



Do you have questions about our Bylaws?

The Bylaws Chairman and Committee members are appointed by the GFWC Florida President, and are one of the Standing Committees.

Where are the Bylaws: You can find them on GFWCFlorida.org website, under the Members Only section. There are two sections: Bylaws and Standing Rules

Proposals: All proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted to the Bylaw committee. Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be considered by the committee. The committee recommends adoption, no adoption or makes no recommendation.

New clubs should send their Bylaws to me, as the chairman, for approval. You can find a sample Bylaw form on our GFWCFlorida.org website. New clubs should keep proposed Bylaws simple so juniorettes, juniors and women of all ages, can join our great Federation.

Bylaws or Standing Rules? The key differences between Bylaws and Standing Rules relate to scope and effect. The parliamentary procedural guide "Robert's Rules of Order," explains that bylaws "should include all the rules that are of such importance that they cannot be changed in any way without previous notice," while Standing Rules "should contain only such rules as may be adopted without previous notice by a majority vote at any business meeting." At the core, Bylaws are designed to be overarching and procedural, while Standing Rules are specific and administrative.

Who can suggest a change? Amendments to the GFWC Florida Bylaws can be proposed by members of the board of directors, the executive committee, a federated club, or by the Bylaws Committee; and shall be submitted to the Bylaws Committee not later than January 1.

We operate under Robert's Rules of Order, 11th Edition, and the GFWC Florida Parliamentarian is our adviser.

The Bylaw committee members serving the 2016-18 Administration with me are:

Patricia Baughman
Trilby Crews
Doris Karlik
Christa Nuckols
Carolyn Pfeiffer,
Darlene Viasney
Susan B. Weaver