

EC Motion to change the IYPT statutes – EC

Motivation: See EC meeting 2016 minutes¹

Current status:

7.4 Executive Committee EC

The Executive Committee consists of the following eight members:

- a) President,
- b) Secretary General,
- c) Treasurer,
- d) Two members elected by the IOC,
- e) The three representatives of the past, present and future LOC's.

President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and the two members elected by IOC have a term of four years. They can be re-elected. Terms of office start on November 01, following the election.

Members of the EC can resign from their office. The resignation has to be in writing handed to the EC. In case a position in the EC becomes vacant, a successor has to be elected at the next IOC meeting. The term of office of the successor is limited to the term of the original office-holder. The Executive Committee prepares the agenda to be brought up at the IOC Meeting. It conducts current work between the Meetings of the IOC, normally by e-mail. The President represents the Organization in law and chairs the meetings of the EC and the IOC. The Secretary General prepares the minutes of IOC and Executive Committee Meetings. The Treasurer prepares an annual financial statement and the budget for the following year and seeks for sponsors. The Executive Committee decides about all matters which are not explicitly delegated to other bodies of the IYPT. The EC is, however, bounded by all IOC decisions. All decisions of the Executive Committee are taken by simple majority of valid votes. A vote is valid if more than half of EC members did hand in a valid vote. In case of a draw, the vote of the chairperson of the meeting decides.

Suggested update:

7.4 Executive Committee EC

The Executive Committee consists of five members:

- f) President, represents the Organization in law and public and chairs the meetings of the EC and the IOC
- g) Secretary General, prepares the agenda and minutes of IOC and EC meetings
- h) Treasurer, prepares the budget and annual financial statement
- i) Two further members

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Heads of the LOC's of the current and future years are invited for EC meetings and take part in the e-mail discussions.

¹ http://iypt.org/images/3/30/IYPT_EC_Meeting_minutes_Nov_2016.pdf

EC Motion to change the IYPT statutes – External relations

Motivation: See EC meeting 2016 minutes²

Current status:

10. Affiliation to WFPhC

IYPT establishes and maintains close relations with international organizations which pursue aims equivalent to its own. These contacts are normally channelled through the World Federation of Physics Competitions (WFPhC). IYPT is a member of this organisation. The Executive Committee appoints representatives to the meetings organised by WFPhC and reports back to the IOC.

Suggested update:

10. External relations

IYPT establishes and maintains close relations with organizations which pursue aims equivalent to its own. Whenever appropriate, IYPT appoints representatives to meetings or other events organized by these organizations.

Motion: IOC collective request on EC committees

by Andrei Klisin, IOC Rep for USA, for consideration at IOC Meeting 2017

Motivation:

The EC routinely delegates several important pieces of work (e.g. selection of problems, selection of Jury, disciplinary questions etc.) to permanently-existing committees. Routine decisions within the scope of a committee don't need to be approved by an IOC vote but have a bearing on the Tournament procedures.

Each committee is headed by a designated EC member. While the selection of other committee members doesn't need an IOC vote, it should follow a clear procedure open to all those willing to volunteer. I am not calling for formalizing the committee internal decisions about membership, I am only calling for providing a mandatory and timely response to applications. As an example, I tried to apply myself to the Jury Committee in the Fall 2016 in letters to the JC and EC before their in-person meetings but never got any coherent response.

Since the IOC cannot directly edit internal documents of the EC and other committees, I propose the IOC to send a collective request for the EC to consider the following RoP change.

Current status:

Preamble

The Executive Committee ("EC") of IYPT has adopted these Rules of Procedure that regulate both the EC meetings and the decision making process via electronic means.

Elected EC members cannot delegate their privileges, e.g. their right to vote. Tasks can be delegated to committees or individual persons, however always overseen by one of the EC members.

The other EC members are representatives of LOCs. The LOC's representative has to be announced to the President of IYPT.

Proposed update:

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Elected EC members cannot delegate their privileges, e.g. their right to vote. Tasks can be delegated to committees or individual persons, however always overseen by one of the EC members.

Membership on permanent committees should be open to all regular IYPT participants regardless of their membership in EC or IOC. Applications for membership shall be submitted to the head of respective committee. Each applicant shall be given a timely response in writing, either rejecting their application or inviting them to join the committee replacing or complementing current members.

