

Proposed Change to Bylaw(s) Bylaw 8.5.7

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, VP Youth

Existing Bylaw:

8.5.7 Thirty (30) days prior to each Annual General Meeting and Semi Annual General Meeting, the Secretary will inform the Affiliates of the number of votes each will be entitled to at the AGM or SAGM.

Bylaw w/ proposed change:

8.5.7 ~~Thirty (30)~~ **Seven (7)** days prior to each Annual General Meeting and Semi Annual General Meeting, the Secretary will inform the Affiliates of the number of votes each will be entitled to at the AGM or SAGM.

How the Bylaw would read after proposed change:

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Rationale:

The change better reflects practice. Allows staff more time to work with affiliates regarding credentials.

Proposed Change to Bylaws **ARTICLE XI - LITIGATION**

Submitted by: Steve Keiss, President, Georgia Soccer

Existing Bylaw: None

Bylaw w/ proposed change:

ARTICLE XI - LITIGATION

11.1 Litigation

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11.2. For a violation of this Article, the offending party shall be subject to suspension and fines, and shall be liable to GSSA or the responding party for all expenses incurred by GSSA or the responding party and their officers in defending each court action, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) court costs
- (2) attorneys' fees
- (3) reasonable compensation for time spent by officials and employees in defending the action, including the preparation of responses to discovery and court appearances
- (4) travel expenses, and
- (5) expenses for holding special meetings necessitated by the court action.

Note: Subsequent articles will need renumbering.

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Rationale: The US Soccer Federation has advised us of the need for this addition to our Bylaws.