



Constitution

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CHAPTER I

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 FOUNDATION, NAME AND LEGAL STATUS

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).

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.

1.2 OBJECTS

The ASOIF has the following principal objects:

- 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.
- 1.2.2 To coordinate and defend the common interests of its members in the above context.
- 1.2.3 To ensure close cooperation between its members, and members of the Olympic Movement and other organisations.

- 1.2.4 To defend and maintain the authority, independence and autonomy of the member International Federations and ensure respect of the consensus reached by the Assembly.
- 1.2.5 To decide on all financial matters concerning the IFs in general, in particular the sharing among its members of the television rights of the Summer Olympic Games reverting to the International Federations.
- 1.2.6 To take steps incidental to the above-mentioned objects.

1.3 **DURATION**

Its duration is indefinite.

1.4 **HEADQUARTERS**

The General Assembly determines the headquarters of the ASOIF.

The ASOIF Headquarters are currently in Lausanne, Switzerland.

1.5 **LANGUAGES**

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.

1.6 **INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY OF THE AFFILIATED FEDERATIONS**

- 1.6.1 The Federations affiliated to the ASOIF maintain full independence and autonomy in the management of their own sports.

- 1.6.2 They shall observe the decisions taken by the General Assembly in relation to the common interest as stated in this Constitution.

CHAPTER II

2. MEMBERS

- 2.1 Only International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the next Summer Olympic Games may be members of the ASOIF.

- 2.2 The Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Summer Olympic Games following the current Olympiad may be provisional members, without voting rights.

2.3 ADMISSION PROCEDURE

An International Federation which fulfils the conditions laid down in articles 2.1 and 2.2 becomes a member or provisional member of the ASOIF when it makes such a request in writing to the President, and receives the approval of the General Assembly.

2.4 RESIGNATION

Each member may withdraw its membership. Notice of resignation must be received at ASOIF headquarters by registered post before 1st July in order to take effect at the end of that same year.

2.5 SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

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 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 required for an expulsion.

CHAPTER III

3. ORGANS

3.1 The organs of the ASOIF are:

3.1.1 The General Assembly, and

3.1.2 The Council.

3.2 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Assembly)

3.2.1 The Assembly is the ultimate authority of the ASOIF. Its quorum shall be at least two-thirds of the total voting membership.

3.2.2 It is composed of a maximum of three delegates per affiliated Federation, who are appointed freely by their Federation. Each Federation has only one vote, but its three delegates may speak.

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 Executive Board and the ASOIF.

3.3 **SUMMONS, AGENDA, REPORTS**

- 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.
- 3.3.2 Each 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.
- 3.3.3 The complete agenda must be dispatched to all affiliated Federations at the latest thirty days prior to the 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.
- 3.3.6 The Assembly may debate only those matters appearing on the final agenda.

3.4 **DECISIONS**

- 3.4.1 The Assembly takes its decisions by a show of hands, except when at least two affiliated Federations request a secret ballot.

- 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.
- 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.
- 3.4.4 Decisions on financial matters, particularly on the division of Olympic television and other rights, must be taken unanimously. If unanimity is not obtained after two rounds, a two-thirds majority of the represented affiliated Federations is sufficient.

3.5 **ENFORCEMENT**

Decisions take effect three months after the Assembly, unless the latter decides otherwise.

3.6 **MINUTES**

- 3.6.1 The President and the Director shall prepare the minutes of each Assembly.
- 3.6.2 The minutes must be sent, in French and English, to all affiliated Federations at the latest two months after the Assembly.

4. **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

4.1 **SUMMONS**

4.1.1 The Council must convene an Extraordinary Assembly if the Assembly so decides, or

4.1.2 If at least ten affiliated Federations make a request in writing, or

4.1.3 If the Council considers it advisable.

4.2 **DATE AND PLACE**

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.

4.2.2 The summons shall be dispatched no less than forty-five days prior to such Assembly.

4.3 **CONDITIONS**

4.3.1 The summons shall include the agenda and all necessary explanatory and accompanying papers.

4.3.2 The Extraordinary Assembly may debate only those items appearing on the agenda.

5. **COUNCIL**

5.1 The Council shall be composed of a President and six Members, all from different Federations.

The Council elects for two years, from amongst its members, a Vice President who will replace the President in his/her absence.

The Vice President is eligible for immediate reelection.

- 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.
- 5.3 The President and all the Members are elected for 4-year mandates. The President and three Members are elected in the year following the Olympic Games and three Members are elected two years later. The outgoing Members are eligible for immediate re-election only once. The President is eligible for immediate reelection only twice.
- 5.4 Each affiliated Federation may at any time withdraw its Member elected to the Council. A Member 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.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 In the case of a tie within the Council, the President shall have the casting vote.

5.7 **THE TASKS OF THE COUNCIL ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- 5.7.1 To prepare, conduct and manage the Assembly, including summons, organisation, informative documentation, reports, minutes, etc. and to make an annual report to the Assembly.
- 5.7.2 To implement the decisions and resolutions of the Assembly.
- 5.7.3 To determine the sources of revenue and prepare the annual budget.
- 5.7.4 To ensure the application of this Constitution and the pursuit of the objects of the ASOIF.
- 5.7.5 To manage the affairs of the ASOIF on behalf of its members between Assemblies in accordance with the Constitution.
- 5.7.6 To consult and communicate with the affiliated Federations regularly on all matters of common interest in relation to the Summer Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement.
- 5.7.7 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.

6. **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

6.1 Each affiliated Federation may propose only one of the Members of its Council for the positions to be filled.

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.

7. **ELECTIONS**

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.

7.2 The Assembly elects first the President, then the members.

7.3 For elections to the Council, including the election of the President, an absolute majority is required.

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.

8. **COMMISSIONS**

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.

8.2 At any time, the President may delegate certain tasks (notably representation) to a Member of the Council and/or the Director.

9. **FINANCES**

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.

9.2 Each affiliated Federation is responsible for the expenses incurred by the participation of its delegates to the Assemblies, and for its Members elected to the Council.

9.2.1 If the financial situation so allows, the Council may pay an indemnity to help cover these expenses.

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.

CHAPTER IV

10. DISSOLUTION

- 10.1 A declaration dissolving the ASOIF may only be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the Federations represented at an Assembly, these two-thirds representing at least half of the affiliated Federations.
- 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.

CHAPTER V

11. FINAL PROVISIONS

- 11.1 The power of interpretation in the case of doubt lies in the Assembly.
- 11.2 This Constitution was adopted by the Assembly in Beijing on 24 April 2007.
- 11.3 In accordance with the decision of the Assembly, it comes into effect on 25 April 2007 and supersedes all previous versions.

THE ASOIF COUNCIL

(As of April 2007)

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THE ASOIF MEMBERS


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International Rowing Federation	FISA
Badminton World Federation	BWF
International BAseball Federation	IBAF
International Basketball Federation	FIBA
International Boxing Association	AIBA
International Canoe Federation	ICF
International Cycling Union	UCI
Fédération Equestre Internationale	FEI
Fédération Internationale d'Escrime	FIE
Fédération Internationale de Football Association	FIFA
International Gymnastics Federation	FIG
International Weightlifting Federation	IWF
International Handball Federation	IHF
International Hockey Federation	FIH
International Judo Federation	IJF
International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles	FILA
Fédération Internationale de Natation	FINA
Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne	UIPM
International Softball Federation	ISF
World Taekwondo Federation	WTF
International Tennis Federation	ITF
International Table Tennis Federation	ITTF
International Shooting Sport Federation	ISSF
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