

STATUTES

OF THE ASSOCIATION

WORLD FEDERATION OF ACROBATIC DANCES AND DANCE SPORTS (WFADS)

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WFADS STATUTES

I. Legal form, purpose and registered office

Article 1 - Name

Under the name **World Federation of Acrobatic Dances and Dance Sports**, a non-profit association is hereby established, governed by these Articles of Association and by Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code (the "**Association**").

All activities of the Association, including income generated from sponsorships, media rights or other sources, are exclusively intended for the achievement of its sporting and non-profit objectives, without distribution of profits to members.

The official and full name is World Federation of Acrobatic Dances and Dance Sports.

The abbreviated name is WFADS.

Article 2 - Purpose

The Association pursues the following objectives:

- 1) To ensure the governance and development of acrobatic dances and dance sports, in particular Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll, Acro Swing, DanceSport, Breaking/Breakdancing, Salsa, Boogie Woogie, Lindy Hop, Shag, Balboa ("Dancesport"), worldwide, either directly or through its members;
- 2) To promote and develop the practice of Dance Sports with the aim of establishing national federations in at least 50 countries on three continents within seven years to meet the recognition criteria of the International Olympic Committee (IOC);
- 3) Organise and supervise official international competitions and shows in these disciplines, including at least two major international competitions per year to establish an operational history.

The Association has no economic purpose and does not seek to make a profit in any commercial form. It may generally carry out any activities necessary to achieve the above objectives, provided that such activities are consistent with its non-profit status.

The Association is responsible for:

- 1) Registering existing national federations that develop Sport Dances;
- 2) Assisting in the establishment of national federations that develop Sport Dances in countries where such organisations do not exist;
- 3) Organising and administering international competitions and festivals for members;
- 4) Organising and conducting training events for coaches and judges, as well as events aimed at improving their qualifications;
- 5) Organising and conducting training events for athletes;
- 6) The promotion and encouragement of participation in Sport Dance in all member jurisdictions;
- 7) The fight against doping and other drugs and methods harmful to health in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency and anti-doping rules;
- 8) Coordinating the activities of the Association's member organisations, creating favourable conditions for bringing specialists together with the aim of creating professional unity, promoting the exchange of experience, and fulfilling the creative and scientific potential of the Association's member organisations;

9) Developing and promoting dance sport clubs in Switzerland to meet Swiss Olympic criteria and demonstrate the spread of the sport at national level.

Article 3 - Headquarters

The Association's registered office is located in Lausanne. The Association is registered in the Commercial Register. Its duration is unlimited.

II. Members

Article 4 – Admission

Any national federation that exists for the purpose of promoting one or more Sport Dances, or any sports or social club that exists for the purpose of promoting one or more Sport Dances in a jurisdiction where there is no national federation, may become a member of the Association.

Membership of the Association is voluntary. Members must accept these statutes and any other rules, regulations or bylaws that may come into force as a condition of membership.

Applications for admission shall be addressed to the Committee in French or English. Legal entities must enclose with their application a copy of their constituent documents, statutes, internal regulations, list of members and the composition of their governing body (Committee or equivalent governing body). The statutes and other documents of the applicant must be in accordance with the spirit of the Association's statutes. Applicants must also submit an annual report on the number of athletes and active clubs in their jurisdiction to demonstrate their scale and activity.

The Committee may require the applicant to answer questions and provide financial and other supplementary information.

Admission is decided by the Committee. In the event of refusal, the Committee shall provide a general justification based on non-compliance with the statutes or objectives of the Association. If an application is rejected, the applicant has the right to request that their application be submitted to the next General Assembly, which may admit any applicant by a simple majority vote.

The rights and obligations of a member of the Association shall take effect and cease on the date on which the decision on admission or exclusion from the Association is taken by the competent body.

Admission takes place when a candidate's application for membership has been accepted by the Committee, provided that the admission fee and membership fees have been paid. Membership fees are due on 1 January of each calendar year and will be calculated on a pro rata basis in any year of admission, resignation or exclusion.

Only one national federation per jurisdiction may be accepted.

Where there is no national federation, the Association may accept two sports or social clubs from the same jurisdiction provided that they are based and operate in different cities within that jurisdiction.

Members of the Association fall into one of the following categories:

1. Full members: Full members are national federation bodies from countries that are recognised by the Association. Only one such body per country may become a member.

