be responsible for obtaining and confirming clinic facilitator(s), securing an appropriate presentation style venue, scoring the written section of exams communicating results to the candidates for certification, and sending materials to be recorded as per direction of Director of Officials.

ii. Shall have ultimately responsibility for ensuring that those who attend the clinic(s) and wish to complete the practical (observed) component of the exam are, in fact, observed by assigning to clinic facilitator or another designated individual.

b. The Clinic Facilitator(s):

i. Shall be appointed by the Tournament Director in the Application to Host a Sanctioned Tournament

ii. Shall be responsible for recording and reporting attendance, photocopying and assembling certification examination packages, delivering the content of the clinic(s) concisely and with professionalism, proctoring during the written section, facilitating discussion of and explaining key concepts of the rules of volleyball exhibited within the test questions.

iii. Shall, if assigned, be responsible for organizing a practical observation team to complete duties (collecting and submitting completed rating forms for all certified official candidates, etc.)

2. Related Costs

a. Tournament organizers may charge a fee for costs associated with providing required clinics (officiating, scorekeeping, etc.) and completing required tasks (grading candidate exams, observing officiating candidates, completing ratings forms, etc) budget forms, fees for Head Official, etc.) required to be a sanctioned tournament must be incorporated and included in the team fee assessed regardless of their need/no need to participate.

b. Whenever possible and available, Tournament Directors are encouraged to use a local clinic facilitator willing to volunteer their time.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Outdated. NAGVA Tournaments no longer hold these clinics.

Submission 6:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.02.B (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

Tournament organizers shall specify which playing Divisions are to compete in the tournament. The Registrar will provide all tournaments approved as NAGVA sanctioned by the Vice President of Tournaments mailing and emailing information including all member Teams eligible to compete in the Divisions of the tournament at least 120 days before the scheduled event. The mailing and emailing of information are to be used to distribute tournament information and entry applications.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

The Registrar will provide, upon request by any NAGVA sanctioned tournament, the emailing information of all teams that have paid their dues for the current season. The emailing of this information may only be used to distribute tournament information.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Allows for tournament organizers to request Emailing information.

Submission 7:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.02.D (Rules & Regulations)

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What is the original text of the article/section?

A Team is not considered entered and accepted into any qualifying tournament until it has paid the tournament entry fees in full. Payment of tournament fees should be made by certified check, a cashier's check or money order to the order of the host organization.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

A Team is not considered entered and accepted into any qualifying tournament until it has paid the tournament entry fees in full. Payment of tournament fees should be paid in the manner accepted by the Tournament.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Allows for flexibility in payment for Members.

Submission 8:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.02.F (Rules & Regulations)

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What is the original text of the article/section?

Tournament organizers shall accept entries by the order of either the postmarks on envelopes or the transaction dates of an online payment containing the Team applications and shall not restrict the number of Teams accepted per city.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Tournament organizers shall accept entries by the order of either the postmarks on envelopes or the transaction dates of an online payment containing the Team applications.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Team city shall not matter as it is first in, first confirmed for Teams.

Submission 9:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.02.J (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

Tournaments sanctioned as qualifying tournaments must have at least three Teams competing in each Division. The playing format will be recommended by the Vice President of Tournaments.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Tournaments sanctioned as qualifying tournaments must have at least three Teams competing in each Division.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Tournament Directors should determine their playing format.

Submission 10:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.02.L (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

Tournaments which do not comply with the above-stated procedures will not be NAGVA sanctioned, and all liability insurance coverage will be voided. NAGVA Player-Referees should be used to officiate all matches. The exception may be only when FIVB International Arbiter or USAV (USA Volleyball) National officials are available and stated on the tournament application information.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment?

This is no longer applicable.

Submission 11:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.02.M (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

Tournaments may change the format of a division after a tournament has been sanctioned given the following:

1. Possible format changes are limited to:
 - a. A or mod A1 formats changing to mod A1 or A formats.
 - b. Open A/AA format changing to mod A3 format.
2. Before the request to change the division format is made to NAGVA, team representatives of all the teams currently registered for the division being altered must demonstrate, in writing, that the change in format is approved.
3. The request for the division format change must be made to NAGVA VP of Tournaments more than 30 days prior to the tournament start date.
4. Request to change the division format is made to the VP of Tournaments and will include copies of the approvals from all team representatives.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Tournaments may change the format of a division after a tournament has been sanctioned given the following:

1. Possible format changes are limited to A, mod A1, mod A3, or open A/AA formats.
2. Before the request to change the division format is made to NAGVA, all team representatives of all teams registered and confirmed, in writing, that the change in format is approved.
3. Request to change the division format is made to the VP of Tournaments and will include copies of the approvals from all team representatives.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Cleans up the language.

Submission 12:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.03.A (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

A. Site Director

The hosting group is required to have a non-playing Site Director, who is available during play to handle general management of the activities and information requests, preferably at each playing facility.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

A. Site Director

The hosting group is required to have a non-playing Site Director, who is available during play to handle general management of the activities and information requests at each playing facility.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

More succinct.

Submission 13:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.03.B (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

B. Court Manager

It is strongly recommended to have a non-playing Court Manager for each court, who is charged with keeping the games moving on a timely basis, providing adequate line-up and scoring sheets, and being available to communicate any needs or medical attention for that court.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Overly cumbersome and this duty falls under Site Director

Submission 14:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.03.G (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

G. On Site Availability of Food/Beverages

Food, beverages, or refreshments should be available on site, or if this is not possible, maps detailing locations, distances, and walking times of off-site fast-food stores and restaurants should be posted near the Tournament Desk message board.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Obsolete with the times.

Submission 15:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

3.06 (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

Tournament organizers of tournaments falling on major holidays shall have the option to extend tournament play into an extra ½ or full day. Tournaments changing to an extended time from their historic norm can do so only provided ample pre-notification. Notice of such extended dates must be clearly indicated on all tournament announcement materials. Ample notification is defined as 4 months.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Tournament organizers of tournaments falling on major holidays shall have the option, once sanctioned, to extend tournament play into an extra ½ or full day. Tournaments changing to an extended time may do so only upon written approval of all Teams registered and confirmed. Notice of such extended dates must be clearly indicated on all tournament announcement materials. Ample notification is defined as 4 months.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Defines the time period explicitly.

Submission 16:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

4.01(Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

These "Rules of Competition" shall supersede any and all rules of the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), the Volleyball Canada, the United States Volleyball Association (USAV), or any other sports federation that may or may not certify referees or sanction volleyball competitions. The Referees will be instructed before competition begins that this Association follows the FIVB lead in establishing playing rules and guidelines, but, that these competitions have been modified according to the wishes and desires of the Membership.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

These "Rules of Competition" shall supersede any and all rules of the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), the Volleyball Canada, the United States Volleyball Association (USAV).

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Makes the verbiage more succinct

Submission 17:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

4.02A (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

A. New rules released by USAV must be approved for implementation by the membership at the Annual Meeting will take effect in the following season of play.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

A. New rules released by USAV must be approved for implementation by the Board of Directors and will take effect in the following season of play.

What is your rationale for this amendment?

4.02 update, “.. for implementation by the Board of Directors and will...”, falls in line with current policies and practices

Submission 18:

What By-law article or Rules & Regulations section are you proposing to amend?

6.02.A (Rules & Regulations)

Submitted by:

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What is the original text of the article/section?

Either (1) attendance at an officials' clinic whose content includes the duties of officials and the rules and regulations of volleyball or (2) review of the referee clinic material as provided by NAGVA.

What is the proposed amended text of the article/section?

Remove

What is your rationale for this amendment?

Tournaments no longer run officiating clinics.