



Constitution

of the International World Games Association

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1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. PURPOSE

The International World Games Association (abbreviated IWGA) is a non-profit-making association of International Sports Federations (IFs) which govern sports, or disciplines of sports, or events that have not yet gained access to the programme of the Olympic Summer or Winter Games. The sports, or disciplines of sport, or events have potential for exposure to a wider international audience through a participation of their elite athletes in a large multi-sport event. The IWGA's principal purpose is to promote the development of these sports or disciplines and in particular to arrange for the organisation of The World Games every four years.

1.2. FOUNDATION

The IWGA was founded on 21 May 1980, in Seoul, Republic of Korea, by twelve (12) International Sports Federations.

1.3. LEGAL STATUS

The IWGA is incorporated as an Association in Switzerland under Articles 52-59 and 60-79 of the Swiss Civil Code. It is an independent, impartial legal entity, with limited liability. Its seat is in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Executive Committee may apply for registration of the IWGA in the Register of Commerce of a Canton of Switzerland in which it has its seat.

1.4. ADDRESS

The Executive Committee (ExCo) of the IWGA shall determine the address of the office in Lausanne.

1.5. GOVERNING RULES

- A. The governing rules of the IWGA are contained in:

1. The Constitution.
 2. The By-Laws.
 3. The Rules of The World Games.
 4. The IWGA Anti-Doping Rules.
- B. The Constitution prevails over any other governing rule. If any other governing rule is in contradiction with the Constitution, the latter shall prevail.
 - C. The official language of the IWGA is English.

1.6. SEVERANCE

If any provision or phrase of the Governing Rules of the IWGA is determined to be invalid or unenforceable under any law or government regulation the IWGA is obliged to follow, it shall be severed to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability. Such severance shall not affect the remaining provisions of the governing rules of the IWGA nor affect the validity or enforceability of any provision in any other jurisdiction.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the IWGA are:

- A. To develop the popularity and raise the prominence of the Member Federations' events.
- B. To raise the status and the image of the Member Federations.
- C. To promote the values of sport as set out in the Olympic Charter and in the governing rules of the IWGA.

2.2. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The IWGA shall:

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- A. Provide, at four (4) years intervals, an international top class multi-sport event for the Member Federations' events known as The World Games.
- B. Provide the widest possible exposure of these events to the public and media through The World Games.
- C. Develop and improve the image of The World Games, the IWGA and its Member Federations.
- D. Generate through the realisation of The World Games, financial means to enable the IWGA and its Member Federations to foster their development.
- E. From time to time form strategic alliances and other collaborative arrangements with other international federations, government bodies and institutions.

3. PRINCIPLES

3.1. RECOGNITION OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER

The IWGA accepts, recognises and implements the Charter of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

3.2. DOPING CODE

The IWGA shall actively fight doping. The IWGA accepts and implements the World Anti-Doping Code and shall establish a doping control programme at The World Games.

3.3. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, LOGOS AND FLAGS

The official logo and flag and other intellectual property, including electronic media rights, of the IWGA are approved by the General Meeting and are the exclusive property of the IWGA. They cannot be used by any organisation or individual without the prior written

approval of the ExCo unless otherwise approved by written policy. The IWGA Member Federations have the right to use the logo, flag and intellectual property for their activities, but any use of the IWGA logo, the IWGA flag and/or the other intellectual property of the IWGA must be in accordance with the relevant IWGA policy.

Logos, flags and other intellectual property for individual World Games need the approval of the ExCo and they are and will remain the exclusive property of the IWGA, unless otherwise agreed in the Host City Organisation Agreement.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1. MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

International Sports Federations that satisfy all the following conditions are eligible to apply for membership of the IWGA:

- A. Be the authority for the governance of events which are not included in the programme of the Olympic Games.
- B. Be a member in good standing of the ARISF. International Sport Federations that were Members of the IWGA in 2015 but are unable to comply with this condition, remain Members of the IWGA unless their membership is terminated under the provisions of 4.8. below.
- C. Have adopted and be effectively implementing the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC) and be in compliance with that code.
- D. Accept the governing rules of the IWGA, and commit to comply with all decisions issued that are based on the application thereof.
- E. Accept that at The World Games, the IWGA rules supersede and take precedence over the rules of their International Sports Federations, where these are at variance.

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- F. Govern an event or events, that have potential to add value or enhance the overall attractiveness of The World Games, and over the governance of which there is no conflict with an existing Member Federation.

4.2. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

- A. Eligible International Sports Federations may apply for membership of the IWGA by submitting an application in the manner and format prescribed in the IWGA By-Laws.
- B. Applications will appear on the Agenda of the next General Meeting for a vote.
- C. A newly elected Member Federation acquires the rights and obligations of membership, including voting rights, with effect from the end of the General Meeting that votes to accept its application for membership.

4.3. RIGHTS OF MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Member Federations have the right:

- A. To attend and vote at General Meetings.
- B. To nominate persons to the IWGA ExCo and Committees.
- C. To make proposals for consideration by the IWGA Executive Committee.
- D. To participate in meetings and discussions relevant to the preparations of all editions of The World Games in which they are involved.
- E. To apply for inclusion on the programme of The World Games.
- F. To use the IWGA name and logo on their promotional materials.