- Associate members: Associate members are sports or social clubs from a jurisdiction
 where there is no national federation whose aims and objectives are declared and
 recognised by the General Assembly as being beneficial to the aims and objectives of the
 Association.
- 3. Provisional members: Provisional members are individuals who only partially meet the conditions for membership. A provisional member does not have voting rights.
- 4. Honorary members: Honorary members are individuals who have rendered outstanding services to International Dance Sport and are granted honorary membership by a vote of the General Assembly.

Article 5 – Rights and obligations of members

The rights of full members of the Association are:

- a) To attend the General Assembly of the Association, vote, make proposals and submit motions;
- b) To elect and be elected to the Committee and the Association's Audit Committee and Disciplinary Committee;
- c) To elect and be elected to any other standing committee of the Association that may be created by the General Assembly;
- d) Discuss the activities of the Association and make proposals to any body or committee of the Association on matters relating to its activities;
- e) Receive information on the activities of the Association;
- f) Participate in the achievement of the Association's objectives and goals;
- g) Receive methodological, legal and financial assistance from the Association (subject to applicable criteria, where applicable);
- h) Participate in competitions, festivals and other sporting events organised by the Association;
- i) Receive a copy of the annual report prepared by the Committee and a copy of the audited accounts.

An associate member enjoys all the rights of a full member, with the exception of the right to vote, make proposals and submit motions at the General Assembly. An associate member may speak or debate any proposal or motion at the General Assembly, if recognised by the President.

An honorary member enjoys the same rights as an associate member.

The obligations of full members and associate members of the Association are:

- a) To be familiar with and comply with the Association's statutes, rules and regulations;
- b) To promote the interests of the Association and avoid any action that could harm its reputation;
- c) To pay membership fees, dues and other charges within the specified time limits;
- d) To participate actively in the activities of the Association, including organising training and travel for the national team;
- e) To organise competitions and festivals in all their forms at national level;

- f) Take appropriate measures to inform their members of the statutes and all rules, regulations and other decisions adopted by the General Assemblies of the Association and by the Committee;
- g) Refrain from participating in any international Dance Sport competition that is sanctioned or not approved by the Association;
- h) Prohibit any form of discrimination at the national level based on ethnicity, race, religion or gender; and
- i) Encourage and promote participation in and awareness of Sport Dances within the national jurisdiction.

Article 6 – Loss of membership

Membership shall be lost:

- a) By resignation: Any member may resign by writing to the Committee at least one month before the intended date of withdrawal.
- b) By expulsion: A member may be expelled for dishonourable conduct, serious violation of the codes of conduct, violation of the Association's statutes and regulations, repeated non-payment of membership fees, or any behaviour that is detrimental to the Association, its image, reputation or interests. The decision to expel a member shall be taken by the Committee or by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly.
- c) By operation of law: Membership shall automatically lapse in the event of death for natural persons, dissolution for legal entities, or liquidation of the Association.

Article 7 - Consequences

The loss of membership shall entail the immediate cessation of all statutory rights, but shall not exempt the member from paying membership fees due up to the date of termination.

Article 8 – Liability

Only the assets of the Association are liable for its debts. Members shall have no (joint) liability once the assets of the Association have been realised.

Members of the Committee cannot be held personally liable for measures or decisions taken in the course of their duties within the Committee.

III. Organisation

Article 9 - Bodies

The bodies of the Association are:

- The General Assembly;
- The Committee;
- The Audit Committee;
- The Disciplinary Committee;

• Any other standing committee created by the General Assembly.

IV. General Assembly

Article 10 – Composition and organisation

The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association. It is composed of all members of the Association and the Committee. Each member of the Association may delegate one person to represent them at the General Assembly.

Delegates shall be appointed by the governing bodies of the member national federations or sports clubs (as applicable). Nominations must be submitted to the Association no later than 20 days before the date of the General Assembly.

A delegate must be a natural person aged at least 18 years and must not have been convicted of an offence related to fraud or doping in sport in the last ten years.

The General Assembly shall be chaired by the President of the Committee or, in his absence, by another member of the Committee designated for that purpose.

