

STATUE OF THE MALTA FLOORBALL ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2015

1. NAME

The name of the Association is “The Malta Floorball Association” (“MFbA”).

2. ADDRESS

The address of the Association shall be

***c/o The General Secretary,
Villa Campanella,
F.W. Ryan Street,
Naxxar, NXR 2294,
Malta,***

or any other place designated from time to time by the Council provided that all members of the Association (the “Association members”) are given notice in writing within ten (10) days of the change in address.

3. OBJECTIVES

The Association has as its main objective the development, organisation and promotion of the sporting activity of **Floorball** in **Malta** and **Gozo** (the “**Maltese islands**”). The objectives of the Association include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) to ensure that **Floorball** in all its forms is practiced and overseen in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the Regulations (the “**Law**”) as issued from time to time by the **International Floorball Federation** (the “**IFF**”) or any other official world or European Floorball governing body or association as may be applicable from time to time;
- (b) to ensure that the Law is respected and enforced by, inter alia , setting up disciplinary boards to enforce the Law;
- (c) to be the sole authorised body in the Maltese islands to provide courses and issue the appropriate certification in accordance with the Law for any form of Floorball coaching, match officiating and playing;
- (d) to participate in and organise international competitions or games under the auspices of the IFF or any other international Floorball authority applying the Law;
- (e) to encourage and organise leagues and other competitions on a regular basis between clubs registered with the Association in accordance with the rules set by this statute;
- (f) to set up a series of matches and Floorball activities in private or public areas, for the training, instruction and entertainment of the Association’s members, supporters and generally any other enthusiasts;
- (g) to determine and apply the selection criteria for individuals to be eligible to play in all teams representing the Maltese islands on a National level and to provide all necessary resources to achieve this objective including, but not limited to, appropriate training facilities;

- (h) to obtain the services of experienced Floorball coaches and other personnel, whether local or foreign, in order to obtain the best performance and maximum benefit both physically as well as psychologically for the sportsmen involved in Floorball in the Maltese islands;
- (i) to host foreign Floorball teams to play in Malta as well as to assist clubs registered with the Association to go abroad on tours to play foreign teams;
- (j) to provide Association members and clubs registered with the Association with assistance, whether financial and otherwise, and opportunities, for meeting and discussing the latest developments concerning Floorball in general both locally and internationally;
- (k) to provide all match officials required for the playing of Floorball through the officially authorised and recognized body representing Floorball referees and other officials in Malta;
- (l) to advertise as far as possible the activities of the Association and of all the clubs registered with the Association, through all forms of media, so as to generate further interest and enthusiasm among the general public; and
- (m) to raise funds through memberships, sponsorships and fundraising events as well as by imposing fees on the clubs registered with the Association.

4. REPRESENTATION

The MFbA is the sole authorised and recognised representative in the Maltese Islands of the IFF or any other official world or European Floorball governing body or association as may be applicable from time to time.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 5.1 Membership of the Association will include club membership, and individual membership as the Council may decide from time to time.
- 5.2 Clubs are entitled to vote if they have all their fees settled by the required voting period.
- 5.3 The minimum age required for a Full Playing Senior Member to join the Association is age eighteen (18). The minimum age for a Full Playing Junior Member to join the Association is six (6) years.
- 5.4 Only clubs are eligible to vote and their vote shall represent the vote of their members.

- 5.5 For a person to be a full playing member of a club registered with the Association, that person must also be a Association full playing member and be up-to-date with any membership fees in order to play in any competitive matches.
- 5.6 All persons upon joining the Association under any of the membership categories mentioned in this article, automatically undertake:
- (i) to accept and abide by the articles of this Statute including all annexes, a copy of which can be downloaded from the Association's web site or requested from the Association General Secretary; and
 - (ii) to be subject to the payment of membership fees as may be applicable from time to time.
- 5.7 Registration under any of the membership categories shall take place on the submission and acceptance by the Association of the relevant application form, as issued by the Association from time to time, which is to be sent to the General Secretary or his/her appointed representative at the Association's registered address, with the relevant subscription fee.
- 5.8 Membership of any person or Club may be terminated if in the opinion of the Council this person or Club does not fit to be a member of the Association.

