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## STATUTES

### 1 Name and Registered Office of the Federation

- 1.1 The name of the Federation is: **International Federation Icestocksport (IFI)**.
- 1.2 The Federation has its office in Zürich and shall operate in all countries of the world in which Icestocksport is played on ice or on various summer sports surfaces.

### 2 Responsibilities and Objectives of the Federation

The objectives of the IFI shall be to disseminate, promote, and lead Icestocksport played on ice and/or on various summer sports surfaces all around the world.

- 2.1.1 On this basis, the IFI has the following responsibilities:
  - 2.1.1.1 Representation of Icestocksport with respect to all matters.
  - 2.1.1.2 Provision of information relating to Icestocksport.
  - 2.1.1.3 Settlement of all disputes between its individual member National Federations.
  - 2.1.1.4 Provision of sporting and general support to its individual member National Federations.
  - 2.1.1.5 Recruitment of new member National Federations.
  - 2.1.1.6 Supervision of Icestocksport and its implementation undertaken on the basis of standardised rules and regulations.
  - 2.1.1.7 Implementation of world championships and continental championships, as well as world and continental cup competitions.
  - 2.1.1.8 Representation of Icestocksport vis-à-vis international organisations such as the IOC, IPC, ANOC, FISU, IMGA and ARISF.
- 2.2 The IFI shall observe strict neutrality in all political, racial and religious matters.



- 2.3 The IFI pursues neither commercial nor self-help purposes, but exclusively and directly non-profit purposes within the meaning of the applicable regulations of the tax code or tax authorities.
- 2.4 The IFI is active selflessly.
- 2.5 The IFI's funds may be expended solely for the purposes identified by the Statutes. Members shall not be provided with any grants from the IFI's funds.
- 2.6 No person may benefit from expenditures unrelated to the purposes of the IFI or through inappropriately high allowances.
- 2.7 The IFI recognises the ideals and objectives of the Olympic movement as enshrined in the Olympic Charter and established in the Olympic Agenda 2020 the IOC Basic Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement. As an active member of the Olympic movement, it advocates the promotion of Olympic values, particularly fair play, gender equality and sporting excellence.
- 2.8 The IFI combats all forms of violence, discrimination, racism, intolerance and match-fixing and actively advocates international understanding. IFI sets up a Non-discrimination and athlete safeguarding policy to safeguard the participants in IFI events and activities and the Integrity of the competitions.
- 2.9 The IFI shall establish an ethics code and a code of conduct as well as rules against match-fixing and betting fraud and a Conflict of Interested policy.
- 2.10 These Regulations incorporate by reference the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions of 8 December 2015 as well as any amendments made thereafter by the IOC.

These Regulations specifically prohibit betting in relation to:

- I a Competition in which the Participant is directly participating; or
- II the Participant's sport; and/or
- III any event of a multisport Competition in which he/she is a participant.

Every reference to "Sporting Organization" in the Code shall mean International Federation Icestocksport and its affiliated member National Federations and Continental Associations.

- 2.11 The IFI is committed to active environmental and nature conservation and applies recognised criteria to ensure the sustainability of IFI competitions. IFI approves a Sustainability Policy to make sure that those criteria are implemented into the daily



management of the organisation as are environmental, socio-cultural and economic aspects of Icestocksport's legacy.

- 2.12 The IFI is committed to an appropriate athletes' representation in the decision-making process. IFI operates the IOC Guidelines relating to the creation of an IF Athletes' commission and will have an athlete with voting rights on each and all Commissions.
- 2.13 In order to promote gender equality in Icestocksport as stated under 2.7 IFI establishes a Gender Equality Policy to support the equal representation of all genders at a volunteer and professional level within the IFI structures.

### **3 Language of Procedure**

- 3.1 The IFI's official languages are English and German.
- 3.2 For interpretation of the Statutes, regulations and decisions as well as with regard to translations into other languages, the German text shall prevail. Regarding the IFI Anti-Doping Code and its Appendices, the English text is binding.

### **4 Members**

- 4.1 The members of the Federation shall be the National Federations of Icestocksport which have been accepted as members of the IFI.
- 4.2 Only one National Federation from each state may be accepted as a member. The IOC definition from the Olympic Charter prevails and IFI will only recognise National Federations on territories with an existing NOC.
- 4.3 IFI will recognise continental bodies formed by all IFI members within such continents as defined by the IOC as IFI Continental Associations for Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania. Members affiliated with IFI and geographically situated on the same continent shall belong to their respective Continental Associations. The Continental Associations will approve their Statutes and Bylaws. The Executive of the Continental Associations is elected as per the regulations of each Continental Association and must in any case include an Athletes representative with voting rights. The IFI Executive Committee will take the decision on the approval of the Continental Associations.

