

# **EUROPEAN AQUATICS CONSTITUTIONAL RULES**

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## **RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS**

**European Aquatics Congress 2026**

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| Current European Aquatics Constitution                                                                                                                                                  | Proposed European Aquatics Constitution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Comments                                                                                                   |
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| C3 DEFINITIONS<br><br><u>European Aquatics Audit Committee</u> – means the internal auditors of European Aquatics as specified in C 19.2.                                               | <u>European Aquatics Audit Committee</u> – means the internal auditors of European Aquatics as specified in C 19.23.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | No change, renumbering.                                                                                    |
| C11.3 Rights and duties of the Bureau                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                         | 11.3.1.15 To propose to the Congress the appointment of members of the European Aquatics Audit Committee;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | New article to streamline the process around the election of Audit Committee Members. Renumber thereafter. |
| C19 FINANCES                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                            |
| 19.2.3 The annual accounts shall be audited by certified professional auditors appointed by the Congress. The audit process shall be overseen by the European Aquatics Audit Committee. | 19.2.3 The annual accounts shall be audited by certified professional auditors appointed by the Congress. <del>The audit process shall be overseen by the European Aquatics Audit Committee.</del>                                                                                                                                       | Specify the role of the Audit Committee in a new article 19.3                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                         | 19.3 Audit Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                         | 19.3.1 The Audit Committee shall be comprised of three (3) persons and they shall be experts in auditing and financial statement matters. The members of the Audit Committee shall be fully independent from European Aquatics, the Member Federations and the Registered Federations to be able to carry out its functions effectively. | Specifically mention the number of members and that they shall be experts and fully independent.           |
| 19.2.4 The European Aquatics Audit Committee shall be elected by the Congress for the same period as the                                                                                | 19.2.43.2 The members of the European Aquatics Audit Committee shall be proposed by Member Federations or Bureau Members, nominated by the Bureau and elected                                                                                                                                                                            | Proposal and nomination by Bureau added to facilitate the process.                                         |

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| Bureau. They shall be from two different Federations, but not from the same Federation as the Treasurer.                   | by the Congress for the same period as the Bureau. <del>They shall be from two different Federations, but not from the same Federation as the Treasurer.</del>                                                           | See new article 19.3.1. about independence. |
| 19.2.5 A person may not serve on the European Aquatics Audit Committee if he/she is a member of the Bureau or a Committee. | <del>19.2.5 A person may not serve on the European Aquatics Audit Committee if he/she is a member of the Bureau or a Committee.</del>                                                                                    | See new article 19.3.1. about independence. |
|                                                                                                                            | 19.3.3 The rights and duties of the Audit Committee shall be stipulated in a separate regulation and shall, inter alia, include to review the European Aquatics Financial Statements, and the External Auditors' report; |                                             |
|                                                                                                                            | 19.3.4 The Treasurer, the European Aquatics (Deputy) Executive Director, the European Aquatics Finance Manager, and, when necessary, the External Auditors may attend the meetings of the Audit Committee.               |                                             |

Draft regulation of the rights and duties of the Audit Committee:

The powers and duties of the Audit Committee are:

- a) to oversee the implementation by the Treasurer and European Aquatics Office of efficient financial controls and review the European Aquatics Financial Statements, and the External Auditors' report;
- b) to assist the Bureau and Treasurer in monitoring European Aquatics' financial and compliance matters;
- c) to ensure that an efficient control system is in place to monitor expenditures of European Aquatics;
- d) to oversee the audit process and liaise with the external auditors of European Aquatics;
- e) to conduct risk management;
- f) to review the quality of the internal control system; and
- g) to advise the Bureau and the Congress in relation with the selection, appointment, re-appointment or termination of the term of office of the External Auditors; In particular, the Audit Committee is responsible for providing a recommendation to the Bureau and the Congress for the appointment of external auditors.