

The Executive Board of FMJD proposes new statutes and internal regulations (formerly called bye laws) for the following reasons:

- The current statutes are out of date
- There are technical errors in the statutes and bye laws like references to not existing websites, same texts in statutes and bye law articles
- Statutes are not in accordance with grown practice of Executive Board meetings and composition of the board
- Rules for membership are too strict; we cannot accept new members like Northern Ireland, Guadeloupe (already member but not possible for such a region/country as new member)
- Rules for the ethics committee are very bad as we could see in various cases. Important parts of Dutch law for organisations are not included and ignored by the committee.
- Section International draughts 100 does not exist in practice as international draughts is organised by FMJD and not by a separate organisation.

For the proposal we received much valuable advice from SportAccord.

In the Executive Board meeting, august 1, 2015, the proposal was accepted by the Executive Board to be proposed to the General Assembly in Izmir.

Advantages in the proposal compared with the current statutes:

- There is no more section 100 which was, in theory, created some 15 years ago. In practice this section 100 did not exist. International draughts was and is the main version of draughts for FMJD. This is made more clear in the statutes proposal.
- More rights for sections such as voting right in FMJD General Assembly and the right to make proposals for the FMJD General Assembly.
- Members of the sections have right to participate in FMJD international draughts tournaments, with the exception of the World Championship International draughts on 100 squares and the women world championship international draughts; for those tournaments members have to be full members of FMJD.
- Creation of main board ("Executive Council") versus full board
- New rules for meetings of Executive Council and Full Council
- Clearer definition of voting rights, quorum etc.
- More flexible definition of members allowing countries like Scotland, Northern Ireland, Guadeloupe etc. to be or become members. For this we studied the statutes of some large international federations like FIFA and the World Volleyball Association who do permit such countries to be member
- Changing name of "bye laws" into "Internal Regulations"