

To all Members of the International Masters Games Association

By email

Lausanne 6 September 2024

Formal Calling Notice – IMGA General Assembly – virtual meeting
Wednesday 20 November 2024

Dear IMGA Members,

We are pleased to send you the formal calling notice for the IMGA General Assembly, which will be held online on Wednesday, 20th November 2024 from 10:00 to 12:30 CET.

We remind you that, as per the following articles of the IMGA Constitution, the IMGA Administration should receive any proposals for the agenda from members in writing no later than 20 October 2024 (one month before the General Assembly).

IMGA constitution Article 20: *“The IMGA Board shall send out a convening notice at least two months before the date of the General Assembly. The convening notice shall call for member federations to submit in writing any specific proposals for inclusion in the agenda, as well as names of candidates for positions in the IMGA Board, if applicable. This written request must be received by the Secretariat of IMGA not later than one month before the date of the General Assembly. The IMGA Board shall send out the agenda for the General Assembly not later than two weeks before the date of the Assembly. Where possible, reports and any observations on the agenda items shall be sent out with the agenda.”*

IMGA Constitution Article 22: *“A member federation may submit in writing to the IMGA Board proposals to be included in the agenda of the General Assembly or to be discussed under an existing agenda item. The reasoning behind each proposal must be submitted with the proposal.*

If a proposal is received at the IMGA headquarters at least one month before the date of the next General Assembly, it will be included in the agenda for that General Assembly. Proposals received after that date will be included in the agenda for the following General Assembly. “

The agenda will be sent to all IMGA members by 6 November 2024, that is, two weeks before the General Assembly.

Attached is a proposal for a new IMGA constitution to be voted on at the general assembly on 20th November.

The rewritten Constitution is a product of our continuous process to ensure good governance, decisions taken by the IMGA Board, suggestions from members, and the following recommendations from the governance working group:



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- Implement a formal election process, with attention devoted to reviewing new board candidates based on criteria including skills, ethics, risk, and conflict of interest. Create an election oversight committee to ensure that the process happens as documented and can be approached during elections.
- Clear policies/rules on campaigning to ensure election candidates may campaign on a balanced footing, including opportunities for candidates to present their vision/programme
- Establishment and publication of eligibility rules for candidates for election, together with due diligence assessment
- Provide for the representation of key stakeholders (e.g. athletes, host cities, etc.) in governing bodies
- Mandate a legal firm specialist in Swiss association law to look at the current agreements and documents, and ascertain which ones are valid and which ones are not valid.

The IMGA has, therefore, engaged the law firm Kellerhals Carrard to review and rewrite the constitution.

The most significant proposed changes from the old Constitution (Available for download [here](#)) are related to:

- membership status
- introduction of an electoral commission
- reduction of board size

To ensure transparency and give our members time and opportunity to ask questions related to these changes, the IMGA will arrange an online Q&A panel on Tuesday, 24th September, at 14:00 CET. A separate meeting invitation will be sent before the Panel session.

The panel will consist of:

- Jean-Pierre Morand, Attorney at law, Partner Kellerhals Carrard
- Sergii Bubka, President IMGA
- Kate Caithness, Vice President IMGA, chair of the constitution review commission.
- David Eades, Vice President IMGA
- Jens V. Holm, CEO IMGA

We are looking forward to seeing you online in September and November and remain at your disposal for any further information or questions.

Best regards,

Jens V. Holm
IMGA CEO

Cc: IMGA Board