**RULE CHANGES – WCF 2014 CONGRESS & AGA, RENO, USA**

**NOTE:** Starting 1 November 2014 the previously published dead-line dates for submitting and approving bids to host WCF events will cease to be in effect. The WCF will be empowered to approve a bid for any event, anytime after receiving a proper bid. Member Associations planning on submitting an ‘Expression of Interest’ for an event, should do so before 1 November 2014, so the WCF can take that into consideration before awarding multi-event contracts.

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| **ITEM** | **START DATE** | **COMMENTS** |
| World Mixed Curling Championship | 2015-16 season  12-19 Sep 2015 | **Approved** - Replacing the existing European Mixed. If an acceptable bid is received, the 1st World Mixed will be held somewhere in Europe. |
| Thinking Time | 2014 ECC  21-19 Nov 2014 | Approved – Final adjustments being made to Curltime software, ready for the ECC – Champery. |
| 1v4 and 2v3 semi-final system rather than Page Play-off | X | Did not reach the required Majority |
| Maximum of one round of tie-breaks | Immediately | **Approved** – Will be used in all events which have the provision for tie-breaker sessions. |
| Replace WJCC with a U18 and U23 | X | **Withdrawn** by the Commissions prior to a vote. Will be re-addressed and may be brought back for voting at a future AGA. |
| Replace EJCC, PAJCC and American Challenge with a World Junior Qualification Event | 2015-16 season  3-8 Jan 2016 | **Approved** - Suggested that this be called the World Junior Curling Championships – B Group, as some MAs might be able to get special funding if it is called by that title. If any MA has an issue with this, let the Secretariat know by 1 Nov 2014. |
| Change the height of the wheelchair seat during play | X | Did not reach the required Majority |
| Add regular Mixed curling rules to the WCF rule book | Immediately | **Approved** - WCF rule book to be updated and printed by the end of October 2014. |
| Establish light colours for team uniforms | X | **Withdrawn** by the Commissions prior to a vote. Will be re-addressed and may be brought back for voting at a future AGA. |
| Last Stone Draw & Draw Shot Challenge procedures | 2014-15 season  1 January 2015 | **Approved** – Two stones per team, each player delivering a minimum number of stones. All details clarified before the 2015 EJCC held Jan 2015. |
| New system for measuring the LSD | 2015-16 season | **Approved** – Exact procedure to be tested and refined during the 2014-15 season |
| Tidy up the rule book | Immediately | **Approved** - WCF rule book to be updated and printed by the end of October 2014. |
| Prevent the use of electronic devices on the Field of Play | Immediately | **Approved** – Stopwatches are allowed provided they are limited to providing ‘time’ data only. |
| Insert penalty clauses into the rule book | Immediately | **Approved** - WCF rule book to be updated and printed by the end of October 2014. |
| Clarify team ranking | Immediately | **Approved** – (i.e. – teams with the same number of wins are listed alphabetically during the round robin). WCF rule book to be updated and printed by the end of October 2014. |
| Approve Wheelchair Classification Rules | Immediately | **Approved** – The new classification rules have already been distributed to the MAs. |