


In accordance with World Netball (WN) Article 5.9 Members will be entitled to include items on the agenda for the Congress provided that any such request (accompanied by a brief explanation) is received by the Company at least 60 days before the date of the relevant meeting.

Please submit agenda items and background papers via email to the WN Secretariat before 17:00pm Friday 19 November 2021 with this covering form:

WN Member Country	ST. LUCIA
Full Member	YES
Region	AMERICAS
Agenda Item Title	Eligibility of a Netball nominated candidate for election as an officer of the National Olympic Committee (NOC)
Brief Explanation	<p>In St. Lucia, as in many other countries, Netball has and continues to be the nurturing ground for many female athletes that eventually transition to Olympic sports.</p> <p>While Netball is currently a non-Olympic sport, the sport of netball continues to make a very valuable (but invisible) contribution to the development of national Olympic athletes. Regrettably, Netball is deemed ineligible for the nomination of a candidate for election as an officer; although such a nominee can be an eligible candidate for election as a director (other than an officer),</p> <p>In the current circumstances, candidates with a history in Netball and who wish to serve in the capacity of an officer must seek membership of an Olympic sport, in order to satisfy eligibility requirements for nomination as a candidate for election as an officer (not a director / national federation representative).</p> <p>This practice encourages an undermining of the national profile of Netball and if one chose to uphold “on principle” the esteem role of netball in sports development and not “throw Netball under the bus”; the application for nomination as a candidate for election as an officer is denied – as happened recently.</p>

	<p>While netball awaits recognition as an Olympic sport, Netball is challenged to work “against the odds” to sustain the interest of athletes seeking career pathways through sports. This is further compounded by the attrition of administrators who do not wish to be constrained by the non-eligibility of Netball.</p> <p>In a bid to safeguard the integrity of Netball and secure equal recognition and opportunity for Netball at the NOC level, St. Lucia wishes to alert World Netball of this unfortunate practice - which erodes the image of Netball, as a pillar of sports development at the national level.</p> <p>The national contribution of Netball to the long-term development of athletes needs unreserved recognition at all levels. In this regard, prominent national sporting federations – such as Netball – should not be denied eligibility to serve as an elected officer of the NOC.</p> <p>St. Lucia calls on WN to advocate internationally for Netball to be afforded equal recognition and opportunity to be of service as an NOC officer.</p>
List of supporting documents (if any)	<p>Nomination for 1st Vice President of the St. Lucia Olympic Committee – Consent Letter.</p>

Signed:	
Name (capitals)	RUFINA PAUL
Position	PRESIDENT

From the Desk of:

RUFINA PAUL

October 10, 2021

**Chairperson
Independent Election Committee
St. Lucia Olympic Committee
La Clery
Castries
ST. LUCIA**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Nomination for the Position of 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

I, **RUFINA PAUL**, fully consent to my nomination for the position of **1ST VICE PRESIDENT** of the St. Lucia Olympic Committee (SLOC). I am very willing to serve the SLOC in that capacity and I trust that the membership of the SLOC will favour my nomination.

Grateful for your oversight of this nomination process and facilitation of the Election of Directors, for the upcoming term of office (2021 – 25), at the Elective General Assembly on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

With kind regards!

Yours in Sports,



RUFINA PAUL
Nominee for 1st Vice President
SLOC (2021-25) Election of Directors