# **SRE**

# SportREcongized Association

Association of international sport federations



# **STATUTES**

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# I IDENTITY OF THE SRE

#### Article 1

In accordance with Article 60 ff of the Swiss Civil Code, an association called SportREcongized Association (SRE) is founded and established for an unlimited period of time.

#### Article 2

SRE is a non profit association composed of international sport federations, associations or organizations. SRE and its members reject all forms and means of discrimination against individuals, groups of people, organisations or countries on grounds of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion or politics.

SRE supports a fair representation of women in sporting activities and in the management of sport.

#### Article 3

The General Assembly determines the location of the headquarters of SRE which is currently located in Chemin du Soleil 3, 2604 La Heutte, Switzerland.

#### Article 4

Official language of SRE is English.

# II OBJECTIVES OF THE SRE

#### **Article 5**

SRE's main objective is to accept international sport federations as members, support and promote them, enabling and securing that their sports and organizations are recognized on the national and international levels.

In concordance with that, SRE defines sport as: an activity involving physical exertion and skill aimed at physical and mental health, in which an individual or team competes against another or others, following rules of competion - for entertainment, or as profesional activity.

In addition, SRE defines an International sport federation as: an organization which groups together National Federations (or organizations) throughout the world, practicing and promoting its sport and regularly holding international competitions.

#### Article 6

SRE provides cooperation among its member federations, coordinates their activities, protects their interests and recognizes unconditionally the autonomy of its members and their authority within their sports.

#### Article 7

SRE provides information for its members about all its activities, and particularly about international events, congresses, sport competitions and multisport games in its organization.

# III MEMBERS

#### Article 8

SRE accepts these categories of members:

- regular members
- provisional members
- honorary members

#### Article 9

Regular members of SRE are organizations officially registered as international federations or associations according to the laws of the respective country they are registered in, which are associating national federations practicing specific sport and organizing competitions in that sport in its country.

Constitution/statutes, regulations and directives of Regular members must comply with the World Anti-Doping Code.

The constitution/statutes of the Regular member must also contain a specific provision recognising the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Regular members have the right to vote at the General Assembly.

The status of a regular member is decided by the General Assembly of SRE upon proposal of the Executive Committee.

# **Article 10**

Provisional members can be developing international organizations who contribute to the development of a specific sport internationally, but still do not meet the full criteria for regular membership of SRE.

Provisional members can attend but not vote at the General Assembly.

Provisional membership is decided by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Executive Committee.

#### Article 11

Honorary members are organizations or individuals who have had a special contribution to sport development internationally. Honorary membership is decided by the Gen. Assembly upon proposal of the Executive Committee.

#### Article 12

If there is more than one organization who is claiming to be the official and legally registered international sport federation/association for one sport, SRE will accept all of them if they are properly registered and function in concordance to Article 9 of this statutes.

Members can be expelled only by General Assembly for the reasons of:

- not paying membership fees or any other liabilities to SRE for more than 2 years
- not respecting the Statutes or rules brought by SRE
- seriously and repeatedly damaging the image of SRE and sport in general

Executive Committee is deciding upon membership fees for SRE members. annual licenses, and benefits that follow different membership status and obligations.

# IV THE GOVERNING ORGANS OF THE SRE

#### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### Article 13

The main governing organ of the SRE is the General Assembly (GA).

The GA meets in principle once a year, and delegates of all paid-up regular and provisional members can attend it. Regular members only have the right to vote.

Assembly is called up with a note to its members at least 30 days in advance.

#### Article 14

If at least 1/5 of the members submit a request for an extraordinary session of the Assembly in a written form and submit it to the President and General Secretary - an Extraordinary Assembly will be called up within 30 days with a note to members at least 20 days before the Assembly.

## **Article 15**

The General Assembly is legally deciding if more than ½ of the regular paid-up members are present.

In the case of changing statutes or dissolution of the organization, more than 2/3 of paid-up members must be present.

#### **Article 16**

Every regular member has one vote through the delegate it delegates to General Assembly. The mandate of the delegate lasts as long as he is withdrawn from the GA by his national federation. Members of Executive Committee have also one vote each.