### **5 Acceptance of Members**

- 5.1 In order to become a member of the IFI, the following requirements shall be met:



- 5.1.1 submission of a written application to the IFI,
- 5.1.2 submission of the Statutes of the Icestocksport National Federation applying for membership.
- 5.2 The IFI shall confirm receipt of an application within a period of 30 days. A decision shall be taken on the application for membership by the next ordinary or extraordinary Congress.

## **6 Rights and Obligations of the Members**

IFI members have the following rights and obligations:

- 6.1 Obligations:
  - 6.1.1 To acknowledge the Statutes, regulations and rules of the IFI.
  - 6.1.2 To acknowledge the decisions of the IFI Congress.
  - 6.1.3 To notify the IFI of any amendments to the statutes of the National Federation.
  - 6.1.4 To submit an activity report and to notify the IFI of the names and addresses of the members of the executive Committee of the National Federation (situation as of the submission deadline).
  - 6.1.5 To pay, by the end of December of the given business year, membership contributions as determined by the Congress. Members in default of payment shall forfeit all rights until payment has been made and shall be automatically suspended from participation in competitions organised by the IFI.
- 6.2 Rights:
  - 6.2.1 To undertake their own activities and to operate independently, unaffected by IFI membership.
  - 6.2.2 To submit proposals.
  - 6.2.3 To take part in IFI Congresses and, through delegates who are citizens of the respective member National Federation state, or who have at least had their main residence in the respective member state for at least two years, to vote and stand for election.
  - 6.2.4 To take part in all IFI events.



## **7 Termination of Membership**

Membership of the IFI shall be terminated:

### **7.1 By withdrawing:**

A declaration of withdrawal may be made at any time by registered letter, no later than on 30 September of any given calendar year. The withdrawal shall become effective at the end of the given business year. All rights shall expire immediately upon the resolution on withdrawal becoming effective. However, obligations and unpaid liabilities vis-à-vis the IFI shall continue to exist.

### **7.2 By dissolution of the IFI or the member National Federation:**

With respect to the dissolution of a member National Federation, the provisions specified under Article 7.1 shall apply. In addition, a record of the decision concerning the dissolution of the National Federation shall be sent to the IFI.

### **7.3 By expulsion:**

The Congress may decide to expel a member from the IFI by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast should the member in question fail to discharge its obligations or violate the Statutes of the IFI or Congress resolutions. Expelled members have no claim on IFI assets.

## **8 Business Year and Financing**

### **8.1 The IFI business year shall be the calendar year.**

### **8.2 The funds required for the fulfilment of IFI responsibilities shall be acquired from the following sources of income:**

#### **8.2.1 Contributions,**

#### **8.2.2 Donations,**

#### **8.2.3 Grants,**

#### **8.2.4 other income.**

### **8.3 Management of the financial resources shall be governed by the Rules of Financing.**



## 9 Ban on Doping

- 9.1 The IFI recognises the WADA World Anti-Doping Code in the respective applicable version in a clear commitment to doping-free sport. The details are governed by the IFI Anti-Doping Code.
- 9.2 Membership in IFI entails explicit acceptance by each member of the IFI Anti-Doping rules in their current version.
- 9.3 The IFI membership accepts IFI as testing, results management and disciplinary Authority on their territory when and where there is no national Anti-Doping Authority actively fighting against Doping in sport.

## 10 Bodies of the Federation

The IFI has the following bodies:

- 10.1 the Congress,
- 10.2 the Executive Committee,
- 10.3 the Technical Committee,
- 10.4 the Federation Court,
- 10.5 Account Auditors,
- 10.6 the Athletes Commission, elected in accordance with IOC rules.
- 10.7 the other commissions appointed by the Executive Committee, specifically:
  - the Women in Sport Commission,
  - the Youth in Sport Commission,
  - the Medical & Anti-Doping Committee,
  - the Athletes' Entourage Commission,
  - the Development and Sport for Active Society Commission,
  - the Sustainability and Legacy Commission,
  - the Ethics Commission,
- 10.8 The IFI Officers for Disabled Sport, Safeguarding, Integrity and Sustainability, who are appointed by the Executive Committee.



