

Statutes of the General Association of World Sports Federations

(English version)

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Chapter I Name, Nature, Aims, Headquarters, Mission

Article 1 - Name

The name in English: “General Association of World Sports Federations” (hereinafter referred to as "GAWSF"), in Chinese “世界體育聯合會總會” (hereinafter referred to as "世界體育總會"), in Portuguese “Associação Geral de Federações de Desportos Mundiais” (hereinafter referred to as "AGFDM").

Article 2 - Nature

GAWSF is a non-profit organisation, which supports the Olympic spirit. It is an international sports organisation that leads the development of individual sports and national sports in the world.

Article 3 - Aim

The aim of the association is to:

1. Build an upgraded version of world sports model, taking modern sports as the template, mass sports as the foundation, focusing on traditional sports, taking physical education as the platform, taking sports economy as driving force, taking sports culture as the soul.

2. Unite and lead the world individual sports federations to promote and popularise sports to all levels of society, unite the national, regional and international sports-loving organisations in the world and sports enthusiasts, and carry out trainings, competitions, and education by organising comprehensive sports games, trainings, medical affairs and scientific researches, market development, sports development, popularisation and other activities, promote sports exchanges and cooperation between countries and regions, and enhance friendship. Abide by laws, regulations and national policies, and abide by social and sports ethics. To improve people’s health, beautify their lives, and promote peace in the world.

3. Build an upgraded version of world sports model, taking modern sports as the template, mass sports as the foundation, focusing on traditional sports, taking physical education as the platform, taking sports economy as driving force, taking sports culture as the soul.

4. Promote and popularise sports at all levels, as a means to contribute to the positive development of society.

5. Promote closer links among international sports lovers and organisers in the world.

6. Promote sports exchanges and cooperation and friendship between countries and regions by organising multi-sports games and activities, trainings and competitions, different types of educational, training, medical, researching and marketing activities.

7. Improve people's health and spirit with good morals, complying with the constitution, laws and regulations of the countries, in order to contribute to world peace.

Article 4 - Head-Office

4.1 The head-office of the GAWSF locates at Avenida de Venceslau de Moraes, No.182A, Macau Daily Building, 16th floor, Macau.

4.2 The head-office of the GAWSF can be moved to any place, and can set up branch offices in any city and regions.

Article 5 - Mission

The mission of the GAWSF is to:

1. Organise different sports outreach activities and single or multi-sports events, trainings, educational, medical, researching, marketing and international exchange activities, according to the Statutes and constitution, laws and regulations of the host countries.

2. Establish relevant standards and rules in the field of sports.

3. Conduct activities conducive to promote sports ethics and social responsibility.

4. Popularise and promote various forms of mass sports, ethnic sports, economic sports, physical education, sports culture, and sports industry

5. Provide members with a variety of sports activities that support sports ethics and social responsibility.

6. Develop cooperation and exchanges between respective international organisations, organise and carry out different types of the high-level world, international, continental, national sports activities.

7. Organise academic researches of sports theory and culture, carry out academic activities such as teaching, lectures, forums, etc.

8. Support and assist members to carry out economic, technical, academic, talent and management experience exchanges between them, and to develop sports industry market, enhance international competitiveness.

9. Carry out other activities, which reflect the aim of the GAWSF.

Chapter II

Membership

Article 6 - The members of this GAWSF are divided into full members and honorary members.

6.1 Full members are divided into: international members, continental members, regional members, national members, district members, club members and individual members.

International Members: All international sports federations and organisations that recognise the constitution of the GAWSF can apply to become international member of the GAWSF.

Continental Members: All continental sports federations and organisations that recognise the constitution of the GAWSF can apply to become continental member of the GAWSF.

National Members: All national sports federations and organisations that recognise the constitution of the GAWSF can apply to become national member of the GAWSF.

District Members: All district sports federations and organisations that recognise the constitution of the GAWSF can apply to become district member of the GAWSF.

Club Members: All sports clubs that recognise the constitution of the GAWSF can apply to become club member of the GAWSF.

Individual Members: All parties who loves sports and made special contributions to sports, athletes who have achieved excellent results in important international events, outstanding managers in the sports industry, experts and professors who are enthusiastic about sports industry research, etc., and who support the constitution of the GAWSF, can apply to become individual member of the GAWSF.

Applicants who meet the above-mentioned requirements can apply to be member of the GAWSF, and will get the membership after being approved by the executive committee.

