

Formal request regarding the event framework and the removal of Clock

August 25, 2026

Dear WCA Board of Directors,

Two months have now passed since the June 24 announcement regarding the addition of FTO and the future removal of Clock as an official WCA event.

During this period, the Board has provided additional explanations, the community has extensively discussed the decision, and on August 19 the WCA confirmed that its position remained unchanged.

However, from the perspective of the Almeria Speedcubing Association, an important governance question remains unresolved.

In 2019, following the removal of 3x3x3 With Feet, the WCA publicly acknowledged "*flaws in the process*", stated that it had learned from community feedback, and committed to prioritizing "*a clear and transparent process for event changes in the future*".

The development of a framework for evaluating the addition and removal of events subsequently became part of the WCA's strategic planning.

Against that background, we respectfully ask the Board:

If the WCA had already identified the need for a clear and transparent process for event changes, why was the decision to remove Clock made before the framework intended to provide the criteria for such decisions had been established?

We believe that such a framework should not be regarded as a limitation on the Board's ability to make decisions. On the contrary, it should be a governance tool that strengthens those decisions by providing **predefined criteria, consistency, transparency and traceability**.

Nor are we arguing that Clock must remain an official WCA event indefinitely. An objective framework, once developed and applied, could conclude that Clock should be removed.

Our request is therefore straightforward:

Develop the framework first. Apply it to every event change.

Establish the criteria in advance. Evaluate the available alternatives and their impacts. Make the decision-making process traceable. Apply the same methodology consistently to Clock, FTO and any future addition or removal of an official event.

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In this context, the Almeria Speedcubing Association respectfully asks the WCA Board to **reconsider the implementation of the decision to remove Clock until the envisaged event framework has been developed, and then assess the removal of Clock against the criteria and methodology established by that framework.**

If the application of that framework ultimately supports the removal of Clock, then that conclusion will rest on a predefined, transparent and consistently applicable institutional process.

We would appreciate a formal response from the Board to this request and, in particular, to the governance question set out above.

As throughout this process, our position is directed exclusively at the decision, the process and the institutional mechanisms involved, with full respect for the individuals who serve the WCA.

Kind regards,

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