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Statutes

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ISMF – STATUTES

PREAMBLE

The International Council for Ski Mountaineering Competition ISMC has been founded in 1999 as an internal body of the UIAA “Union Internationale des Associations d’Alpinisme”. The ISMC was created to govern and administer the sport of ski mountaineering competition, replacing the CISAC the “Comité International pour le Ski Alpinisme de Compétition” founded in Barcelona in 1988.

On 6 October 2007, the General Assembly of UIAA approved their new statutes, where the figure of “unit member” was created. As consequence of this change it has been necessary to constitute an independent “international competition federation with its own juridical personality”, namely the “International Ski Mountaineering Federation (ISMF)”.

The Constitutional Assembly of the ISMF members held in Champéry, Portes du Soleil, Switzerland on 27 February 2008 has decided to continue to administer ski mountaineering competitions as an International Federation with its own legal entity.

I. DEFINITIONS

Anti-Doping Commission – means the Commission appointed by the Plenary Assembly on the recommendation of the Management Committee, whose composition is stipulated in the Anti-doping Rules of the ISMF.

Athletes Commission – means the Commission provided for in Article 38, whose composition is stipulated in the ISMF Athletes commission and Athletes representatives regulation.

Continental Councils – means the Continental entities the formation of which has to be allowed by the Plenary Assembly in accordance with Article 33.

International Disciplinary Commission – means the Commission appointed by the Plenary Assembly on the recommendation of the Management Committee, whose composition is stipulated in the Disciplinary Rules of the ISMF.

Equality Commission – means the Commission appointed by the Management Committee, whose composition is stipulated in the Equality Rules of the ISMF.

Executive board – means the Executive Board consisting of the President of ISMF, three Vice-Presidents and the General Secretary of ISMF.

ISMF Rules and Regulations – means the ISMF Statutes, the By Laws, the Sporting Rules, the Disciplinary Rules for the ISMF, the Anti-Doping rules for the ISMF, the ISMF Athletes commission and Athletes representatives Regulation and any other rules and



regulations adopted by ISMF (including all decisions of the Plenary Assembly and the Executive Board respectively).

Management Committee – means the ISMF Committee consisting of the Executive Board, 7 representatives appointed in accordance with Article 23 and the Technical Director of the ISMF and the representative of the Referees Commission as permanent guests.

Members – means Associations admitted by the Plenary Assembly or the Management Committee in accordance with Article 6.

Plenary Assembly – means the General Assembly of the ISMF provided for in Article 14.

President – means the President of the ISMF elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of four years.

Statutes - means all provisions contained in this document, which have been duly approved by the Plenary Assembly, together with any addendums and/or appendices which may complete, amend or substitute for this document. The preamble constitutes an integral part hereof. These statutes replace the previous statutes.

Technical Commissions – means the Commissions appointed by the Management Committee in accordance with Article 25 let. e.

Vice-Presidents – means the three Vice-Presidents of the ISMF elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of four years, assuming the functions of Treasurer, Sports / Events Responsible and Marketing / Communication Responsible.

Whenever the fact or context so requires in order to give effect to the ISMF Statutes and Rules, words in the singular shall include the plural, words in the plural shall include the singular, words of the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall include any gender, except in the specification of a competition being for male or female competitors; and correction of any manifestly clerical errors shall be made.

II.

LEGAL STATUS, HEADQUARTERS AND LANGUAGE

Article 1

The International Ski Mountaineering Federation, abbreviated in all languages ISMF, is the world governing body for all matters concerning ski mountaineering competitions. ISMF is a legal entity with legal personality responsible for all aspects of international ski mountaineering competition, in accordance with the present Statutes.



The ISMF is a non-governmental international association with a non-profit-making purpose of international interest, founded for an unlimited period of time and governed by Art. 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code and the present Statutes.

The ISMF has its legal seat in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The headquarters and the secretariat of the ISMF may be located in a country other than Switzerland, upon the decision of the Management Committee.