## 11 Congress

- 11.1 The Congress is the supreme body of the IFI.
- 11.2 The implementation of the Congress shall be governed by Rules of Procedure.
- 11.3 The Ordinary Congress shall take place in even-numbered years as of 2004. If a World Championship takes place in such a year, the Congress must take place in connection with the Championship.
- 11.4 Member National Federations may apply to organise the Congress.
- The decision on the venue shall be made by the Congress. Applications to organise the Congress shall specify the place and time of such Congress.
- 11.5 An invitation to and the agenda of the Congress shall be sent to all members by registered mail no later than 10 weeks prior to the opening of the Congress.
- 11.6 A properly convened Congress shall constitute a quorum, regardless of the members actually in attendance or represented.
- 11.7 Each member shall have one vote at the Congress and may send a maximum of three delegates. Each representative of a Member National Federation shall submit evidence of a power of attorney before the start of the Congress.
- 11.8 The transfer of votes from one member to another member is impermissible.
- 11.9 Members of the IFI Executive Committee have no voting rights at the Congress. They also may not act as representatives of their respective National Federations.
- 11.10 Except for the Members of the Executive Committee, other IFI officials and representatives of the member National Federations, no one has the right to speak at the Congress unless such right is granted by the Congress.
- 11.11 A resolution shall be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast. Should an equal number of votes be cast for and against a resolution, it shall be deemed to have been rejected. Amendments to the Statutes require a two-thirds majority of the votes to be cast in their favour.
- 11.12 The IFI Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time. Upon application by one-fifth of members eligible to vote, the IFI President must convene an Extraordinary Congress within a period of 30 days, stating the motions; if the President is unable to do this, it shall be done by his deputy. The members shall be notified of the agenda of the Congress.





- 11.13 An Ordinary Congress, acting upon a proposal made by its members, may award honours to persons particularly worthy of merit within the IFI in accordance with the Rules for Awarding Honours and Distinctions.

## **12 Agenda**

The agenda of Ordinary Congresses must include at least the following items:

- 12.1 opening of the Congress by the President or his deputy,
- 12.2 determination that the Congress has been called correctly,
- 12.3 determination of the presence of representatives entitled to cast votes and powers of attorney,
- 12.4 approval of the minutes of the previous Congress,
- 12.5 activity reports of:
  - 12.5.1 the President or his deputy,
  - 12.5.2 the Vice-President for Sport (= Chairman of the Technical Committee),
  - 12.5.3 the Vice-President for Finance,
  - 12.5.4 the Account Auditors, containing a motion to endorse the Treasurer's transactions,
  - 12.5.5 representatives of the member National Federations,
- 12.6 formation of an Election Committee (every four years),
- 12.7 endorsement of the Executive Committee (at least at each Ordinary Congress),
- 12.8 new election of an Executive Committee (every four years, for the first time again in 2006),
- 12.9 new election of a Technical Committee (ever four years, for the first time again in 2006),
- 12.10 new election of an National Federation Court (every four years, for the first time again in 2006),
- 12.11 by-election of an Account Auditor (every two years, for the first time in 2004),



- 12.12 budget proposals,
- 12.13 adoption of resolutions concerning motions of the Executive Committee, members, and committees,
- 12.14 amendments to the Statutes,
- 12.15 amendments of the legal bases, the International Ice-Stock Rules, the International Rules of Play, the Specifications and Instructions for Competitions organised by the IFI, as well as of other competition provisions,
- 12.16 assignment of IFI competitions,
- 12.17 any other business.

## **13 Motions**

- 13.1 Motions to be discussed at the Congress shall be submitted in writing to the IFI no later than 7 weeks prior to the Congress together with a justification; the IFI shall forward these to the members no later than 2 weeks prior to the Congress.
- 13.2 Motions of a technical nature may be submitted to the Congress if they have previously been addressed by the Technical Committee. The deadline for submission to the Technical Committee is 30 November prior to the next Ordinary Congress. Members' motions that have been rejected by the Technical Committee must also be submitted to the Congress.
- 13.3 Motions submitted to Congress which are not on the agenda and which were not submitted to the President on time may only be addressed if a two-thirds majority votes in favour of the urgency of the motion (urgent motion).
- 13.4 Urgent motions for amendments to the Statutes or dissolution of the Federation are impermissible.

## **14 Responsibilities of the Congress**

- 14.1 The Congress shall pass decisions concerning all motions of the members unless the matter falls under the competence of other bodies in accordance with other legal bases.
- 14.2 If called upon to do so, the Congress shall pass decisions concerning all disputes between members, as well as between the Executive Committee and individual members, insofar as the matter is outside National Federation jurisdiction.



