

Congress

The 2018 IFAF Congress

Sheraton Hotel. Panama City, Panama. August 11th 2018





IFAF President, Richard MacLean. (Centre) .

Welcome to Congress

Statement from President, Richard MacLean

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all attendees to the 2018 Congress and thank, on behalf of the Executive Board, all those connected with the federation here in Panama who have worked tirelessly to deliver this Congress and the World Flag Football Championship.

Earlier this year the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) rendered their final judgement in the dispute which has caused irrevocable damage to the perception of our federation. The Executive Board and I are grateful for the support which we received throughout this process - both financial and moral.

The award presents us with both challenges and opportunities. We have started to rebuild IFAF's relationships with a series of stakeholders and address outstanding issues which have resulted from people acting in IFAF's name. The implications of these issues, particularly financial, will have long-term implications for our federation. However, we are now presented with a unique opportunity to define our federation's future.

We have already updated our Statutes and reviewed many of our policies and procedures, giving us a strong footing. Now, we, through consultation with our members and our stakeholders, can set new goals for IFAF and establish pathways to achieve these, marking the way with appropriate milestones.

This Congress gives us the opportunity to share ideas which can, over the coming months, be shaped by further consultation, and become central to our 2019-2023 IFAF Strategy.





Australia's u19 Team preparing for the World Championship.

Congress Agenda

Congress opens at 08.30.

Registration.

Roll call of attendees and declaration of calling of Congress. .

Opening Speech from the President of AFFP.

Opening Speech of the President of IFAF.

1. Appointment of Scrutineers

2. Appointment of three delegates to whom the Minutes must be submitted to for checking before dispatch to the Members

3. Approval of the Minutes from the preceding Congress.

4. Report of the Executive Board covering the period of the last year.

5. Vote on the approval of the Executive Board's report covering the last year.

6. Presentation of the latest financial statement and appointment of auditor.

7. Vote on the approval of the Financial Report.

8. Submission of the Budget and the Plan of Action for the upcoming financial year proposed by the Executive Board

9. Vote on the approval of the Budget and the Plan of Action.

10. Membership of Nations - confirmation of status

11. Vote on any proposal sent according to the Statutes and proposals by the Executive Board.

12. Election of Executive Board members - Continental, (in accordance with the Statutes). Africa. Americas. Asia. Europe. Oceania.

13. Any Other Business.

14. Presentation by host nation of 2019 World Championship Host nation.

15. Congress 2019 announcement

16. Closure of Congress.

Motion One

Submitted by the Austrian Federation.

Competition Structure - Europe.

Documents attached.

Recommendation - This is a well-presented submission and worthy for consideration. It is appropriate that the members affected by the proposals be allowed to consider them and report to the IFAF Executive Board their position through the Competition Lead in Europe and the Continental Director for inclusion in a wider event calendar.



Football development in Cameroon

Plan of Action and Budget

The establishment of a Plan of Action for IFAF by the Executive Board is currently being shaped by the work being undertaken following the recent decision by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

IFAF will, here in Panama, start a consultation programme which will support the defining of the federation's future strategy - a process built upon principles and work already outlined by the Managing Director.

Whilst this is being undertaken IFAF will continue its work in delivering international events, supporting existing and emerging federations in the growth and development of the game, and working with international stakeholders to strengthen our organisation.

Underpinning this work will be the key pillars of:

- Governance development
- Clean sport
- Welfare and Safeguarding
- Delivering events
- Modified game review
- Coach education
- Schools programmes

The amount which IFAF can invest in these activities will be dependent upon the evolving financial landscape once all outstanding matters have been resolved. The Executive Board propose to continue to maintain its current approach of priority investment in events, services and meeting contractual obligations where appropriate.

From a financial perspective, IFAF can report an income of **\$143,960.38** with an expenditure of **\$93,155.05** with income largely derived from awards, membership and competition entry fees.

These figures are not wholly inclusive of outlay and repayments relating to legal expenses.

These figures will be presented once all matters can be resolved satisfactorily.

IFAF will continue to meet certain financial obligations related to international stakeholders and will report on these in due course.

A review of the account in France will be undertaken as we regain access.

