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INTRODUCTION

This paper recommends changes to part A of the International Region 1 ARDF rules in order to ensure that Region 1 member societies pay their financial obligations towards IARU Region 1 before their sportsmen are allowed to fully participate in international IARU ARDF championships.

These changes were made by the Region 1 EC at its 2006-meeting for the period up to the next Region 1 conference, but in order to become permanent changes, now needs to be approved also by the IARU Region 1 conference in Cavtat 2008.

In addition, some changes to voting rules and procedures within the ARDF WG are suggested in order to align these with the IARU Region 1 Byelaws.

IARU REGION 1 GENERAL CONFERENCE, CAVTAT 2008,

considering

a) that IARU Region 1 sponsors the organising society for the Region 1 ARDF championships as well as for the World ARDF championships when they are organised by a Region 1 society;

b) that the only incomes for Region 1 to be used for such sponsorships are the annual membership fees,

noting

a) that, unfortunately, some societies are neglecting to pay their annual membership fee, some only pay every third year to allow them voting rights at the Region 1 general conferences and some are much too late with their payment and all these situations have implications on Region 1's financial situation;

b) that some of these "irregular payers" are societies that pay much more than the amount equal to their annual Region 1 membership fee for travel and accommodation for their sportsmen to participate in these ARDF championships,

resolving

a) that it is unfair that these few societies that have not paid their membership fees to IARU Region 1 should be allowed to participate in ARDF championships on the same level as all those societies that pay their fees in time;

b) that in order to correct this unfortunate situation, those societies who do not fulfil their financial obligations to Region 1 should not be allowed to participate on official basis in international IARU ARDF Championships, meaning that their sportsmen can not be ranked nor awarded any medals;

c) that rules with these changes has been approved by the Region 1 EC on provisional basis and used as version 2.7 since September 2006,

recognising

a) that some texts in A 2.8 need to be modified to ensure that voting rules are consistent with the principle for voting as given in the Region 1 Bylaws (B 4.10);

b) that A 4.4 needs clarification to ensure that voting is also used when recommending venues for ARDF championships when there are more than one candidate/offer,

recommends

that the 2008 Region 1 Cavtat Conference confirms that the IARU International ARDF rules be amended with the changes as listed below in order to implement the above.

For reference also the text from the existing rules (version 2.6, November 10th, 2002) is given.

Existing A 1.3:

Single competitors or teams are delegated by amateur radio societies being full members of a regional IARU Organisation. Teams from countries, which have no IARU member society, can be accepted by the ARDF WG.

New A 1.3:

Single competitors or teams are delegated by amateur radio societies being full members of a regional IARU Organisation. Competitors or teams from countries, which have no IARU member society, shall be accepted if they satisfy the conditions of A6.4. Otherwise they may participate unofficially (i.e. not to be ranked and not to be awarded medals).

Existing A 2.7

Changes to part A of these Rules are subject to approval by the IARU Regional Conference or during the period between Conferences by the Executive Committee (EC). Proposed changes are to be presented to the EC by the ARDF WG Chairman.

New A 2.7

Changes to part A of these Rules are subject to approval by the IARU Regional Conference or during the period between Conferences by the Executive Committee (EC). Such changes should, whenever possible, be discussed and agreed with the regional ARDF WG on beforehand.

Existing chapter 6

6.1. The costs of organising an event shall be borne by the organising society and to cover these costs an entry fee may be charged. Such entry fee shall be kept as low as possible and shall be approved by the ARDF WG. Societies being not a member of IARU shall pay twice (200%) the defined fee.

6.2. All entry fees have to reach the organising society not later than six weeks before the event. If approved by the ARDF WG an additional fee can be charged for late payments.

6.3. Participating societies or the participants themselves shall bear the travelling costs to and from the place of the Championship and the costs of accomodation and board during the event.

6.4. The relevant IARU Regional Organisation shall bear travel expenses to and from the place of the Championship, together with the costs of accommodation and board, of the Chairman of the International Jury. The organiser shall bear accommodation and board of the members of the International Jury. Their travel costs shall be borne by the societies to which they belong.

New chapter 6. Costs

6.1. The costs of organizing an event shall be borne by the organizing society and to cover these costs an entry fee may be charged. Such entry fee shall be kept as low as possible and shall be approved by the ARDF WG.

6.2. In order for IARU Region 1 Member Societies to be allowed to start as official competitors in an international IARU ARDF championship, they must have fulfilled all their financial obligations to Region 1 by the end of the month prior to the month in which the Championships take place. If requested, facilities will be provided to accept outstanding fees together with payment of the championship fee and expenses.

6.3. The organizing society may allow Member Societies with outstanding fees to Region 1 to take part in such a Championships outside of competition (i.e. not to be ranked and not to be awarded medals)

6.4. The IARU Region 1 Executive Committee may allow Radio Amateur Societies in countries within Region 1, which are not members of IARU Region 1, to officially participate as full competitors in International ARDF championships. Such permission will normally only be given for one year as an introduction to this IARU activity.

6.5. All entry fees have to reach the organizing society not later than six weeks before the event. If approved by the ARDF WG an additional fee can be charged for late payments.

6.6. Participating societies or the participants themselves shall bear the entry fees, the travelling costs to and from the place of the Championships and the costs of accommodation and board during the event.

6.7. The organizer shall bear accommodation and board for all members of the International Jury. The relevant IARU Regional Organization shall bear travel expenses to and from the place of the Championship for the chairman of the International Jury. The travel costs for the rest of the members of the International Jury shall be borne by the societies to which they belong or by the individuals themselves.

Existing A 2.8

Changes to part B of these rules are subject to approval by the ARDF WG. At least two thirds of ARDF WG members present at the meeting or at least 50% of the total number of ARDF WG members must vote „In favour“ in order to take a valid decision.

New A 2.8.

Changes to part B of these rules are subject to approval by the ARDF WG. At least two thirds of ARDF WG members present at the meeting or more than 50% of the total number of ARDF WG members must vote "In favour" in order to take a valid decision. If a decision is taken at an ARDF WG meeting, more than 50 % of the official ARDF WG members must be present. The list of ARDF WG members shall be updated and publicized in the Regional website by the ARDF WG Chairman in the beginning of every year after consultation with the societies involved.

Existing A 4.4:

ARDF WG shall propose the organizing society to the EC the same year.

New A 4.4:

ARDF WG shall approve the organising society and propose it to the EC the same year. In case of two or more candidates, the ARDF WG shall determine the organising society by voting.

further recommends

that in addition to these changes, the ARDF WG is asked to note that whenever part A of the International ARDF rules are updated, it is the responsibility for the WG to ensure that the Appendix 6 of part B of these rules are changed accordingly since this Appendix refers to paragraphs in part A of the rules.