

September 21, 2026

GC-01 – URGENCY CLAUSE

ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE END OF SECTION B: OFFICIAL RULES, Page 9-10

URGENCY CLAUSE

Any member of the Governance Committee or the PITA Executive Committee may petition to revise, create a new rule or eliminate an existing rule at any time if in their judgment such action is of urgent necessity by complying with the following requirements:

- a. Any such revision or new rule must be submitted in writing to each member of the Governance Committee.
- b. Justification for the use of this “Urgency Clause” must accompany the submission.
- c. No fewer than 2/3 of the combined members of the Governance Committee must vote regarding the proposed revision/new rule. If approved by 2/3 of those voting, the revision/new rule will become effective immediately. The discussion and vote may be done in a face-to-face meeting, on-line meeting or conference call. A member who cannot be present at the time of the vote may cast a vote by phone call to the Governance Committee Chair or the PITA President. The vote cast by phone call must be followed by email confirmation to the Secretary or Assistant. To abstain is by definition to refrain from action. Any member who abstains will not be counted in the total needed for passage.

As Amended July 27, 2018

- d. Any such “urgency clause revision/new rule” must be presented to the membership at the next general meeting where it shall be ratified by a majority vote of the delegates **and Executive Committee**. Should it fail to be ratified the revision will be stricken from the rules.

As Amended July 26, 2019

- e. Any action taken under the authority of the “urgency clause” shall be recorded by the Executive Secretary who shall notify all State and Provincial Secretaries in a timely manner. “Urgency Clause” revisions/new rules shall not be subject to the filing restrictions of other rule change proposals.

As Amended July 24, 2018

REASON:

The Urgency Clause was removed from the PITA By-laws and needed to be added to the PITA Rule Book in 2022. The vote was never recorded, so in 2026 the Governance Committee determined that since the vote was never recorded for:

- a. Removing the Urgency Clause from the Bylaws; or
- b. Adding the Urgency Clause to the Rule Book; that

The Urgency Clause still existed in the Bylaws, and any use of the clause between July of 2022 and July of 2026 was legal.

This rule change proposal, and the accompanying bylaw change proposal, is to rectify the recording error in 2022.