

Summary of Statute Changes

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Article no.	Original Article	Proposed Article	Reason for change
All relevant Articles	ASOIF	The ASOIF	Consistency.
All relevant Articles	IFs, member International Federations, affiliated Federations, etc.	Members	Consistency.
All relevant Articles	Assembly	General Assembly	Consistency.
All relevant Articles	Director	Executive Director	Consistency.
All relevant Articles	-	Renumbering	Arrange Articles in thematic and logical order.

CHAPTER I

Article no.	Original Article	Proposed Article	Reason for change
-	Chapter I	Chapter I – Identity & Purpose	Clarity.
1	1 General Provisions	1 Foundation, name, legal status and language	Clarity.
1	1.1 On 30th May 1983 in Lausanne, the 21 International Federations governing the sports included at the time in the programme of the Summer Olympic Games founded the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF).	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).	Clarity.
1.1	1.1 ASOIF is a not for profit association, governed by Art. 60 and following, of the Swiss Civil Code. It is endowed with legal personality. Its members, officers and employees are not responsible for its debts.	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).	Clarity.
1.3 becomes 1.5 1.4 remains 1.4	 1.3 Its duration is indefinite. 1.4 The General Assembly determines the headquarters of the ASOIF. The ASOIF Headquarters are currently in Lausanne, Switzerland. 	 1.5 The duration of the ASOIF is indefinite. 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. 	Articles placed in the appropriate section and updated for clarity and precision.

1.5 becomes 1.2	1.5 French and English are the official languages of the ASOIF. In the event of a dispute, the original version of the speech or document in either languages prevails.	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.	English language prevails in the event of any divergence.
1.3	-	1.3 Words referring to the masculine gender only, shall include the feminine gender and vice versa.	Missing in current Statutes.
1.2 becomes 2	1.2 Objects	2 Mission and objectives	Clarity.
2.1	-	2.1 The ASOIF's mission is to unite, promote and support its Members to preserve their autonomy, while coordinating their common interests and goals towards the International Olympic Committee (IOC), governments, intergovernmental organisations and any other relevant organisations.	Addresses lack of reference to a clearly defined mission in the current Statutes.
1.2 becomes 2.2	1.2 The ASOIF has the following principal objects	2.2 The ASOIF has the following principal objectives	Consistency.
1.2.1 becomes 2.2(a)	1.2.1 To discuss matters raised by its Members and to determine the consensus of the IFs on questions of common interest in relation to the Summer Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement.	Members and to determine the consensus	Clarity.

1.2.5 becomes 2.2(e)	concerning the IFs in general, in	2.2(e) to decide on the distribution of the revenues from the Summer Olympic Games and any other common revenues reverting to the Full Members.	
2.2(f)	-	2.2(f) to represent all Members in matters relating to the Summer and Youth Olympic Games.	Absent in current Statutes.
1.2.6 becomes 2.2(g)	1.2.6 To take steps incidental to the above-mentioned objects.	2.2(g) to take steps incidental to the above- mentioned objectives.	Consistency.

CHAPTER II

Article no.	Original Article	Proposed Article	Reason for change
-	Chapter II	Chapter II – Members	Clarity.
1.6 becomes 3.10	 1.6 Independence and autonomy of the Members The International Federations which are Members of the ASOIF maintain full independence and autonomy in the management of their own sports. They shall observe the decisions taken by the General Assembly in relation to the common interest as stated in this Constitution. 	Independence and autonomy 3.10 Members maintain full independence and autonomy in the management of their own sports.	Clarity and precision.
2.1 becomes 3.1	2.1 Full Members: International Federations governing sports which are on the sports programme of the Summer Olympic Games (as listed in the fourth Bye-law to Rule 45 of the Olympic Charter).	3.1 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).	Clarity.
2.3 becomes 3.5	2.3 An International Federation which fulfils the conditions laid down in article 2.1 becomes a member of the ASOIF when it makes such a request in writing to the President, and receives the approval of the General Assembly.	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).	Clarity and precision.