4.4. OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Member Federations have the following obligations:

- A. To abide by the governing rules of the IWGA and by the decisions of the IWGA General Meeting and Executive Committee.
- B. To satisfy their financial obligations to the IWGA.
- C. To inform the IWGA of any changes of their Federation's main office-holders.
- D. To inform the IWGA if their Federation ceases to be the most representative international authority for their sports, or disciplines of sports, or events.
- E. To inform the IWGA if any of their events is included in the Summer or Winter Olympic Games.
- F. To accept that disputes between them and the IWGA shall be finally and exclusively settled by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, and in particular, that the CAS shall be the independent appeal instance with regard to challenges against decisions of last internal resort issued by the competent IWGA body.
- G. To accept that the substance of decisions concerning questions of organisation of The World Games or the application of sporting rules ("field of play" decisions) at The World Games are not subject to any review.

4.5. RIGHTS OF THE IWGA

The IWGA has the right:

- A. To require that Member Federations select their best events for proposed inclusion on the programme of The World Games

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- B. To require that Member Federations select only their best athletes and teams to compete at The World Games.

4.6. OBLIGATIONS OF THE IWGA

The IWGA has the obligation:

- A. To use its best efforts to achieve the objectives listed at 2.1. above.
- B. To do whatever is possible to find Host Cities for The World Games with venues capable of accommodating the events of the Member Federations.

4.7. RESIGNATION

A Member Federation may resign from membership at any time. The resignation is without prejudice to the fact that the Member Federation remains bound by obligations under the governing rules of the IWGA, which by their nature survive resignation, such as payment of yearly membership fees, including the full fees for the current year, as well as payment of any other amount already due or becoming due to the IWGA or to the Organising Committee of any World Games, as of the date of resignation.

4.8. TERMINATION

Membership of the IWGA may be terminated with immediate effect, upon proposal of the ExCo, by a decision of the General Meeting on the conditions that:

- A. The proposal to do so, and the grounds for the proposal, which may include failure to comply with one or more of the criteria for joining, have been notified to the Member Federation concerned at least 120 days in advance.
- B. The Member Federation has been offered the opportunity to be heard.

- C. The proposal has been included in the Agenda of the General Meeting.

- D. The proposal is carried by at least three-quarters (3/4) of the votes cast in that General Meeting.

If such a decision is taken, the Member Federation concerned remains bound by the obligations accrued until the day of the decision, such as payment of due membership fees, including the membership fees for the current year, as well as payment of any other amount already due or becoming due to the IWGA or to the Organising Committee of any World Games, as of the date of termination.

4.9. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- A. Any Member Federation may be disciplined in case of a violation of the governing rules or Code of Ethics of the IWGA.
- B. Any individual person who occupies an elected, appointed or honorary position in an IWGA Organ of Government as defined in Article 6 below may be disciplined in case of a violation of the Governing Rules or Code of Ethics of the IWGA.
- C. Sanctions that may be imposed include:
 - 1. Reprimand or warning.
 - 2. Fine.
 - 3. Suspension.
 - 4. Expulsion.
 - 5. Other sanctions considered appropriate by the ExCo.
- D. Disciplinary matters will be handled by the ExCo assisted, where necessary, by legal or other expert advisors. If the alleged violation involves an ExCo Member, that Member shall

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not be permitted to participate in the deliberations of the ExCo with respect to the matter under consideration.

- E. Before a Member Federation or an individual is disciplined, the ExCo must carry out a due and proper investigation of the alleged violation. The Member Federation's representative or the individual must be given an opportunity to be heard either in person, by telephone or in writing (at their own expense), before any decision is taken. The CEO shall inform the Member Federation or the individual in writing about the right to be heard, in sufficient time to allow the Member Federation or the individual to exercise this right. If the investigation confirms the violation, the Member Federation or the individual shall be notified in writing and given a one-month period to correct and remedy the violation. If the violation is not remedied within this time, the ExCo may itself decide on a sanction in accordance with Article 4.9.C above, or if the sanction it considers appropriate is suspension or expulsion, refer the case to the General Meeting.
- F. The ExCo may also provisionally suspend a Member Federation or individual and deprive such Member Federation or individual of all or part of the rights, prerogatives and functions that Member Federation or person has until the next General Meeting. At that General Meeting the Member Federation can be suspended or expelled if the required quorum and majority is reached.
- G. Appeal procedures are described in Article 4.10 below.

4.10. APPEALS

A Member Federation or individual person disciplined in accordance with the IWGA governing rules may appeal

to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). An appeal shall be submitted to CAS (with a copy to the CEO of the IWGA) not later than one month after the disciplinary decision has been issued by the AGM or ExCo. Any such appeal will be handled by CAS according to the Code of Sports-related Arbitration. The submission of an Appeal does not suspend or affect the decision of the General Meeting or ExCo. This shall remain in full force until CAS makes a ruling, unless that decision is varied by the General Meeting or ExCo.

