



# ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER OLYMPIC INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

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## **CHAPTER I – IDENTITY & PURPOSE**

### **1 Foundation, name, legal status and language**

On 30th May 1983 in Lausanne, the 21 International Federations governing the sports included in the programme of the Summer Olympic Games founded the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF).

- 1.1 The ASOIF is a not-for-profit association, governed by Article 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code, by Swiss law and these statutes (Statutes).
- 1.2 French and English are the official languages of the ASOIF. In the event of any divergence, the English version shall prevail. Official documents, minutes, agendas, publications and communications may be in one or both languages.
- 1.3 Words referring to the masculine gender only, shall include the feminine gender and vice versa.
- 1.4 The location of the headquarters shall be decided by the ASOIF General Assembly (General Assembly). The headquarters of the ASOIF are in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 1.5 The duration of the ASOIF is indefinite.

### **2 Mission and objectives**

- 2.1 The ASOIF's mission is to unite, promote and support its Members to preserve their autonomy, while co-ordinating their common interests and goals towards the International Olympic Committee (IOC), governments, intergovernmental organisations and any other relevant organisations.
- 2.2 The ASOIF has the following principal objectives:
  - (a) to review matters raised by its Members and to determine the consensus of the Members on questions of common interest in relation to its mission;
  - (b) to coordinate and defend the common interests of its Members in the above context;
  - (c) to ensure close cooperation between its Members, members of the Olympic Movement and other organisations;
  - (d) to defend and maintain the authority, independence and autonomy of the Members and ensure respect of the consensus reached by the General Assembly;
  - (e) to decide on the distribution of the revenues from the Summer Olympic Games and any other common revenues reverting to the Full Members;
  - (f) to represent all Members in matters relating to the Summer and Youth Olympic Games; and
  - (g) to take steps incidental to the above-mentioned objectives.

## **CHAPTER II - MEMBERS**

### **3 Members**

3.1 The ASOIF is composed of the following Members:

Full Members: International Federations governing sports on the sports programme of the Summer Olympic Games as listed in the Bye-laws to Rule 45 of the Olympic Charter (as amended accordingly).

Associate Members: Other International Federations governing sports included within the events programme for a specific edition of the Summer Olympic Games.

Unless the Statutes indicate otherwise, the term Member(s) comprises both Full Members and Associate Members.

3.2 Members shall have the following rights:

- (a) to attend the General Assembly;
- (b) bring forward any suggestions for the ASOIF Council (Council) to consider; and
- (c) to exercise any other rights arising from these Statutes.

3.3 Only Full Members shall have the following rights:

- (a) the right to receive a share of the revenues from the Summer Olympic Games in which their sport is included in the programme;
- (b) to vote and to make proposals to the General Assembly. Each Full Member shall have one vote;
- (c) propose items for inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly including proposals to amend the Statutes;
- (d) have a vote and the right to speak on the distribution of the revenues of the Olympic Games and any other common revenues reverting to the Full Members; and
- (e) to propose one candidate for membership of the Council.

3.4 Members shall have the following obligations:

- (a) to timely pay its annual membership fee;
- (b) to promote the vision and objectives of the ASOIF;
- (c) to comply with these Statutes and any decisions made by the General Assembly and the Council in accordance thereto; and
- (d) to be in good standing with the IOC and the ASOIF.

### **Admission procedure**

3.5 Membership of the ASOIF may be granted by the General Assembly to an International Federation, which fulfils the conditions laid down in Article 3.1. Application for membership shall be made in writing to the ASOIF President (President).

### **Withdrawal of membership**

- 3.6 Any Member may withdraw its membership. Membership will expire at the end of a calendar year. Notice of resignation must be received by the ASOIF headquarters by registered courier three months before the end of that same year.

### **Suspension and exclusion**

- 3.7 The General Assembly may suspend a Member which fails to fulfil its obligations as a Member.
- 3.8 The Council may provisionally suspend, until the next General Assembly, any Member which fails to fulfil its obligations as a Member. The General Assembly may lift, confirm or extend the suspension of such Member.
- 3.9 In case of repeated or serious violations of its obligations as a Member, the General Assembly may exclude a Member.

### **Independence and autonomy**

- 3.10 Members maintain full independence and autonomy in the management of their own sports.

## **CHAPTER III - GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **4 General Assembly**

- 4.1 The ASOIF is composed of the General Assembly and the Council.
- 4.2 The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the ASOIF.
- 4.3 The quorum of the General Assembly shall be at least two-thirds of the Full Members at the opening of the meeting.
- 4.4 The General Assembly is composed of a maximum of three delegates per Member. All Members have the right to speak but only Full Members have the right to vote. Each Full Member shall have one vote.
- 4.5 The General Assembly shall hold an ordinary meeting once a year, normally to be held prior to the annual joint meeting between the IOC and the ASOIF.
- 4.6 The General Assembly shall be chaired by the President of the ASOIF.

