

# Bylaws Deadline Closing In

**Deadline: October 31, 2008**

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Since many of your clubs do not meet in the summer, you only have September and October to vote on the bylaws changes necessary to comply with the TFRW Bylaws in order to make sure you get approval by April 31, 2009 (to be eligible to send delegates to 2009 Conventions).

Why only two months? Because most bylaws require a 30-day written notice in order to vote on changes to those bylaws. You will have to give that notice at your September meeting in order to vote at the October meeting. Or you will have to send the notice through the mail in August, 30 days before your meeting, in order to vote in September.

**Reminder:** You must MAIL (to the address above) a hard copy of your amended bylaws to me. I will not accept an e-mail version because the document must be passed around to my committee members, who write notes on them.

To make sure your bylaws comply, please compare them to the "Sample Bylaws" in the *2008-09 TFRW Leadership Handbook*, page 128-134. They contain the essential elements that you must have in your bylaws. You may have more, such as Officers and Committees, but not less. You do not have to have all categories of Membership; but the ones named are the only ones you can have, however.

Remember, we have over 160 clubs. And less than half of them have submitted their bylaws. Time to get busy!

*PS: Those new clubs who were federated this year (2008) do not need to submit their bylaws again, unless I noted it when you were federated.*

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