



To: Per Thorkildsen
President
Norwegian Rugby Federation
Via email: per.thorkildsen@rugbyforbundet.no

02/08/2023

Re: Governance of Norwegian Rugby Federation

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing in respect of the governance of the Norwegian Rugby Federation (Norges Rugbyforbund "NRF"). As you know, World Rugby is the international governing body of rugby union and is an association of member Unions, each of which is required to be the governing body and solely responsible for Rugby Union in their territory. The current NRF governance structure appears to include membership of a sport other than Rugby Union i.e. Rugby League. As you know, Rugby League is entirely distinct from Rugby Union and World Rugby is not in any way responsible for the governance of Rugby League. Concerns arise about NRF meeting the membership criteria set out in World Rugby's Bye-Laws: World Rugby Membership Pathway & Criteria:

Bye-Law 6:

(d) Membership of World Rugby is open to national rugby unions based in a country or territory where such unions are solely responsible for governing rugby union's sporting, technical and general organisation and implementation of all rugby related matters.

(e) Member Unions must ensure that elections to their governing body(ies) take place pursuant to a free and independent democratic process which conforms with applicable national legislation and the requirements of the Common Association Constitution.

We request that the NRF takes two actions:

a) Respond to World Rugby by 1 September 2023 with comments on the governance and structure of NRF with reference to the Bye-Laws set out above; and

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b) Forward this correspondence to the Norwegian NOC with a request for a meeting with World Rugby, NRF and the NOC to discuss the situation and seek to find an appropriate resolution.

Please confirm receipt by response and let us know some suitable times for a meeting with your Union and the NOC.

Yours sincerely,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jens Aage Skare Nielsen".

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