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PART I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1 NAME, COMPOSITION AND HEADQUARTERS

The "World Snowboard Federation", founded at Prague on 24 January, 2005, is the international association of snowboarding organizations. It functions in accordance with these Articles of Association and is governed also by the provisions of the Swiss Civil Code

Under the name World Snowboard Federation, International Snowboard Federation, Federazione Mondiale di Snowboard, Fédération Mondiale de Snowboard, Federación Mundial de Snowboard and in accordance with the present Statutes an association is in existence. Its membership consists of National Snowboard Associations having approved these Statutes and having been affiliated as members.

The World Snowboard Federation is constituted as a continuation of the International Snowboard Federation, appropriating all the legacy and intellectual creation of the International Snowboard Federation.

The name, World Snowboard Federation, will be abbreviated in all languages as WSF.

In the present Statutes the term "Snowboard" includes all related equipment as for instance Sandboard.

The headquarters of WSF shall be in the country where the President resides or any other place proposed by him and approved by the Federation

The WSF uses the following logograms.



It can create other logograms. The WSF reserves all rights for the use and the disposal of its logograms.

ARTICLE 2 OBJECTIVES OF THE WSF

The WSF aims:

1. To promote the sport of snowboarding and to supervise and direct the development of all snowboarding activities;
2. Work together with duly recognized associations with the aim of supporting snowboarding
3. To Support and develop all forms of snowboarding all over the world;
4. To establish and maintain friendly relations with and between the Member Associations;
5. To support within its possibilities the objectives of Member Associations;
6. To Support the organization of national, amateur and professional competitions, authorize or manage regional and world championships in co-operation with the organization members or by allocating to the organization members;

7. To promote the cooperation and mutual understanding between athletes from all countries;
8. To organize World Snowboarding Championships, World and Continental Cups, as well as other competitions which are approved by the WSF General Assembly or the Board, and to decide which international snowboarding competitions are officially recognized;
9. To recognize only those international competitions which comply with the Statutes and Rules of the WSF and to ensure that those Statutes and Rules are observed at such competitions;
10. To establish Rules for all snowboarding competitions approved by the WSF
11. To promote the spirit of the Olympic Movement and respect the Olympic Charter
12. To fight against doping in the sport of snowboarding and implement Anti-Doping Rules in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code to do so;
13. To prepare Rules and make recommendations for recreational snowboarding;
14. To monitor and enforce the application of those rules by the Continental/Regional Committees and the member federations
15. To Develop educational programs and create measures for further development and assistance;
16. To establish training courses for all WSF officials in order to guarantee the highest possible standards for all WSF officials;
17. To award licenses and contracts to WSF members and other organizations that seek authority to organize official international snowboarding competitions and associated activities;
18. To generally promote the sport of snowboarding as recreational and leisure sport in the interest of all riders and especially as a healthy activity for children and youth;
19. To take all possible steps to avoid accidents;
20. To take into consideration the protection of environment and to take care of external relations.

ARTICLE 3 NEUTRALITY

The WSF is neutral. The WSF does not allow any discrimination of and by a National Snowboard Association, a club or an individual member for political, racial or religious reasons. The WSF promotes and support with all means gender equality in its activities.

The WSF respects the autonomy of its affiliated National Snowboard Associations.

ARTICLE 4 JURISDICTION

The WSF is the supreme authority in all matters concerning the sport of snowboarding.

The WSF cooperates with United Nations, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Paralympic Committee (IPC), TTR Pro-Snowboarding and other international sport organizations.

ARTICLE 5 LANGUAGES

The official language of the WSF is English; for interpretations of the Statutes, Rules and decisions the English text prevails.

Each General Assembly decides which of these languages shall be the working languages of the next General Assembly.

PART II – MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 6 MEMBERS

Membership in the WSF is open to associations being actively involved in snowboarding.

MEMBERS of the WSF will be Associations which act as the national representatives of the sport of snowboarding in their countries.

- a) Only one association from each country (that is from each autonomous state) can be affiliated as a full member of the WSF;
- b) The admission fee for members is fixed by the Plenary Assembly of WSF

ARTICLE 7 VOTING RIGHTS

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:

Associations with 3- 199 members 1 vote

Associations with 200 – 799 members 2 votes

Associations with 800 – 2999 members 3 votes

Associations with 3000 – 9999 members 4 votes

Associations with 10000 and more members 5 votes

Each nation has a chance to get more votes based on

- One vote extra per three years member of WSF – years with voting rights count
- One vote extra for organizing a Rookie national cup with minimum 4 events approved as WSF 1 star (or higher) events – (under 18 competitions)
- One vote extra for organizing an Open National cup (with both men and women divisions) with minimum 4 events approved as WSF 1 star (or higher) events and minimum one event approved as WSF 2 star (or higher) event (finals)
- One vote extra for having an “active” running Adaptive Snowboard Program (hosting of a national championships, supporting athletes competing at internationally recognized competition, and demonstrating frequent and widespread sport specific opportunities for athletes with a disability).

Minimum requirements for having voting right at the GA:

- 1) All fee ready paid to WSF
- 2) The NSA is represented with delegate at GA

3) No debit in WSF

4) Member of WSF minimum one year (not able to vote first year in application process)

2010 GA approved the above voting criteria with a maximum of 5 votes per nation.

ARTICLE 8 ASSOCIATE AND ASPIRING MEMBERSHIP

Any organization wishing to be part of the WSF can be accepted as an associate member of the WSF. Any National Snowboarding Association with the commitment to fulfil the requirements to achieve the full membership can be accepted as Aspiring member for the term of 2 years.

