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For the attention of: FISTF Member Nations FISTF Confederations

## Subject: Minutes of FISTF Annual General Meeting 2022

Date: Saturday, 26. November 2022, Parris 2100 CET

Location: Internet, FISTF Channel <u>www.discord.com</u>

**Board participants** 

Steve Dettre AUS President

Mike Sgro CAN Vice-President Media

Chris Angelinas GRE Vice-President, Sports Director

Peter Alegi USA Vice-President, Confederation America North Adrian Connolly AUS Vice-President, Confederation Asia

Bob Varney ENG Vice-President, Confederation Europe

Roger Trouillard FRA IT - Administrator

**Apologies:** 

Fred Vulpes GER Vice-President, Finance Director, Treasurer Daniel Matos BRA Vice-President, Confederation America South

Absent:

Brandon Lavender ENG Vice-President, Director Promotion and Marketing Jurgen Balzan MLT Vice-President, Development and Education

**Member Nations:** 

Delphine Dieudonne BEL President, Fedération Belge de Football de Table Subbuteo

Alan Lee ENG Chairman, English Subbuteo Association

Eric Naszalyi FRA President, Fédération Française de Football de Table Sport

Daniela Grünberg GER President, Deutscher Sport-Tischfußball Bund

Giorgos Dimakeas GRE President, Union of Hellenic Table Football

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Mike Sgro\* CAN President, Subbuteo Canada

**Member Nations - Provisional** 

Gary Downs RSA President, South African Table Football Association

Thomas Ponté UKR President, Fédération Ukrainienne de football de table Subbuteo

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### **Confederation Representatives**

Georgios Koutis GRE President, Confed of European Sports Table Federation Associations

Apologies:

Dave Gladman SCO Scottish Subbuteo Association

Heinz Eder AUT Erster Österreichischer Tischfussball-Verband

#### **Absent**

Confederacao Brasileira de Futbol de Mesa Dansk Subbuteo Bordfodbold Union Gibraltar Table Soccerl Association Hungarian Table Football Association Table Football Association Ireland Nihon Ohajiki Soccer Kyokai Nederlandse Subbuteo Voetbal Bond Northern Ireland Table Football Association Associacao Portuguesa de Subbuteo Table Football Association of Singapore Asociación Española de Fútbol de Mesa Welsh Sports Table Football Association

## **Meeting Agenda**

President Steve Dettre chaired the meeting, in the absence of a General Secretary.

His welcome comments referred to the absence of an AGM in 2021 because of various issues, including the COVID pandemic.

He mentioned that the FISTF Board had its first online meeting since the 2020 Congress and there were plans for regular meetings.,

Minutes of the 2022 October meeting will be distributed.

He mentioned that there was a lot to get through at the AGM, and the first order of business would be to approve the minutes of the 2020 Congress.

Adrian Connolly (VP-Asia) proposed acceptance and Peter Alegi (VP-Nth America) seconded the motion which was passed.

Dettre then proposed the FISTF Financial report, outlining the great work being done by Finance Director Fred Vulpes.

He highlighted that Vulpes would not stand for election at the 2024 Congress and a replacement would be needed, with the plan to have someone work with Vulpes over the coming year to understand the process. Dettre highlighted that the accounts were in a reasonable position, with a balance of €7,047.80 as of 22nd November, despite donations by FISTF to the FISTF World Cup LOC, Champions League and Europa Cup events in 2022. Dettre commented that FISTF needs to consider funds being spent on the grassroots as well as elite. The account position was assisted by a more rigorous approach to board expenses since 2017. Connolly proposed acceptance and Daniel Cranston (USA) seconded it.

It was moved that the other Directors' reports be accepted which was agreed by acclamation.

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Business then moved briefly to discussion about the Resolutions.

Before that could be properly addressed, in reference to the Directors' reports, Eric Naszalyi (FRA) asked why there were no reports from Development and Marketing Directors. He highlighted that these were key parts of FISTF and was surprised that there were no reports.

The FISTF president highlighted repeated approaches had been made to the two directors both relating to participation in the Board and providing reports.