The official language of the ISMF is English.

III. OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES

Article 2

All activities of the ISMF are independent of any political or governmental influence. The ISMF does not allow any discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, gender or political, opinion. The ISMF promotes and supports with all means gender equality in its activities.

Its principal purposes are the regulation, promotion, development, supervision and furtherance of ski mountaineering on a world-wide basis. It fosters sporting links and friendly relations among its members and their competitors and officials.

The ISMF is furthermore responsible for and undertakes:

- a. to encourage, promote, develop and supervise ski mountaineering competitions worldwide;
- b. to generally promote this sport as a healthy and educational activity for youth;
- c. to establish and maintain necessary Rules and Regulations;
- d. to establish the rules and standards to organise and participate in international competitions;
- e. to decide which international ski mountaineering competitions are officially recognised and to establish annual International Events calendars;
- f. to establish training courses for all ISMF officials in order to guarantee the highest possible standards for all ISMF officials;
- g. where appropriate, to encourage the formation of continental organisations to promote ski mountaineering competitions;
- h. to promote Athletes and protect their rights through the Athletes' Commission;
- i. to promote Women in Sport through the Equality Commission;
- j. to award licenses and contracts to members and other organisations that seek authorization to organize official international competitions and associated activities;
- k. to promote and control good sporting practice;
- l. to respect the gender equality at all levels, in its competition and management, allowing women to have the same opportunities as men;
- m. to monitor and fight against competition fixing;
- n. to promote the equality of rewards, prizes and prize money;

- o. to safeguard the rights and health of the athletes and to combat doping and all other processes and procedures that might undermine sporting equality; the Olympic Movement Medical Code and the WADA Code are applied;
- p. to respect the Olympic Charter and to develop the sport towards possible programme status in the Olympic Games;
- q. to serve as the final body for protest and other legal questions concerning ski mountaineering competitions and for all questions concerning the ISMF rules, subject to an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);
- r. to consider the protection of the environment when organising and promoting its activities;
- s. to ensure/ provide the promotion in the media of the discipline and the international competitions of the ISMF calendar;
- t. to look actively and provide incomes for the proper functioning of the sport.

Article 3

All ISMF competitions belong exclusively to ISMF. The ISMF alone shall have the right to organise World or Continental ski mountaineering competitions. The words "World Cup", "World Championships", "Continental" "International" or "ISMF" shall not be used in connection with any ski mountaineering international events, including "Masters events" without the explicit consent of the ISMF.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

Article 4

The ISMF shall have a minimum of three Member Associations.

Article 5

Membership in the ISMF is open to national associations actively involved in ski mountaineering competitions and recognized as such by the highest sporting authorities of their countries.

The following categories of members are available:

1. **FULL MEMBERS** of the ISMF will be Associations which act as the national representatives of the sport of ski mountaineering competition in their countries.
 - a. Only one association from each country can be affiliated as a full member of the ISMF
 - b. The admission fee for members is fixed by the Plenary Assembly of ISMF
2. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** of the ISMF will be Associations who are affiliated with the sport of ski mountaineering competition, or associations in countries where an ISMF member already exists, in this case provided they are approved by the relevant ISMF Member. These organizations may be admitted by the Plenary Assembly.

- a. Associate member admission fee is fixed by the Plenary Assembly.
- b. Associate members are entitled to organize ISMF approved events, provided they are approved by the relevant ISMF Member.
- c. Associate members are also entitled to propose members for all ISMF Commissions, provided they are approved by the relevant ISMF Member.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Article 6

Applicant Associations shall send to the ISMF Office all required information in the official language and in the format required by the Management Committee, notably:

- The Member Association's official address and contact details;
- A copy of the Member Association's current Statutes, Rules and Regulations;
- A list of the Member Association's main officers;
- A list of the Member Association's active membership, (i.e. number of clubs, athletes, coaches, officials affiliated to the Member Association);
- A formal undertaking by the Member Association to observe and comply with the ISMF Rules and Statutes, notably article 8, the World Anti-Doping Code as well as the jurisdiction and decisions of the CAS; and
- The payment of the appropriate membership fee.

