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Article VII : Charters

SECTION 6

Current wording:

A charter will be entitled to convention delegates based upon the previous year's total membership as follows:

Members	Delegates	Members	Delegates
10-100	1	601-700	7
101-200	2	701-800	8
201-300	3	801-900	9
301-400	4	901-1000	10
401-500	5	1001-1100	11
501-600	6	1101-1200	12

Further expansion of the above will continue in increments of 1 per 100 members.

Proposed wording:

A charter will be entitled to one delegate for being an active charter with the NHPA. Additional convention delegates based upon the previous year's total membership as follows:

Members	Additional Delegates	Members	Additional Delegates
10-49	0	350-399	7
50-99	1	400-449	8
100-149	2	450-499	9
150-199	3	500-549	10
200-249	4	550-599	11
250-299	5	600-649	12
300-349	6	650-699	13

Further expansion of the above will continue in increments of 49 and at the 50th member increment will include one additional delegate.

Rationale

EXAMPLE: Charter A has 37 members and Charter B has 251 members. Charter A receives one delegate for being active and 0 for membership totaling 1 delegate. Charter B receives one delegate for being active and 5 for membership totaling 6 delegates.

Note: Once the NHPA membership reaches 15,000 members the original-style delegation of increments of 1 delegate per 100th member.

Rationale: Until we see drastic change charters will lose delegation quick and not have as much pull in the delegation process. 100 members is hard to gain as of now, and 50 is more attainable. This gives charters more incentive to achieve more numbers as the more we get the better we will grow. Once the NHPA members climb back to 15,000 and we are more operable again this should be changed back to the original style. This is needed for our charters to find a voice. From the 2022 membership totals on the 2023 delegate packet we had 97 delegates, the new style would add 72 delegates for 169 total. This makes voting more powerful too. Making the votes weigh more than current at less than 100. It allows for someone who knows someone not to try to conquer votes easier, it makes an election or a bid... an election or a bid, not a shoo-in (no pun intended.) In all seriousness, this will make a positive change in making it more attractive to charters to gain members. For 2022, this would have 9 charters at one vote instead of 29 at one vote. A 31% decrease in one vote charters. It gives the power back to the delegates. See chart...

	Current	New	Change (+)
Alabama	1	2	1
Alaska	1	1	0
Arizona	2	3	1
Arkansas	1	1	0
California N	3	6	3
California S	3	6	3
Colorado	3	6	3
Connecticut	3	5	2
Delaware	1	1	0
Florida	3	6	3
Georgia	2	3	1
Hawaii	1	1	0
Idaho	1	2	1
Illinois	3	5	2
Indiana	2	3	1
Iowa	2	3	1
Kansas	2	4	2
Kentucky	1	2	1
Louisiana	2	3	1

	Current	New	Change (+)
Maine	1	2	1
Maryland	1	1	0
Massachusetts	1	2	1
Michigan	2	4	2
Minnesota	5	9	4
Missouri	6	11	5
Montana	1	2	1
Nebraska E	2	4	2
Nebraska W	1	2	1
Nevada	1	2	1
New Hampshire	1	2	1
New Jersey	1	2	1
New Mexico	1	2	1
New York	2	4	2
North Carolina	1	2	1
North Dakota	2	3	1
Ohio	3	6	3
Oklahoma	1	2	1
Oregon	1	2	1

	Current	New	Change (+)
Pennsylvania E	2	3	1
Pennsylvania W	1	2	1
Rhode Island	1	1	0
South Carolina	1	1	0
South Dakota	1	2	1
Tennessee	1	2	1
Texas	4	7	3
Utah N	1	1	0
Utah S	2	3	1
Vermont	2	3	1
Virginia	2	3	1
Washington	1	2	1
Washington DC	1	1	0
West Virginia	1	2	1
Wisconsin	4	7	3
Wyoming	1	2	1
Totals	97	169	72

PBC 2

ARTICLE V, SECTION 7

Current wording:

Candidates for NHPA office must announce their candidacy in writing to be received by the current NHPA President and the NHPA Newsline Editor no later than April 1st. Incumbents, however, must announce their candidacy in the same manner by February 1st

Proposed wording:

Candidates for NHPA office must announce their candidacy in writing to be received by the current NHPA President and the NHPA Newsline Editor no later than April 1st. Incumbents, however, must announce their candidacy in the same manner by February 1st. **Note: There will be no nominations accepted from the floor of the convention if there are any established candidates who have properly submitted their candidacy prior to the specified deadlines.**

Rationale:

The Rules and Bylaws of the NHPA have served us for about 100 yrs. For many decades, we have not accepted nominations from the floor if there was an established candidate. We have been using the nomination process outlined in Section 7 because that's the way our predecessors wanted it. I researched nomination procedures under Robert's Rules of Order and Here is the first sentence of Chapter 12

Chapter 12 - Nominations and Elections

“In every organization, the process of nominating and electing officers and board members is very important, and the bylaws should clearly state the procedure.”