Naszalyi said there were complaints by players that nothing is being done for development. He said being elected to the FISTF Board was a responsibility in terms of doing the job they had been elected for. It was discussed what the next step would be regarding the possibility of removing them or them stepping down. It was then proposed by the AGM that resolutions, based on the Statutes, be put to act on this. Patrick Pace (MLT) asked whether these directors were invited to the AGM. It was confirmed that all board members, MNAs, MNA-P and confederations were invited. It was agreed resolutions should be proposed to be voted on.

Business then returned to the Resolutions.

### **Resolution 1:**

Topic: Team Events

Proposal: To remove clause 2.10.2 from the clause FISTF Official Handbook.

This would allow Grand Prix's the flexibility to decide whether a Teams event is held. This change is ONLY proposed for this type of event.

#### Background:

In the Asian region it is challenging to get 4 players from each club to travel interstate or overseas for an event. Regularly these travelling players will have nothing on the second playing day which given the expense and time to travel is unfair and seen as a barrier to participation. Many players don't want to transfer to other clubs just to play in the Teams event at our one annual GP or see doing so as an unappealing second day of competition. This change will enable us to maximise participation for all entrants in both days which intern will help draw bigger numbers to our major tournaments in support of the development of the game. The second day could be used for events such as a National Cup or Championship, etc. or to expand upon the GP duration particularly if there are limitation on venue hours of operation. The GP could also be reduced to one day in future to enable more players to travel to the event without work or life impacts.

#### 2.10.2 International Grand Prix

- (a) Definition:
- (i) An International Grand Prix should be the best international tournament organised in a country in terms of quality and total number of players, not considering a Major Grand Prix, organised by the same MNA.
- (ii) Only high-quality international tournaments will be accepted as an International Grand Prix.
- (b) Specific competition rules: (i) Each MNA of FISTF is entitled to organise one (1) Grand Prix per season.
- (c) Tournament System: (i) It is mandatory to have both events, Individual and Teams, at an International Grand Prix.

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(Submitted by A Connolly, ATFA President, VP FISTF – Asia Confederation)

Discussion: Adrian Connolly spoke to this resolution, emphasising that in some regions, such as Asia, it was a challenge to get enough players for teams' events. It provides flexibility to not have a team's event. Daniel Cranston (USA) had similar view, saying ASA had not hosted a GP because of this requirement.

#### Vote:

> I agree with the removal of the requirement for team events at a Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix: 14 votes

> I disagree with the removal of the requirement for team events at a Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix: 6 votes

> I abstain: 1

As per the FISTF Statutes, a 66.67 pct majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

Majority was 70 pct: RESOLUTION APPROVED

#### **Resolution 2:**

Topic: Combined teams for team events:

Proposal: To permit 'mixed' teams to compete in all FISTF Tour events, except Majors.

- (i) Teams can be composed of six players, with no more than 2 players from the same club
- (ii) Players whose club is entered in the event cannot be part of a Mixed Team
- (iii) Mixed teams can win the event, but no FISTF points are awarded.
- (iv) Two Mixed teams are permitted per event.
- (v) Mixed teams start the tournament with no seeding.

(Submitted by A Connolly, ATFA President, VP FISTF – Asia Confederation)

#### Amendment to resolution:

This only applies to events in MNAs outside of Europe. (Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

#### Discussion:

Adrian Connolly spoke to this resolution:

This is a concept so that players don't have to transfer to other clubs which I know is not often attractive, even in our region just to play in one event. Instead to allow mixed teams to enter and can progress but don't get WR points. Bob Varney (VP-Europe) said the European Confederation board

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was unanimously in agreement with this. Chris Angelina (FISTF Sports Director) proposed that Mixed teams only available in events outside Europe only. Varney confirmed that the English Association confirmed they believed it should be available to European events as well.

#### Vote on Resolution 2:

> I agree with the proposal to allow Combined teams for all FISTF events from Grand Prix level down: 11 votes

> I disagree with the proposal to allow Combined teams for all FISTF events from Grand Prix level down: 9 votes

> I abstain: 1

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Majority in favour was 55pct. RESOLUTION REJECTED.

Vote on Resolution 2 amendment: (This resolution will only be valid if Resolution 2 passes)

- > I agree for Combined teams to be for all FISTF events (GP level and down) worldwide
- > I agree for Combined teams to be for all FISTF events (GP level and down) outside Europe only
- > I abstain

As per the FISTF Statutes, a 66.67 pct majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

This resolution was only valid if Resolution 2 passed: RESOLUTION REJECTED.

