



MEMBER INFORMATION:

EFP becomes ELS

Basel, November 10, 2009. At the Association's Extraordinary General Assembly in London on October 20, European Football Pool changed its name to European Lotteries Sports (EL Sports, ELS) to reflect the new structure and objectives. The members approved the organization's new business plan to work very closely with and on behalf of European State Lottery and Toto Association (EL) and its members in the area of sport and sports games. As ELS President Risto Nieminen explained, "this is a real opportunity and a win-win situation for both associations and shall be a real (re)source of support and know-how for the future of sports betting".

Below is an outline of all the decisions and changes from the London Extraordinary General Meeting:

What is new?

European Lotteries Sports' new objectives and tasks are set in line with European State Lottery and Toto Association (EL). In their meeting in September the EL Managing Board welcomed a close cooperation with ELS and a new era and form of addressing the important tasks, challenges and developments in the area of pools and sports betting. This new structure will enable the members who wish to be a part of ELS to take further advantage of more wide-ranging services and attendance in the field of sports betting, such as the creation of a European Pools game, easy access to European or World wide sports data through UEFA, FIFA or other associations etc. ELS will be self-funded by its members and membership at ELS will be voluntary.

By-law Changes:

The following major changes to the association's by-laws were approved by the General Assembly in London.

New Name:

From European Football Pool to EL Sports.

Structure and Objectives:

ELS will be an independent body under the umbrella of European Lotteries.

The members agreed to full cooperation and identification with the EL structure and objectives in sports betting matters and to show unity in political aims.

Membership:

Future new full membership is only granted to lotteries who are also members at European Lotteries.

However, non-EL members can apply for "supporting membership", with access to full benefits and support, except the right of voting at the General Assembly.

Presidency:

It was decided that the ELS membership always elect the EL Sports Committee chairman to become the ELS President.

Secretariat:

It was acknowledged by the members that the General Secretaries of both ELS and EL work in close cooperation and coordination and with a steady information flow between the two secretariats. The ELS General Secretariat will report to the ELS President and its board.

Full Version of By-laws:

A full version of all the changes in the by-laws will be prepared and sent to all members as well as uploaded on the future ELS website.

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About ELS:

EL Sports is an independent organization of European state lotteries offering sports betting or pools games and having interest in common projects. Its predecessor European Football Pool was a former long-standing partner of UEFA in the UEFA Intertoto Cup. ELS, under the umbrella of European Lotteries, provides substantial know-how and services in the world of sports and betting.

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