Our Bylaws clearly state the process we've used for many decades and I do not believe we are violating any of Robert's Rules. We may not use a common process, but it's not improper.

This added sentence is needed to remove any confusion.

PBC 3

ARTICLE IX, SECTION 11

Current wording:

The Executive Council shall award, by a 2/3 vote, the privilege of hosting a World Tournament, at least two years in advance.

Proposed wording:

The Convention shall award, by a majority vote, the privilege of hosting a World Tournament, two years in advance. Absentee voting for the World Tournament site shall be allowed for any Charters unable to send delegates to the NHPA Convention. That voting shall be confidential, and the absentee ballots will be opened only after the voting on the floor of the Convention is completed. Absentee ballots for this World Tournament site vote must be received by the NHPA president on or before the Friday prior to the Convention. If three or more sites are bidding and none receives a majority vote the two sites receiving the most votes will have a runoff on a second ballot. In the event, no World Tournament bid is received by the NHPA deadline, the Executive Council has the authority to award the Tournament site, but only for that next open year.

Reasoning:

Let's put the power back into the hands of the delegation. We are losing the clout needed to make changes for the success of the NHPA. By allowing bidders to come back and present adds more hospitality and more edge to the voting process. We shouldn't have the hands of 7 people voting where our WT should be held. The current demographics of the NHPA Executive Council are all together except for one outlier. This is contradictory of why we gave them the power in the first place. To pick a perfect site for us all. The delegates lost a personal and powerful stance when it was given to the council. We must take back control of our voting rights and plan a future for the NHPA that is paved by the members, for the members.

PBC 4

ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3

Current wording:

Bylaws and Rule changes due to NHPA 1st Vice President by September 30th for consideration by rules committee. If a revision is authorized, there shall be no other amendments proposed to the existing Bylaws.

Proposed wording:

Bylaws and Rule changes are due to the NHPA 1st Vice President by February 1st of the voting year, for consideration by the rules committee. If a revision is authorized, there shall be no other amendments proposed to this existing Bylaw.

Additional note: If this PBC passes, then Standing Rule #11 will need to be updated to reflect the new date, or simply removed by majority vote of the NHPA Council.

Rationale:

There is no need to have the deadline for rules changes less than two months after the annual delegate meeting. The delegates just voted on rules and there is no time for things to go in effect with the current January 1st rule. Hoping that passes, this will help the committee receive more quality of rules and bylaws changes. This gives the R&B committee 3-4 months to discuss these items and consider merit. If PBC allowing immediate change passes this will give ample time to see how the adjustment was made and for the committee to reconvene and see if that change back or a new change is needed.

PRC #1

Current Wording:

Section B - Cadets(See REQUIREMENT 6, for exceptions and additional information)

1.Cadet Boys (any male pitcher twelve (12) years old or younger for the entire calendar year) Cadet Boys may pitch from any place on the extended or full-distance platforms . They shall observe the twenty foot (20') foul lines . Note: Cadet Boys may choose to move into the Junior Boys Division prior to the age guidelines, but cannot return to the Cadet Boys, once this declaration has been made .

1.Cadet Girls (any female pitcher twelve (12) years old or younger for the entire calendar year) Cadet Girls may pitch from any place on the extended or full-distance platforms . They shall observe the twenty foot (20') foul lines . Note: Cadet Girls may choose to move into the Junior Girls Division prior to the age guidelines, but cannot return to the Cadet Girls, once this declaration has been made.

Proposed Wording:

Section B - Cadets(See REQUIREMENT 6, for exceptions and additional information)

1.Cadet Boys (any male pitcher **ten (10)** years old or younger for the entire calendar year) Cadet Boys may pitch from any place on the extended or full-distance platforms . They shall observe the twenty foot (20') foul lines . Note: Cadet Boys may choose to move into the Junior Boys Division prior to the age guidelines, but cannot return to the Cadet Boys, once this declaration has been made .

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REASON - this aligns with all sports in school systems. Elementary School is kindergarten through 5th grade (ages 5-10), middle school is grades 6-8 (ages 11-13), and high school is grades 9-12 (ages 14-18). Middle school sports closely resemble high school and in some instances middle school will combine with high school. After 10 is also the average age of when kids will go through puberty getting taller and stronger allowing them to throw from a greater distance.

