

NOTICE OF MOTION

Summary of changes – Articles of Association Welsh Athletics

Proposal 1 - Article Number 1.24 & 1.25

1.24 Registered Athletes – any individual who joins a club and is registered with Welsh Athletics during the affiliation year.

1.25 Registered Volunteers – any individual who is a licensed coach, a licensed official (level 1 – 3) or a registered club volunteer.

Two new definitions and interpretations introduced to clarify difference between athlete members and club members. Registered volunteers introduced as a result of changes in responsibility for Coaches/Officials from UKA to the Home Countries.

Proposal 2 – Article 3.16 – amended to reflect a broader range of topics than just athlete registration fees. 3 new articles are introduced within this section

3.16 (1) The normal affiliation year shall run from April 1st through to March 31st the following year.

This is to clarify the membership year for Clubs/Athletes.

3.16(5) All registered athletes will be assumed active for the full period of the affiliation year. Any registered member who wishes to terminate their affiliation to Welsh Athletics at any point during the affiliation year must write to the relevant club and Welsh Athletics informing them of the decision. Only at this point will their affiliation be deemed inactive.

This article has been introduced following a review from UK Anti-Doping. There has never been a process of retiring an athlete affiliation mid-year, so athletes would be considered active for the duration of the membership year. This has been challenged by athletes who have left the sport mid-year and no longer wish to be bound to codes of practice of the sport. This process is now active, and the introduction of the new article is to reinforce the process with the membership.

3.16 (6) By becoming a member of a club, it will be assumed that all registered athletes and registered volunteers will adhere to the codes of practice of Welsh Athletics. This would include relevant codes of conduct, all UK Anti Doping requirements and any other code of practice that Welsh Athletics may introduce.

This was recommended by UK Anti Doping following the annual review process. Removes the possibility of anyone accused of a breach of conduct to state that they are not bound by the rules by joining through their club.

Proposal 3 – Introduction of Board Observers

In an effort to improve the diversity of the Board, Board observers are to be introduced to enable prospective Board members the opportunity to understand the workings of the Welsh Athletics Board. A series of new Articles are being introduced to support the proposal.

10.2 (5) The Board may appoint Board observers, who may attend a meeting as agreed by the Chair

10.5 (1) The Board shall appoint the Board observer on the recommendation of the Appointments panel

10.5 (2) The Board observer shall be appointed for a period of one year

Proposal 4 – Additional Article in respect to Anti-Doping

Following the review of our Articles by UK Anti-Doping, an additional article is proposed to be introduced, clarifying that all members, regardless of role or activity are bound by the Anti-Doping rules and regulations across the UK.

26.3 Through the relevant licensing and registration process all company members, clubs, registered athletes and registered volunteers agree to adhere to the anti-doping rules and regulations as agreed by UK Anti-Doping.