### **Resolution 3**

**Topic: Sports Director** 

For the FISTF MNAs to approve the appointment of Mr. Chris Angelinas as Sports Director.

FISTF president Dettre spoke to this, with the hope that there would be no objections. He said Angelinas has some ideas about the roadmap for the role and would work on a document.

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#### Vote:

- > I agree with the appointment of Mr. Chris Angelinas as Sports Director. 21 Votes
- > I object to the appointment of Mr. Chris Angelinas as Sports Director. 0 Votes

> I abstain: 0

As per the FISTF Statutes, a simple majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

Majority in favour was 100pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

### **Resolution 4**

Topic: Season.

A proposal regarding the official FISTF Season.

Option 1: To change the sporting season to September to August, or

Option 2: To retain the current calendar year season (January to December).

If Option 1 is accepted, season 2023 would be a shorter version (January to end of august), with the 2023-24 season starting on September 1 and running until August 30, 2024.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

Angelinas spoke to this, saying it was important to return to the previous condition, September to August. This would make the World Cup (or continental championship) the marker between the two seasons. Varney (VP-Europe) confirmed the European Confederation supported this. Peter Alegi (VP-Nth America) said the issue becomes 'when?' -- September 2023 or September 2024. He said there had already been planning for 2023 so that might be too soon.

One issue raised was the status if the World Cup: should it be the 'boundary' of the season. Varney confirmed that Angelinas was saying that the World Cup ends the season, but it doesn't actually have to be held by the 31st of August. Pace (MLT) then asked whether World Cup age categories need to apply for the World Cup's season and not the next season (after September 1, even if the world cup is staged in the first weeks of September).

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#### Vote:

> I agree that the FISTF season should become September to August: 12 Votes

> I agree that the FISTF season should remain January to December: 8 Votes

> I abstain: 1

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Majority in favour was 60pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

If the previous resolution is passed, and the season becomes September to August, the change should happen:

> In September 2023: 9 Votes

> In September 2024: 8 Votes

> I Abstain: 3

As per the FISTF Statutes, a simple majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

Majority in favour was 53pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

### **Resolution 5**

Topic: Age Groups

To change the age limit of the categories. For the current "under "categories the age limit of 20 (for example) should be at the *end* of the season. By this way all season long all the players in the category will be under 20 years old. The same should apply to U16 and U12. With the current system, we have so many players over aged during the season.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

Angelinas said it was currently illogical that some players competing in the U16 category, for example, were actually 17 or even approaching 18.

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The defining dates would depend on the outcome of Resolution 4.

#### Vote:

> I agree that players competing in "Under categories" (U20, U16 and U12) must be under that age for the entirety of the season: 13 Votes

> I propose the current system remain, where players are under the age before the season starts: 6 Votes

> I abstain: 2

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Majority in favour was 68pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

## **Resolution 6**

Topic: Veterans

To increase the age limit for Veterans.

Option A: 50+plus Option B: 55+plus Option C: retain 45+plus

Any change would be implemented for season 2024.

Background: In previous voting it was mistakenly mentioned "do you agree the age limit to remain as it is 45, or you want to change?" The nations voted for the category to be 45+. However, it is unclear whether they voted to "remain" or "45". The problem is that at the time the age limit was 50 and not 45. So, I will ask the question again: What should the age limit for a veteran would be? a) 45 or b) 50. Effective from next season (2024 or 2023-2024).

My suggestion is 50, as and especially with the current limit of 45, in all tournaments the veterans are already more populated than the Open. It's not good for the promotion of the sport. An even more hard approach on this is to expand the age limit even more, let's say 55. Or even more. I personally prefer to have a very big open competition and a really smaller veteran one in each event, instead of two almost same sized as it happens now. Also, a "super veteran" should possibly be considered. All these will be discussed for the next handbook.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

Angelinas spoke to his resolution, saying 45 was too 'young; and that there were often more players in Veterans events than Open, which is not good for promotion. He proposed 50 as the cut off, though 55 was an option, but 50 is his preference.