## **15 The Executive Committee**

- 15.1 The IFI Executive Committee shall consist of the following persons:
- 15.1.1 the President,
  - 15.1.2 the Vice-President for International Affairs,
  - 15.1.3 the Vice-President for Finance,
  - 15.1.4 the Vice-President for Special Affairs (including marketing and media),
  - 15.1.5 the Vice-President for Sport (= Chairperson of the Technical Committee),
  - 15.1.6 the Women's Commissioner as Vice-President,
  - 15.1.7 the Chairperson of the Athletes' Committee,
  - 15.1.8 the Chairperson of the Medical Committee,
  - 15.1.9 the Vice-President for Legal matters and Olympic relations,
  - 15.1.10 the Secretary General as non-voting member.
- 15.2 A member National Federation may second a maximum of three persons to the Executive Committee.
- 15.3 The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for a four- year term. The term of office for all bodies shall end upon the election of new bodies. All offices shall be held in an honorary capacity. The members of the Executive Committee (Board of Directors) are generally only entitled to compensation for their effective expenses and cash expenses. Adequate compensation can be paid for special achievements of individual Executive Committee members (Committee of Director members).
- 15.4 The President shall represent the IFI in all matters and shall be entitled to sign on behalf of the IFI; the President's signature shall be legally binding. Should the President be unable to carry out this responsibility, it shall be carried out by his deputy.
- 15.5 The Executive Committee shall have a quorum provided that three members are present. The Executive Committee shall pass decisions by simple majority. Should an equal number of votes be cast for and against a motion, the President or chairperson shall have the casting vote. Executive Committee decisions may also be



taken by means of a postal vote or by electronic means. In such a case, a record shall be made, to which the ballot papers must be attached. The members shall be notified of the decisions of the Executive Committee in writing no later than 30 days following their adoption. It shall be possible to appeal to the Congress as the instrument of appeal against a decision of the Executive Committee. An appeal does not have a suspensory effect, however.

Should a member of the Executive Committee retire early from his/her position, the following Congress shall elect a new member to the Executive Committee. Until such time, the remaining Committee members shall be entitled to appoint a temporary deputy member.

- 15.6 An election is valid if a candidate receives the absolute majority of the votes of the members present at the Congress. Elections shall be held by secret ballot as a matter of principle.
- 15.7 The Executive Committee shall manage the operations of the IFI in the period between Congresses. Its remit includes in particular the following:
- 15.7.1 all financial matters,
  - 15.7.2 the development of motions for the Congress,
  - 15.7.3 the appointment of further sub-committees,
  - 15.7.4 dealing with general issues,
  - 15.7.5 dealing with all matters relating to the Office and Test Centre for Sports Equipment.
  - 15.7.6 Matters not referred to under Articles 15.7.1 to 15.7.5, the treatment of which also does not fall under the scope of competence of another body, shall fall under the scope of competence of the Congress.

## 16 Technical Committee

- 16.1 The Technical Committee is responsible for all technical matters. It is responsible for making proposals to update the International Icestock Rules, the International Rules of Play and the Specifications and Instructions for Competitions Organised by the IFI. Its decisions shall be confirmed provisionally by the Executive Committee and finally by the next Congress.
- The Technical Committee shall also be responsible for the development of guidelines for the basic and further training of referees.
- The Chairperson of the Technical Committee shall direct the technical organisation of World and Continental Championships and Cup Competitions.



- 16.2 The Technical Committee shall consist of the Chairperson (= Vice- President for Sport and Executive Committee member), seven representatives of various member National Federations and the Athletes' Spokesperson, who may come from one of the countries of the seven representatives already elected.
- 16.3 Members shall be elected by the Congress. The Athletes' Spokesperson shall be elected in accordance with the IOC rules for a period of two years by the Athletes' Spokespersons of Austria, Germany and Italy.
- 16.4 Each member shall have only one vote in the votes of the Technical Committee. If an equal number of votes is cast for and against a proposal, it shall be deemed to have been rejected.
- 16.5 The Chairperson and the Head of the Test Centre shall have no right to vote.
- 16.6 The scope of responsibility of the Technical Committee shall be defined by its Rules of Procedure.

## **17 National Federation Court**

- 17.1 The IFI shall have its own jurisdiction.
- The Judicial Rules of the National Federation approved by the Congress by simple majority shall apply. The following bodies shall act as legal bodies: the Sports Court, the Sports Court of Appeal, and the Court of Arbitration.
- In addition, recognition is given to the exclusive competence of the Appeals Arbitration Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) as the court of last instance, following recourse to all internal means, including the IFI's Sports Court of Appeal, and to the CAS Code of Arbitration for Sport.
- 17.2 Judicial bodies of the IFI shall be composed of the Chairing Judge and two Associate Judges.
- 17.3 The Chairing Judge, the Associate Judges, and substitutes functioning in the two instances of the Sports Court (the Sports Court and the Sports Court of Appeal) shall be elected by the Congress.