4.11. AFFILIATE STATUS

From time to time, following consultation and agreement between the IWGA and the IOC, an event belonging to an International Federation that is a Member of the ASOIF or the AIOWF may be selected for inclusion in the official programme of a specific edition of The World Games. Subject to the agreement of the IWGA General Meeting, the International Federation concerned may then be granted the temporary status of Affiliate for the period covering that edition of the Games.

4.12. REQUESTS FOR AFFILIATE STATUS

International Sports Federations concerned will be required to complete a Request for Affiliate Status in the manner and format prescribed in the IWGA By-Laws. Such requests will appear on the Agenda of the next General Meeting for a vote.

4.13. DURATION OF AFFILIATE STATUS

A newly-approved Affiliate Federation acquires the rights and obligations of Affiliate status with effect from the end of the General Meeting that votes to accept its request. Its Affiliate status automatically terminates at the end of the General Meeting that immediately follows the edition of The World Games for which the Federation was granted Affiliate status.

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4.14. RIGHTS OF AFFILIATES

Affiliate Federations have the right:

- A. To attend and to speak at General Meetings, but without voting rights.
- B. To make proposals for consideration by the IWGA Executive Committee.
- C. To participate in meetings and discussions relevant to the preparations of the edition of The World Games in which they are involved.
- D. To use the IWGA name and logo on their promotional materials, subject to strict terms and conditions agreed by contract with IWGA.

4.15. OBLIGATIONS OF AFFILIATE STATUS

Affiliate Federations have the obligation:

- A. To abide by the governing rules of the IWGA and by the decisions of the IWGA General Meeting and Executive Committee.
- B. To satisfy their financial obligations to the IWGA, as determined by contract.
- C. To inform the IWGA of any changes of their Federation's main office-holders.
- D. To select only their best athletes and teams to compete at The World Games, and to ensure that they all abide by the governing rules of the IWGA.
- E. To accept that disputes between them and the IWGA shall be finally and exclusively settled by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, and in particular, that the CAS shall be the independent appeal instance with regard to challenges against decisions of last internal resort issued by the competent IWGA body.

- F. To accept that the substance of decisions concerning questions of organisation of The World Games or the application of sporting rules ("field of play" decisions) at The World Games are not subject to any review.

4.16. TERMINATION OF AFFILIATE STATUS

The IWGA reserves the right to terminate the Associate Member status of a Federation at any time, but without jeopardy to any rights and obligations of each party contained in the contract between the Federation and the IWGA which governs that Federation's agreed participation in The World Games.

5. PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD GAMES

5.1. CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

The right to apply to participate in the official sports programme of The World Games is restricted to Member Federations. Events which are on the sports programme of the Summer or Winter Olympic Games or Paralympic Games cannot be included in the programme of The World Games.

Member Federations that wish to participate in The World Games must apply formally in good time before each World Games take place. Applications must be submitted in the format, and before the deadlines prescribed in the Rules of The World Games. These Rules also explain the criteria that sports, disciplines of sports and events must meet to be eligible for participation. No Member Federation may apply to participate in an edition of The World Games with an event selected by the International Olympic Committee to appear on the official programme of the immediately preceding Summer or Winter Olympic Games or Paralympic Games.

The Member Federations shall ensure that their participants in The World Games abide by the governing rules of the IWGA.

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5.2. SELECTION OF SPORTS, DISCIPLINES OF SPORTS AND EVENTS

A. Selection of Members' sports and disciplines of sports

Upon recommendation by the ExCo, the General Meeting shall ratify for each edition of The World Games which sports or disciplines of sports, governed by Member Federations shall be included on the official sports programme of TWG. The ExCo may take into consideration such aspects as finance; available sports facilities; evaluation reports from previous World Games; the need to ensure overall balance in the programme between various categories of events such as team and individual sports, outdoor and indoor, men's and women's events; breaches of the governing rules of the IWGA by Member Federations; their anti-doping record and any other aspects the ExCo may deem relevant.

If the ExCo, following consultations with the Host City, the IOC and the IPC, proposes also to include in the official sports programme of The World Games sports events governed by ASOIF or AIOWF Federations that are ineligible under 4.1.B above to become Member Federation of the IWGA, such proposals are subject to the formal approval of the General Meeting. The decisions of the General Meeting are final and cannot be challenged. There is no entitlement of any Member Federation to have any of its sports or disciplines included in the official sports programme.

B. Selection of events

The ExCo shall decide, in close consultation with the Member Federations concerned, the medal events to be organised in the selected sports and disciplines.

With the exception of events selected under the provisions of 5.2.C & D below, only Member Federations' events may appear on the official programme of the World Games. The decision of the ExCo with regard to the selection of events is final and cannot be challenged. There is no entitlement of any Member to have any of its specific events included in the official sports programme.

C. Events governed by ASOIF/AIOWF Federations

The total number of participants in sport events governed by ASOIF/AIOWF Federations that are approved by the General Meeting for inclusion on the official sports programme of The World Games shall not exceed 25% of the overall number of participants in that programme.

