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### Proposal A: Double-Crossover Rule

State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.  
Rules and Bylaws Committee

This proposal \_\_\_\_\_ amends the constitution;  
\_\_\_\_\_  amends the bylaws;  
\_\_\_\_\_ changes a rule;  
\_\_\_\_\_ is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

Article V, section 3, subsection d

**Check here if the proposal only adds language \_\_\_\_\_;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

Whenever a seven or eight team tournament is needed for playoffs and pool play is used, the crossovers will be in two stages. Second place of each pool will play the third place of the other pool and first place will play fourth place of the opposite pool. The winners and losers will then play in the crossover again with losers of the second/third match playing the losers of the first/fourth match, and winners of the second/third match will play the winners of the first/fourth match. The final games will determine the tournament final standings.

**State the language of the proposal:**

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

The rule rarely causes a different result since the 8 team format was created. It is exceptionally difficult to get 6 games in during a tournament, leading to frustration for hosts, especially when it comes to scheduling and arranging for airport transportation. It is also inconsistent with the Nationals tournament schedule setup.



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## Proposal B: Proposed Post-Season Ranking Points System

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

Michael Bassett, CTRS/ L, NEP Wildcats Head Coach

**This proposal**

- amends the constitution;
- amends the bylaws;
- changes a rule;
- is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

Article V, Section 4, Subsection A

**Check here if the proposal only adds language \_\_\_\_\_;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

The seeding of teams, advancing to Nationals, shall be determined by the Competition Committee, which includes the Committee Chair, the Commissioner and the RACs, and be based upon rules, established by the USQRA. Final seedings will be set twenty days prior to the start of Nationals, subject to approval by the Executive Committee. Seeds 1-8 will advance to Division I, and seeds 9-16 will advance to Division II for National Championship

**State the language of the proposal:**

The seeding of teams, advancing to Nationals, shall be determined by the Competition Committee, which includes the Committee Chair, the Commissioner and the RACs, and be based upon a points system (See points structure below). Points will be given to teams which will support and encourage growth of the league. A team’s ranking will be determined by hosting tournaments or clinics, wins, top three finishes, National’s appearance in previous season, number of tournament appearances, and traveling outside of a team’s region. Preliminary seeding will be determined by the points a team has at the end of the previous season to include points acquired at Nationals but will start from zero (0) after the first tournaments of the new season have been held. Player clinics hosted in the off-season will contribute to a team’s points after the first tournaments are held. Throughout the season, the RACs will compile the points for each team in their region and submit them to the Competition Committee at the end of each month. Current rankings will be released within the first week of each month of the season. These points will determine a team’s ranking. More points equate higher ranking. In the event of a tie, the Competition Committee will break the tie by comparing wins/loss record and wins/tournament average. The Final seedings will be set thirty days prior to the start of Nationals, subject to approval by the Executive Committee. Seeds 1-8 will advance to Division I, and seeds 9-16 will advance to Division II for National Championship.



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### Proposed USQRA Rankings Points Structure-

1. National Championship 1<sup>st</sup> place- 10 points D 1 champion and D 2 champion (Teams will only be awarded points for 1 category regarding Nationals)
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place finish at Nationals in D 1 and D 2-7 points
3. Host a post-season tournament-10 points
4. Attend tournament outside of your region- 7 points (Max 7 points)
5. Host a regular season tournament- 5 points (1 max)
6. National Championship tournament appearance in previous year's season- 4 points (Teams will only be awarded points for 1 category regarding Nationals)
7. 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at regular season tournaments-4 points
8. 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at regular season tournament- 2 points
9. Every game won=1 point
10. Host a classifier clinic= 1 point (Max 1 point)  
Host a player clinic = 1 point (Max 1 point)  
Host a referee clinic= 1 point (Max 1 point)  
Every tournament attended (Excludes tournament you hosted) =1 point

