



INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS FOUNDATION

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STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED
“INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS FOUNDATION”

Part I - DESIGNATION, PERIOD OF EXISTENCE
NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Rule 1: DESIGNATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Within the context of the Law number 1355 dated 23 December 2008 and the By Laws 2009-40 dated 22 January 2009, an association, named “INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC FOUNDATION” (IAF), has been created and its functions will be governed by the present Statutes.

Rule 2: PERIOD OF EXISTENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 2.1 The IAF will exist for an unlimited period.
- 2.2 However, it may be dissolved at any time according to the conventions laid down in the Rules 21 and 22 of the present Statutes.

Rule 3: PURPOSE OF THE “INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC FOUNDATION”

- 3.1 The purpose of the IAF is to help WA (World Athletics) as well as the National Governing Bodies affiliated to WA, to encourage and to promote athletics throughout the world in any possible way.
- 3.2 In order to promote the practice of athletics, the IAF will
- . organise courses, seminars and congresses in such countries as the IAF judges appropriate;
 - . deal with publications and magazines;
 - . organise exhibitions of a social, scientific and technical nature;
 - . grant financial assistance and, as a general rule, it will take any action deemed necessary, without any exception, in order to help Athletic Federations, as well as the most deserving athletes;
 - . introduce young people to athletics and, to that effect, it will help individuals and associations to design and build sports and track facilities.
 - . grant support to research projects in all kind of fields related to the development of athletics.
- 3.3 The IAF’s endowment comprises funds as specified in the Constitutional Act which includes the present Statutes. Such endowment shall be increased by donations, contributions and

grants from those who wish to contribute to the development of Athletics throughout the world, subject only to approval by the IAF Council, for the realisation of the purposes for which it has been created.

- 3.4 To finance its activities, the IAF will use only the interests from the endowment.

Rule 4: HEADQUARTERS

- 4.1 The IAF Headquarters of the IAF is located in the Principality.
- 4.2 They may be moved to any place on the Monegasque Territory by simple decision of the Foundation Council.

Part II - COMPOSITION OF THE IAF

Rule 5: MEMBERS

The IAF includes Active and Honorary Members.

Rule 6: ACTIVE MEMBERS

- 6.1 Active Members of the IAF are the persons who are part of the General Assembly, i.e. who are part of either the IAAF or the IAF Councils, as well as those who will be included under the terms of Rule 6.2.
- 6.2 Upon the President's proposal, the General Assembly approves the nomination of new Active Members.

Rule 7: HONORARY MEMBERS

- 7.1 The IAF Council may, upon request from its President, award the title of Honorary Member to any person not belonging to the Association, but whose personality or exceptional services rendered to the Association justify such special distinction.
- 7.2 The Honorary Member may be present at IAF meetings but does not enjoy any rights conferred by the affiliation.

Rule 8: RESIGNATION OR EXCLUSION

- 8.1 Any member may resign from his duties in the IAF Council.
- 8.2 Such resignation must be sent by registered mail to the IAF President. The President has to acknowledge receipt to the person concerned.
- 8.3 Furthermore, the Council may decide at any time to expel a member who has contravened the Statutes and the Rules of the IAF, or, in a more general manner, for any default or serious reason. This member will have been given the possibility to be heard or to express the arguments of his defence in writing.
- 8.4 To be valid, the decision pronouncing the expulsion of a member should be taken by an absolute majority of votes of the members of the IAF Council who took part in the ballot.

Part III - ADMINISTRATION OF THE IAF

Rule 9: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES

The IAF is managed and administered by a Council and an Executive Committee.

Rule 10: COMPOSITION OF THE IAF COUNCIL

- 10.1 The IAF Council shall include a maximum of eleven members (and a minimum of seven members) who have to be adult members enjoying full civil rights who wish to contribute to the world-wide athletics development.
- 10.2 The members of the IAF Council are elected by the General Assembly for a mandate of four years, which is renewable.
- 10.3 The IAF Council must include a President and a Vice President nominated as indicated hereafter.
- 10.4 A General Secretary and a Deputy General Secretary may be appointed, in accordance with Rules 17.1 and 17.2

Rule 11: DUTIES OF THE IAF COUNCIL

- 11.1 The duties of the IAF Council are as follows:
- to name the Executive Committee Members in accordance with Rule 12.1;
 - to expel any member who has contravened the IAF Statutes, or for any other serious reason as stated in Rule 8.3 & 8.4 above;
 - to determine year by year, the framework of activities of the said IAF;
 - to deal with the administration of the current matters and the carrying out of the decisions on behalf of the IAF, as well as the implementation of the activities for which it has been created;
 - to take any measures deemed necessary to realise the projects related to the association's objectives.
 - to determine the principles and the rules that shall govern the IAF.
- 11.2 With regards to financial matters, the IAF Council
- will receive the financial reports submitted by the Executive Committee;
 - will approve, by the 31st December of each year, the budget for the forthcoming year;
 - will approve, during the first meeting of the year, the accounts for the past fiscal year;
- 11.3 The IAF Council may convene a meeting of the General Assembly whenever this is deemed necessary for the good running of the Association.

Rule 12: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

- 12.1 The IAF Council shall appoint, within its members, the Executive Committee, for a four-year mandate which is renewable:
- . the President of the IAF who shall always be either the IAAF serving President, or a past President of the IAAF;
 - . the Vice President shall be designated by the IAF Council from within its Members;
 - . three other members.
- 12.2 The Executive Committee shall supervise the activities of the IAF; it shall propose to the Council all the necessary proposals to administer the capital of the Association and any other

revenues posted during the year, and to administer the allocation of its funds. It shall also recommend to the Council the approval of the yearly budget.

