

Proposed Bylaw and Constitution Changes for January 20, 2016 MDCVSA General Council Meeting

Seasonal Year:

Current Text:

III. Seasonal Year

The seasonal and fiscal year of the Association begins on September 1 of one calendar year and ends on August 31 of the following calendar year.

Proposed Text:

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The seasonal and fiscal year of the Association begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.

Proposed text will read:

The seasonal and fiscal year of the Association begins on January 1 and ends on December 31. Reason for Proposed Change: This will help with accounting purposes as more leagues overlap between August and September than December and January. Additionally, the current fiscal year is confusing to players—having a yearly membership that expires at the end of the year will lesson confusion. Finally, both our parent organizations—USASA and USSF—run on a calendar year.

Player Pass:

Current Text:

C. The Rights and Duties of Players

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Reason for Proposed Change:

This requirement is not currently being enforced and there are other means of proofing affiliation status such as rosters with government issued IDs. Player passes may still be requested from MDCVSA for league use but they are not be required.

Constitution Change Proposal

IX. Elections

Current Text:

G. Council members in good standing may make nominations. [Amended 08/28/13]

H. An Officer shall commence a term of office after the conclusion of the meeting in which elected or appointed, or immediately after a vacancy has occurred.

Proposed Text:

G. **For delegate positions**, Council members in good standing may make nominations **at the meeting**. [Amended 08/28/13]

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Reason for Proposed Change:

In order to reduce uncertainty and give new candidates an opportunity to run for office, the general council should be advised in advance if a vacancy is occurring or if a new candidate plans to run for office.