PRC 2

Rule 1 Current Wording

Section F - Elder Men (become eligible to pitch in the Elders Division upon purchase of an NHPA card dated for the calendar year that they become sixty-five (65) years old).

1. Elder Men may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platforms, and shall observe the twentyseven-foot (27') foul line. Elder Men must notify their Charter Membership Director, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares himself a short-distance pitcher, he must remain in that Division until the next year's membership card is purchased. At that time he may switch back to the Open Men's division, but must remain in that division until the next year's membership card is purchased.

Note: See Rule 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying.

2. Physically Challenged Men - Physically challenged, Male pitchers less than sixty-five (65) years old may be given permission, by their governing Charter, to move onto the extended platforms in the Elders Division and observe the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul lines. The prior completion and approval of a Medical Exemption Application form (available from Charter Secretaries and on some Charter Websites) is required. At the World Tournament and at State Championship Tournaments, they shall compete in the Elders Division

Proposed Wording

Section F - Elders (become eligible to pitch in the Elders Division upon purchase of an NHPA card dated for the calendar year that they become sixty-five (65) years old).

1. Elder Men may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platforms, and shall observe the twentyseven-foot (27') foul line. Elder Men must notify their Charter Membership Director, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares himself a short-distance pitcher, he must remain in that Division until the next year's membership card is purchased. At that time he may switch back to the Open Men's division, but must remain in that division until the next year's membership card is purchased.

Note: See Rule 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying.

2. Elder Women may pitch from any place on either the extended or full distance platforms and shall observe the twenty-foot (20') foul line. Elder Women must notify their Charter Membership Director, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares oneself a shorter distance pitcher, they must remain in that Division until the next year's membership card is purchased. At that time, they may switch back to the Open Women's division, but must remain in that division until the next year's membership card is purchased.

Note: See Rule 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying

3. Physically Challenged Men - Physically challenged Male pitchers less than sixty-five (65) years old may be given permission, by their governing Charter, to move onto the extended platforms in the Elders Division and observe the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul

lines. The prior completion and approval of a Medical Exemption Application form (available from Charter Secretaries and on some Charter Websites) is required. At the World Tournament and at State Championship Tournaments, they shall compete in the Elders Division

4. Physically Challenged Women - Physically challenged Female pitchers less than sixty-five (65) years old may be given permission, by their governing Charter, to move onto the extended platforms in the Elders Division and observe the twenty-foot (20') foul lines. The prior completion and approval of a Medical Exemption Application form (available from Charter Secretaries and on some Charter Websites) is required. At the World Tournament and at State Championship Tournaments, they shall compete in the Elders Division

NHPA Rational

We all know that this topic was discussed at the 2023 convention and nothing was passed. There was no suggested wording that could gain the majority to pass the proposal. This year we will discuss and make amendments in an orderly fashion and the delegates will decide whether or not a new Elders Women Division will be created.

If this PRC is defeated in its final version, the NHPA Council will re-issue a permanent Standing Rule. It can be discussed and voted on as stated in the current standing rule.

Here is the standing rule the NHPA would issue:

NHPA Standing Rule for Elder Women effective immediately.

Approved - - - - -Council Meeting

The following Standing rule was approved by the NHPA Council for Charters to use at Local, League and Regional Tournaments. This rule is being adopted so that all charters can use it at their discretion in Local and Regional Tournaments. Charters must identify which tournaments they will allow pitchers to participate using this standing rule and announce to all players at the start that it will be adopted for each tournament.

The NHPA Council is specifying that this rule will not be allowed in the following tournaments:

- Team World
- Sanction League Tournament
- 2024 World Tournament Warm Up Tournament
- 2024 World Tournament Prelims.

For State Tournaments this rule can be used if there are 4+ pitchers using it and they are put in their own class. They cannot be mixed in any women's class.

This Standing Rule will be presented at the 2024 Delegate meeting for review, modification and vote for approval by the Delegates.

Standing Rule for Senior Women at 65 years old

Senior Women turning sixty-five (65) during the calendar year may pitch from any place on the extended or full-distance platform and shall observe the Twenty foot (20') foul line.

These stats will be saved into eShoe to calculate their current average.

Anyone switching that wants to enter the 2024 World Tournament (WT) in the Senior Women category will have to observe the twenty-seven foot (27') foul line per the current adopted rule. Their average will be whatever is calculated upon entry deadline for the WT.

NHPA Council