Decisions on application for membership are made by the Plenary Assembly. The Management Committee can provisionally agree to a membership request filed between two Plenary Assemblies. The National Association may be accepted as a temporary member of the ISMF. To become final, the Plenary Assembly must ratify the decision. The Statutes, Rules and Regulations of the new Member are automatically accepted if the membership is granted.

RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Article 7

Each full Member has the right:

1. to take part in the Plenary Assembly, to make proposals to the Plenary Assembly and the Management Committee, and to vote;
2. to appeal and to be consulted in all matters specifically concerning the Member;
3. to enter its athletes in all competitions approved by the ISMF, in accordance with the entry rules for these competitions;
4. to organise international ski mountaineering competitions approved by the ISMF;
5. to examine the content of all contracts made by the ISMF which concern the interests of the Member or which put them under obligations.

Each Associate Member has the right:

1. to take part in the Plenary Assembly, to make proposals to the Plenary Assembly and the Management Committee;
2. to appeal and to be consulted in all matters specifically concerning the Associate Member;
3. to organise international ski mountaineering competitions approved by the ISMF, provided they are approved by the relevant ISMF Member;
4. to examine the content of all contracts made by the ISMF which concern the interests of the Associate Member or which put them under obligations.

OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Article 8

All Members should be members of their National Olympic Committee or actively seeking such membership.

All full Members and Associate Members shall comply with:

- the Statutes and Regulations of the ISMF
- any resolutions adopted by the ISMF
- the payment of their membership fees as fixed by the Plenary Assembly
- the respect of the World Anti-doping Code
- the respect of gender equality in the political and sport acts of their association

All full Members and Associate Members will undertake to request the same of their individual members participating in activities of the ISMF.

All full Members and Associate Members agree to respect each other's mutual autonomy and shall in no way harm the development of other members.

Article 9

Any full Members or Associate Members wishing to terminate membership shall inform the ISMF Office in writing before the end of May. Fees for the current year remain payable in full.

EXCLUSION OF A MEMBER

Article 10

The affiliation shall end automatically, but no refund of fees will be made, if:

- A full Member or an Associate Member withdraws its affiliation in accordance with Article 10;
- A full Member or an Associate Member no longer exists;

Article 11

Any full Member may be excluded from the ISMF by the Plenary Assembly:

- for non-payment of any liabilities to the ISMF;
- for infringement of these Statutes or other Regulations of the ISMF.
- for any other reason considered as just cause by the Plenary Assembly.

This decision requires at least half of the members of ISMF having the right to vote, be present or represented. To be adopted, such items must receive the approval of two thirds of the votes cast. Re-entry into the ISMF is only possible if the full Member or Associate Member has fulfilled its financial and/or other obligations towards the ISMF. A full Member or Associate Members which ends its membership has no claim against the funds of the ISMF.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER AWARDS

Article 12

The Plenary Assembly may confer the title of Honorary President of the ISMF; as well as conferring the title of Honorary Member. Other awards may be conferred by the Management Committee.

V. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ISMF

Article 13

The following bodies are established to govern and administer the ISMF, each with separately defined powers and duties:

- Plenary Assembly
- Management Committee
- Executive Board
- Continental Councils
- Technical Commissions
- Anti-doping, International Disciplinary Commissions
- Athletes Commission

PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Article 14

The Plenary Assembly is the highest body of the ISMF and has ultimate authority for all activities of the ISMF. It convenes every year. Organization of the Plenary Assembly shall be entrusted alternately to one of its full Members and Associate Members. The date and venue for the Assembly shall be agreed at the Plenary Assembly meeting two years prior. The Plenary Assembly must be held not later than the end of June of each year.

The calling notice must be sent to all full Members and Associate Members at least 3 months prior to the date set for the Assembly.

