

WHY A SPECIAL CONVENTION?

The Board voted unanimously on 11 March 2023 to hold the 2023 Convention in Amsterdam as a Hybrid Special Convention.

To meet the deadline, it shall be announced as a Special Convention and convened as such.

Since the Special Convention shall also have to decide on an amendment to the Charter, a quorum (presence) of 2/3 (two thirds) of all European clubs is required.

If the quorum is not reached at the opening of the first Special Convention and is not established, then our statutes allow that shortly thereafter (without a time limit) another (second) Special Convention is convened with the same agenda as the first Special Convention.

If in the first Special Convention, the quorum is not reached, a second Special Convention shall be called - fifteen minutes later, with the same agenda.

In addition, when the first Special Convention is called, it shall be explicitly pointed out that voting and the counting of votes will be done digitally for those physically present as well as for those online. This shall be also explicitly announced at the beginning of the first Special Convention.

The President shall only formally open the first Special Convention.

Immediately after the opening of the first Special Convention, the President shall immediately request the determination of the number of attendees from the Chair of Elections.

If the quorum is not reached, then it shall be clearly determined that the Special Convention does not have a quorum and, as already announced, a second Special Convention with the same agenda will be held fifteen minutes later with a quorum of at least 150 delegates, including delegates at-large.

There shall be an explicit reference to the unanimous decision of the Board of 11 March 2023 and the first Special Convention shall be closed due to lack of quorum.

There should not be any speeches or addresses by officials and guests between opening and closing the first Special Convention.

If any guests hold speeches between the Special Convention it shall be announced to the attendees that these speeches are not part of the official Special Convention.

This shall also be recorded accurately in the meeting minutes.

After the fifteen minutes have elapsed, the second Special Convention shall be opened and proceed according to the agenda. Here immediately after the opening the unanimous resolution of the Board of 11 March 2023 shall be pointed out.