### **Notice, agenda and documents**

- 4.7 The Council shall convene the General Assembly by notice at least three months in advance. The notice shall include a draft agenda.

- 4.8 The Council may add items to the draft agenda. Proposals for additions by Full Members to the agenda must be made in writing to Council and reach the ASOIF secretariat at least forty-five days prior to the General Assembly.
- 4.9 The final agenda together with all relevant documentation concerning the General Assembly shall be sent to all Members at the latest thirty days prior to the General Assembly.
- 4.10 At the start of each meeting, the General Assembly shall approve the agenda by a simple majority. The agenda may only be modified by a two-thirds majority vote of Full Members present.
- 4.11 The General Assembly may only debate or decide on matters appearing on the agenda.

### **Decisions**

- 4.12 The decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a show of hands, except when at least two Full Members request a secret ballot.
- 4.13 The decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by simple majority of the votes cast, except for the cases below.
- 4.14 A two-thirds majority of votes cast by Full Members present at the General Assembly shall be required for:
  - (a) Suspension and exclusion of Members; and/or
  - (b) Amendments to the agenda of the General Assembly.
- 4.15 The decisions on financial matters described in Article 2.2(e) shall require unanimity of Full Members present. If such unanimity is not achieved after two rounds of voting, a two-thirds majority of votes cast by Full Members present at the General Assembly shall be required.
- 4.16 Decisions regarding amendments to the Statutes shall be taken by at least two-thirds majority of the votes cast by Full Members present at the General Assembly representing more than half of the votes of all Full Members.
- 4.17 Abstentions and invalid votes, as determined by the scrutineers appointed by the General Assembly, shall not be included in the count of cast votes.

### **Entry into force**

- 4.18 Decisions shall take effect three months after the General Assembly, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.

### **Minutes**

- 4.19 The minutes of the General Assembly shall be prepared by the President and the ASOIF Executive Director (Executive Director).

4.20 The minutes shall be sent, in French and English, to all Members at the latest two months after the General Assembly.

### **Extraordinary General Assembly**

4.21 The Council shall convene an Extraordinary General Assembly, upon a written request of at least one fifth of the Full Members or if the Council so decides.

4.22 The Extraordinary General Assembly shall normally be held on the date and at the place proposed by the Council.

4.23 Notice shall be sent no less than forty-five days prior to the Extraordinary General Assembly.

4.24 The notice shall include the agenda and all relevant documentation.

4.25 The Extraordinary General Assembly may only debate or decide on matters appearing on the agenda.

## **5 Elections**

### **Nomination of candidates**

5.1 Each Full Member may nominate one of its executive body members for the vacant positions.

5.2 The nomination shall be received by the ASOIF headquarters a minimum of fifteen days prior to the General Assembly and be communicated to all Members by the ASOIF.

### **Elections**

5.3 Elections shall always be held by secret ballot, unless there is only one candidate for the vacant position whereby Article 4.12 applies.

5.4 The General Assembly shall first elect the President and then other members of the Council.

5.5 For elections to the Council, including the election of the President, an absolute majority (more than fifty percent of the votes cast) is required.

5.6 If no candidate reaches an absolute majority, the candidate obtaining the smallest number of votes in each ballot shall be eliminated until one or more candidate(s) obtains an absolute majority.

## CHAPTER IV - COUNCIL

### 6 Council

- 6.1 The Council shall be composed of the President and six members, all from different Full Members.
- 6.2 The President shall be elected for a term of four (4) years in the year of the Summer Olympic Games and takes up his position on 1 January of the following year.
- 6.3 The President is eligible for immediate re-election only twice.
- 6.4 The responsibilities of the President are as follows:
- (a) represent the ASOIF, chair the General Assembly and the Council;
  - (b) call the Council meetings and prepare the agenda in collaboration with the Executive Director;
  - (c) maintain close contact with the Members and with the various constituencies of the ASOIF in its relationship with the IOC, governments, intergovernmental organisations and any other relevant organisations; and
  - (d) aim to foster a positive image of the ASOIF and to ensure that the ASOIF's mission, strategic direction, policies and values, as defined by the Council, are protected and advanced.
- 6.5 The President shall have no right to vote at the General Assembly. He shall have one ordinary vote on the Council or the casting vote in the case of a tie.
- 6.6 If the President, for any reason, no longer has any role within the executive body of his International Federation, he shall not be eligible for re-election at the end of his term.
- 6.7 The Council shall elect for two years, from amongst its members, a Vice President who will replace the President in his absence.
- 6.8 The Vice President is eligible for immediate re-election.
- 6.9 An Executive Director of the ASOIF shall be appointed by the Council upon proposal by the President as an executive position. The Executive Director's responsibilities and authority shall be determined by the Council. The Executive Director shall participate in the Council meetings, but shall have no voting rights.
- 6.10 The members of the Council shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. Three Council members are elected in the year following the Summer Olympic Games and three Council members are elected two years later. A member of the Council, other than the President, may serve for no more than two full terms of office.
- 6.11 A Council member who, for any reason, no longer has any role within the executive body of his International Federation, automatically ceases to be a member of the Council at the following General Assembly.
- 6.12 Any Member may withdraw its Council member elected to the Council, including the President, at any time.