D. Display Sports Programme

At the request of a Host City, the ExCo may establish a "Display Sports Programme" for locally popular events that are not selected or eligible for inclusion in the official sports programme.

Participants in display sports events shall not be entitled to free board and accommodation. They shall not receive prizes or medals awarded to winners in official programme sports. However, certificates or diplomas may be awarded. All other stipulations of the IWGA Governing Rules shall apply equally to them.

5.3. DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS

All Member Federations, regardless of whether their sports, or disciplines of sports, are selected for inclusion in the official programme of The World Games, are eligible to receive financial benefits that IWGA may generate in pursuance of 2.2.D. above, and decide to share with its Member Federations.

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6. IWGA GOVERNMENT

The organs of the IWGA are:

- A. The General Meetings.
- B. The Executive Committee.
- C. The IWGA Committees.

7. THE GENERAL MEETING

7.1. AUTHORITY

The General Meeting is the supreme governing body of the IWGA and is composed of representatives from Member Federations that are present.

7.2. TYPES, FREQUENCY AND HOLDING OF GENERAL MEETINGS

There are two types of General Meeting:

- A. The Annual General Meeting (AGM), held once a year.
- B. An Extraordinary General Meeting, convened at the request of the Annual General Meeting, the ExCo or at least 1/5 (one fifth) of the Member Federations, as often as required.

In normal circumstances, the convening notice shall require delegates for both types of General Meeting to assemble physically at a prescribed location. However, in exceptional circumstances, the Executive Committee may decide to convene a remote General or Extraordinary Meeting using an online meeting application with video capabilities and secure secret ballot voting facilities.

7.3. POWERS

The General Meeting is empowered:

- A. To approve and amend the Constitution.
- B. To receive the report of the ExCo, to decide upon proposals submitted by the ExCo, to decide on all other cases mentioned in the IWGA governing rules and to adopt programmes of activities.
- C. To elect and dismiss Members of the ExCo.
- D. To approve the Agenda and Minutes of General Meetings.
- E. To admit, exclude or expel Member Federations and Affiliates.
- F. To approve accounts and budgets.
- G. To appoint and dismiss Financial Auditors.
- H. To exonerate or discharge from responsibility the ExCo.
- I. To determine the annual membership fees.
- J. To ratify the selection of the Host City of The World Games.
- K. To ratify the selection for each TWG edition of sports, or disciplines of sports, governed by the IWGA Members, and to approve the inclusion of events governed by ASOIF or AIOWF Federations that are not IWGA Members
- L. To ratify agreements, when this is provided for in the IWGA governing rules or specifically requested by the IWGA ExCo.
- M. To establish Committees.
- N. To voluntarily dissolve the IWGA.

7.4. AGENDA

Proposals to be considered by the General Meeting must appear in the Agenda. Agenda items may be submitted by the ExCo and/or each Member Federation. In

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order to be considered by the General Meeting, a proposal from a Member Federation must be seconded by another Member Federation. To second a proposal does not imply that the seconder is in favour of the proposal being approved; it merely expresses the wish that it be discussed. A proposal which fails to be seconded may not be discussed. Proposals by the ExCo need not be seconded. The Agenda of each AGM shall include the following items:

- A. Roll Call and Quorum (validity of meeting).
- B. Appointment of scrutineers.
- C. Approval of the Minutes of the previous General Meeting.
- D. Approval of the (final) Agenda.
- E. Approval of applications for membership and affiliate status.
- F. Approval of proposals for suspension or expulsion of Member Federations.
- G. Approval of the report of the ExCo, the proposals submitted by the ExCo and the programmes of activities.
- H. Approval of the audited accounts and balance sheet of the previous financial year and approval of the financial reports.
- I. Discharge of the ExCo's work and financial management.
- J. Approval of the Budget for the forthcoming financial year.
- K. Appointing of an auditing firm for the forthcoming financial year.
- L. Approval of modifications to the Constitution.
- M. Ratification of the selection of the Host City of The World Games.

- N. Ratification of sports, or disciplines of sports, governed by IWGA Members that are selected by the Executive Committee for inclusion in The World Games, and formal approval of the inclusion of any sports events governed by ASOIF or AIOWF Federations.
- O. Discussions on proposals received from Member Federations.
- P. Statutory Elections (if any).
- Q. Date and venue of the next General Meeting.
- R. Any other business

The General Meeting may only decide on those matters appearing on the approved Agenda.

7.5 COMPOSITION

The General Meeting is composed of:

- A. Member Federations with voting rights. Each Member Federation has one (1) vote. Each Member Federation may designate a maximum of three (3) Delegates, preferably the President, the Secretary General and/or the Chief Executive Officer. Delegates other than the President, the Secretary General or the CEO shall present a written authority signed by one of those officers of their Member Federation no later than at the opening of the General Meeting. Proxy votes and postal voting are not allowed.
- B. Members of the ExCo without voting rights.
- C. The CEO and other staff members of the IWGA, without voting rights.
- D. Honorary Life Presidents and Honorary Life Members of the IWGA, without voting rights.
- E. Affiliate Federations, without voting rights.

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Each Affiliate Federation may designate a maximum of two (2) Delegates.