### **State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

With the current ranking structure, more weight is placed on a team's roster than wins. There are few chances for a team to improve their rankings when they face a higher seeded team that is missing a player(s). If the lower seeded team wins a matchup against a higher seeded team, it doesn't improve their ranking because the other team wasn't at full strength. Those teams may never match up at full strength throughout the season therefore, it is impossible for teams given this scenario to improve their ranking. Teams need to be encouraged to bring their best possible line ups to every tournament. The proposed point system will create higher level of regular season competition, decreases bias and subjectivity in deciding rankings, and rewards teams that host events which support the league. Additionally, teams are rewarded for behavior that is beneficial to the league. The proposed changes will create an objective formula for ranking teams within the league. It rewards winning teams and supports the growth of the league. This points system will decrease the amount of time the Competition Committee requires to determine rankings. It will also allow rankings to be updated monthly throughout the season.



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### Proposal C: Post-Season Restructure

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

Ryan Engelby – CKRI/WASA

**This proposal**

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- amends the bylaws;
- changes a rule;
- is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

Article V, Section 2 & 3

**Check here if the proposal only adds language \_\_\_\_\_;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

**State the language of the proposal:**

Top 12 teams, according to the Late-Season USQRA Top 24, will receive an automatic bid to compete at Nationals. The remaining 12 teams, ranked 13-24, according to the Late Season USQRA Top 24, will be invited to compete in the semi-final tournament. If any teams in the top 24 do not wish to compete in post season. The next highest ranked team(s) will be offered an opportunity until 24 teams accept. The top 4 placing teams from playoff tournament will advance to Nationals.

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

Teams would know where they have to travel to earlier. Lessens the importance of rankings with the 12-team crossovers and eliminates the chance of a loaded semi-final that we have now. Easier for league to get one host instead of two and more funds available by eliminating one tourney.



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## Proposal D: Post-Season Rankings

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

Mike Bassett, CTRS/ L, NEP Wildcats Head Coach

**This proposal**

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- amends the bylaws;
- changes a rule;
- is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

Article V, Section 4, Subsection A

**Check here if the proposal only adds language  ;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

**State the language of the proposal:**

The seeding of teams, advancing to Nationals, shall be determined by the Competition Committee, which includes the Committee Chair, the Commissioner and the RACs, and be based upon wins/losses, strength of competition, and number of tournaments attended. Final seedings will be set twenty days prior to the start of Nationals, subject to approval by the Executive Committee. Seeds 1-8 will advance to Division I, and seeds 9-16 will advance to Division II for National Championship

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

The changes made to the post-season have increased the strength of competition at the Nationals tournament. There is, however, room for improvement. Given the current procedure of relying on the competition committee to decide seeding has proved to limit teams from being able to improve their rankings. We're witnessing, given the current procedure for seeding, teams with high impact or import players that only attend the minimum required games advancing to the post-season while holding a losing record. The competition committee relies heavily on team rosters when deciding the seedings as opposed to the wins/losses a team has. Therefore, it is nearly impossible for a team to gain position in seeding when they beat a team that is seeded higher than them. Justification is made by the competition committee that the higher seeded team would have won if they weren't missing their star player. If the roster holds more weight when considering rankings, then there is no real reason for regular season competition. We know that high impact athletes aren't moving around much within the league. For some teams, they will not advance in rankings unless they acquire an import player. More weight should be placed on wins/losses, strength of competition, and number of tournaments attended than roster. No other sport in the world decides rankings based on the players. It's based on wins and losses in real competition.



**Proposal E: Post-Season Structure**

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

Kip Johnson, Portland Pounders

**This proposal** \_\_\_\_\_ **amends the constitution;**  
\_\_\_ **x** \_\_\_ **amends the bylaws;**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **changes a rule;**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)**

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

Article V Sections 1-3

**Check here if the proposal only adds language \_\_\_\_\_;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

Article V – POST-SEASON COMPETITION

**Section 1 – Playoff Tournaments**

- a. All national member teams, in good standing, shall be eligible to enter into qualification for the National Championship governed by the USQRA
- b. Late-Season USQRA Top 24 will be set no later than February 15th of each season OR no less than 30 days prior to the first scheduled playoff tournament, and will directly correlate to playoff seeds.