## **18 Account Auditors**

- 18.1 Two Account Auditors shall carry out an audit of the IFI's finances in the year in which the Congress takes place. If only one Account Auditor is present, he/she shall carry out the audit by himself/herself.



- 18.2 Should the Account Auditors find everything in order when carrying out the audit, they shall submit a request to the Congress for approval of the operations of the Vice-President for Finance.
- 18.3 An Account Auditor shall be elected at each Ordinary Congress for a period of four years. Re-election in the year in which the previous term of office expires is not possible.
- 18.4 Official representatives holding elected office in the IFI may not be elected to the position of Account Auditor.

## **19 Office**

- 19.1 The IFI maintains an Office to carry out the ongoing tasks of the Federation.

## **20 Test Centre for Sports Equipment**

- 20.1 The IFI maintains a Test Centre for Sports Equipment in order to standardise and monitor the sports equipment; the Test Centre for Sports Equipment is subordinate to the Vice-President for Sport.

## **21 Legal Bases**

- 21.1 The Statutes and rules, as well as decisions issued by the IFI within the scope of its competence, shall be binding upon the members and bodies.  
The members have an obligation to communicate the IFI rules and regulations to its members and to ensure their compliance with them.
- 21.2 The principal legal documents of the Federation shall be:
- 21.2.1 The Rules of Procedure and the rules below, which may be amended by the Congress by simply majority vote:
- 21.2.2 The Rules of Procedure;
- 21.2.3 The Rules of Financing;
- 21.2.4 the Rules for Awarding Honours and Distinctions;
- 21.2.5 the Rules of Procedure for the Technical Committee;
- 21.2.6 the Judicial Rules of the National Federation;



- 21.2.7 the International Icestock Rules;
- 21.2.8 the International Rules of Play, etc.;
- 21.2.9 the International Referee Regulations;
- 21.2.10 the Anti-Doping Rules.

## **22 Dissolution of the IFI**

- 22.1 The dissolution of the IFI may be decided upon only by a Congress convened for such purpose.
- 22.2 The dissolution of the IFI shall be decided upon by the Congress by a four-fifths majority in the presence of at least half of its actual members.
- 22.3 Should the IFI be dissolved, the Congress shall elect liquidators.
- 22.4 Upon the dissolution or discontinuation of the IFI or upon the extinction of its current purpose, the assets of the Federation shall be used for tax-advantaged purposes, in particular to support sport. Resolutions relating to the future use of the assets may be realised only following the approval thereof by the Revenue Office, whereas it should be noted that the funds remaining after the dissolution of the IFI are to be used by a tax-exempt institution based in Switzerland with the same or similar purpose. Distribution among the members is excluded.



**The above Statutes come into effect with the unanimous approval of the IFI members at the IFI Congress held on 29 June 1975 in St. Moritz, Switzerland.**

Amended on 25 June 1977	at the Congress held in Rosenheim, Germany;
Amended on 01 July 1978	at the Congress held in Bolzano, Italy;
Amended on 30 June 1979	at the Congress held in Brussels, Belgium;
Amended on 14 June 1980	at the Congress held in Stubenberg, Austria;
Amended on 5 June 1982	at the Congress held in Grindelwald, Switzerland;
Amended on 4 June 1983	at the Congress held in Eindhoven, the Netherlands;
Amended on 2 June 1984	at the Congress held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany;
Amended on 13 June 1987	at the Congress held in Vasteras, Sweden;
Amended on 18 June 1988	at the Congress held in Regensburg, Germany;
Amended on 17 June 1989	at the Congress held in Klagenfurt, Austria;
Amended on 15 June 1991	at the Congress held in Seis, Italy;
Amended on 18 June 1994	at the Congress held in Maribor, Slovenia;
Amended on 13 June 1998	at the Congress held in Budapest, Hungary;
Amended on 17 June 2000	at the Congress held in Kitchener, Canada;
Amended on 21 June 2003	at the Congress held in Moscow, Russia;
Amended on 14 March 2004	at the Congress held in Graz, Austria;
Amended on 17 June 2006	at the Congress held in Pori, Finland
Amended on 19 June 2010	at the Congress in Pörtlach, Austria;
Amended on 11 March 2012	at the Congress in Waldkraiburg, Germany;
Amended on 2 March 2014	at the Congress in Innsbruck, Austria;
Amended on 28 August 2016	at the Congress in Munich, Germany.
Amended on 25 February 2018	at the Congress in Winklarn, Austria.
Amended on 8 March 2020	at the Congress in Regen, Germany.
Amended in 2021	at the Executive Committee meeting, virtual meeting, and by the virtual Congress 2021.