POWERS OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Article 15

The Plenary Assembly has the following duties and powers:

- a. to elect the Management Committee;
- b. to appoint the certified external Auditor in charge of the review of the annual accounts;
- c. to fix admission, membership and other fees;
- d. to approve the plans for future activities;
- e. to adopt and amend these Statutes,
- f. to adopt and amend all regulations; the Plenary Assembly can, however, authorize other bodies to independently establish technical rules where this seems appropriate;
- g. to decide the admission of new Member Federations of any kind on the recommendation of the Management Committee;
- h. to decide the exclusion of full Members and Associate Members;
- i. to approve the Minutes of the Plenary Assembly meetings;
- j. to receive, discuss and approve the report of the Management Committee;
- k. to review and approve the annual accounts after having heard the report of the Auditor;
- l. to give discharge to the Treasurer and to the other members of the Management Committee;
- m. to approve the budget;
- n. to approve the ISMF logo, and other items of image and identity, upon the recommendation of the Management Committee;
- o. to decide all matters which no other body is competent to decide upon or which other bodies refer to the Plenary Assembly for final decision;
- p. to validate the athletes' representatives, one man and one woman, elected by the Athletes Commission, as member of the Technical Commissions.
- q. to elect the members of the International Disciplinary Commission, whose composition is stipulated in the Disciplinary Rules of the ISMF.
- r. to elect the members of the Anti-doping Commission, whose composition is stipulated in the Anti-doping Rules of the ISMF.

VOTING RIGHTS

Article 16

Each full Member of the ISMF has one vote. Associate members have no voting rights.

Article 17

At any Plenary Assembly, each Member shall be represented by one delegate who may be assisted by one or two advisors at most. A Member which has not paid its dues in full prior to the Plenary Assembly is not entitled to vote. All delegates other than the President/Chair, Vice-President or General Secretary shall present at the registration of the Plenary Assembly a power of attorney document signed by one of the above mentioned 3 (three) Officers. Any Member having voting rights may be represented by the delegate of another Member being duly entitled to vote by means of a written proxy. One delegate may not represent more than two other Members at the same time.

QUORUM

Article 18

Changes and amendments of these Statutes, exclusions of full Members or Associate Members, may only be considered if at least half of the Members of ISMF having the right to vote are present or represented. To be adopted, such items must receive the approval of two thirds of the votes cast. For all other decisions of the Plenary Assembly except for the dissolution of ISMF (see art. 47) there is no quorum. Decisions are taken by a majority of the votes cast.

TAKING OF DECISIONS

Article 19

Voting at the Plenary Assembly is conducted by show of hands. Upon the request of any delegate entitled to vote, supported by at least one other delegate, any vote must be taken by secret written ballot.

Elections shall always be decided by secret written ballot.

AGENDA AND THE RIGHT TO INTRODUCE PROPOSALS

Article 20

Items for inclusion in the Agenda of any Plenary Assembly may be presented by:

- a. the Management Committee
- b. any Member

Items presented by ISMF Members are to be sent by email to the ISMF Management Committee at least six weeks before the Plenary Assembly.

Associate Members are entitled to speak, but not to present motions to the Plenary Assembly, in accordance to the relevant regulations.

Article 21

The full Agenda of a Plenary Assembly shall be sent to all Members of ISMF at least 2 weeks before the Plenary Assembly. Upon affirmative vote of no less than 2/3 of the Members being present and having voting rights, the Plenary Assembly itself may add items to the Agenda of any meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Article 22

The Management Committee may at any time call an extraordinary Plenary Assembly.