- F. Other persons and/or guests at the discretion of the President, without voting rights.

7.6. WORKING PROCEDURES

- A. The General Meetings shall be chaired by the President. In his/her absence, the Vice President or, in his/her absence, a Delegate duly elected by the General Meeting may assume the chair for the whole or any part of the meeting.
- B. The President or his/her representative has no voting rights. Decisions are subject to absolute majority of votes cast. Abstentions count as refusal of the motion. In the event of a tie the motion fails.
- C. Unless the Chair or three (3) Member Federations require a secret ballot, all voting in the General Meetings shall be open voting, using:
 - a. Raising cards or hands,
 - b. Electronic voting systems, or
 - c. Voice, with a roll call

Voting on elections shall always be by secret ballot.

- D. For secret ballots in physical general meetings the only valid voting slips will be those issued by the CEO before each ballot and completed by the Delegates in the required form.

Voting slips with other indications than the required ones will be invalid and not counted as votes cast. Secret ballots during remote General Meetings shall be conducted using software approved under arrangements set out in the By-Laws. These shall require the

appointment of an independent scrutineer.

- E. In addition to the procedures available in a physically convened or remote General Meeting, the ExCo may in exceptional circumstances, ask Member Federations to vote on motions in the periods between duly convened General Meetings. Such circumstances may be when the taking of a rapid decision that the ExCo considers to be beyond its independent authority is vital for the well-being of the IWGA, or when the General Meeting has given prior instructions for the conduct of a vote on a specific issue. In such circumstances, two options are available: an ad hoc on-line video meeting; and mail votes using regular or electronic mail.

Electronic voting during ad hoc online video meetings shall be subject to the same requirements as set out in 7.6.D above.

For mail votes, the proposals to be voted on shall be circulated in writing and Member Federations shall be allowed a minimum of thirty (30) days to vote; failure to reply shall constitute an abstention. If there is equality of votes, the motion fails. A mail vote is valid provided that the quorum and majorities specified in 7.8. and 7.9. are respected and that the Member Federations voted before the end of the period which the ExCo orders for voting.

- F. Abstentions and invalid votes are not counted as votes cast.

7.7. CONVENING NOTICE AND AGENDA

- A. The convening notice for an Annual General Meeting shall be promulgated by the CEO no later than ninety (90) days before the date of the meeting by means as described in the By-Laws. The convening notice will specify

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the place, date and time of the General Meeting and include an invitation to the Member Federations to submit items to the Agenda at the latest sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. The ExCo may include items in the agenda until it is circulated. The CEO shall circulate the Agenda and the meeting documents no later than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting.

- B. The convening notice and the Agenda of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be circulated by the CEO no less than thirty (30) days before such meeting by means described in the By-Laws.

7.8. QUORUM

To be validly constituted, the following quorum is required for an Annual General Meeting and an Extraordinary General Meeting:

- A. One-half (1/2) of the total number of Member Federations for all decisions except those of 7.8.B. and 7.8.C.
- B. Two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Member Federations for amendments to the Constitution and Expulsion of Member Federations.
- C. Three-quarters (3/4) of the total number of Member Federations for amendments to the Objectives of the IWGA, the dissolution and liquidation of the IWGA, the distribution of Assets and the addition of an Agenda item.

7.9. MAJORITIES

The following majorities are required at General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings of votes cast:

- A. Majority of one-half (1/2) plus one vote for normal decisions and election to the ExCo.

- B. Majority of two-thirds (2/3) for approval of a Member or Affiliate Federation, amendments to the Constitution of the IWGA and removal of an ExCo Member.
- C. Majority of three-quarters (3/4) for expulsion of a Member Federation, dissolution of the IWGA and distribution of Assets.
- D. Majority of one-half (1/2) for adding an Agenda item. Decisions on such proposals or subjects will be binding only if they have been carried by no less than four-fifths (4/5) of votes cast.

7.10. DECISIONS AND REPORT

- A. Decisions of a General Meeting take immediate effect unless otherwise stated.
- B. The minutes of the meeting shall be promulgated to all Members within sixty (60) days after closure of the General Meeting by means described in the By-Laws.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8.1. COMPOSITION

The ExCo consists of the following seven (7) members:

- A. The President.
- B. The Vice President.
- C. The Treasurer.
- D. Four (4) ExCo Members.

8.2. RESTRICTIONS

- A. No more than one (1) officer in the ExCo shall be from the same Member Federation.
- B. Members of the ExCo do not represent the Member Federations to which they belong, but they will serve the IWGA according to the

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governing rules of the IWGA.

- C. Members of the ExCo may not be associated in any form with the contractual partners of the IWGA. Furthermore they may not hold the position of IF Competition Manager.
- D. Members of the ExCo are eligible for re-election at the end of any term of office.