**Section 2 – Automatic qualification**

- a. The top 8 teams, according to the Late-Season USQRA Top 24, will receive an automatic bid to compete at Nationals

**Section 3 – Structure of Playoff Tournaments**

- a. The playoff tournament hosts will be split geographically (East & West, centrally located team hosts can fill the need for either)
- b. The remaining 16 teams, ranked 9-24, according to the Late Season USQRA Top 24, will be invited to compete in the two playoff tournaments. The USQRA Competition Committee will offer the top 8 teams the choice of which Playoff Tournament they would like to compete. From the remaining 16 teams, the USQRA Competition Committee will select who attends each tournament based on rank and geography.
- c. A pool play and crossover format will be followed. Teams will play no more than two games in one day unless every participating team from the region agrees to play a two-day format, with three games maximum in one day. No team shall play games back-to-back
- d. When a seven or eight team tournament is needed for playoffs and pool play is used, the crossovers will be in two stages. Second place of each pool will play the third place of the other pool and first place will play fourth place of the opposite pool. The winners



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and losers will then play in the crossover again with losers of the second/third match playing the losers of the first/fourth match, and winners of the second/third match will play the winners of the first/fourth match. The final games will determine the tournament final standings.

- e. The top 4 placing teams from each playoff tournament will advance to Nationals.
- f. Teams ranked 9-24 will receive an invitation to compete in a playoff tournament. They must commit by a determined deadline. If a team declines, then the next highest team will be invited until 24 spots are filled or no additional teams remain.
- g. If a playoff host team is ranked in the top 8 (therefore qualifying for an automatic bid to Nationals), they may elect to move to position 9 in order to compete in their playoff tournament. At that time, the 9<sup>th</sup> ranked team will move into the top 8, occupying the spot vacated by the host team, earning an automatic bid to Nationals. If that team declines, the invite would pass to the next highest ranking team until the spot is filled. If a playoff host team is among the teams listed as playoff qualified (i.e. 9-24) they will play in their own tournament, regardless of their position in the rankings.
- h. The remaining teams will choose their location in the order of their ranking (9 – 24). Once one of the tournaments has filled all 8 of its spots, the teams who have not chosen will be assigned to the other tournament location.

### **State the language of the proposal:**

#### Article V– POST-SEASON COMPETITION

##### Section 1 –Playoff Tournaments

- a. All national member teams, in good standing, shall be eligible to enter into qualification for the National Championship governed by the USQRA
- b. Late-Season USQRA Top 22 will be set no later than February 15th of each season OR no less than 30 days prior to the first scheduled playoff tournament, and will directly correlate to playoff seeds.

##### Section 2 –Automatic qualification

- a. The top 6 teams, according to the Late-Season USQRA Top 22, will receive an automatic bid to compete at Nationals

##### Section 3 –Structure of Playoff Tournaments

- a. The playoff tournament hosts will be split geographically (East & West, centrally located team hosts can fill the need for either)
- b. The remaining 16 teams, ranked 7-22, according to the Late Season USQRA Top 22, will be invited to compete in the two playoff tournaments. The USQRA Competition Committee will offer the top 8 teams the choice of which Playoff Tournament they would like to compete. From the remaining 8 teams, the USQRA Competition Committee will select who attends each tournament based on rank and geography. Teams will be offered

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the opportunity to select their post season setting starting with the highest ranked team.

c. A pool play and crossover format will be followed. Teams will play no more than two games in one day unless every participating team from the region agrees to play a two-day format, with three games maximum in one day. No team shall play games back-to-back

d. When a seven or eight team tournament is needed for playoffs and pool play issued, the crossovers will be in two stages. Second place of each pool will play the third place of the other pool and first place will play fourth place of the opposite pool. The winners and losers will then play in the crossover again with losers of the second/third match playing the losers of the first/fourth match, and winners of the second/third match will play the winners of the first/fourth match. The final games will determine the tournament final standings.

e. The champion of each playoff tournament will be sent to the USQRA d1 national championship in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> seeds. These seeds will be determined by the season top 22 ranking.