6.2 Honorary members: Overseas Chinese and international friends who had contributed to the GAWSF, can be appointed as honorary advisers, honorary chairmen, honorary vice chairmen or honorary members with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article 7 - Application Procedure for Membership

7.1 Submission of application to the GAWSF;

7.2 The applicant must be introduced by the legal representative of a corporate member or by two individual members, and a membership registration form should be filled in and approved by the Executive Committee of GAWSF;

7.3 Membership fee must be paid in due time;

7.4 Member card granted by the Executive Committee of GAWSF.

Article 8 - Members' Rights

Members have the rights to:

1. Elect, to be elected and to vote. International and continental members have the right of 5 votes, national members have the right of 3 votes, district and club members have the right of 1 vote, and individual members have no right to vote;
2. Participate in various activities organised by the GAWSF;
3. Have the priority of receiving GAWSF's services;
4. Recommend and supervise the work of the GAWSF;
5. Join and resign voluntary.

Article 9 - Members' Obligations

Members have the obligations to:

1. Comply with the resolutions of different organs of the GAWSF;
2. Maintain GAWSF's legitimate rights, interests and reputation;
3. Conclude the work assigned by the GAWSF;
4. Pay membership fees in due time;
5. Reflect situation to the GAWSF, and provide relevant information;
6. Other obligations complied with the Statutes of the GAWSF.

Article 10 - Resignation

Members shall notify the GAWSF in writing of their resignation and return the member card to the GAWSF. Members failed to pay membership fee and did not participate in GAWSF's activities for more than two years will be considered as resignation.

Article 11 - Expulsion

A member shall lose its membership through a resolution passed by the Executive Committee, notably for a serious violation of the Statutes, or actions prejudicial to GAWSF's reputation or the reputation of sport.

If a member seriously violated the constitution of the GAWSF, or damaged the reputation of the Association, the membership will be cancelled upon the approval of the Executive Committee or the Standing Executive Committee.



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Chapter III

Organs

Article 12 - Organisation Structure

The organs of the GAWSF are: Congress, Executive Committee and Fiscal Committee.

Article 13 - Term of Office

The term of office of the organs mentioned in the preceding paragraph is of four years and can be re-elected.

Article 14 - Election

14.1 The election of the various organs of GAWSF is conducted at the Congress Meeting;

14.2 The nomination of candidates should be submitted to the EC, in a full list together with the nomination acceptance statements of all candidates;

14.3 Election should be held at the Congress in the year when the term of office of the organs expires, and the list of candidates must be submitted to the Executive Committee 30 days ahead.

Article 15 - Congress

15.1 The Congress is the supreme organ of the GAWSF.

15.2 The Chair Bureau of the Congress is elected by the Congress, consisting of a president, several vice presidents and several secretaries, with the term of office of two years, which can be reelected. The duty of the president is to convene and chair the Congress meeting. When the president is absent, the chairman of the Executive Committee or one of the vice presidents selected by the Congress will replace the President.

15.3 President must be individual with influence in the field of international sports business;

15.4 The Ordinary Congress Meeting is convened by the Executive Committee once at every two years. In case of special situation, an Extraordinary Congress Meeting may be convened at the request of the Executive Committee and with convocation and agenda of the meeting sent out to the Members at least 3 (three) months in advance;

15.5 In order for the Congress Meeting to be validly convened, over 1/2 of members must be present, otherwise, a second convocation should be carried out at the same location, after 30 minutes, regardless of the number of members presented, the meeting is considered valid.

15.6 Members can entrust another member to represent it to exercise voting rights, the proxy of which must be signed by its president.

15.7 Decisions passed by the Congress shall only be valid if approved by over 1/2 of members present (simple majority of votes), except for revision of the statutes and for dissolution of the GAWSF.

15.8 Deliberation for revision of statutes can only be adopted with the votes in favor of three-quarters of members presented.

15.9 Deliberation for dissolution of the GAWSF can only be adopted with the votes in favor of three-quarters of whole members.

15.10 The Chairman of the Congress Meeting has the decisive vote on the deliberations of the Congress.

Article 16 - The responsibilities of the Congress are to:

1. Adopt and amend the Statutes of the GAWSF;
2. Elect and dismiss Governing Bodies;
3. Examine and approve the activity report of the EC and financial statements of the GAWSF;
4. Examine the implementation of the Congress's resolutions, determine GAWSF's tasks and the matter of the next Congress Meeting;
5. Decide GAWSF's major changes and dissolution issues;
6. Discuss and approve other significant matters.

Article 17 - Executive Committee

17.1 The Executive Committee is the executive organ of the Congress, directs daily works of GAWSF during the adjournment of the Congress, and reports directly to the Congress.

17.2 The Executive Committee consists of a Chairman, several Executive Vice Chairmen, several Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, several Deputy Secretaries-General, a Treasurers, several Executive Committee Members.