8.3. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. Elections to the ExCo will be from persons on the list of nominees circulated by the CEO.
- B. Only persons active in, and duly nominated by a Member Federation are eligible for election or re-election to the ExCo.
- C. Only a physical person who is legally capable and has no criminal records of any nature whatsoever and is not an undischarged bankrupt may be nominated for election or re-election to the ExCo.
- D. The President, the Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected by separate secret ballots. In each ballot, the candidate who obtains the highest number of votes cast, in excess of 50% of the votes, shall be declared elected.
- E. Even if for one or more of the positions mentioned in Article 8.3.D. only one candidate has been nominated, a secret ballot shall be held. When there is less than 50% support for the nomination then the nominee shall not be elected and a new nomination process shall be entered into.
- F. All remaining ExCo positions shall be filled in a single ballot or series of ballots, as follows:
 - i. The names of all the nominated candidates will be on the first ballot slip in

alphabetical order of family name. In allowing their names to go forward for nomination, candidates tacitly agree that they will accept to serve if elected.

- ii. Delegates may vote for up to four candidates by marking their names for selection. If fewer than four positions are vacant, delegates may mark for selection only up to the same number of names as there are positions vacant. Any ballot slips with more names marked than the number of positions vacant will be invalid and not counted as votes cast, as will ballot slips with any other markings.
- iii. If, after this first ballot, fewer candidates have obtained an absolute majority and been elected than the number of vacant positions, there shall be a second ballot. All the candidates who have not obtained an absolute majority in the first ballot shall be eligible to remain on the ballot slip, except for any who obtained zero votes and, if the number of remaining candidates still exceeds the number of unfilled vacancies, also the candidate who obtained the lowest number of positive votes in the first ballot. The names of these candidates, and those of any other candidates who voluntarily decide to withdraw, shall be removed from the second ballot slip.
- iv. If in the first ballot two or more candidates tie for the lowest positive number of votes, and withdrawing them all would result in an insufficient number of candidates to fill the remaining vacant positions, a vote shall be held to break the tie between these candidates. The candidate with the lowest number of votes in the tie break shall then be withdrawn from the

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ballot slip. If the tie persists after a vote, lots shall be drawn to decide who should be withdrawn from the ballot slip.

- v. In the second ballot, delegates may mark for selection any number of candidates' names up to the number of positions that remain to be filled.
- vi. If necessary, further ballots shall be held using the same procedure until candidates who have obtained an absolute majority have filled all the vacant positions, or until none of the candidates for the remaining positions succeeds in obtaining an absolute majority.
- vii. In the second and each successive ballot, any ballot slips on which the number of names marked for selection exceeds the number of remaining vacancies, or slips that have any other markings will be invalid and not counted as votes cast. Any ties in the second and subsequent ballots will be treated in the same way as a tie in the first ballot.

8.4. REMOVAL OF EXCO MEMBERS

At the proposal of the ExCo, the General Meeting may decide to remove an ExCo Member on the grounds of misconduct or conduct prejudicial to the interests and objectives of the IWGA.

8.5. DURATION, QUORUM AND MAJORITY

- A. The Members of the ExCo, are elected by the General Meeting for a four-year (4) term in the year following each World Games.
- B. Four (4) ExCo Members will constitute a quorum.
- C. All decisions, except those mentioned in Article 8.5.E. below, will be taken by simple

majority of votes cast. If votes tie, the Chair will have a casting vote. A decision may be made by way of an electronic decision-making procedure as detailed in the By-Laws.

- D. Voting will be by show of hands or by voice unless the Chair requires a secret ballot.
- E. Items not mentioned on the Agenda may be introduced with the Chair's consent. Decisions on these items must be unanimous unless all ExCo Members are present, in which case at least six votes are required to adopt a motion.

8.6. REPLACEMENT

- A. If the President dies, resigns, becomes permanently incapacitated or otherwise loses office under this Constitution, the Vice-President shall assume office as Acting President until the next General Meeting. The Acting President shall be entitled to all privileges and be responsible for all duties of the President.
- B. If the Vice-President or Treasurer relinquishes or otherwise loses office under this Constitution, the President shall appoint an Acting Vice-President or Treasurer from the remaining ExCo Members, to serve until the next General Meeting. Such acting Vice-President or Treasurer shall be entitled to all privileges and be responsible for all duties of the ExCo Member he/she is appointed to replace.
- C. If a Member of the ExCo relinquishes or otherwise loses office under this Constitution and does not serve for a full four-year term, a successor will be elected for the remainder of the term of the departing ExCo Member at the first General Meeting after the vacancy occurs.
- D. The ExCo has the right to appoint a new ExCo Member if the next General Meeting takes place later than within ninety (90) days. The

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appointment of such new ExCo Members is subject to confirmation by the next General Meeting.

8.7 TASKS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS

The ExCo conducts its business under the direction of the President, and has the following tasks, responsibilities and powers:

- A. To implement the decisions of the General Meeting.
- B. To conduct the business of the IWGA in the period between General Meetings.
- C. To determine, and from time to time amend or change the By-Laws, the Rules of The World Games and the IWGA Anti-Doping Rules.
- D. To prepare for the organisation of the next and future World Games, and to negotiate and sign contracts with the Host Cities, the participating International Sports Federations and with any other relevant person, body or organisation.
- E. To establish and maintain partnership relations with sponsors and/or public institutions.
- F. To guide and supervise the work of the CEO.
- G. To investigate and deal with breaches by Member Federations or other persons of the governing rules of the IWGA, or any act or omission, which in the opinion of the ExCo harms, may harm or is against the interests of the IWGA.
- H. To appoint and dissolve Committees and to define their composition, duties, obligations, timelines, frequency of meetings, tasks, working procedures and responsibilities.
- I. To approve the conditions and criteria for

awards.