The defining dates would depend on the outcome of Resolution 4.

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#### Vote:

> I agree with the change of the Veterans category to 50+plus: 15 Votes

> I agree with the change of the Veterans category to 55+plus: 3 Votes

> I want to keep the current age limit of 45+plus: 3 Votes

> I abstain: 0

As per the FISTF Statutes, a 66.67 pct majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results) If one of the options does not receive 66.67 pct, then the two most voted options will have a second round, with a simple majority to decide.

Majority in favour of Option 1 was 71 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

### **Resolution 7**

Topic: Competition Format.

Update the FISTF Handbook sections 2.10.2 International Grand Prix; 2.10.4 International Open; and 2.10.5 Satellites to allow the use of the following formats:

- Swiss System
- The new UEFA UCL Swiss hybrid system (i.e., Swiss format followed by knockout format using the ladder from the Swiss system)

Note that at present there is already some allowance for Satellites (only) to be in alternative formats (2.11. Experimental Tournaments)

(Submitted by A Connolly, ATFA President, VP FISTF – Asia Confederation)

Connolly spoke to this resolution. The Swiss system provides a guarantee for the number of matches on a day for ALL competitors, allows a gradual sorting out of players of the same standard. Currently the better players get more matches and the rest struggle with three group games and that's it. As highlighted, this is not a compulsory format, and is just available to organisers.

It's also important that both options are well publicised before the event so players can make their own decisions on whether to participate. It provides a balance for all players to get more matches.

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#### Vote:

> I agree to allow Swiss system and Swiss hybrid system for all FISTF Tour events: 14 Votes

> I oppose the introduction of Swiss and Swiss hybrid system: 4 Votes

> I abstain: 3

As per the FISTF Statutes, a 66.67 pct majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

Majority in favour is 78 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

### **Resolution 8**

Topic: FISTF Handbook

Changes to the text (remove in red)

Administrative Sanctions:

- (f) Administrative Sanctions for MNAs
  - (i) If an MNA has not *updated* its Form F20 registration before the indicated deadline (31st January) its clubs and individual players will be prohibited from taking part in FISTF tournaments until this is in order.
- (ii) If an MNA has not *updated* its Form F20 registration before the indicated deadline, then all international events in the country will be cancelled.

Proposed to remove:

(iii) FISTF may apply a penalty of 100 ranking points for the MNA in the nations ranking for a delay in submitting or failure to submit Form F20.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

The approach is to encourage MNAs to comply rather than harsh penalties.

#### Vote:

> I agree with the removal of this clause: 20 Votes

> I object to the removal of this clause: 1 Vote

> I abstain: 0

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### Majority in favour is 95 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

## **Resolution 9**

Topic: FISTF Handbook

Changes to text 2.3.7 Rules for Free Agents ("unattached" players)

Edit: Remove the relevant text:

- (e) A non-ranked inactive or a new player who has never played in any individual or team competition) / free agent player can join a club at any time during the Sports Season.
- (g) A Free Agent registered longer than 13 months (1 year plus 1 month) may join any club at any time, not just during the transfer period.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

This is a proposed change to simplify the regulation.

#### Vote:

> I agree with the change: 20 Votes

> I object to the change: 1 Vote

> I abstain: 0

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Majority in favour is 95 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

### **Resolution 10**

Resolution removed.

### Resolution 11

Topic: FISTF Handbook

Removal of Sections 2.9.2, 2.9.3 and 2.9.4

These are now the responsibility of the relevant Confederation.

2.9.2 European Confederation of Sports Table Football Associations

(a) The ECSTFA will define and organise its own tournaments among members of the European MNAs.

(b) ECSTFA will organise and schedule events taking into consideration the FISTF Calendar.