f. The teams placing 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> from each playoff tournament will advance to d2 Nationals.

g. Teams ranked 7-22 will receive an invitation to compete in a playoff tournament. They must commit by a determined deadline. If a team declines, then the next highest team will be invited until 22 spots are filled or no additional teams remain.

h. If a playoff host team is ranked in the top 6 (therefore qualifying for an automatic bid to Nationals), they may elect to move to position 7 in order to compete in their playoff tournament. At that time, the 7<sup>th</sup> ranked team will move into the top 6, occupying the spot vacated by the host team, earning an automatic bid to Nationals. . If that team declines, the invite would pass to the next highest ranking team until the spot is filled. If a playoff host team is among the teams listed as playoff qualified (i.e. 7-22) they will play in their own tournament, regardless of their position in the rankings. .

i. The remaining teams will choose their location in the order of their ranking (7 – 22).

Once one of the tournaments has filled all 8 of its spots, the teams who have not chosen will be assigned to the other tournament location.

### **State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

The current rules are too dependent on the selection committee to be correct on seeding.

This rule adjustment will restore competition and allow teams to qualify for the top level of competition with in a tournament setting instead of a decision by a panel. The true nature of athletics is to allow every team the opportunity to compete to the highest of their abilities. This will assist in ensuring the best teams are competing at the D1 National tournament.



**Proposal F: Rescinding Transfer Exception Rule**

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

John Robinson – Carolina Crash

**This proposal**

- amends the constitution;
- amends the bylaws;
- changes a rule;
- is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

Article III, Section 3, subsection b

**Check here if the proposal only adds language \_\_\_\_\_;**

If a player was allowed to transfer under the previous transfer rule. That player must return to their previous team.

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

**b. Transfer Exception Rule**

- i. If a player has legally rostered with a team for three seasons he or she may transfer to another team in the league, provided the following conditions are met by the transfer deadline.
  1. The player requests a transfer from his or her team.
  2. The team coach and team representative must agree they grant the transfer (the team can block the transfer if they choose)
  3. Documentation is provided in the same fashion that transfer requests are provided.
  4. Addresses of the athlete and the team locations are applied in a consistent fashion noted in the bylaws.

**State the language of the proposal:**

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

This has hurt a number of teams and rendered them very uncompetitive. It demoralizes these teams and is not in keeping with fair play. Why should teams be allowed to stack their roster simply for the sake of being more competitive at others expense? Is the USQRA an inclusive organization that wants to promote quad rugby for everyone wanting to play, or just stack the deck so the best of the best can have worthy competition? If a player is that committed, they can move closer. It truly limits fair competition for all. This league consists of super teams or bottom dwellers. The teams that loose players must be content to have an embarrassing amount of points run up on them every tournament, AND have zero chance at post season play. The likely reply will be a flippant, “get better” but the reality is, a team’s success is truly limited by its available players.



**Proposal G: Spinal Cord Injury Inclusion**

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

Ryan Engelby – CKRI/WASA

**This proposal**

- amends the constitution;
- amends the bylaws;
- changes a rule;
- is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

Automatic 0.5 addition to classification for all non-SCIs.

**Check here if the proposal only adds language  ;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

**State the language of the proposal:**

Automatic 0.5 addition to classification for all non-SCIs

All current 3.5’s would be allowed to stay 3.5

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) defined as someone who had a traumatic injury or damage to the spinal cord resulting in paralysis either complete or incomplete. A traumatic injury or damage defined as causing a bruise, partial tear, or complete tear in the spinal cord.

If someone has a Spinal Cord Injury and another disability, they are considered a spinal cord injury.

Conditions that would receive 0.5 addition include: amputee, spina bifida, transverse myelitis, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, post-polio, Guillain-Barre’ Strohl Syndrome, ALS, all other neuropathies, and all other conditions causing disability.

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

To take into account the advantages of sweating, having regular blood pressure, and full diaphragm. In addition to the huge advantages, non-SCI trunk has in the game.