17.3 The Chairman of EC is the legal representative of the GAWSF and represents the GAWSF towards third parties;

17.4 The Chairman must be individual with influence in the field of international sports business;

17.5 If necessary, the Executive Committee may set up functional committees, including but not limited to: Membership and Legal Affairs Committee, Doping Control Committee, Social Responsibility and Integrity Committee, Comprehensive Sports Committee, Marketing Committee, Sports Initiative Committee, etc. The members of these functional committees are appointed by the Chairman of EC, and the term of office is the same as that of the EC.

17.6 The Executive Committee shall meet ordinary once a year. Under special circumstances, an Extraordinary EC Meeting may be convened by the Chairman of EC or at the request of over 1/2 of EC members.

17.7 In order for the EC Meeting to be validly convened, over 1/2 of EC Members must be present.

17.8 Decisions passed by the EC shall only be valid if approved by over 1/2 of the EC Members present (simple majority of votes).

Article 18 - The main responsibilities of the Executive Committee are to:

1. Implement the resolutions of the Congress;
2. Convene the Congress Meeting;
3. Report activities and financial status to the Congress;
4. Accept members and decide the eligibility of membership;
5. Nominate Honorary Advisers, Honorary Presidents, Honorary Vice Presidents and Honorary Members;
6. Establish GAWSF's offices, branch offices, representative offices and subsidiary entities or institutions;
7. Direct the works of GAWSF, including administrative and financial works;
8. Direct the works of different offices and committees under the GAWSF;
9. Establish internal management system;
10. Manage various funds established by the Association in accordance with the law;
11. Employ professionals and workers to work for the GAWSF;
12. Convene extra congress meeting when the EC feels necessary;
13. Decide on other important matters.

Article 19 - Standing Executive Committee

19.1 The Standing Executive Committee is established by GAWSF. The Standing Executive Committee is elected by the Executive Committee, and exercises the powers stipulated in No. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Article 18 during the Adjournment of the Executive Committee, and reports to the Executive Committee.

19.2 In order for the Standing Executive Committee to be validly convened, at least 1/2 of Standing EC Members must be present. Decisions passed by the Standing Executive Committee shall only be valid if approved by over 1/2 of the Standing EC Members present (simple majority of votes).

19.3 The Standing Executive Committee shall meet at least once every six months. In exceptional circumstances, the meeting can be convened in form of communication. Under special circumstances, an Extraordinary Standing Executive Committee Meeting may be convened by the Chairman of EC.

Article 20 - Fiscal Committee

20.1 The Fiscal Committee is composed of a director, a secretary and several members. The total number of members of the Fiscal Committee must be an odd number;

20.2 In order for the Fiscal Committee Meeting to be validly convened, over 1/2 of EC Members must be present.

20.3 Decisions passed by the Fiscal Committee shall only be valid if approved by over 1/2 of the members present (simple majority of votes).

Article 21 - The responsibilities of the Fiscal Committee are to:

1. Supervise the implementation of the resolutions of the Congress and the operation of the Executive Committee;
2. Supervise the financial situation and accounts of the GAWSF;
3. Submit the annual Fiscal Committee opinions and financial audit report to the Congress.

Chapter IV

Funds

Article 22 - The Fund of GAWSF comes from:

1. Membership Fees;
2. Donations;
3. Government and/or Corporate Funding;
4. Incomes from authorised activities or services organised by CAAPSF;
5. Bank interests;
6. Other legal incomes.

Article 23 - GAWSF collects membership fee in accordance with the Statutes of GAWSF.

Article 24 - The fund of GAWSF must be used within the scope of business and development stipulated in this Statutes, and shall not be distributed among members.

Article 25 - GAWSF establishes a standardised financial management system to ensure that financial data are legitimate, true, accurate and complete.

Article 26 - Financial audit of professional standard should take place prior to the change of Executive Committee or legal representative of GAWSF, and the financial audit report should be presented to the Congress;

Article 27 - Embezzlement, dividing or misappropriation of GAWSF's assets by any organisation or individual is prohibited.

Chapter V **Supplements**

Article 28 - The motion for dissolution of the GAWSF must be approved by the Congress and by over 2/3 of members of the GAWSF, and reported to the respective competent authority of the country.

Article 29 - The GAWSF will be dissolved after approved by the Congress and with the formalities of cancellation of registration of GAWSF being completed in the registration authority of the country.

Article 30 - The remaining assets of GAWSF after dissolution, shall be used for development of business related to the aims of GAWSF, under the supervision of the governing body and registration authority in accordance with the relevant provisions of the country.

Article 31 - The right to interpret these Statutes belongs to EC of the GAWSF.

Article 32 - The present Statutes comes into force on the date of approval by the Congress.

Article 33 - The GAWSF uses the following logos:





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