

CONGRESS 2025 Item 10 – Articles of Association

World Netball proposes that amendments are made to the Articles of Association (Articles) to ensure that the new category of Emerging Member is reflected, that applications for Membership face less bureaucracy, that the eligibility for Board Directorships is consistent and avoids conflict of interest and that updates made to WN policies are reflected throughout the Articles.

Clause	Member Item
3.2	Include an Emerging Member category and outline requirements, right and responsibilities (e.g. must be Members of Regional Federations) DO NOT have voting rights.
3.4	Update to remove requirement for Associate Members to have governmental recognition and replace with ability to demonstrate that they are leading body for netball in country.
4.2	Update eligibility for Regional Director nominees in line with other Directors to minimise conflict of interest (i.e. the nominee must not be a Director, Employee or Consultant of a Member or Employee or Consultant of a Regional Federation).
6.1	Update eligibility for Athlete Director nominees in line with other Directors to minimise conflict of interest (i.e. the nominee must not be a Director, Employee or Consultant of a Member or Regional Federation) and reflect that this will be an elected role from 2027.
6.2	Update to include the requirement that Members nominating individuals for WN Board confirm that the nominee meets the requirements of the role and personal specification.
Throughout the document	Change to reflect updated WN policy on equality, diversity and inclusion.
Throughout the document	Update to reflect introduction of Dispute Regulations (this is an additional dispute resolution tool and does not affect ultimate recourse to CAS).

Members are asked to confirm that they support the proposed changes.