Article 11 – Powers

The General Assembly has the following inalienable powers:

- Identifying the Association's priority areas of activity;
- To determine the principles governing the formation and use of the Association's assets;
- Adopting and amending the Articles of Association;
- Approve the annual reports of all the Association's bodies and approve the annual budget;
- Elect and dismiss the members of the Committee;
- Elect and dismiss members of the Audit Committee;
- Set the amount of membership fees and annual dues;
- Decide on the dissolution of the Association;
- Deal with any other matters brought before it.

Article 12 – Convening

The Chair of the Committee or a member of the Committee authorised by the Chair of the Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting by written notification to all members by email no later than 15 January of each year.

The chair of the Committee or a member of the Committee authorised by the chair shall communicate the date and place of the General Meeting in the case of a General Meeting in person, or only the date and information that it will take place online, by written notification to all members by email at least four months before the General Meeting. In the event of circumstances that may prevent a General Meeting from being held in person, the Committee may change the format to an online General Meeting with notification to all members by email as soon as possible, but at least two months before the General Meeting.

Motions for the agenda must be submitted to the Committee in writing from an email address (previously registered by the member on the Association's website) no later than three months before the General Meeting and must include written confirmation of the support of at least two other full members. Each motion must include the precise wording of the proposed amendment and refer to

the specific rule to be amended and be accompanied by a brief statement of context by the proposer explaining the reason for the proposed effect of the motion.

The Chair of the Committee or a member of the Committee authorised by the Chair shall communicate the final agenda and motions on notice for the General Assembly by sending an email at least two months before the General Assembly to inform all members that the agenda and motions have been published on the Association's website.

Article 13 – Procedure

The General Assembly shall be chaired by the chair of the Committee or a member of the Committee authorised by the chair, or by a delegate elected by the General Assembly.

The General Assembly is duly constituted if at least half (50%) of the voting members are present or represented by delegates or by proxy. If the General Assembly is not duly constituted, then a new General Assembly may be convened within 30 days with the same agenda, and this General Assembly shall be duly constituted regardless of the number of members represented.

In order to ensure a fair and democratic process and the efficient conduct of business, the deliberations of the General Assembly shall be governed by the following rules of order:

- a) Motions may be presented by any delegate, Committee member or honorary member;
- b) The following items shall take precedence over all other business before the Assembly, in the following order: points of order (i.e., questions or objections concerning the proper order to be followed in the Assembly, including motions to close debate on any question), points of privilege (i.e., questions or objections relating to the privileges of a delegate or member), and points of information (i.e., questions seeking additional and better information and explanations on any matter before the Assembly);
- c) Each member of the Committee may speak at the General Assembly, and in the event of a dispute, the following order of priority shall apply for speaking and proposing motions:
 - (i) the chair;
 - (ii) the other members of the Committee;
 - (iii) the delegates;
 - (iv) the honorary members; and
 - (v) guests
- d) The chair shall recognise delegates in the order in which they request to speak;
- e) Subject to a vote of the General Assembly, the chair may impose time limits on debate and on proposers presenting and speaking on motions, and may impose equal time limits on any speaker wishing to speak on any matter;
- f) Motions may only be introduced, amended, withdrawn or otherwise dealt with by a vote of the General Assembly as required by this Statutes, called by asking "Who is in favour of this motion?"; "Who is opposed to the motion?"; "Who abstains from voting on the motion?"
- g) Debate may only be closed by a majority vote of the Assembly on a point of order; and
- h) Other rules of order adopted by the General Assembly on points of order, it being always understood that in the event of a dispute over any rule of order, the General Assembly may refer the dispute to the President, whose decision shall be final.

Unless otherwise provided in these Articles of Association, the General Assembly shall adopt its resolutions by a simple majority of the votes cast, including proxy votes. Resolutions to amend these Articles of Association shall require three months' written notice and a two-thirds majority vote. All abstentions and invalid votes shall be disregarded. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in these Articles of Association, the Committee may submit urgent motions to the General Meeting without prior notice, subject to approval by a simple majority vote.

Article 14 – Extraordinary General Assembly

Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened by decision of the Committee or at the written request of at least one third of the members. The request must contain the items to be discussed.

The Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held within three months of the request. The notice shall be sent to members at least one month before the meeting and published on the Association's website. The agenda and documents shall be sent at least 14 days before the meeting.

The procedures for appointing delegates and their rights are the same as those for the Ordinary General Meeting.

Article 15 – Online General Meeting

The General Assembly may be held by videoconference under the following conditions:

- a) Identification/authentication is applicable to all participants;
- b) All participants shall have the opportunity to speak, hear other members and exercise their rights, including their right to vote;
- c) All participants can meet simultaneously via electronic means of communication.

