

# **STATUTES**

## **OF THE WORLD SNOWBOARD FEDERATION**

### **(WSF)**

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## **PART I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 1**

#### **Establishment and name of the organisation**

The World Snowboard Federation (hereinafter the WSF) has been established as an organisation with a foreign element pursuant to Act No. 116/1985 Coll., as amended. The establishment of the WSF is conditioned by the permit - decision of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic.

### **Article 2**

#### **Objectives**

The mission of the WSF is to support the development of the sport of snowboarding and to strengthen friendly relations connecting those who go in for this sport. The WSF will work as a non-profit organisation.

Objectives of the WSF:

1. Support and develop all forms of snowboarding all over the world;
2. Protect and support the rights and the personality of its members;
3. Develop an educational programme and create measures for further development and assistance;
4. Support the organisation of national, amateur and professional competitions, authorise or manage regional and world championships in co-operation with the organisation members or by allocating to the organisation members;
5. Work together with duly recognised associations with the aim of supporting snowboarding;
6. Create and control the competition rules, technical support and other services that are needed by the members and their co-operating organisations.

### **Article 3**

#### **No discrimination**

WSF activity is irreconcilable with any form of political, religious, racial, nationality or sex discrimination.

### **Article 4**

#### **Registered office**

The WSF will have its registered office in the Czech Republic in Prague - address: Strakonická 2860/4, 150 00 Prague 5.

### **Article 5**

#### **Sign**

The sign of the organisation is specified in the Appendix to the Statutes.

### **Article 6**

#### **Language**

The official working language is English.

The use of other working languages can be permitted by the Board at the General Assemblies or by the chairperson on other occasions.

## **Article 7 Interpretation**

In these Statutes, regulations and in any documents issued by the WSF - unless otherwise required by the context - any words referring to the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender as well. For instance, the word “chairman” includes also reference to “chairwoman”.

## **PART II – MEMBERSHIP**

### **Article 8 Members**

1. The members of the WSF are national snowboarding associations and affiliated members. Riders and their professional associations can be affiliated members.
2. The worldwide membership is divided into 4 regions:  
Asia  
Europe  
North America  
Southern hemisphere

### **Article 9 Voting members**

1. Voting rights at the General Assemblies pertain only to those national snowboarding associations which are the members of the WSF.
2. Riders are entitled to attend and participate in any General Assembly (GA) but they have no voting rights.
3. Each national association has votes according to the number of its members as at 30 April of the respective year based on the following scheme:  
A national association with 1-1,000 members has 1 vote; a national association with 1,001-2,000 members has 2 votes; a national association with 2,001-4,000 members has 3 votes; a national association with 4,001-8,000 members has 4 votes; a national association with 8,001-16,000 members has 5 votes; a national association with 16,001-32,000 members has 6 votes; a national association with 32,001-64,000 members has 7 votes; and a national association with more than 64,000 members has 8 votes.

### **Article 10 Affiliated members**

Any organisation wishing to affiliate to the WSF can become an affiliated member if it is adopted as such by the Board and the GA. Affiliated members have no voting rights.

### **Article 11 Honorary members**

At the suggestion of the Board, any person who devoted certain endeavour to assist the WSF in achieving its objectives can become an honorary member.

Honorary members are exempt from membership fees and remain life-long members unless their being excluded pursuant to Article 17 of the Statutes or leaving the WSF.

## **Article 12**

### **Adoption of members**

Any national snowboarding association wishing to become a member has to do the following:

1. Submit a formal application to the Board at least one month before the date of a GA;
2. Submit along with its application also a copy of its Statutes and a detailed report on the activities of the organisation;
3. Accept a formal commitment to observe the WSF Statutes and regulations;
4. Undertake to follow the decisions of the bodies within the WSF and to settle contingent disputes regarding such decisions exclusively by means of the local competent district court in the Czech Republic;
5. Undertake to bind its member clubs and their members by the obligations specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 above in all the areas falling within the WSF's sphere of activity;
6. Assume the obligation to join the WSF services (web-site, Ranking List, Tech.com - the Board secretariat technical background, etc.) and send any information and statistics requested by the WSF;
7. Be accepted by voting of the GA, which necessitates the consent of the majority of the represented voting members.

Applicants wishing to become members will complete a specific form issued by the WSF and send their applications to the Board.

## **Article 13**

### **Rights and obligations of the members**

The voting members are entitled, in particular, to suggest candidates to the WSF bodies, participate by means of their delegates in the GA's and elect the respective WSF bodies; all members are entitled, in particular, to participate in the competitions managed by the WSF, utilise the WSF technical support, share all other benefits resulting from the membership and leave the WSF.