The Associate and Aspiring member has the right to participate in the General Assembly without right to make proposals or to vote and to enter riders in the WSF competitions. The Associate and Aspiring member does not pay the annual subscription. Otherwise, the associate member has the same duties as a full member

ARTICLE 9 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER AWARDS

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 15 of the Statutes or leaving the WSF.

Other awards may be conferred by the Board.

ARTICLE 10 AFFILIATION OF MEMBERS

A National Snowboarding Association can be affiliated as a member if it represents the majority of the snowboarders in that country.

Only one snowboarding organization (one National Snowboarding Association) from each country (that is from each autonomous state) can become a member of the WSF, usually under the name it is known in its own country.

A National Snowboarding Association wishing to become a member of the WSF must apply in writing to the Board. Accompanying this application there must be a copy of the National Association's statutes and snowboarding competition rules in English – in order to prove that they conform with the WSF Statutes and Rules – as well as a statement giving the number of its affiliated clubs and the total number of individual members of the affiliated clubs.

With the submission of an application for membership, the National Snowboarding Association declares that it will observe the Duties according to these Statutes.

Decisions on applications for membership of the WSF are made by the General Assembly. If the Council agrees to the application of a new Member Association during the period between two

General Assemblies, the Association may be accepted as a temporary member of the WSF. To be final, the decision must be ratified by the next General Assembly

ARTICLE 11 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, utilize 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 12 NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES

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

ARTICLE 13 RESIGNATION

Any member organization 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 14 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 October each year.

ARTICLE 15 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 October of the respective year until the settlement of the fee.

ARTICLE 16 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 – ORGANIZATION OF WSF

ARTICLE 17 BODIES

The WSF consists of the following bodies:

1. General Assembly
2. Board
3. Continental / Regional Committees.
4. Sport Department
5. Technical Commissions
6. Anti-doping, disciplinary and appeals commissions
7. Athlete's commission
8. Para snowboarding commission

ARTICLE 18 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

ARTICLE 19 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 20 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 21 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 22 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 authorized to vote on the dissolution of the WSF.

ARTICLE 23 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 24 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 25 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE DECISIONS

Unless determined otherwise by the GA, the elections and decisions of the GA will take effect 30 days following the completion of the GA.

ARTICLE 26 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Board consists of 7 voting members plus deputy board member.

The Board will consist of the President, two Vice-presidents, the Treasurer, and a maximum of 3 other members. Verein Ticket to ride (TTR) Pro Snowboarding Representative without vote, and Athlete's Representative.

ARTICLE 27 ELECTION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

The President and the members of the Board are elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years. The Board will then determine the other executive positions – Vice-President(s) and Treasurer - within the elected Board members. Board members are re-eligible at will.

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.

ARTICLE 28 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 annually the chairperson and the members of the Commissions;
9. Appoint annually the chairperson of the Election Committee;
10. Elect the next city or area to host the WSF Championship;
11. Determine the venue and date of the next GA;
12. Determine the amount of the annual membership fee.
13. The President is entitled to sign any contracts on behalf of the WSF.
14. The President and The Secretary General 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.

15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.

The function of the Anti-Doping Commission is to ensure that the WSF complies with the World Anti-Doping Code. Its rules will comply with the World Anti-Doping Code.

The function of the Disciplinary Commission is to investigate and take appropriate action following any complaint concerning breach of rules (including the WSF Anti-Doping Rules) or misconduct.

The function of the Appeals Commission is to decide appeals from decisions taken by the Disciplinary Commission.

Rules concerning these Commissions and their rules are set out in a regulation made by the General Assembly.

Decisions of the Appeal Commission may 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 International Court of Arbitration for Sport will be final and there will be no further appeal from it.

Obligations of the auditors

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

ARTICLE 29 OBLIGATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT

1. The President represents the WSF in all important matters, especially in negotiations with the IOC and other international organizations.
2. The President chairs and directs the General Assembly and the Board Meetings
3. The President decides on issues that have to be decided without delay

ARTICLE 30 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 31 OBLIGATIONS OF THE TREASURER

1. The Treasurer is responsible to establish and implement the WSF budget, to act as the WSF financial representative, to supervise the financial management and to report the financial situation to the Board and the General Assembly
2. The Treasurer agrees and approves the accounting procedures for the Board and the WSF Administration, supervises the preparation of the annual budget and the annual accounts and submits them to the GA, holds consultations with the President in the process of approving the WSF's financial investments and the management of foreign exchange and other risks.
3. The Treasurer approves the financial aspects of important agreements and contracts.

ARTICLE 32 ATHLETE'S REPRESENTATIVE

The Athlete's representative provides a permanent liaison between active athletes and the WSF

One representative appointed by the Athletes' Commission is elected by the General Assembly as member of the Executive Board

Composition and functioning of the Athletes' Commission are described in the relevant regulations as approved by the General Assembly.

PART IV - VOTING

ARTICLE 33 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 members cannot vote on issues relating to their personal business relations with the WSF and in other cases of conflict of interests.

ARTICLE 34 AUTHORIZED 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 authorized 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 mandatory (proxy) is entitled to represent one member only.

ARTICLE 35 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 organization for the WSF Championship.

ARTICLE 36 QUORUM

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

PART V – FINANCES

ARTICLE 37 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

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

The General Assembly of the WSF 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 accredited Auditor, appointed by the General Assembly of the WSF.

The financial year of the WSF shall run from the 1st January to the 31st December annually.
Only the assets of the WSF can be used to settle WSF liabilities and obligations. Any liability of the Member Associations is excluded.

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

PART VI - CHANGE OF THE STATUTES AND DISSOLUTION

ARTICLE 38 CHANGE OF THE STATUTES – PROPOSAL

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 39 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 40 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Disputes arising under the WSF Statutes or otherwise will be dealt with under the procedure and rules set out in the Disciplinary and Appeals Rules.

The final determination of a dispute can 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 from it.