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- (c) Qualification for all events will be decided by ECSTFA. All players must be registered with FISTF.
- 2.9.3 Confederation of Asian Sports Table Football Associations
- (a) The Asian Cup of Table Football is organised by the three foundation members: Singapore, Japan, and Australia, on a rotational biennial basis, in years alternating with the FISTF World Cup.
- (b) As other countries become full members of FISTF and CASTFA, they shall have the opportunity to stage the Asian Cup if they are willing.
- (c) The Host of the Asian Cup has the right to organise categories, respecting the FISTF categories and regulations.
- (d) All categories are open to all players registered with any nation in the Asian region, with no restriction on the number of entries. All players must be registered with FISTF.
- (e) In the Club Team event, A, B, C etc. teams may enter from one club.
- (f) In the National Team event, A and B team events, and Youth and Women events may be organised.
- 2.9.4 Confederation of South American Sports Table Football Associations
- (a) South American Table football is organised by the two members: Brazil and Argentina.
- (b) The South American Championship is staged on a rotational annual basis, in the weekend close to the 12 October Holiday.
- (c) As other countries become full members of FISTF and CSASTFA, they shall have the opportunity to stage the South American Championship.
- (d) The Host of the South American Championship has the right to organise categories, respecting the FISTF categories and regulations but also will organise Button Football categories.
- (e) All categories are open to all players registered with any nation in the South America region, with no restriction on the number of entries. All players must be registered with FISTF.
- (f) In the National Team event, team events, and Youth and Women events may be organised.

Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

> I agree with the removal of this section: 19 Votes

> I object to the change: 1 Vote

> I abstain: 1

As per the FISTF Statutes, a 66.67 pct majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

Majority in favour is 95 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

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### **Resolution 12**

Topic: FISTF Handbook

Removal of Sections 2.10.4 International Opens (b) (ii):

(ii) AN MNA of FISTF with more than 200 licenced players in the country (Paid members) is entitled to three (3) International Opens per season.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

Angelinas spoke to this resolution. It was proposed that this could be abused and hard to regulate. Naszalyi (FRA) also stated that it would create a fairer world ranking, because the more tournaments in a country the more it is weighted towards that country's players getting more WR points.

#### Vote:

> I agree with the removal of this section: 17 Votes

> I object to the change: 3 Votes

> I abstain: 1

As per the FISTF Statutes, a 66.67 pct majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

Majority in favour is 85 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

## **Resolution 13**

Topic: FISTF Handbook

Changes to Section 2.10.5 Satellites:

Specific competition rules:

(iv) In a Satellite, all players should compete in the Open category, although other categories are allowed or in an "under" category (Under 20, Under 16, Under 12).

Players competing are restricted to those ranked outside the top 20 in the World Ranking.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

Angelinas spoke to this resolution.

It was proposed that in Satellites, both Veteran and Women's categories are removed, though 'Under' categories permitted.

It was also proposed that only those players outside the Top 20 (in Open, U20, U16, U12) be permitted to compete, with no wild cards.

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#### Vote:

> I agree with the change to this section: 13 Votes

> I object to the change to this section: 3 Votes

> I abstain: 5

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Majority in favour is 81 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

#### Resolution 14

Topic: FISTF Tournament Organisation Handbook

New text to be added (in yellow)

The Draw

(xvi) The current World Rankings can be used to make the draw and to select the seeded players/clubs as pot number 1.

Then a second pot according to the current World Ranking should be used in order to declare the second seeded players/clubs.

This is also recommended -not mandatory- for pot 3 or 4 etc

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

Angelinas proposed this to provide a degree of 'randomness' to the draw for the first stage of tournaments.

This is an option that is available to Organisers and is not mandatory.

#### Vote:

> I agree with the change to this section: 15 Votes

> I object to the change to this section: 4 Votes

> I abstain: 2

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### Majority in favour is 79 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

#### **Resolution 15**

Topic: FISTF Tournament Organisation Handbook

3.2.8. Management of referees Removal and addition of text:

(xxii) In every competition, as there is one chance in three that there will be no group of four players, the organizer should be careful about the referees. If there is only one group of four players, the organizer must find three additional referees if he wants the first round to be completed after three series of matches. Usually, all players play three times and referee one or two during the first round (groups of four). However, groups of four can be played over four series of matches with the groups of three having a rest series

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

This is just an administrative change to simplify the text.

#### Vote:

> I agree with the change to this section: 17 Votes

> I object to the change to this section: 2 Votes

> I abstain: 2

As per the FISTF Statutes, a simple majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

Majority in favour is 89 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

### **Resolution 16**

Topic: FISTF Tournament Organisation Handbook

3.2.9 Registration of Players and Clubs

Addition of new text:

(xxxi) Clubs must fill FORM F23 - Event Registration for Teams Form to register in a team competition of a FISTF tournament and send it to the organizer. Maximum 8 players per each team of a club per tournament

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

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This increases and formalises the number of players able to be registered by a club for a tournament to 8.