All members - except for honorary members - are obliged, in particular, to take an active part in the WSF activities and to pay regularly the membership fees. All members are obliged to observe the WSF Statutes and regulations, follow the decisions of the WSF bodies and develop friendly relations inside the WSF.

## **Article 14**

### **Notification of changes**

Any WSF member will notify the Board immediately of any changes made in their statuses, regulations or statutes.

## **Article 15**

### **Resignation**

Any member organisation wishing to resign its membership in the WSF will notify the Board of its resignation without delay by registered mail. The Board will inform immediately the remaining member organizations about any submitted resignation.

## **Article 16**

### **Membership contribution**

All the WSF members (except for honorary members) will pay the annual membership fee whose amount will be fixed by the Board and approved by the GA annually. This membership fee will be due and payable by 1 May each year.

## **Article 17**

### **Overdue membership fee**

If a member fails to pay the membership fee, its membership can be suspended by the Board or it can be excluded by the GA. In the event of a default in payment of the membership fees, the respective member loses its voting right as of 2 May of the respective year until the settlement of the fee.

## **Article 18**

### **Exclusion**

If a member ceases to fulfil the terms and conditions stipulated for the WSF membership and fails to remedy the situation by the date specified by the Board or if it breaks the obligations resulting from the membership or, as the case may be, if there are other justified reasons, such a member can be excluded by the GA.

## **PART III - MANAGEMENT**

## **Article 19**

### **Management**

The WSF will be managed by:

1. The Preparatory Committee
2. The General Assembly
3. The Board

## **Article 20**

### **The Preparatory Committee**

Members of the preparatory committee:

1. Libor Votruba, personal number 720802/2569, born 2/8/1972, permanent address Křížkovského 148, 460 13 Liberec 13, Czech Republic;
2. Steinar Arvesen, personal number 0404745 31704, born 4/7/1945, permanent address Ringstabekkv. 90, 1358 Jar, Norway;
3. Jaroslav Boček, personal number 780502/0432, born 2/5/1978, permanent address Štětínská 356, 181 00 Prague 8, Czech republic.

The representative authorised to act for the Preparatory Committee is Mr. Libor Votruba.

The Preparatory Committee shall act on behalf of the organisation until the meeting of the first WSF GA and the constitution of the WSF Board. The Preparatory Committee will execute the powers of the election committee for the first GA.

The Preparatory Committee is entitled to summon the first GA and until its meeting accept the WSF members on the basis of its written acceptance of the written applications of the applicants.

## **Article 21**

### **The General Assembly**

The General Assembly (GA) will be the supreme body of the WSF.

## **Article 22**

### **Participants and chairmanship**

The GA will be attended by the delegates of the national snowboarding associations and the riders who are members of the WSF.

The GA will be chaired by the President or in the case of his/her absence by the Vice-president.

## **Article 23**

### **Regular General Assembly**

The delegates of the national snowboarding associations and the riders who are members of the WSF will meet annually at a regular GA to be held in May or June of the respective year.

## **Article 24**

### **Obligations of the regular General Assembly**

The regular GA will:

1. Appoint a secretary to take the minutes;
2. Appoint 2 persons to confirm and sign the minutes;
3. Approve the votes and proxies;
4. Approve the agenda;
5. Appoint the scrutineers for the term of the GA;
6. Approve the minutes of the previous GA;
7. Approve the reports of the President and the Board;
8. Approve the reports from each region and each commission;
9. Approve the financial and audit reports;
10. Approve the accounts;
11. Approve the annual membership fee as determined by the Board;
12. Approve the budget for the following year;
13. Assess and vote on the applications for new membership;
14. Elect the president, Vice-president and treasurer;
15. Elect up to 3 additional members of the Board;
16. Elect a qualified auditor;
17. Elect a Controlling Committee of 3 qualified members;
18. Elect the Election Committee for the next GA;
19. Discuss or vote on any other issue on the agenda, which is presented in writing and distributed to the members together with the agenda;
20. No other issues can be added to the agenda and decided upon.

## **Article 25**

### **Extraordinary General Assembly**

An Extraordinary GA can be summoned by the Board on its own initiative or if requested in writing with reasoning by members holding at least 50% of votes; the members must be informed of its date in writing at least 15 days in advance. The Extraordinary GA has the same powers as the regular GA and it is exclusively authorised to vote on the dissolution of the WSF.

## **Article 26**

### **Notice of summoning and agenda**

The Board will send a notice of GA summoning to all members at least 6 weeks before the date of the GA. The members will be asked in the notice to submit by a letter, fax or e-mail any specific suggestions, which

should be included in the agenda. This letter, fax or e-mail must be received by the Board at least 4 weeks before the date of the GA.

