

Rules of Debate

Regulation 9.3.2

A submission from the UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation

Proposal

- 9.3.2 Members of the Council will then be called upon to speak in turn. **With the permission of the Chairman and prior notice to the Secretary General a representative of a MNA or Class Association may speak once on a submission and answer any questions from a member as directed through the Chairman.** They shall address their remarks to the chair. Other members shall not interrupt. No member shall speak until called upon by the chair. Members, other than the proposer, will not normally be entitled to make more than one speech in each debate. There will be no fixed time limit but speeches are to be kept short.

Current Position

None.

Reason

1. With the increase of the numbers of MNAs in various groups it is possible that the council member for that group may not feel that they can adequately present the case of one of their MNAs. They may also feel that their grasp of the English language is not sufficient to make the case clearly.
2. Some submissions are of such a complex or difficult matter that the council member does not fully understand the submission. (For example, a submission on the Constitution) and would prefer a representative from MNA to state the case.
3. A submission may be in conflict with one the council member's MNA or Class Association and subsequently this will place the council member in a difficult position.

At the moment, under the current rules of debate there is perception that members, MNAs or Class Associations do not receive adequate representation from their Council member. By changing the current regulation it will allow the MNA or the Class Association to make a case before Council. In the past, it was common practice for the chair to allow representatives from the MNA or Class to speak from the floor. This gave the impression that all voices had been heard loud and clear.