#### Vote:

> I agree with the change to this section: 17 Votes

> I object to the change to this section: 3 Votes

> I abstain: 1

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Majority in favour is 85 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

#### **Resolution 17**

Topic: FISTF Tournament Organisation Handbook 3.2.15. Special fees for Champions League and Europa Cup Section to be removed, as now responsibility of ECSTFA.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

#### Vote:

> I agree with the removal of this section: 17 Votes

> I object to the removal of this section: 1 Vote

> I abstain: 3

As per the FISTF Statutes, a simple majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

Majority in favour is 94 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

### **Resolution 18**

Topic: FISTF Tournament Organisation Handbook Article 6. Other Continental Championships To be removed, as per Resolution 17.

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## (Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

Vote:

> I agree with the removal of this section: 17 Votes

> I object to the removal of this section: 0 Votes

> I abstain: 4

As per the FISTF Statutes, a simple majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

Majority in favour is 100 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

### **Resolution 19**

Topic: FISTF Tournament Organisation Handbook

8.1. General Competition structure

Changes to text:

- (a) A team comprises 4 players and 2 reserves for each match. 1 reserve for each match, or 2 reserves for each match if and only if a minimum of one "under" player is among the total six players of the team for the specific game.
- f) The coach of each team is responsible for all aspects of the team. The coach should be written in the score sheet of each game. It is not mandatory that the coach be a member of the club. A change of the coach is allowed only in half time as long as it is written on the score sheet.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

Angelinas spoke to this as a way of encouraging youth players to be included in teams. Dimakeas (GRE) supported this, as a way of encouraging clubs to develop their players and encourage them by including them in team events. It is an important part of development. Importantly, teams can only name 6 on the score sheet if they include an 'Under' player on the sheet.

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#### Vote:

> I agree with the change to this section of 5 or 6 team members: 7 Votes

> I object to the change of this section: 10 Votes

> I abstain: 4

As per the FISTF Statutes, a simple majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

Majority against is 59 pct. RESOLUTION REJECTED.

#### **Resolution 20**

Topic: FISTF Tournament Organisation Handbook

8.3. Seeding procedure

- (a) For each team match, the team's coach shall present a maximum of 5 players or 6 players (in case of an "under" player) in the playing area for the seeding procedure as follows:
- (A) Referee tosses a coin to determine which coach will start the seeding procedure coach/captain A / coach/captain B. the home team coach/captain (listed first in the score sheet) should choose the coin side.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)
This was a clarification, dependent on acceptance of Resolution 19.
Also a clarification on who should choose the coin side.

#### Vote:

- > I agree with the change to this section. 13 Votes
- > I object to the change of this section: 3 Votes

> I abstain: 5

As per the FISTF Statutes, a simple majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results) If Resolution 19 is not passed, the wording of Section 8.3 will need to be changed.

Majority in favour is 81 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

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### **Resolution 21**

Topic: FISTF Tournament Organisation Handbook

8.4. Substitution rules (change the number of substitutes)

At half time, both coaches have the opportunity to substitute one of the four players that has played the first half of the match. The referee shall be notified of any changes made. The reserve player takes over any sanction cards of the substituted player from the first half of the match. The team that won the toss must first declare its intention to make the substitution. The referee will ask to the captain of the team that won the toss, to declare the intention to make the substitution. Once the captain of the team that won the toss, has made the substitution, or declared they didn't want to make substitution, the captain of the other team has the possibility to make his substitution. In case a team has 6 players, then they have the right to make two substitutions at the same time.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

This was a text change to allow for the proposed changes in Resolution 19. It would allow for up to 2 changes in a team at halftime.