2.4 becomes 3.6	2.4 Resignation	Withdrawal of membership	To clarify mechanism to withdraw
	Each Member may withdraw its membership. Notice of resignation must be received at ASOIF headquarters by registered post before 1 st July in order to take effect at the end of that same year.	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.	membership.
2.5 becomes 3.7,	2.5 Suspension and Expulsion	Suspension and exclusion	Clarify the method by which a
3.8 and 3.9	The Council may suspend until the next General Assembly any Member which violates its obligations, for example, which is in arrears in respect of its	3.7 The General Assembly may suspend a Member which fails to fulfil its obligations as a Member.	Member may be suspended or excluded.
	subscription fees, or has in any way, jeopardised the interests of ASOIF or brought it into disrepute. The General Assembly may, if proposed by Council, pronounce or extend such suspension or expel such Member for the same reasons. A two-third majority is	 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 	
	required for an expulsion.	of its obligations as a Member, the General Assembly may exclude a Member.	
3.2, 3.3 and 3.4	-	3.2 Members shall have the following rights:(a) to attend the General Assembly;	Addresses the lack of defined membership rights and obligations in the current Statutes.
		(b) bring forward any suggestions for the ASOIF Council (Council) to consider; and	

	(C)	to exercise any other rights arising from these Statutes.	
		Full Members shall have the ing 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.

CHAPTER III

Article no.	Original Article	Proposed Article	Reason for change
-	Chapter III	Chapter III – General Assembly	Clarity.
3 becomes 4	3 Organs	4 General Assembly	Clarity and consistency.
3.1, 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 become 4.1	3.1 The organs of the ASOIF are:3.1.1 The General Assembly, and3.1.2 The Council	4.1 The ASOIF is composed of the General Assembly and the Council.	Clarity and precision.
3.2.1 becomes 4.2 and 4.3	3.2.1 The Assembly is the ultimate authority of the ASOIF. Its quorum shall be at least two-thirds of the total Full Members.	 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. 	Clarity and precision.
3.2.2 becomes 4.4	3.2.2 It is composed of a maximum of three delegates per Member, who are appointed freely by their Federation. Each Full Member has only one vote, but its three delegates may speak. In decisions on the division of television and other rights revenues from the Summer Olympic Games, however, only Full Members governing sports on the programme of those Games from which those revenues derive shall have a vote and the right to speak. All Members have the right to speak but only Full Members	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.	This section was simplified since most of the information can be found under other Articles in the Statutes.

	have the right to one vote, to make proposals to, and propose items for the agenda of the General Assembly and have the right to propose one candidate each for the positions of President and Council Member.		
3.2.3 becomes 4.5	3.2.3 The Assembly shall hold an ordinary meeting once a year, normally to be held the day before the annual meeting between the IOC and the ASOIF.	ordinary meeting once a year, normally to	Consistency.
4.6	-	4.6 The General Assembly shall be chaired by the President of the ASOIF.	Addresses the lack of clarity in current statutes.
3.3 becomes 4.7,	Summons, Agenda, Reports	Notice, agenda and documents	Clarity and consistency.
4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11	3.3.1 The Council shall convene the Assembly by notice dispatched at least three months in advance. The summons shall include a draft agenda.	4.7 The Council shall convene the General Assembly by notice at least three months in advance. The notice shall include a draft agenda.	
	3.3.2 Each Full Member and the Council may add items to the agenda, including proposals to amend the Constitution. Such additions in writing must reach the ASOIF Secretariat at least forty-five days prior to the Assembly.	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.	
	3.3.3 The complete agenda must be dispatched to all Members at the latest thirty days prior to the 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.	

	3.3.4 The complete agenda must be accompanied by all documentation concerning the Assembly, in particular the reports concerning the items to be discussed.		
	3.3.5 At the start of each meeting, the Assembly approves the agenda by simple majority. The complete agenda may only be modified by a two-thirds majority vote.	General Assembly shall approve the agenda by a simple majority. The agenda	
	3.3.6 The Assembly may debate only those matters appearing on the final agenda.		
3.4.1 becomes 4.12	3.4.1 The Assembly takes its decisions by a show of hands, except when at least two Full Members request a secret ballot.	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.	Clarity.
3.4.2 becomes 4.13 and 4.14	3.4.2 Apart from exceptions defined in articles 3.3.5, 10.1 and the exceptions hereafter, the Assembly takes its decisions by simple majority of the votes cast.	4.13 The decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by simple majority of the votes cast, except for the cases below.	Gives greater clarity to decision making process within the General Assembly.
		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.	