The procedure for convening and holding the online General Meeting is identical to that for the ordinary General Meeting.

Article 16 - Minutes

The decisions of the General Assembly shall be recorded in minutes verified by two members of the Committee. Members shall have the right to consult the minutes.

The minutes shall be drafted in French and English.

The minutes must be transcribed within one month and signed by the chair and another member of the Committee. A copy shall be sent to all members by regular mail or email without delay and in any case within two months of the end of the meeting.

V. The Committee

Article 17 - Composition and election

The Committee is the permanent governing body of the Association.

The Committee shall consist of 3 to 9 members, including at least one representative of the athletes elected from among active or recently retired athletes of Dance Sport. The number of members must be odd. The Association undertakes to promote gender balance, aiming for at least 30% of the members of the Committee to be of each gender.

The members of the Committee are elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting every four years. Each member may be re-elected.

Committee members may be elected from outside the group of delegates.

If a delegate is elected as a member of the Committee, they must resign from their position as delegate with immediate effect and another person must be appointed in their place. Committee members may not simultaneously represent a member as a delegate.

The Committee is composed of:

- A President, who is responsible for the overall management of the Association's activities and interacts on behalf of the Association with official bodies and organisations;
- Vice-President for General Affairs, who directs the work of the Association's secretariat and performs the duties of the President in his absence;
- Vice-President for Education, who is responsible for the development and promotion of the education system for coaches and judges;
- Vice-President for Legal Affairs, who provides legal support for the Association's activities, including anti-doping activities;
- Vice-President for Communications, who is responsible for media relations and promotes the Association worldwide;
- Financial Director, who organises and assumes responsibility for the financial activities of the Association in accordance with the statutes and other documents;
- Sports Director, who organises competition activities, including the drafting of rules for competitions and festivals, supervises the conduct of competitions and festivals, and is responsible for the activities of the Association's judges;
- A representative of the Athletes.

The Financial Director must be a person with the necessary qualifications and experience (in finance, accounting or industry) to perform this function and hold this position.

The Committee shall constitute itself. Multiple functions may be held by the same person.

Committee members must be at least 18 years of age and must not have been convicted of an offence related to fraud or doping in sport in the last ten years.

Article 18 – Powers

The Committee implements the decisions of the General Assembly and manages the Association. It takes all necessary measures to achieve the objectives set and decides on all matters not expressly reserved for the General Assembly.

When the General Assembly is not in session, the Committee shall have all powers not specifically reserved to the General Assembly by law or under these Articles of Association, and shall be authorised to take any decision not specifically reserved to other bodies under these Articles of

Association, including taking action against members, athletes or other persons who violate or may violate the Articles of Association or the rules, or who harm or may harm the Association. In such cases, the Committee may take any action within its powers, including but not limited to:

- a) prohibiting the organisation or production of international competitions or the participation of a member's athletes in any competition;
- b) reprimand a member;
- d) suspend some or all of the membership privileges of any member;
- e) enforce any appropriate sanctions against individual athletes or members; and
- f) exclude a member, it being understood that the Committee may only exclude a member for significant reasons, which include, but are not limited to, the following behaviour by the member in question or their representatives:
 - i. repeated or serious violations of the Association's Statutes and associated codes, rules, and regulations
 - ii. repeated or serious violations of decisions made by the competent bodies of the Association or the arbitral tribunals;
 - iii. failure to pay fees on time;
 - iv. any criminal act;
 - v. any act that seriously damages the reputation of the Association or its bodies;
 - vi. any act that causes serious damage or prejudice to cooperation between the members of the Association;
 - vii. providing substantially incorrect or misleading information about its activities and basic data to the Association's bodies; or
 - viii. not pursuing membership of the Association primarily to support the objectives set out in Article 2 of these Articles of Association.

The powers of the Committee shall be to:

- Managing the Association;
- Implementing the decisions taken by the General Assembly;
- Convene ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies and prepare the agenda;
- Establishing and proposing the Association's budget to the General Assembly;
- Ensuring that the statutes are applied and administering the Association's assets;
- Manage the intellectual property and marketing rights of the Association and all
 competitions, festivals and other activities sanctioned by or associated with the Association;
- Approve the rules, regulations and other statutory documents of the Association;
- Approve the official calendar of sporting competitions and spectacular events;
- Delegate the right to organise World Championships, European Championships and World Cups to member national federations;
- Hire and dismiss the Association's salaried and volunteer staff;
- Represent the Association in dealings with third parties;
- Prepare an annual report for distribution to members.

