

**Autonomy, Independence and Non-Interference of MNAs**

Regulation 1.15

A submission from the UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To make sure MNAs funded by governments are not suspended without proper consultation.

Proposal

Change Regulation 1.15 as follows:

- 1.15 If, upon proper inquiry, the Executive Committee concludes that a Member National Authority is in breach of its obligations under Regulation 1.13, it may:
- (a) issue a formal warning to the Member National Authority and require it to take such measures as are necessary to comply with its obligations within a certain period of time; and/or
  - (b) not recognize the decisions made by the Member National Authority or any elections or appointments made by it; and/or
  - (c) suspend the Member National Authority and report the suspension to Council at its next meeting for ratification; and/or
  - (d) recommend to Council that the Member National Authority's membership be cancelled under Article 15.4.
  - (e) not do any one of any of the above (a) – (d) without proper consultation, proper due diligence with the MNA and after understanding the local realities and situation on ground by sending a representative to the country of the respective MNA.**

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. There are many MNAs in the world fully supported by government funding.
  2. Suspension of an MNA without proper due diligence and understanding ground realities will result in wrong judgment and can potentially harm the progress of sailing in that country.
  3. Sometimes, decisions taken on email reports on government interference may not give the full picture and must be supplemented by a personal visit before such a harsh judgment is made.
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