3.4.4 becomes 4.15	3.4.4 Decisions on financial matters, particularly on the division of Olympic television and other rights revenues, must be taken unanimously. If unanimity is not obtained after two rounds, a two-thirds majority of the represented Members is sufficient.	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	Clarity and precision.
3.4.3 becomes 4.16	3.4.3 Modifications to the Constitution require the approval of at least two-thirds of the members represented at the given Assembly. Such two-thirds must exceed half of the voting strength of the ASOIF.	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.	Clarity and precision.
4.17	-	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.	Addresses absence in current Statutes.
3.5 becomes 4.18	3.5 Enforcement	4.18 Entry into force	Clarity.
	Decisions take effect three months after the Assembly, unless the latter decides otherwise.	Decisions shall take effect three months after the General Assembly, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.	
3.6.1 becomes 4.19	3.6.1 The President and the Director shall prepare the minutes of each Assembly.		Clarity and precision.

4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3 become 4.21	 4.1.1 The Council must convene an Extraordinary Assembly if the Assembly so decides, or 4.1.2 If at least one fifth of the Full Members make a request in writing, or 4.1.3 If the Council considers it advisable. 	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.	Clarity.
4.2.1 becomes 4.22	4.2.1 The Extraordinary Assembly is held on the date and at the place proposed by those who requested its convocation after consultation with the Council.	4.22 The Extraordinary General Assembly shall normally be held on the date and at the place proposed by the Council.	Clarity and precision.
4.2.2 becomes 4.23	4.2.2 The summons shall be dispatched no less than forty-five days prior to such Assembly.	4.23 Notice shall be sent no less than forty- five days prior to the Extraordinary General Assembly.	Consistency.
4.3.1 becomes 4.24	4.3.1 The summons shall include the agenda and all necessary explanatory and accompanying papers.	4.24 The notice shall include the agenda and all relevant documentation.	Simplification and consistency.
4.3.2 becomes 4.25	4.3.2 The Extraordinary Assembly may debate only those items appearing on the agenda.	4.25 The Extraordinary General Assembly may only debate or decide on matters appearing on the agenda.	Clarity and consistency.
6.1 becomes 5.1	6.1 Each Full Member may propose only one of the members of its Council for the positions to be filled.	5.1 Each Full Member may nominate one of its executive body members for the vacant positions.	Clarity and consistency.

6.2 becomes 5.2	6.2 The nominations must be received by the ASOIF Headquarters fifteen days at the latest before the Assembly. They are communicated immediately in writing to all the affiliated Federations.	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.	Clarity and consistency.
7.1 becomes 5.3	7.1 Elections are always held by secret ballot, unless there is only one candidate for the position to be filled whereby article 3.4.1 applies.	5.3 Elections shall always be held by secret ballot, unless there is only one candidate for the vacant positon whereby Article 4.12 applies.	Clarity and consistency.
7.2 become 5.4	7.2 The Assembly elects first the President, then the members.	5.4 The General Assembly shall first elect the President and then other members of the Council.	Clarity and precision.
7.3 becomes 5.5	7.3 For elections to the Council, including the election of the President, an absolute majority is required.	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.	Clarity and precision.

CHAPTER IV

Article no.	Original Article	Proposed Article	Reason for change
-	Chapter IV	Chapter IV – Council	Clarity.
5.1 becomes 6.1	5.1 The Council shall be composed of a President and six Members, all from different Federations.	6.1 The Council shall be composed of the President and six members, all from different Full Members.	Clarity and precision.
5.2 becomes 6.9	5.2 The Director shall be nominated by the Council on the proposal of the President as an executive position. The Director's activities shall be determined by the President. The Director participates in the Council meetings, but shall have no voting rights.	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.	Clarity, consistency and precision.
5.3 becomes 6.2, 6.3 and 6.6	5.3 The President is elected for a 4-year mandate. The President is elected in the year of the summer Olympic Games and takes up his position on 1 January of the following year. The President is eligible for immediate re-election only twice. If the President, for any reason, no longer has any role within the Council of his/her Federation, he/she will automatically lose his/her function as President at the end of his/her mandate.	 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. 6.6 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. 	Separates content of original Article into separate sections for clarity and precision.