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Motion: IOC collective request on juror registration

by Andrei Klishin, IOC Rep for USA, for consideration at IOC Meeting 2017

Motivation:

The November 2016 version of Rules of Procedure for the EC lists the following 2 types of jurors not directly affiliated with Teams: Co-opted Jurors and Experienced Jurors. In contradiction, the IYPT/LOC Contract Agreement for the Hosting of IYPT 2017, dated November 11, 2016, in Section 3.2 lists the following 3 types of jurors not directly affiliated with Teams: Experienced Jurors, Co-opted Jurors, and Local Jurors.

While the Contract clearly allows for up to 5 Co-opted Jurors hosted at the expense of the LOC and determined by the IYPT, the way to apply for those spots was unclear and in the end they were not used. The USA delegation to IYPT 2017 included 2 Co-opted Jurors without prior IYPT jury experience, attending at their own expense and paying the Observer registration fee of 1100 EUR.

Since the average number of jurors per IYPT Physics Fight is declining over the last few years and the pool of applicants for Experienced Juror positions is not selective, IYPT needs new mechanisms of recruiting new talented jurors.

Since the IOC cannot directly edit the internal documents of the JC and other committees, I propose the IOC to send a collective request for the JC to consider the following RoP change.

Current status:

Procedure of checking qualifications

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Co-opted jurors have to be registered by a deadline negotiated between the Jury committee and the LOC, not less than two weeks before the start of the tournament. The checking procedure is then the same as for Team leader jurors.

Experienced jury members will be selected using a specific call for applications. The deadline for this call will be at least one month before the deadline for registering teams, so that all applicants are informed about the decision on their application at least one week before the deadline for registering teams. Qualification criteria have to be fulfilled by the time of the deadline of applications.

Jury committee will select jurors according to their qualification, level of experience, country balance and feedback collected on the jurors in the past.

Proposed update:

Procedure of checking qualifications

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Local jurors are chosen by the LOC and have to be registered by a deadline negotiated between the Jury committee and the LOC, not less than two weeks before the start of the tournament. The checking procedure is then the same as for Team leader jurors.

Experienced jury members will be selected using a specific call for applications. The deadline for this call will be at least one month before the deadline for registering teams, so that all applicants are informed about the decision on their application at least one week before the deadline for registering teams. Qualification criteria have to be fulfilled by the time of the deadline of applications.

Jury committee will select jurors according to their qualification, level of experience, country balance and feedback collected on the jurors in the past.

Co-opted jurors will be selected using a specific call for applications among those without prior IYPT Jury experience. The deadline for this call will be at least one month before the deadline for registering teams, so that all applicants are informed about the decision on their application at least one week before the deadline for registering teams. Qualification criteria have to be fulfilled by the time of the deadline of applications.

The number of Co-opted jurors hosted at the expense of the LOC is negotiated between LOC and IYPT. Beyond that number, additional Co-opted jurors, if selected, may attend the IYPT and serve on the Jury by paying the Visitor registration fee. Jury committee will select Co-opted jurors according to their qualification, prior IYPT participation in non-juror roles, experience in judging national-level YPTs, and endorsements from current Experienced jury members, in addition to the regular criteria outlined above.

Motion to change the IYPT statutes – IMOs

Current status:

7.1 IYPT Member Organization IMO

An IYPT Member Organization is a legal entity which is officially recognized by the IYPT to represent the IYPT-related interests of a country. In particular, IMOs determine the team and the IOC representative for their country at their discretion. For the selection of the team, an IMO has to setup an appropriate selection procedure which gives all interested students from the respective country a fair chance to compete for a seat in the country's team. IMOs gain their status by vote of the IOC, after a motion of the IMO candidate. If the country in question already has an IOC representative, said representative must approve this motion. Applications for IMO status can only be made by someone who has previously participated in an IYPT either as an observer, team member, team leader, or juror. This condition is fulfilled even if the person in question represented a different country at that time. An IMO loses its right to send an IOC representative after not sending a team to the IYPT in two subsequent years. Furthermore, in this case other organizations of the country in question may apply for IMO status. After applying for IMO status, an IMO candidate may nominate a team for the IYPT until the IOC decides about their application at the following IOC meeting.