At the written request of one fifth of the Members entitled to vote, the Management Committee shall convene an extraordinary Plenary Assembly within three (3) months of receipt of such request. A notice shall be circulated to the full Members and Associate Members no later than two (2) months before the date of the Extraordinary Plenary Assembly. The request must be substantiated and accompanied by a proposal for the Agenda.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Article 23

The Management Committee of ISMF consists of the following officers:

- President of ISMF
- Three Vice-Presidents (1 Treasurer, 1 Sport & Events responsible, 1 Marketing & Communication responsible)
- General Secretary of ISMF

As well as:

- Four representatives from Member Associations entitled to vote;
- One representative acting on behalf of the male athletes from the Athletes Commission (entitled to vote);
- One representative acting on behalf of the female athletes from the Athletes Commission (entitled to vote);
- One representative from each of the Continental Councils (entitled to vote).

Permanent guests:

- The Technical Director of the ISMF, appointed by the Executive Board, does not have voting rights.
- The representative of the Referees Commission, appointed by the Executive Board does not have voting rights.

Article 24

Candidates standing for election to any post in the Management Committee (with the exception of the representatives of the Continental Councils) shall be presented by the Member Association of the country. Nominations must be received in writing by the General Secretary of the ISMF, together with information about each candidate (CV, recommendations, etc.) at least one month before the date of the Plenary Assembly at which the elections are to take place.

Information about the candidates shall be communicated to full Members and Associate Members together with the Agenda of the Plenary Assembly.

The members of the Management Committee are elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of four years. The Members of the Management Committee can be re-elected only for three consecutive mandates. No member can stay more than four (consecutive or not) mandates in the Management Committee, even changing his position. In case of non-attendance to at least 2 ISMF meetings (absence without leave), the councillor can be excluded from the Management Committee.

Article 25

The Management Committee is responsible for implementing all the policy directives and decisions made by the Plenary Assembly. This includes in particular:

- a. to assign to each of the three Vice-Presidents their tasks;
- b. to propose the agenda of the Plenary Assembly meetings;
- c. to prepare the annual accounts (consisting of the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet), under the supervision of the Treasurer;
- d. to make recommendations to the Plenary Assembly about:
 - the long-term strategies of the ISMF;
 - regulations and rules to be decided by the Plenary Assembly;
 - the admission and exclusion of full Members or Associate Members
- e. to decide about the creation and dissolution of Technical Commissions and appoint a Director for each Technical Commission;
- f. to set up the calendar of ISMF approved competitions and to coordinate schedules of International and Continental competitions;
- g. to decide the terms and conditions of contracts between the ISMF and organisers of ISMF approved competitions;
- h. to recommend any proposal of changes of the ISMF Statutes;
- i. to make recommendations on the terms and conditions of contracts to be concluded with third parties outside ISMF. Strategic contracts exceeding EUR 20.000 must be approved by the Management Committee;
- j. to decide on membership issues between Plenary Assembly meetings;
- k. to decide the official means of information of the ISMF;
- l. to make recommendations to the Plenary Assembly about the election of the members sitting in the Anti-Doping Commission;
- m. to make recommendations to the Plenary Assembly about the election of the members sitting in the International Disciplinary Commission;



- n. to prepare the invitations to tender for outsourcing (for example, media service, travels, etc.);
- o. to control the proper development of the tasks entrusted to the Executive Board.

Article 26

The Management Committee will meet at least twice every year, upon the Executive Board's call. The organisation of its meetings shall be entrusted alternately to one of the member associations being represented in the Management Committee. The Management Committee will meet also upon the request of the majority of its members.

Article 27

The Agenda for the Management Committee meetings is prepared by the Executive Board. However, any member of the Management Committee is entitled to present proposals for the agenda. Such proposals must be submitted, with relevant documentation, at least one month before the date set for any Management Committee meeting. The full agenda shall be sent by the Executive Board to the Management Committee members at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

Article 28

Every member of the Management Committee has one vote. All decisions of the Management Committee are taken by majority of the members present, and no voting rights may be exercised by proxy. The quorum of the Management Committee consists of a majority of its members. In the event of a tie, the President is having the casting vote.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 29

The Executive Board consists of:

- President of the ISMF
- Three Vice-Presidents
- General Secretary of the ISMF

The Executive Board is responsible for carrying out all those routine duties and specific tasks that have to be fulfilled between meetings of the Management Committee. This includes in particular:

- a. to undertake administrative duties and tasks;
- b. to supervise ISMF official competitions;
- c. to supervise and co-ordinate the work of the Technical Commissions;
- d. to manage ISMF finances;
- e. to appoint an ISMF delegate for ISMF events as necessary;
- f. to initiate and undertake negotiations with third parties;



All statements and contracts which bind the ISMF must be signed by the President and one other member of the Executive Board. In case of absence, the President may be replaced by another member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board is responsible for the functioning of the administrative office of the ISMF. All permanent employees are hired by the Executive Board and employed in accordance with the annual budget.

Article 30

The Executive Board meets as often as business requires. Decisions are taken by a simple majority, the President having the casting vote in the event of a tie.

The Executive Board may take decisions by correspondence and/or by any other means of communication, including electronic systems. To be valid, decisions taken in this way have to be approved by a minimum of three officers.

The other Management Committee members are replaced, in case of resignation or inability, at the next Plenary Assembly by vote for the remaining time of the 4-year term.

THE PRESIDENT

Article 31

The President chairs all meetings of the Plenary Assembly, the Management Committee and the Executive Board. He represents ski mountaineering competition in all important matters, especially those pertaining to the IOC and other International organisations.

The President may, from time to time, delegate various aspects of ISMF management to other members of the Management Committee.

The President, or a Board member designated by the President, is entitled to attend and participate in all Commission meetings, but without vote.

The President, if re-elected, can stay on only for two consecutive mandates.

Article 32

If the President is prevented from attending a meeting of the Management Committee or a Plenary Assembly, the Management Committee will appoint one of the Vice Presidents to chair those meetings. In case of resignation, inability, death or disability of the President, the Vice-President-Treasurer shall assume the President's duties until the next Plenary Assembly, which will elect a new president for the remaining time of the 4 year term. Should the Vice-President-Treasurer in turn be unable to fulfil his/her obligations, the Vice-President-Sport & Events and/or the member of the Management Committee who has served on the Management Committee the longest shall assume his/her duties and convene an Extraordinary Plenary Assembly in order to elect appropriate replacements.

CONTINENTAL COUNCILS

Article 33

The Plenary Assembly may allow the formation of Continental Councils that are responsible for the administration, development and furtherance of ski mountaineering in the same continent or in a geographical entity. They comply with and enforce the rules and regulations of ISMF and co-operate with the ISMF Bodies. They organise continental championships and other competitions in their area under the supervision and approval of the ISMF.

The Statutes and Regulations of Continental Councils must be submitted to the Management Committee for approval.

VI. TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

Article 34

The Management Committee appoints Technical Commissions for specific tasks, deciding of the number of its members depending on the purpose of the Commission.

The mandate of each Commission is reviewed by the Management Committee to determine its future validity and effectiveness. Members of these Commissions are proposed by Member associations and appointed by the Management Committee. Their membership expires at end of the term of the Management Committee.

Each Commission is directed by one of its members (President), who is appointed by the Management Committee.

ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION AND APPEALS

Article 35

The function of the Anti-Doping Commission is to ensure that the ISMF's rules and activities comply with the World Anti-Doping Code. The Anti-Doping Commission assists to develop and implement an Anti-Doping Policy & Procedures according to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Decisions of the Anti-Doping Commission may only be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (in Lausanne, Switzerland). The procedure before the Court of Arbitration for Sport takes place according to its regulations.

Rules concerning this Commission are set out in a regulation made by the Plenary Assembly.

All the costs of the Anti-Doping commission, including the travel and accommodation costs of its members, shall be borne by the Athlete concerned by an adverse analytical



doping finding or by its National Federation, regardless of the decision issued by the Commission.

The Anti-Doping commission is composed of seven members, who are elected by the Plenary Assembly on the recommendation of the Management Committee; in each Anti-Doping case, the Commission consists of three members, chosen by its President, depending, amongst other, on the availability of the Members to sit in the particular case and of its independence toward the concerned athlete.