6.4	- 6.4 The responsibilities of the President are as follows:	Responsibilities of ASOIF President are undefined in the current Statutes.
	(a) represent the ASOIF, chair the General Assembly and the Council;	current Statules.
	(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	 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. 	ASOIF President's right to vote is undefined in current Statutes.

5.4 becomes 6.10 and 6.11	5.4 The members of Council are elected for 4-year mandates. Three members of Council are elected in the year following the summer Olympic Games and three members are elected two years later. The outgoing members of Council are eligible for immediate election only once. A member of Council who, for any reason, no longer has any role within the Council of his/her Federation, automatically loses his/her function within the ASOIF Council at the following ASOIF General Assembly.	 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. 	Divide information into Articles in order to make it clear and precise.
5.5 becomes 6.12	5.5 The respective ASOIF Member may withdraw its member elected to the ASOIF Council, including the President, at any time.	6.12 Any Member may withdraw its Council member elected to the Council, including the President, at any time.	Clarity and precision.
5.6 becomes 6.13	5.6 In the case of a vacancy within the Council, an additional election for the remaining period of the mandate in question shall be held at the next General Assembly.	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.	Clarity.
5.7 becomes 6.14	5.7 In the case of a tie within the Council, the President shall have the casting vote.	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.	Decision making method undefined in current Statutes.

5.8 becomes 6.15	5.8 The tasks of the Council are as follows:	 6.15 The obligations of the Council are as follows: a) to appoint and dismiss the Executive Director; 	Clarity and precision.
	5.8.1 To prepare, conduct and manage the Assembly, including summons, organisation, informative documentation, reports, minutes, etc. and to make an annual report to the Assembly.	 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; 	
	5.8.2 To implement the decisions and resolutions of the Assembly.	c) to implement the decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly;	
	5.8.3 To determine the sources of revenue and prepare the annual budget.	 d) to determine the sources of revenue and prepare the annual budget; 	
	5.8.4 To ensure the application of this Constitution and the pursuit of the objects of the ASOIF.	e) to ensure the adherence to the Statutes and the fulfilment of the vision and objectives of the ASOIF;	
	5.8.5 To manage the affairs of the ASOIF on behalf of its Members between Assemblies in accordance with the Constitution.	 f) to manage the affairs of the ASOIF on behalf of its Members between General Assemblies in accordance with the Statutes; 	

5.8.6 To consult and communicate with the Members regularly on all matters of common interest in relation to the Summer Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement.	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
5.8.7 To choose the ASOIF representatives on the Commissions (for example the IOC) and the bodies or organisations where the IFs may be represented, from among the ASOIF Members. If the candidates selected are members of the Council of their IF and if, for any reason, they should lose their position, they shall also lose their authority of representation.	 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

Article no.	Original Article	Proposed Article	Reason for change
-	Chapter V	Chapter V – General Provisions	Clarity.
8.1 becomes 7.1	8.1 The Assembly, the Council and the President are empowered to set up commissions or working groups to study a particular problem or present a report to the Assembly.	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.	Clarity and consistency.
9.1 becomes 8.1	9.1 Members of ASOIF shall pay an annual subscription, the amount to be fixed each year by the Assembly. This subscription shall restrict their financial responsibility towards ASOIF.	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.	Clarity.
9.3 becomes 8.3	9.3 The Director keeps the accounts of the ASOIF. They shall be audited annually by an independent qualified firm of accountants, appointed by the General Assembly. The Assembly shall approve the final accounts for each year.	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.	Consistency.
10.1 becomes 9.1	10.1 A declaration dissolving the ASOIF may only be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the Members represented at an Assembly, these two-thirds representing at least half of the Members.	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.	Clarity.

10.2 becomes 9.2	10.2 In the event of dissolution, the Council shall divide the assets of the ASOIF into equal parts among the Federations affiliated at the time of the vote.	equal parts among the Full Members at the	Clarity.
11 becomes 10	11 Final Provisions	10 Enforcement	Clarity.
10.3	-	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.	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Article no.	Original Article	Proposed Article	Reason for change
		 World Baseball Softball Confederation International Federation of Sport Climbing World Karate Federation World Skate International Surfing Association 	List of Associate Members are not included in the current Statutes.