- J. To adopt the activity report and the future projects.
- K. To inform the General Meeting about all proposals which it has agreed upon.
- L. To appoint and dismiss such officers and employees of the IWGA as the ExCo considers necessary to carry out the day-to-day business of the IWGA and define their terms and conditions of employment, as well as the job specifications.
- M. To adopt policies and procedures to guide the management of the IWGA.
- N. To enter into strategic alliances and other collaborative arrangements with national, international and other external sport and non-sport organisations.

When the General Meeting is not in session, the ExCo possesses all of the powers which are not specifically reserved to the General Meeting by law or under this

Constitution, and is empowered to make any decision which is not specifically reserved for the General Meeting under this Constitution.

In so far as the execution of the duties mentioned above makes it necessary to conclude agreements which will legally bind the IWGA, such agreements may only be concluded and signed by the ExCo on the explicit condition of subsequent ratification by the General Meeting. Such agreements shall be submitted for ratification to the next General Meeting, and they shall be effective as from the date of ratification. Agreements legally binding the IWGA may only be signed on behalf of the IWGA by two (2) of the following Executive Officers: the President or Vice President and the Treasurer or CEO.

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9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

- A. The CEO shall be appointed by the ExCo.
- B. The terms and conditions of employment, as well as the job specification, shall be established by the ExCo at the time of employment and may subsequently be renegotiated by mutual agreement.
- C. The CEO reports to the ExCo.
- D. The CEO supervises the work of the staff.
- E. The CEO participates in the ExCo meetings and General Meetings as a non-voting member.

10. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

The title of “Honorary Life Member” may be conferred by the ExCo on persons who, during their term of office or otherwise, have rendered long and distinguished service to the IWGA.

In the case of retiring Presidents, the title conferred will be “Honorary Life President”.

Honorary Life Members and Presidents may attend the General Meetings where they may speak but shall not have the right to vote. They will also have the right to attend The World Games as guests of the IWGA as explained in the Rules of The World Games. The ExCo may grant special insignia to honour services rendered to the IWGA.

11. IWGA COMMITTEES

11.1. ESTABLISHMENT AND DISBANDMENT OF COMMITTEES

The ExCo may propose to the General Meeting the establishment of Committees and detail their composition, duties, obligations, timelines, frequency of meetings, tasks, working procedures, responsibilities and

entitlements to reimbursement of expenses. Depending on the nature of the assigned task the Committee can be established as an ad-hoc or as a permanent Committee. The ExCo may also propose to the General Meeting the disbandment of permanent Committees established by the AGM that are no longer needed. The details relating to the Committees are given in the By-Laws.

The ExCo has the right to set up and disband ad-hoc Committees where deemed essential and shall report on any such actions to the next AGM.

11.2. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

After confirmation of the establishment of a Committee by the General Meeting the Member Federations may propose candidates and the ExCo will appoint the Members of the Committee.

12. FINANCE

12.1. INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND CAPITAL

The income of the IWGA derives from:

- A. Membership and affiliation fees.
- B. Commitments contained in Host City contracts.
- C. Subsidies.
- D. Sponsorship agreements.
- E. Donations.
- F. Any other sources of income.

12.2. MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION FEES

Member Federations will pay an annual membership fee, the level of which is to be determined by the General Meeting on a proposal by the ExCo.

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Affiliate Federations will pay a fee covering the 4-year period relevant to the edition of TWG for which their sports events have been approved by the General Meeting. The level of this fee is to be determined by the General Meeting, on a proposal by the ExCo.

- A. Membership fees are due on 1 January of each year.
- B. If a Member Federation has not paid the membership fee by 31 March of that year or by the first day of a World Games or meeting, whichever comes first, that Member's rights under Article 4.3., including the right to vote at and/or participate in IWGA meetings or The World Games will be suspended until all outstanding fees have been paid.
- C. If the Member Federation's fees remain outstanding 24 months after they are due and after two reminders, then that Member Federation's membership shall automatically be terminated.
- D. Affiliate Federations' fees shall be paid within 3 months of the date of approval of their Affiliate status.
- E. If the Affiliate Federation's fees remain outstanding, despite reminders, 6 months after that date of approval then that Affiliate Federation's status shall automatically be revoked and their event(s) removed from the official programme of The World Games.

12.3. BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. The financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December of the same year.
- B. Audited financial statements shall be prepared by the Treasurer annually by 31 March of the year following the close of the financial year.

- C. The audited financial statements shall be prepared by the Treasurer for distribution by the CEO to the ExCo whenever possible no later than 31 March, and in any case in good time for proper scrutiny before the AGM.
- D. The ExCo shall include the audited financial statements and proposed budgets in the preparatory documents of the General Meeting.
- E. The account auditing procedures are also set out in the By-Laws.

13. AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNING RULES OF THE IWGA

13.1. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AT GENERAL MEETINGS

This Constitution may be amended by a decision taken by the General Meeting. Member Federations wishing to propose amendment can do so if the following conditions are met:

- A. A proposal explaining the intended amendments must appear on the Agenda.
- B. The proposal must reach the CEO not later than 120 days prior to the General Meeting; the CEO shall circulate the proposal not later than 90 days prior to the General Meeting.

13.2. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AT EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

If the General Meeting is attended by less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Member Federations, an Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened where decisions on the proposed amendment to the Constitution can be made regardless of the number of Member Federations present. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall take place no earlier than sixty (60) days after the General Meeting where less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Member Federations were present.

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13.3. DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Amendments to the Constitution come into force immediately after the General Meeting in which they have been decided upon, unless another implementation date is determined by the General Meeting.

13.4. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS, THE RULES OF THE WORLD GAMES AND THE ANTI-DOPING RULES

The By-Laws, the Rules of The World Games and Anti-Doping Rules may be amended by the ExCo. The amendments will be effective as from the ninety-first (91st) day after the date of circulation by the CEO to all Member Federations, unless a written protest is received by the CEO from one or more Member Federations within seventy-five (75) days. If such a protest is received the contested matter will appear on the Agenda of the next General Meeting for a vote.

Decisions on an amendment to the By-Laws and Rules of The World Games, on which a protest has been received, can be taken by a General Meeting when the following conditions are met:

- A. The General Meeting must be attended by no less than one-half (1/2) of the Member Federations.
- B. The proposal must be carried by no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

14. DISSOLUTION OF THE IWGA

A decision to dissolve the IWGA may only be taken by an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose and the following conditions must be met:

- A. A proposal to dissolve the IWGA must appear on the Agenda.

- B. The meeting must be attended by Delegates of no less than three-quarters (3/4) of the Member Federations.
- C. The proposal must be carried by no less than three-quarters (3/4) of the votes cast.

If that Extraordinary General Meeting is attended by less than three-quarters (3/4) of the Member Federations, another Extraordinary General Meeting will be convened where decisions on the proposed dissolution of the IWGA can be made regardless of the number of Member Federations present. Such General Meeting will take place not earlier than sixty days after the General Meeting where less than three-quarters (3/4) of the Member Federations were present.

Once the decision to dissolve the IWGA has been taken, the ExCo will be in charge of the process of liquidation and it will retain all constitutional powers relevant to the purpose until the liquidation has been completed. The ExCo, during the process of liquidation, will follow all directives given by the General Meeting that took the decision to dissolve the IWGA, and a written report on the liquidation will be circulated to all former Member Federations.

All net assets available at the time of the dissolution will be distributed to (a) non-profit organisation(s) in the field of sport as directed by the General Meeting.

15. ARBITRATION

15.1. COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with the interpretation or application of this Constitution or any other IWGA rules shall exclusively be settled by final and binding arbitration in accordance with the rules of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) then in force.

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15.2. OBLIGATION TO EXHAUST INTERNAL PROCEDURES

To the extent they exist, internal procedures must be exhausted prior to a Member Federation challenging decisions made by IWGA bodies before the CAS.

15.3. SINGLE CAS ARBITRATOR

Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the dispute or appeal shall be submitted to a single arbitrator appointed in accordance with the CAS rules.

16. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

16.1. CODE OF ETHICS

The ExCo shall adopt a Code of Ethics to address issues such as conflicts of interest and ethical behaviour, which all ExCo Members, Committees and staff Members are obliged to follow.

16.2. DISCLOSURE

No individual making decisions on behalf of the IWGA shall take or advocate the taking of any action which could result in significant benefits to that individual or to an organisation in which the individual holds membership without full disclosure prior to the action being taken in accordance with policies established by the ExCo.

17. LAW OF THIS CONSTITUTION

This Constitution, its interpretation and application, as well as the interpretation and application of any other IWGA rules are governed by Swiss Law.

Constitution approved by the General Meeting held in Lausanne, Switzerland on 18 April 2016. Amendments approved by the General Meeting in remote sessions on 06 November 2020 and 27 May 2021..

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS

AGM	Annual General Meeting (AGM)
AIOWF	Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations
ARISF	Association of IOC-Recognised International Sports Federations
ASOIF	Association of Summer Olympic International Federations
CAS	Court of Arbitration for Sport
CEO	Chief Executive Officer. Some Member Federations have no CEO but an Executive or Administrative Director
Discipline	A branch of a sport comprising one or several events
ExCo	Executive Committee
Event	A competition in a sport or in one of its disciplines, resulting in a ranking and giving rise to the awarding of medals and diplomas.
IF	International Federation
IOC	International Olympic Committee
IWGA	International World Games Association
Sport	One of the sports governed by the Member Federations of IWGA
TWG	The World Games
TWG Rules	Rules of The World Games
WADA	World Anti-Doping Agency
WADC	World Anti-Doping Code

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