They also get much more recovery time between games and overnight because the lack of extra SCI issues like bowel/bladder management. And being and to prepare and unprepared with minimal time and effort compared to SCI’s

There can be a larger variance of functions among the higher classes, especially the 3.5s. The more function you have the easier it is to make up for any functional differences within your class with better training, film study, gaining experience, etc. When you are in the lower classes, there is only so much you can do with the function you have. The 3.5’s would have a little bit more range of function from top to bottom than in the past but would still be very capable of competing with each other.



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## Proposal H: 55 Year-old Exception

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

Debbie Myers – Raleigh Sidewinders

**This proposal**

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- amends the bylaws;
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**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

Article III, Section 1, subsection e

**Check here if the proposal only adds language \_\_\_\_\_;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

65 will be changed to 55

**State the language of the proposal:**

A player older than 55 years old, may request an age adjustment reduction of 0.5, in addition to the age adjustment for 45 years old, from the head of classification. This classification change would stack on to female modification.

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

The wear and tear on a player's health and shoulders from years of competitive play and daily life with mobility impairments is significant. Players that are still playing at age 55 should be accommodated.



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### **Proposal I: Roster Accuracy**

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**  
Rules and Bylaws Committee

**This proposal**                     **amends the constitution;**  
    **amends the bylaws;**  
    **changes a rule;**  
    **is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)**

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**  
Article I, Section 2, subsection e

**Check here if the proposal only adds language ;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

**State the language of the proposal:**

Rosters will be reviewed by referees after they are signed at the beginning of the game. Rosters will be verified during Score check at halftime. If a player listed on the game roster is not and has not been present, dressed, and taped up in his/her chair when the whistle is blown to draw teams onto the court for the second half, the referee shall impose a bench technical foul. The coach will select a player from the floor to serve the penalty.

If a late-arriving player has not had his chair checked, it must be checked following the timing regulations for a re-check

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

It is extremely difficult to determine if players competed when coaches routinely sign scoresheets with players names not stricken. It happens constantly and causes errors in record keeping for determining eligibility of players for post-season.



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## Proposal J: Staff Positions

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

Eric Ingram, NRH Punishers

**This proposal**

- amends the constitution;
- amends the bylaws;
- changes a rule;
- is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:** Article VIII, Section 2, b

**Check here if the proposal only adds language** \_\_\_\_\_;

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

b. Staff Positions and Roles

i. Fundraising Specialist *Description:*

1. A Fundraising Specialist shall be appointed to seek funds for the USQRA; and
2. Shall coordinate with the USQRA Treasurer, and be accountable to create and maintain documents, detailing all fundraising activities; and
3. May serve as an official “internship” position; and
4. May opt to not receive compensation, if they so choose. This compensation may not take the form of commission-based pay.

ii. Public Relations Specialist *Description:*

1. The Public Relations Specialist shall be appointed to maintain the growth and public awareness of the USQRA, and the sport; and
2. Maintain the public-facing front of the organization, with the goal of enriching the organization’s position, within the public eye; and
3. Create marketing and promotional materials, both print and electronic; and
4. Copy edit, proofread, and revise communications; and
5. Develop marketing and communications campaigns; and
6. Conduct extensive media outreach.

**State the language of the proposal:**

New Language should state:

- b. Staff Positions and Roles
  - i. Fundraising Specialist
  - ii. Public Relations Specialist

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

There’s no real reason to have the job descriptions within the Constitution and Bylaws. Anything that is within this document is only alterable once per year, and as such, should be limited to those things which truly provide structure to the organization.

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The position descriptions are better served as either separate policy documents or separate position description documents.

I submitted the original proposals to create the ability of the board to have staff positions, my background in this and in Association management leads me to believe this is the better option.