An amendment was proposed by Naszalyi (FRA) that the second change (in the case of 2 substitutes) could be made at any time in the second half of one match when the ball is 'dead'. The substitute would immediately swap in for the other player, using the existing figures, no change of figures, no polishing and no change of keeper. This could happen at any time in the half (if the ball is not in play: goal flick, flick off, free flick, flick in, corner flick)

### Vote:

> I agree with the change to this section that a team of 6 allows two substitutions at halftime: 8 Votes

> I object to the proposed change: 11 Votes

> I abstain: 2

As per the FISTF Statutes, a simple majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results) If this Resolution is not passed, then the vote on the amendment is void.

Majority against is 58 pct. RESOLUTION REJECTED.

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### Vote (on the amendment)

> I agree that a team of 6 can alternatively make one substitution at half time and one at any time during the second half on any table: 8 Votes

> I object to this proposed change: 11 Votes

> I abstain: 3

As per the FISTF Statutes, a simple majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results) If the main Resolution is not passed, then the vote on the amendment is void.

This resolution was only valid if Resolution 21 passed: RESOLUTION REJECTED.

#### **Resolution 22**

Topic: FISTF Tournament Organisation Handbook

8.5. In case of draw in a team competition, there will be a sudden death—an extra time of 10 minutes and, if needed, a single shoot-out between two players. For the shootout, each team has to decide which player will take part in the shootout.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

Angelinas spoke to this, saying instances where two goals on two tables were scored almost simultaneously caused issues. He also suggested that a team may focus on delaying tactics on three tables in the hope a 'star' may score. Nasazlyi said that may be a function of the rules, not the format. Varney agreed that the sudden death rule changes the dynamics on the tables. Removing it could result in less negative play in extra time of team matches.

It is important to note this would only apply to team matches.

### Vote:

- > I agree with the removal of sudden death from team events: 8 Votes
- > I disagree with the removal of sudden death from team events: 13 Votes

> I abstain: 0

As per the FISTF Statutes, a simple majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

Majority against is 62 pct. RESOLUTION REJECTED

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### **Resolution 23**

Topic: FISTF Tournament Organisation Handbook

- 9.3. Notes (it should be continuation of 9.2) (Alternative format option added)
- (f) 3 is the minimum number of players/teams in a group
- (g) 10 is the maximum number of players/teams in a group
- (h) Groups of 4 should be preferred to groups of 3 if possible
- (i) Top-2 players/teams in each group are qualified for the following stage. Then the official format of FISTF -listed below- is strongly recommended.
- (j) Alternatively, the organizer can put all the winners of the groups in the specific places as described below and draw randomly all the seconds of the groups. In this case, this method should be announced before the start of the tournament.

(Submitted by C Angelinas, FISTF Sports Director)

Angelinas spoke to this and said it was an alternative method of making a draw for the elimination phase is proposed: The organizer can put all the winners of the groups in the specific places as described (in the FISTF tableau) and draw randomly all the seconds of the groups. In this case, this method should be announced before the start of the tournament.

The advantage was again some randomness in the draw. Players from the same group cannot be drawn together in the first elimination round.

This would only apply for the first elimination round (after the barrage) and following rounds would follow the formula of the FISTF tableau.

This method of making a draw is an alternative and *not mandatory*.

### Vote:

> I agree with the change to this section: 14 Votes.

> I object to the change of this section: 5 Votes

> I abstain: 2

As per the FISTF Statutes, a simple majority vote is needed to carry this resolution. Abstention is not a cast vote (it was voted but will not be considered in the final results)

Majority in favour is 74 pct. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

## Resolution 24 (added at the AGM)

Resolution void.

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#### Additional Notes

President Dettre then provided a recap of the World Cup report, saying that the focus was on what lessons needed to be learned and implemented for England2024.

Pace (MLT) commented on Malta's disappointment at the accommodation arrangements, which Dettre said had loomed large in his content of the report.

Roger Trouillard (FISTF-IT) then commented that the Internet voting would happen on FISTF.com and explained how the MNAs would be able to register their votes.

Dettre also reaffirmed the request for all MNAs and MNA-Ps to complete their online forms F20 and F01

As there were no other topics for discussion the President closed the meeting at 23:10 CET Paris time, November 26.

Ends.

Administrative note: After the close of the meeting, Director Brandon Lavender sent through his resignation. The proposed resolution regarding his removal was this declared void. Director Jurgen Balzan also formally submitted his resignation and the proposed resolution regarding his removal was also declared void.

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