Suggested update

7.1 IYPT Member Organization (IMO)

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An application for IMO status must be made in writing, duly signed by an authorized representative of the organization and handed over to the EC. A person who participated in an IYPT before either as an observer, team member, team leader, or juror must support the application by taking over the position of a team leader of the team selected by the respective IMO. Details of the application process are decided by the EC.

IMOs gain their status by vote of the IOC following a motion by the EC for a time period of up to five years. An IMO loses its recognition after not sending a team to the IYPT in two subsequent years or after handing over a duly signed letter to the EC expressing its wish to no longer be recognized as IMO or if the IOC passes a motion to revoke the recognition.

The IMO's designated IOC member becomes an IOC member with all associated rights in the IOC as soon as the motion to recognize the corresponding IMO has passed. As soon as the IMO loses its status as an IMO, the corresponding IOC member loses their status as IOC member.

A team representing a given country at the IYPT can be nominated only by a recognized IMO. If there is no IMO recognized for a country, an organization that applied for IMO recognition may nominate a team. If more organizations applied from the same country, the EC decides which of the prospective IMOs is allowed to send a team.

Motion to change the IYPT regulations – problem selection in last PF

Motivation: The rule (select problem immediately at the end of PF4) is still not known/followed by all teams. This causes a disadvantage to the teams adhering to the regulations. The regulations' rule on punishing teams by selecting the problem for them would cause much frustration and is not working as a threat, as team not knowing the rule also not know about it. At IYPT 2017, a team decided to follow the rules and wait in the fight room, as they wanted to know the ranking before making the decision. While technically in line with the rule, this isn't the intention – we would like to know the choice immediately so that all teams have maximum time to prepare. Three teams did not hand in their selection in time, for two more the FA brought back an empty form.

It is the teams' responsibility to know and follow the rules, but the current consequence of randomly choosing a problem is more of a threat which is both empty (as choosing problems for the teams would cause much more trouble than trying to get their selection late) and voided by the fact, that teams not aware of the rule are also not aware of the consequence.

Therefore, the suggestion is to instead of randomly selecting the problem for teams that do not hand in their selection, their opponent should challenge them, just like in the other rounds. This way it's also less of a disadvantage for the opponent if the reporter does not respect the rules.

Current status:

Regulations IX:

The following special rules apply to the last Selective PF:

The procedure of challenge is omitted. All teams may choose the problem to present. The only exception is that a team may not present a problem, which they presented earlier in the Selective Fights, and all problems presented in one group must be different. In case teams of one group choose the same problem, priority is given to the team with the higher TSP (see section XI). A team has to select its problems and submit this selection before it leaves the competition room after the previous PF. The choice must be made public immediately. The problem which a team presents in this PF may not be presented again in the Final PF by the same team.

(...)

For the last selective fight and the final, if a team does not select the problem according to the regulations, the problem will be selected randomly according to the regulations.

Suggested update:

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(...)

For the last selective fight and the final, if a team does not select the problem according to the regulations, the problem will be challenged by the opponent according to the same rules as in the previous fights. Problems already selected in that fight cannot be challenged.

Motion: Authorization for Physics Fights live streaming

by Brazil, for consideration at IOC Meeting 2017

Motivation:

Nowadays, live streaming is one of most powerful marketing strategies to increase user engagement and content viralization. We have been seeing heavy investments on live videos platforms from tech giants, such as Facebook and Youtube, so that live streaming is a reality not only for huge companies/events.

Considering that the official document for sponsors in www.iypt.org states that "IYPT is an effective marketing platform, reaching a broad international community", we believe that live streams should be allowed (and even encouraged) so that IYPT could take advantage of its thrilling format of Physics Fights.

Current status:

Regulations are not really clear about live streams. Considering some mentions about recordings, it is usually considered that live streams are only allowed if all teams in a room agree.

Before IYPT 2017, no Selective Physics Fight had ever been live streamed. This year, we could start streaming since round 2, with very good audience results even with an 11-hour time difference.

It was interesting that these videos could attract visitors not only from Brazil, but also from other countries taking part in the same PF, such as Canada (round 2) and Chinese Taipei (round 4).

In "IYPT Brasil", live streams are performed since 2010 and we believe they have played a major role in order to promote the event throughout the country.

Proposed update:

It is suggested that regulations should be updated to clarify the authorization for live streams:

"The IOC decides that all recording, streaming or other form of coverage (including texts or photos) of fights is allowed."