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## Proposal K: Executive Director Position

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

Eric Ingram, NRH Punishers

**This proposal**

- amends the constitution;
- amends the bylaws;
- changes a rule;
- is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

Article VIII, Section 2, subsection b

**Check here if the proposal only adds language  X ;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

**State the language of the proposal:**

New Language should state (this proposal assumes the proposal for the removal of staff descriptions has passed):

- b. Staff Positions and Roles
  - i. Fundraising Specialist
  - ii. Public Relations Specialist
  - iii. *Executive Director*

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

As the Association moves more towards operating like a business, it will eventually need a paid staff member to act on its behalf for day-to-day operations. This is best performed by an Executive Director that's appointed by the Board.

This proposal only allows for that position to exist, and creates the ability for the Association to one day have an Executive Director.



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## Proposal L: President Role 1

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

Eric Ingram, NRH Punishers

**This proposal**

- amends the constitution;
- amends the bylaws;
- changes a rule;
- is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

Article VI, Section 1, subsection g

**Check here if the proposal only adds language  X  ;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

**State the language of the proposal:**

g. Duties of officers:

i. President

1. The President shall call and conduct meetings of the Association Governing Board and shall assign and supervise the duties of the other officers.
2. The President shall act as the official representative of the USQRA and oversee the continuity of the Association's goals.
3. *The President shall be responsible for the long-term business viability of the Association.*
4. The President shall carry out the will of the USQRA as expressed by the official actions of the Governing Board.
5. The President shall send to all members of the Governing Board, at least two months prior to each meeting, an agenda of all business to be discussed at the annual meeting.
6. The President shall schedule discussions at the regularly scheduled meeting of all matters properly brought to his/her attention in accordance with the Constitution and the Bylaws.

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

The Association needs to steadily move toward operating like a business if it wants to be successful and grow over a long term. As such, someone needs to be held accountable for the Association acting in this manner and working towards this ideal.

The President should be at the helm, making sure the ship is staying on the right course, and as such should be responsible for ensuring the USQRA operates the way it needs to for long term

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success. Having this explicitly stated in that position's requirements ensures that it will forever be a priority for whoever is running this league.



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## Proposal M: President Role 2

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

Eric Ingram, NRH Punishers

**This proposal**

- amends the constitution;
- amends the bylaws;
- changes a rule;
- is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:** Article VI, Section 1, g

**Check here if the proposal only adds language**  ;

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

**State the language of the proposal:**

g. Duties of officers:

i. President

1. The President shall call and conduct meetings of the Association Governing Board and shall assign and supervise the duties of the other officers.
2. The President shall act as the *primary* official representative of the USQRA and oversee the continuity of the Association's goals.
3. The President shall carry out the will of the USQRA as expressed by the official actions of the Governing Board.
4. The President shall send to all members of the Governing Board, at least two months prior to each meeting, an agenda of all business to be discussed at the annual meeting.
5. The President shall schedule discussions at the regularly scheduled meeting of all matters properly brought to his/her attention in accordance with the Constitution and the Bylaws.

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

While a minor change, adding this word designates an official point person for interaction with external parties. The President should be the face of the organization when meeting with other businesses, groups, media, or other outside persons. Using the word “primary” still allows for delegation to other Board members or members of Staff, but still provides the clarification on who the main point of contact should be with these groups.



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## Proposal N: President Role 3

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

Eric Ingram, NRH Punishers

**This proposal**

- amends the constitution;
- amends the bylaws;
- changes a rule;
- is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

Article VI, Section 1, g

**Check here if the proposal only adds language   X   ;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

**State the language of the proposal:**

g. Duties of officers:

i. President

1. The President shall call and conduct meetings of the Association Governing Board and shall assign and supervise the duties of the other officers.
2. The President shall act as the official representative of the USQRA and oversee the continuity of the Association's goals.
3. The President shall carry out the will of the USQRA as expressed by the official actions of the Governing Board.
4. The President shall send to all members of the Governing Board, at least two months prior to each meeting, an agenda of all business to be discussed at the annual meeting.
5. The President shall schedule discussions at the regularly scheduled meeting of all matters properly brought to his/her attention in accordance with the Constitution and the Bylaws.
6. *The President shall have the authority to delegate tasks and responsibilities as necessary to ensure efficient operation of the Association.*

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

Not everyone is the perfect fit for every role. Sometimes there are tasks and responsibilities which lie outside of the descriptions within the constitution and bylaws. Adding this authority gives expressed permission to add flexibility to the Board's capabilities. This also provides additional responsibility to the President to make sure the Association is ran properly.