The Board will send the GA agenda at least 2 weeks before the date of the GA.

If possible, various news and any other remarks regarding the issues will be sent along with the agenda. The account statement, the financial report, the proposed budget and any proposals to be decided on will be sent along with the agenda.

The minutes of the GA will be sent to all members within one month after the end of the GA.

## **Article 27**

### **Reports**

The GA can nominate individuals who will present reports on the issues on the agenda. The GA can also request the Board to submit its opinions on the issues with respect of which further consideration will be requested.

## **Article 28**

### **Effective date of the decisions**

Unless determined otherwise by the GA, the elections and decisions of the GA will take effect from 1 July after the accomplishment of the relevant GA.

## **Article 29**

### **Members of the Board**

The Board will be formed by a maximum of 7 members.

The Board will consist of the President, the Vice-president, the treasurer, the non-voting paid CEO and a maximum of 3 other members.

## **Article 30**

### **Election of the Board members**

The President and two members of the Board are elected for two years and the remaining Board members - except for the CEO - are elected for one year. The members of the Board are entitled to be elected repeatedly.

Except for the CEO, the Board members are honorary officials.

The names of the candidates to be elected as the Board members must be proposed by the WSF members to the Election Committee at least 30 days before the date of the GA. The Committee must present its opinion on the candidates to the GA and notify the WSF members of the opinion in writing at least 2 weeks before the date of the GA.

Persons who are employed and paid by the WSF are not entitled to be elected - except for the CEO.

## **Article 31**

### **Obligations of the Board**

The Board will be the executive body of the WSF.  
Its obligations include:

1. Ensure the fulfilment of the decisions taken by the GA;



2. Ensure adherence to the Statutes, regulations and any other documents of the WSF;
3. Determine the obligations of the individual members of the Board, the Commissions and the Committees;
4. Accept new applications for the WSF membership and submit them to the GA for decision;
5. Decide on any proposal of the Commissions;
6. Keep the members informed on the WSF matters at the request of any member.  
Any justified request with respect to the Board shall be responded within 4 weeks;
7. Take any decisions according to the circumstances in the interest of the sport of snowboarding. The voting members can request that the decisions taken within the Board be re-considered at the next GA to be held after such decisions;
8. Appoint and remove the CEO, define and supervise his/her activity and fix his/her remuneration;
9. Appoint annually the chairperson and the members of the Commissions;
10. Appoint annually the chairperson of the Election Committee;
11. Elect the next city or area to host the WSF Championship;
12. Determine the venue and date of the next GA;
13. Determine the amount of the annual membership fee.
14. The President is entitled to sign any contracts on behalf of the WSF.
15. The President and the CEO are entitled to make transactions from the WSF account up to the sum specified by the Board. Transactions above the set limit must be approved in advance in writing by another member of the Board.  
Any important contracts will be read and voted on by all of the WSF Board members because responsibility is borne by each and every one of them.
16. The meetings of the Board will be called by the President or by 4 members of the Board by a notice sent to each member of the Board at least 4 weeks in advance. The invitation to the meeting will be in writing and will contain the agenda and the necessary documents for effective decision-making.
17. Voting in writing or by use of the means of communication technology outside the meeting of the Board is allowed. The Board will decide whether the decision-making will be made by e-mail or by fax under specific conditions.
18. The Board will meet at least twice a year.

### **Obligations of the Commissions**

The appointed Commissions will work independently in accordance with the instructions and budgets allocated by the Board.

### **Obligations of the auditors**

The elected auditors examine the economic activity of the WSF independently of the CEO. The auditor submits a written report at the GA or otherwise at the request of the Board.

## **Article 32**

### **Obligations of the President**

1. The President manages, controls and acts on behalf of the WSF.
2. In co-operation with the Board and the GA, he/she defines the policy to be followed by the WSF.
3. To support his/her goal, the President takes initiative and motivates the creativity of the Board and the GA. He/she invites the accepted members to actively contribute and promote their contributions to the development of the sport of snowboarding.
4. He/she represents the WSF in dealings with third parties, in particular with other national and international sports organisations, such as the IOC, other international federations, such as the ASOIF, the GAISF, the NOC and the WSF national federations, etc.
5. He/she chairs the GA and the meetings of the Board.
6. He/she decides on issues that have to be decided without delay.

### **Article 33**

#### **Obligations of the Vice-president**

1. The Vice-president will fulfil the obligations entrusted to him/her by the President.
2. The Vice-president is liable for representing the WSF when the President cannot do so or if asked by the Board.
3. The Vice-president will work on special allocated locations, in working groups, etc. These allocated locations or working groups can be related to the WSF's internal matters or its relations with other authorities.