The Commission members travel and accommodation expenses, except for the representative from the Management Committee, have to be paid by the respective National Federation, with regards to attendance at working meetings. International meetings are the responsibility of the ISMF.

INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

Article 36

The function of the International Disciplinary Commission is to investigate and take appropriate action following any complaint concerning breach of rules written in the Statutes and in all other ISMF regulations approved by the Plenary Assembly and the Management Committee ISMF (including the ISMF Anti-Doping Rules) or misconduct.

Decisions of the International Disciplinary Commission may only be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (in Lausanne, Switzerland). The procedure before the Court of Arbitration for Sport takes place according to its regulations.

Rules concerning this Commission are set out in a regulation made by the Plenary Assembly.

All the costs of the International Disciplinary commission, including the travel and accommodation costs of its members, shall be borne by the Athlete concerned by the disciplinary procedure, or by its National Federation, regardless of the decision issued by the Commission.

The Commission members travel and accommodation expenses will be charged to the complainant/s in case of legal proceedings.

The Commission members travel and accommodation expenses, except for the representative from the Management Committee, have to be paid by the respective National Federation, with regards to attendance at working meetings. International meetings are the responsibility of the ISMF.

The International Disciplinary Commission is composed of five members, who are appointed by the Plenary Assembly on the recommendation of the Management Committee.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Article 37

Disputes arising under the ISMF Statutes or otherwise will be dealt with under the procedure and rules set out in a regulation made by the Plenary Assembly.

The final determination of a dispute can only be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (in Lausanne, Switzerland). The procedure before the Court of Arbitration for Sport takes place according to its regulations. The decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport will be final and there will be no further appeal possible.

ATHLETES COMMISSION

Article 38

The Athletes Commission provides a permanent liaison between active athletes and the ISMF. Its composition and functioning are stipulated in the Athletes Commission and Athletes Representatives Regulation.

FINANCES

Article 39

All funds or other property of the ISMF shall be applied to the furtherance of the objectives of the ISMF.

The ISMF will finance its own activities through sources such as:

- a. Membership and subscription fees of its Members;
- b. The fees for the organization and for the authorization of official Competitions;
- c. Any other sources that may be available (sponsorships, TV rights, donations, etc.).

Article 40

The activities of all bodies of ISMF are conducted without remuneration of the individuals who serve thereon. The expenses of the Executive Board, the Management Committee and the Commissions are borne by the ISMF according to the present Statutes and to regulations of the Management Committee.

Within approved budgets, the Plenary Assembly of the ISMF and the Management Committee are empowered to authorize payment of fees and expenses to individuals and/or organizations to provide specific professional service or advice.

Article 41

The financial year of the ISMF shall annually run from 1 January until 31 December.

Article 42

The Plenary Assembly of the ISMF shall receive and approve annual budgets detailing the forecast income from all sources and the proposed annual expenditure and shall establish and maintain financial accounting system and produce annual accounts audited by the certified Auditor, appointed by the Plenary Assembly of the ISMF.

Article 43

Only the assets of the ISMF can be used to settle ISMF liabilities and obligations. Member associations of the ISMF are not personally liable for the debts and obligations of the ISMF.

No funds or other property of ISMF shall be paid to, or distributed among, the Members Associations of the ISMF.

Article 44

The basic currency for annual accounting purposes will be the Euro.

VII. DISSOLUTION OF ISMF

Article 45

A three quarter majority of the ISMF members may propose the dissolution of the ISMF. The dissolution becomes effective on approval of the proposal by a three quarter majority at the Plenary Assembly, providing that at least two third of the members entitled to vote are present or represented at the Plenary Assembly. The disposal of the assets of the ISMF shall be decided by the Plenary Assembly dissolving the ISMF and shall be in keeping with the aims of the ISMF and transferred to a tax exempt Swiss legal entity.

Approved by the Management Committee on 09th February 2013.

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