

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

Submitted by:

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On behalf of the Bylaw Review Committee

Existing Bylaw:

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Housekeeping. Generally definitions are capitalized in By-Laws and should be capitalized throughout the document to signify there is an associated definitions when using a specific word or term.

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Rationale:

Housekeeping. Removing an errant comma.

Existing Bylaw:
Director of Adult Competition

The Director of Adult Competition shall:
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Rationale:

Housekeeping.

“two- year” changed to “two-year”

“umbered” removed

“Youth membership” changed to “Youth affiliates” to match the rest.