### **Article 34**

#### **Obligations of the Treasurer**

1. The Treasurer is liable for the WSF's financial management and supervises the activity of the CEO in this respect.
2. The Treasurer agrees and approves the accounting procedures for the Board and the WSF administration.
2. He/she supervises the preparation of the annual budget and the annual accounts and submits them to the GA.
3. He/she holds consultations with the CEO and the President in the process of approving the WSF's financial investments and the management of foreign exchange and other risks.
4. He/she approves the financial aspects of important agreements and contracts.
5. He/she is liable for keeping the Board informed about the WSF's financial situation and accounts.

### **Article 35**

#### **The CEO**

The CEO is appointed by the Board if it is possible with respect to the budget.  
The CEO will be supported by the administration staff.

### **Article 36**

#### **Obligations of the CEO**

1. The CEO will be liable for the effective management of the WSF within the scope of the policy and the objectives approved by the WSF Board.
2. He/she will work within the limits of the authorisations and the budget as approved by the Board and the GA.
3. He/she will be responsible to the Board and will report to the Board through the President.
4. He/she will select and employ the WSF staff within the labour scheme and the budget approved by the Board.
5. He/she will be liable for effective relations with the President, the chairpersons of the commissions and the members.
6. He/she will prepare the annual business plan upon consultations with the President, the treasurer and chairpersons of the commissions.

7. He/she can represent the WSF if authorised by the President.

## **PART IV - VOTING**

The provisions mentioned in this Part IV of the Statutes shall apply to any voting taking place within the GA, the Board, the Commissions and other bodies.

### **Article 37 Vote**

The vote will be taken by show of hands unless any member of the relevant body requires secret vote. In the case of equality of votes, the President has the decisive casting vote. The CEO has no voting right.

The members cannot vote on issues relating to their personal business relations with the WSF and in other cases of conflict of interests.

### **Article 38 Authorised representative**

If a WSF member cannot participate in the GA through the representatives of the national snowboarding associations it can give a written power of attorney to a third party to represent it at the GA.

The power of attorney must be signed for the mandator by an authorised person and its signature must be officially certified (e.g. by a notary public). The power of attorney must be submitted before the beginning of the GA. The Board is entitled to reject any power of attorney that fails to be formally correct or if there are justified doubts about its validity.

Each mandatary (proxy) is entitled to represent one member only.

### **Article 39 Majority**

Any decision will be taken on the basis of a majority of valid votes cast in each voting. Abstaining from voting is not considered to be a vote. If further voting is necessary in an election, the candidate who got the least number of valid votes in each voting will be excluded until one candidate gets a majority of the valid votes cast.

This voting method will apply also in similar situations, such as the nomination of an organisation for the WSF Championship.

### **Article 40 Quorum**

Unless provided otherwise, a decision will be valid regardless of the number of present and/or represented members.

## **PART V - JUDICIAL PROTECTION**

### **Article 41 Judicial protection**

If a decision of any of the WSF bodies against which there is no remedy pursuant to the Statutes is considered by any WSF member to be unlawful or inconsistent with the Statutes, such a member can - within 30 days from the date when the member got to know about such a decision but not later than 6

months after the decision - request the local competent district court in the Czech Republic to determine whether such a decision complies with the law and the Statutes.

## **PART VI - CHANGE OF THE STATUTES AND DISSOLUTION**

### **Article 42 Change of the Statutes**

A change of the Statutes can be made only by the regular GA or the Extraordinary GA if the present members and/or representatives represent at least 50% of the total number of votes. If this voting limit is not fulfilled another Extraordinary GA can be summoned by a written notice sent to all the members at least 4 weeks before its date at which a decision can be taken by a majority of the present votes.

### **Dissolution**

The WSF can be dissolved only with the consent of the members representing at least four-fifths of the valid votes cast at an Extraordinary GA summoned specially for this purpose. In addition, a quorum of two-thirds of all members is necessary.

### **Article 43 Assets**

If a proposal for dissolution of the WSF is approved, the Board will be entitled to release the WSF's assets, which will be distributed equally among the WSF members with voting rights.

None of the WSF members will be entitled to any share in the assets and any member who ceases to be the WSF member will lose its right to any WSF assets.

### **Article 44 Final provisions**

The Statutes were approved by the Preparatory Committee at its meeting on 24 January 2005 in Prague and come into effect as of the date of the permit to establish the organisation (WSF) issued by the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic.

The legal relations of the WSF shall be governed by the law of the Czech Republic.

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Libor Votruba  
for the Preparatory Committee  
of the World Snowboard Federation