The Committee is authorised to take decisions on other matters relating to the activities of the Association that are not assigned by the statutes to the General Assembly or any specific permanent body.

Individual members of the Committee shall perform their duties on a voluntary basis and without financial remuneration. Only actual expenses incurred in the performance of their Committee duties may be reimbursed.

Article 19 - Organisation and functioning

The Committee shall meet as often as the business of the Association requires and at least four times a year.

Meetings shall be convened by the Chair, who shall send the agenda to the members of the Committee one week before the meeting. Two or more members of the Committee may also jointly request that a meeting be convened.

The chairperson shall chair the Committee meetings. If the chairperson is unable to attend, the vice-chairperson for general affairs shall chair the meeting.

Meetings may be held in person or virtually, including by videoconference.

If a member of the Committee resigns before the end of their term of office, the Committee may replace them either (a) by co-opting a new member by a simple majority; or (b) by assigning the vacant position to an existing member of the Committee until the next General Assembly, when a secret ballot will be held to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the four-year term.

Committee members shall be entitled to attend General Assembly meetings but shall not have the right to vote.

Article 20 - Quorum and decisions

The Committee may validly deliberate if an absolute majority of its members are present.

Subject to any limitations in these Articles of Association, the Committee's decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast. The Chair shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie.

Decisions relating to the delegation of the right to organise and/or host the World Championships, European Championships and World Cups require a two-thirds majority of the Committee (rounded down to the nearest whole number).

At the request of the President, decisions may be taken by circular letter with the unanimous agreement of the members.

Article 21 – Representation and signature

Documents and letters relating to the day-to-day activities of the Association may be signed by the President or the Vice-President for General Affairs.

Unless otherwise specified, the Association is validly bound by the joint signature of two members of the Committee.

Article 22 – Minutes

The deliberations and decisions of the Committee shall be recorded in minutes signed by the Chair and the Vice-Chair for General Affairs. These minutes shall be approved at the next meeting.

The minutes shall be written in French or English.

The minutes shall be published on the Association's website within three weeks of their approval by the Committee Assembly.

VI. The Audit Committee

Article 23 – Powers

The General Assembly shall appoint two members of the Audit Committee for a term of four years. The members of the Audit Committee shall represent different member jurisdictions and may not be members of the Committee. The General Assembly is authorised to appoint additional professional external accountants to the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee is responsible for verifying the regularity of payments made by the Association and for preparing a written report on the results of this audit for the attention of the General Assembly.

The Audit Committee shall be responsible for appointing professional auditors from an international and independent accounting firm to conduct an annual audit of the Association.

The Chief Financial Officer shall present the audited financial report to the General Assembly at each Ordinary General Assembly, as well as the updated management accounts to the Committee at each Committee meeting.

VII. Financial resources and accounting

Article 24 – Financial resources

The Association's resources consist of membership fees, registration and participation fees, competition-related expenses, income from media rights and sponsorship and marketing rights, donations, and any other authorised resources, including those generated by the Association's activities.

Subject to the Committee's guidelines, the Association's books and accounts shall be managed by the Chief Financial Officer (if applicable) in accordance with good commercial practice.

The Financial Director shall present the audited financial report to the General Assembly at each Ordinary General Assembly, and the updated management accounts to the Committee at each Committee meeting.

Article 25 – Annual membership fees and benefits

Members are required to pay an annual membership fee to renew their membership, in accordance with the financial regulations.

The amount of the annual membership fee is decided or amended by a simple majority of the General Meeting and may be amended at any time by the General Meeting.

Membership fees are due on 1 January of each calendar year and shall be calculated on a pro rata basis for any year of membership, resignation or exclusion.

Membership fees paid after 31 March of any year are considered overdue.

Article 26 - Annual accounts

The financial year shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December of each year.

VIII. IOC and WADA Code compliance

Article 27 – Anti-doping commitment and compliance with the WADA Code

The Association undertakes to comply with and enforce in full the World Anti-Doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and all applicable national and international anti-doping regulations.