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Flexibility, efficiency, and proper designation of authority, will go a long way in making the Association stronger.

*Smashing Stereotypes One Hit at a Time*



**Proposal O: Sideline Leg Bag Emptying**

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

USQRRRA - Referees

**This proposal**

- amends the constitution;
- amends the bylaws;
- changes a rule;
- is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

**Check here if the proposal only adds language  X ;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

**State the language of the proposal:**

Some members of the Wheelchair Rugby community have personal care needs that differ from those found in sports for athletes who are able bodied or who have other impairment types. Event organizing committees must take these needs into account in planning their events and must ensure that facilities for personal care are provided.

For reasons of hygiene and to preserve decorum, athletes and team personnel are not permitted to perform personal care activities while on the team bench during matches. Specifically, any activities related to the elimination of bodily waste, including catheterization and emptying of urinary leg bags, are prohibited in the team bench area. These activities must be conducted in a private room or area where the individual is not visible from the field of play, spectators, and working areas of the venue. Athletes or other team personnel who perform such activities on or around the field of play during a match may be sanctioned by a disqualifying foul. Repeated violations of this may result in a fine to the team. Any violations that are observed will be reported to the match officials through the Technical Commissioner if one is present. First aid and emergency medical care activities that may be required to assist an ill or injured athlete are permitted when necessary. Event organizing committees shall ensure that an appropriate area for personal care of athletes is provided in close proximity to the field of play. This area should be accessible to wheelchair users without assistance; should have a door which closes and locks; and must be reserved for the use of athletes and team personnel only during matches. Ideally a wheelchair accessible washroom will be made available. If this is not possible, a suitable secure room or temporary structure should be provided.

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

For reasons of hygiene, to preserve decorum, to promote the professionalism of all the athletes of the sport personal care should be handled away from the field of play. This is especially true for events that may be live-streamed or broadcast on television, as this behavior is not permitted in other sports or at sporting events. With proper planning personal care can be handled prior to or



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after the contest and should the need arise during the contest then it should be handled in a professional manner away from the field of play.



**Proposal P – One Arm Drive Rugby Wheelchair**

**State who you are and any organization(s) or team(s) associated with the proposal.**

Kyle Chaboya – High Fives’ Storm

**This proposal**                     **amends the constitution;**  
    **amends the bylaws;**  
    **changes a rule;**  
    **is a resolution (sets a short term policy.)**

**Identify the specific provision that will be changed:**

Adds subpoint ii. to Article I, section I, point e.

**Check here if the proposal only adds language**  **;**

**If current language will be removed, state it here:**

**State the language of the proposal:**

Allow a one arm drive on chairs for those that need it.

**State the reason the proposal should be passed:**

My name is Kyle Chaboya, I am 23 years old and have been playing wheelchair rugby with Sierra Storm/High Five’s for 5 years now. I have cerebral palsy with spastic hemiplegia and do not have the use of my left arm. I have always wanted to play a contact sport that allows me to be competitive and the best athlete I can be. I currently use a defensive chair and do the best I can to keep up with the game, but due to my impairment it is nearly impossible to propel from one side of the court to the other and keep up with the pace of the play. Allowing one-arm drive wheelchairs for athletes like me would level the playing field allowing me to be more competitive. It will help grow the game opening it up to more individuals like me. I do not see the one-arm drive chair being a mechanical advantage for myself because of my disability but do feel the need for the usage of the chair be governed so that only those individuals requiring a one arm drive can enjoy all that the sport offers and not be left behind. I feel this does not give any more of a competitive advantage than a ball holder gives those who need it one. It would allow me to compete with all the other athletes on the court. Thank you for your consideration, if it is truly your intention to grow the game globally please allow the one-arm drive chair.



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**Dr. Michael Cottingham**

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**Michael Klonowski**