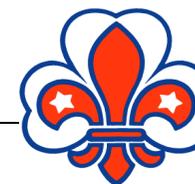


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WCom Proposals for amendments to the ISGF Constitution and Bye-Laws

Proposed by	Current text	Proposed amendment	WCom recommendations
<b>CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS</b>			
	No existing text	<p>PREAMBLE: ISGF was founded on 25th October 1953 in Lucerne, (Switzerland) under the name of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides (IFOFSAG) and was established following resolutions from the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) at their respective World Conferences held during that year 1953. Then, in 1996 IFOFSAG changed its name to International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF): an "organisation for adults." The present Constitution governs the operation of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) in a kindred spirit of world cooperation and friendship following the legacy of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell of Gilwell.</p>	<p>The World Committee endorses the proposal to insert a Preamble before Article 1, in the ISGF Constitution and Bye-Laws, made by members in papers in preparation for the World Conference planned for 2020</p>



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WCom	<p><b>ARTICLE 5 Membership</b>  <b>1. Requirements for Membership</b>                  Membership of the ISGF is open to all national adult organisations which fulfil the criteria and conditions for Membership. Authority to confer such Membership is vested in the World Conference</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 5 Membership</b>  <b>1. Requirements for Membership</b>                  Membership of the ISGF is open to all national adult organisations which fulfil the criteria and conditions for Membership. Authority to confer such Membership is vested in the World Conference. <b>In addition to the possibility of joining the ISGF through the NSGF's in accordance with paragraph 2 and seq., individuals and small groups of adults living in a country where there is no NSGF may register with the World Bureau and thus become members of the Central Branch.</b></p>	WCom underlines the role of the Central Branch and in particular CB groups is very important in the steps towards creating new NSGF's. It is therefore important to clarify in the Constitution the position of CB members.
WCom	<p><b>ARTICLE 5 Membership</b>  <b>2. Categories of Membership</b>                  There are two categories of Membership of the ISGF:                  a) Full Membership;                  b) Associate Membership.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 5 Membership</b>  <b>2. Categories of Membership for NSGF</b>                  There are two categories of Membership of the ISGF <b>for NSGF:</b>                  a) Full Membership;                  b) Associate Membership.</p>	Clarification consequential to the amendment proposed above.
	<p><b>ARTICLE 5 Membership</b>  <b>3. Criteria and conditions for full membership</b></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 5 Membership</b>  <b>3. Criteria and conditions for full membership</b>                  j) "has a written public declaration approved by the WCom .in relation to the aims and objectives of the Organisation and in particular article 3. 1c and ensuring that the conditions of Bye-Law 5 are met.</p>	WCom considered useful to add this which had been suggested in the propositions for the conference in 2020



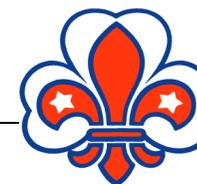
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<p>WCom</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 5 Membership</b> <b>12. Central Branch</b> Individuals and small groups of adults living in a country where there is no NSGF may register with the World Bureau and thus become members of the Central Branch. Conditions for the Central Branch are outlined in Bye-Law 4.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 5 Membership</b> <b>12. Central Branch</b> Individuals and <del>small groups of adults</del> living in a country where there is no NSGF may register with the World Bureau and thus become members of the Central Branch. <b>When there are 8 or more such people, they may create a CB group which may be a first step towards the establishment of a NSGF.</b> Conditions for the Central Branch are outlined in Bye-Law 4.</p>	<p>Clarification consequential to the amendment proposed above.</p>
	<p><b>ARTICLE 8 The World Conference</b> <b>8. Postal referendum</b> In appropriate circumstances as determined by the World Committee, a postal referendum may be called among NSGFs between meetings of the World Conference. The voting rules as laid down in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of this article shall apply, except for the Central Branch which has no postal vote. In case of a postal referendum the World Committee appoints the tellers.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 8 The World Conference</b> <b>8. Postal referendum</b> In appropriate circumstances as determined by the World Committee, a postal referendum may be called among NSGFs between meetings of the World Conference. The voting rules as laid down in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of this article shall apply, except for the Central Branch which has no postal vote <b>and for the fact that each NSGF will have one vote only.</b> In case of a postal referendum the World Committee appoints the tellers. <b>Such circumstance may in particular be force majeure.</b></p>	<p><b>The urgent decisions which were taken because of the pandemic should now be in the Constitution</b></p>