### **Article 17**

Voting is always by showing hands except of voting for elections which is done by secret ballot if there is more than one candidate.

# Article 18

General Assembly decides in voting by simple majority.

#### Article 19

General Assembly decides on the statutes and its changes and can approve different, official documents and rules, as well as it can form different committees according to its needs, who are reporting to GA once a year.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **Article 20**

The President, plus 4 members of the Executive comitte (Excom) are the positions elected by the General Assembly, and the positions within the Executive committee (secretary general, vice-president, financial officer etc...) are appointed by the President.

#### Article 21

President can appoint Excom members to different directing positions depending on the needs of its activities.

#### Article 22

The mandate of the President and Excom members is 4 years, and same people can be reelected.

The mandate of a member can be shortened by Excom itself if the member does not accomplish his tasks regularly.

#### Article 23

The nominees must be over 18 years old and in full possession of civil rights.

#### Article 24

The Excom meets at least 2 times a year.

#### **Article 25**

The Excom carries out all the executive functions and tasks given to it by General Assembly. It particularly decides on membership fees and benefits for the members.

It takes its decisions by simple majority.

It is legally deciding if at least 3 members are present.

#### **PRESIDENT**

#### **Article 26**

President is representing SRE in law and in all civil acts, and by his function he is presiding the General Assembly.

# **Article 27**

He calls up the meetings of Excom and leads its sessions. He is signing all the administrative and financial documentation of the SRE.

He is elected by the GA with a mandate of 4 years.

### **GENERAL SECRETARY**

#### Article 28

General Secretary (GS) is an executive organ of the Excom, elected by the General Assembly as an Excom member, and appointed by the President to the position of GS, with a mandate of 4 years.

#### **Article 29**

General Secretary is a connection of the Excom to all members worldwide. He keeps an update of the members list and keeps track and record of all the events in connection with the SRE; represents SRE when President is not present, and also signs all the administrative and financial documentation and gives orders for financial actions.

#### ACCOUNTS AUDITING COMMITTEE

#### **Article 30**

Accounts auditing committee is elected by the GA and it consists of 2 members with a mandate of 4 years.

#### Article 31

Accounts auditing committee meets at least once a year, and examines details of financial documents and status of SRE. It gives a report to the GA about its findings.

# V FINANCES

#### Article 32

The General Assembly approves the budget within the limits of expected income based on membership fees, sponsorship and merchandizing of promotion materials (badges, books, DVDs, etc).

#### Article 33

The Excom is responsible for the realization and application of the budget items, during the financial year that lasts from Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> annual.

# VI AMENDMENTS OF STATUTES

# Article 34

Proposals to amend these Statutes may be put forward by the Excom. The Excom shall call the relevant Extraordinary Assembly in compliance with the terms and procedures as set forth herein.

# Article 35

Proposals to amend these Statutes must be approved by at least 2/3 (two thirds) of the members having voting rights that are present at the Assembly.

#### Article 36

Changes in these Statutes become provisionally effective upon approval of the Excom and finally upon ratification by the Assembly.

# VII DISSOLUTION

# **Article 37**

The proposal to dissolve the SRE must be decided by the Assembly with a majority of at least 4/5 (four-fifths) of the votes of the members having voting rights.

# **Article 38**

If a decision on dissolution of organization is brought up at the Extraordinary Assembly called up for that reason, the remains of the property, after satisfaction of all debts or liabilities will not be distributed among the members of association but will be applied to any furtherance of any objects of the association as may be determined by the GA at the time of dissolution, or to some charitable organizations.

# VIII FINAL CLAUSES

#### Article 39

The original text of the statutes is in English. In case of any doubts for the interpretation when reading a translated version, the English text prevails and should be referred to.

#### Article 40

The authority of interpreting any problems arising from this Statutes, resides in the President, Excom or the General Assembly, before any final decision making.

#### Article 41

In the case of dispute, the Court of the seat of the SRE will have jurisdiction.

This Statutes were approved by the General A	ssembly February 23 2016
It came into force immediately.	
President SRE	