- 6.13 In the case of a vacancy within the Council, an election for the remaining period in question shall be held at the next General Assembly.
- 6.14 Decisions of the Council shall be taken by simple majority. In the case of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.
- 6.15 The obligations of the Council are as follows:
- (a) to appoint and dismiss the Executive Director;
  - (b) to prepare, conduct and manage the General Assembly, including notice, agenda, organisation, documentation, reports, minutes, etc. and to make an annual report to the General Assembly;
  - (c) to implement the decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly;
  - (d) to determine the sources of revenue and prepare the annual budget;
  - (e) to ensure the adherence to the Statutes and the fulfilment of the vision and objectives of the ASOIF;
  - (f) to manage the affairs of the ASOIF on behalf of its Members between General Assemblies in accordance with the Statutes;
  - (g) to consult and communicate with the Members on all matters of common interest in relation to the Summer and Youth Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement; and
  - (h) to select the ASOIF representatives on commissions (for example of the IOC), bodies and organisations (for example World Anti-Doping Agency, International Court of Arbitration for Sport), where Members may be represented, from among them. Any representative so appointed by the ASOIF may cease to hold his position if his position on his respective executive body shall cease.

## **CHAPTER V – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **7 Commissions**

- 7.1 The General Assembly, the Council and the President are empowered to set up commissions, consultative, advisory or working groups to study issues of common interest to the Members or present a report to the Council and/or General Assembly.
- 7.2 At any time, the President may delegate certain tasks (notably representation) to a member of the Council and/or the Executive Director.

### **8 Finances**

- 8.1 Members shall pay an annual membership fee, the amount to be fixed each year by the General Assembly. Their financial liability to the ASOIF shall be limited to this membership fee.

- 8.2 Each Member is responsible for the expenses incurred by the participation of its delegates to the General Assembly, and of its members elected to the Council. If the financial situation so allows, the Council may decide that an indemnity be paid to help cover these expenses.
- 8.3 The Executive Director shall be responsible for keeping the accounts of the ASOIF. They shall be audited annually by an independent qualified firm of accountants, appointed by the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall approve the accounts for each year and the budget for the following year.

## **9 Dissolution**

- 9.1 A decision to dissolve the ASOIF shall be taken by at least two-thirds majority of the votes cast by Full Members present at the General Assembly, representing more than half of the votes of all Full Members.
- 9.2 In the event of dissolution, the Council shall divide the assets of the ASOIF into equal parts among the Full Members at the time of the decision.

## **10 Enforcement**

- 10.1 These Statutes were adopted by the General Assembly in Bangkok, Thailand on 17 April 2018.
- 10.2 In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, it comes into effect on 18 April 2018 and supersedes all previous versions.
- 10.3 Any disputes arising out of or in connection with these Statutes, their application or interpretation, shall be decided by the Council. Decisions of the Council may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland and resolved definitively in accordance with the code of sports-related arbitration. The language of any arbitration shall be English.

**ASOIF FULL MEMBERS**

International Association of Athletics Federations	IAAF
World Rowing	FISA
Badminton World Federation	BWF
International Basketball Federation	FIBA
International Boxing Association	AIBA
International Canoe Federation	ICF
Union Cycliste Internationale	UCI
International Equestrian Federation	FEI
International Fencing Federation	FIE
International Association Football Federation	FIFA
International Golf Federation	IGF
International Gymnastics Federation	FIG
International Weightlifting Federation	IWF
International Handball Federation	IHF
International Hockey Federation	FIH
International Judo Federation	IJF
United World Wrestling	UWW
International Swimming Federation	FINA
International Modern Pentathlon Union	UIPM
World Rugby	WR
World Taekwondo	WT
International Tennis Federation	ITF
International Table Tennis Federation	ITTF
International Shooting Sport Federation	ISSF
World Archery Federation	WA
International Triathlon Union	ITU
World Sailing	WS
International Volleyball Federation	FIVB

**ASOIF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

World Baseball Softball Confederation	WBSC
International Federation of Sport Climbing	IFSC
World Karate Federation	WKF
World Skate	
International Surfing Association	ISA