

**Proposal for the Executive Board following approval by the Presidential Board**

**The current World Champion and the current Women's World Champion become members of the Presidential Board with voting rights.**

The IOC has been encouraging recognised member federations to have more female representation at the highest level of decision making. In 1996 the IOC set a target that urged all organisations dealing with sport to have at least 10% women representation in all their decision structures (in particular all legislative or executive bodies) by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000, and that such a percentage reach at least 20% by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005. Many federations have made progress in this matter but unfortunately we are one of the handful without any women in the highest decision making body. This proposal would guarantee one place on the Board for a woman. An additional advantage would be to include more of the top players in the decision making processes. This is a change of statute and will be included in the new statutes next year. However, we request that the Executive Board supports the proposal and permits the representation until the new statutes are brought forward at Turin.