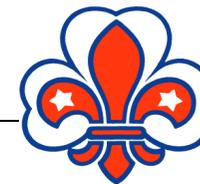
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	<p><b>ARTICLE 9 The World Committee</b>  <b>2. Functions</b>                  The functions of the World Committee are:                  to act on behalf of the World Conference between its meetings and give effect to its decisions, recommendations and policies</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 9 The World Committee</b>  <b>2. Functions</b>                  The functions of the World Committee are:                  to act on behalf of the World Conference between its meetings and give effect to its decisions, recommendations and policies <i>and to take further decisions in case of force majeure</i></p>	<p><i>It is useful to specify the role of WCom in case of force majeure</i></p>
	<p><b>ARTICLE 12 Regions and Sub-Regions</b>  <b>4. Regional Committees – Functions</b>                  The functions of a Regional Committee are:                  a) to foster the development of the ISGF in the Region and to support its programme and activities;                  b) to promote regional gatherings;                  c) to liaise with the World Committee, Sub-Regional Committees, NSGFs and Central Branch members in the Region.                  d) to develop contacts with WAGGGS and WOSM on a regional basis.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 12 Regions and Sub-Regions</b>  <b>4. Regional Committees – Functions</b>                  The functions of a Regional Committee are:                  a) to foster the development of the ISGF in the Region and to support its programme and activities;                  b) <i>shall assist CB groups within its region to develop and meet the criteria required to become a NSGF</i>                  c) to promote regional gatherings;                  d) to liaise with the World Committee, Sub-Regional Committees, NSGFs and Central Branch members in the Region.                  e) to develop contacts with WAGGGS and WOSM on a regional basis</p>	<p><i>The support of the committee for such assistance is essential</i></p>



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<p>WCom</p>	<p><b>BYE-LAW 4 The Central Branch</b>  <b>2. Central Branch Co-ordinator</b>                  A Central Branch Co-ordinator shall be appointed by the World Committee to be responsible for the administrative work of the Central Branch and to provide all possible support for its members. The Co-ordinator, Regional Committees and Sub-Regional Committees shall keep each other informed on membership developments in common areas.</p>	<p><b>BYE-LAW 4 The Central Branch</b>  <b>2. Central Branch Co-ordinator</b>                  A Central Branch Co-ordinator shall be appointed by the World Committee to be responsible for the administrative work of the Central Branch and to provide all possible support for its members. <del>The Co-ordinator, Regional Committees and Sub-Regional Committees shall keep each other informed on membership developments in common areas.</del> As Regions and sub regions are often best places to assist CB groups in their development towards becoming a NSGF, the Central Branch co-ordinator works in close liaison with them. In particular with Regional coordinator where there is one.</p> <p><b>3.The development of a NSGF in a Country with 2 or more CB Groups.</b> The World Committee, assisted by the Central Branch Co-ordinator would appoint a panel, including the regional chairman and other appropriate people where necessary, to discuss with the groups the ways within the ISGF Constitution of becoming a NSGF. Where no agreement is reached to become a single NSGF or to form a Federation, the World Committee shall decide which group could be admitted and make the appropriate case to the World Conference.</p>	<p>The Central Branch co-ordinator is necessary to ensure the CB group follow-up in continuity as new members in Region Committee are elected.</p> <p>To cover a situation met in the recent period where conditions in article 5.5 are not met.</p>
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WCom	<p><b>BYE-LAW 5</b>  <b>Registration procedures for Members</b>  <b>2. Submission in an official language</b>                  The national adult organisation shall submit to the World Committee its national Constitution, and any subsequent amendments to it, in one of the official languages of the ISGF</p>	<p><b>BYE-LAW 5</b>  <b>Registration procedures for Members</b>  <b>2. Submission in an official language</b>                  The national adult organisation shall submit to the World Committee its national Constitution, and any subsequent amendments to it, in one of the official languages of the ISGF. <b>It will give a report on how it complies with article 3 of the ISGF Constitution, and, in particular, with its sections 1c and 2a. It will also provide evidence of the relationship with members of WOSM and WAGGGS in the country, where they exist, and the way support is provided to the members.</b></p>	<p>To clearly state the necessity of an existing relationship with WOSM and WAGGGS members.</p>
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