- 12.3 The Executive Committee shall meet whenever the President will deem it necessary.
- 12.4 The notification will be sent eight days at least before the assembly and will include the agenda of the meeting.
- 12.5 The Executive Committee meetings will be presided over by the IAF President or, in his absence, by the Vice-President.

Rule 13: DUTIES OF THE IAF PRESIDENT

- 13.1 The legal representation of the IAF towards third parties and in Law is the responsibility of the President who is the legal representative of the Foundation.
- 13.2 The President also has to:
 - convene meetings of the IAF Council and Executive Committee;
 - preside over those meetings and keep the minutes (or entrust someone with this task);
 - ensure good relationships with the authorities;
 - take the needed financial decisions between two meetings of the Council
 - sign the payment orders; he can delegate this responsibility to the General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary for amounts up to a maximum that he will determine;
 - oversee the management of the IAF;
 - act in compliance with the present Statutes and to have them amended if necessary;
 - ensure the implementation of the IAF Council decisions;
 - take any measures he deems necessary in case of emergency, and report to the IAF Council and Executive Committee as soon as possible thereafter;
 - appoint the staff and determine their duties and their salaries.
- 13.3 In general terms, the President holds all powers to act on behalf of the Foundation, and to go to Court, and in particular the power to appoint the lawyers as well as any qualified persons required to provide juridical assistance to the IAF.
- 13.4 In the absence of the President, his duties will be taken over by the Vice-President.

Rule 14: GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

- 14.1 The Active Members will hold an Ordinary General Assembly at least every four years, as well as an Extraordinary General Assembly whenever deemed necessary by the IAF Council.
- 14.2 Members shall be invited to attend in writing by the President at least eight days before the date of the meeting, and the notification will include the agenda of the said meeting.
- 14.3 The General Assembly
 - . will elect every four years, the eleven members of the Council
 - . will hear the report of the Council's activities
 - . has the authority to amend the Statutes

Rule 15: VALIDITY OF THE PROCEEDINGS

- 15.1 For the proceedings to be valid, the Members of the IAF Council, of the IAF Executive Committee or the General Assembly, should have a quorum which will be of an absolute majority (half of the members plus one).
- 15.2 The decisions will be adopted by an absolute majority of votes cast, unless contrary provisions are mentioned in the present Statutes.
- 15.3 To adopt a resolution on any modification of the Statutes, a majority of two thirds of the votes of the General Assembly is required.
- 15.4 In case of a tie in the vote, the President shall have a casting vote.

Rule 16: MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

- 16.1 The minutes of the decisions taken by the IAF Council and by the IAF Executive Committee will be recorded in chronological order, in a book designed to that effect, and signed by the President, the General Secretary and the Deputy General Secretary.
- 16.2 This book shall be kept at the IAF Headquarters and members of the IAF can refer to it at any time.

Rule 17: SECRETARIAT OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 17.1 The Secretariat of the Council shall be nominated every year, during their last meeting of the year, for the forthcoming year, by the IAF Council upon proposal of the President.
- 17.2 It includes a General Secretary assisted eventually by a Deputy General Secretary who will not necessarily be members of the Council.
- 17.3 The duties assigned to the Secretariat are as follows:
 - to implement the decisions and resolutions taken by the Council and the Executive Committee;
 - to manage the affairs of the Foundation according to the guidelines given by the President.
- 17.4 The President may, according to each case, and always within the limits set out above, give mandate to the General Secretary and/or to the Deputy General Secretary.
- 17.5 The Secretariat of the IAF Council is also that of the Executive Committee as well as the General Assembly.

Rule 18: COMPENSATIONS

- 18.1 The IAF Council and Executive Committee Members shall not receive any salary with regard to their duties within the Foundation, with the exception of the General Secretary and the Deputy General Secretary. However, any expenses incurred for the purpose of their tasks shall be refunded.
- 18.2 The President shall receive a sum intended to cover his expenses. This sum shall be set by the Foundation Council every year.

Part IV - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

Rule 19: FOUNDATION'S FUNDS

- 19.1 The IAF's social capital comes from funds as mentioned in the Constitutional act of the IAF as mentioned in Rule 3.3.
- 19.2 This capital shall be increased and shall receive funds from any contributions, donations and legacies agreed by third parties who wish to contribute to the world-wide development of Athletics.
- 19.3 These contributions, donations and legacies shall have to be accepted by the IAF Council.
- 19.4 The IAF Council shall make its capital yield profit through investments that it will deem to be the most appropriate.

Rule 20: FINANCIAL YEAR

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

Part V - DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

Rule 21: DISSOLUTION OF THE IAF

The International Athletic Foundation may be dissolved:

- (i) when it ceases to have a purpose;
- (ii) in the condition described in the Rule 22 of the 2008 Law;
- (iii) when the active members of the General Assembly decide upon it by a two-thirds majority and at the condition that two thirds of the members are present.

Rule 22: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

- 22.1 In case of dissolution of the IAF, the General Assembly will nominate one or several liquidators who will have all power to determine the assets of the Foundation.
- 22.2 The eventual positive balance will be transferred to the benefit of the IAAF.

Part VI - GENERAL RULES

Rule 23: BY LAWS

All matters not provided for under the present Statutes shall be decided by the IAF Council which may lay down, upon proposal of the President, By Laws to settle those matters.