

**REPORTING COMMITTEE – CONSTITUTION
OTHER COMMITTEE –**

Submission: **059-08**

Special Resolution Votes

Article 37

A submission from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

Proposal:

That Council approve that the following amendments to the Constitution be included in the agenda of the 2008 General Assembly:

That Article 37 be amended as follows:

37. Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a simple majority of votes of those present except that no resolution for the amendment of the Memorandum of Association or these Articles shall be carried unless ~~two-thirds~~ **75%** of the votes cast shall be in favour of such resolution (but this provision shall not affect the right of the Council to vary the table contained in Schedule A in accordance with Article 42(b)). Voting on any resolution shall be by show of hands unless the Chairman or not less than five of the delegates present request a secret ballot. Each delegate present in person shall be entitled to one vote only and no appointment of proxies is permitted. The President and Vice-Presidents present in person shall be entitled to vote. Any such secret ballot shall take place and the result of the vote be announced before the close of the meeting. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote except in the case of equality of votes related to elections which shall be decided in accordance with the Federation's Regulations.

Current Position:

As above.

Reason:

There is an anomaly between the figure of two thirds in this article and the one of three quarters in the Definitions Clause. Legal advice has confirmed that the correct figure is 75%.

This change was approved by Council in principle in May 2008 and this submission deals with the precise wording.