The Association adopts WFADS Anti-Doping Regulations, in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code, which detail the anti-doping control procedures for all major competitions, sanctions for violations, and anti-doping education programmes. These regulations are subject to approval by WADA and Antidoping Switzerland.

The Association undertakes to cooperate fully with all anti-doping investigations and proceedings conducted by the competent authorities, including Antidoping Switzerland and the national anti-doping agencies of member countries.

Any member, athlete or support personnel found guilty of an anti-doping rule violation may be subject to disciplinary sanctions, including temporary or permanent exclusion from the Association, in accordance with the WFADS Anti-Doping Regulations.

The Association shall implement anti-doping education and awareness programmes for all its members, including mandatory annual sessions for athletes, coaches and judges.

Article 28 - Compliance with the Olympic Charter and Swiss Olympic recognition

The Association undertakes to comply fully with the Olympic Charter and its fundamental principles, including the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship.

The Association aims to obtain recognition from Swiss Olympic as the official umbrella organisation for organised sport in Switzerland and undertakes to comply with all Swiss Olympic eligibility criteria. To this end, the Association undertakes to establish and support at least three active Dance Sport clubs in Switzerland within two years and to organise at least one national competition per year on Swiss territory.

The Association rejects all forms of discrimination based on race, religion, politics, gender, sexual orientation, social origin or other factors, and is committed to ensuring equal opportunities for all its members.

Article 29 – Governance, transparency and dispute resolution mechanisms

The Association adopts robust and transparent governance structures, ensuring responsible and ethical management in accordance with international standards. The Association submits its governance practices to an annual independent audit by a professional firm to establish a track record of credibility.

The Association shall establish clear ethical policies and structured conflict resolution mechanisms, including mediation and arbitration procedures to address disputes between members or complaints from members.

Members of the governing bodies must declare any potential conflicts of interest and refrain from participating in decisions that directly affect them.

The Association establishes a credible operational and governance history with a view to future recognition by national and international sports authorities.

Article 30 - Sanctions

Sanctions against members who have committed violations of the Association's statutes, rules and regulations shall be applied in accordance with the Association's Disciplinary Code.

Article 31 – Amendment of the Articles of Association

These Articles of Association may only be amended by the General Meeting.

Any proposal to amend the Articles of Association must be notified in writing three months in advance and must be expressly included in the agenda of the General Meeting.

Amendments to the Articles of Association shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the members present or represented at the General Meeting, provided that at least half of the members are present or represented.

If the quorum is not reached at the first meeting, a second General Meeting may be convened with the same agenda. This second meeting may validly deliberate regardless of the number of members present or represented, but amendments to the Articles of Association may only be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

The amendments adopted shall enter into force immediately after their adoption by the General Meeting, unless expressly provided otherwise in the resolution adopting them.

Article 32 – Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee is the independent judicial body of the Association. It shall examine all matters and complaints submitted to it in accordance with the Disciplinary Code. The composition of the Disciplinary Committee is defined in the Disciplinary Code.

Members of the Committee may not be appointed or elected as members of the Disciplinary Committee.

The Disciplinary Committee shall submit a report on its decisions of the previous year at each Annual General Meeting.

Article 33 – Disputes

Where disputes arise between members or between the Association and members, the Association shall give priority to internal resolution through its Disciplinary Committee or the General Assembly. If a dispute cannot be resolved internally, it may be submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, for a final and binding decision in accordance with the Code of Arbitration for Sport. Members waive the right to bring such disputes before any other court or tribunal, including all national courts, unless otherwise provided in a governing document of the Association that explicitly provides for another mechanism.

Article 34 - Dissolution and liquidation

The dissolution of the Association may only be decided by a General Assembly convened specifically for this purpose and requires a three-quarters majority, provided that at least three-quarters of the members are present or represented.

In the event of the dissolution of the Association or if its objectives become invalid, its assets shall be allocated to a sports organisation established in Switzerland and exempt from tax due to its activities in the public interest, such as the International Olympic Committee or another organisation recognised by the Olympic Family or Swiss Olympic. No sums shall be paid to the members of the Association.

These Articles of Association were adopted by the Constitutive Assembly on 11 August 2025 in Lausanne and shall enter into force immediately.

On behalf of the Association

Place, date: Lausanne, 12 August 2025

/Signature/

Oumy Kantome Sene-Smith, Committee Chair