6. MEMBERSHIP FEES

- 6.1 Every member or Club of the Association shall pay an annual membership fee to the Association according to the relevant category chosen and as determined by the Association at the beginning of each season.
- 6.2 Membership fees for each membership category shall be determined by the Council at the beginning of each season.
- 6.3 The annual membership fee may be changed by the members at the members' general meeting by a simple majority of votes without prior notice to members being required.
- 6.5 The Council may award at its discretion honorary life memberships to members who have given outstanding service to the Association. Such members will not be required to pay membership fees and will enjoy all the benefits of all other members.

7. THE COUNCIL

- 7.1 The Association shall be managed by a **Council** to be elected every three **(3)** years from amongst the Association members at the annual general meeting.
- 7.2 Only voting Association members can be appointed to the Council.

- 7.3 The Council shall be composed of the: **(i) President; (ii) Vice President; (iii) General Secretary; (iv) Treasurer; (v) Public Relations Officer; (vi) the President (or his/her representative) of each of the clubs registered with the Association; (vii) the representative of the officially authorised and recognized body representing Floorball referees and other officials in Malta.**
- 7.4 The Council shall manage the Association to the best of its ability, and can regulate its own procedures.
- 7.5 The members of the Council shall not be remunerated and will carry out their duties on a voluntary basis.
- 7.6 Any vacancies arising during the Council's term of office can be replaced by co-option at the Council's discretion. Where the co-option involves the President, Secretary or Treasurer, this should be confirmed by the voting Association members at the next annual general meeting. If the voting Association members do not agree with the co-option at the next annual general meeting, then an election must be held, where nominations are taken from the voting Association members present. Only nominated members present can be elected.
- 7.7 The quorum for all Council meetings shall be one-half plus one of the total number of members in the Council. Failure to attend **four (4)** consecutive meetings by a Council member, shall empower the Council to suspend the member and replace him.
- 7.8 All decisions are to be taken by a show of hands, unless a secret vote is asked for by a Council member, and by a simple majority unless otherwise indicated, and the President shall have a casting-vote in the event of parity of votes.
- 7.9 All members of the Council must be notified of any Council Meetings at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Proxies in writing may be sent by those unable to attend and the representative will be given full voting power at the relevant meeting.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 There shall be two types of members' meetings: **(i) the annual general meeting ("AGM")** to be held preferably in the month of September in each year, with advance notice in writing, including by any electronic means, to all paid up members of at least **ten (10)** days; and **(ii) the extraordinary general meeting ("EGM")** which requires notice of **seven (7)** days.
- 8.2 Only voting Association members that are fully paid up at least **seven (7)** days before a general meeting are eligible to vote in that meeting.

- 8.3 Requests for nominations for positions on the Council are to be sent out with the notice of the AGM during which elections are to be held, and received up to **one (1)** day before the AGM.
- 8.4 In the absence of formal nominations, nominations can be made and seconded during an AGM.
- 8.5 The quorum for the AGM will be **51%** of voting members. If a quorum of members is not met by **fifteen (15)** minutes after the scheduled start of the meeting, the meeting has to be rescheduled for a suitable date.
- 8.6 An agenda shall be drawn up for each type of Association members' meeting which shall be circulated to the Association members with the notice of the meeting and it shall be adhered to. The AGM will include as its Agenda:
- (i) The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;
 - (ii) The Report of the Secretary;
 - (iii) The presentation of the accounts for the year by the Treasurer for approval;
 - (iv) The President's address;
 - (v) Election of the Council.
- 8.7 A summary of the audited financial statements will be circulated at every AGM and approved by the members present. A copy of the full audited statements should be available on the website one day prior to the AGM and a list of fully paid up Association members, as well as those who lapsed during the current year will be circulated. Voting at members meetings will be by a show of hands unless a secret vote is asked for by 51% members present in which case a secret ballot will be held.

9. AMENDMENTS

- 9.1 Any voting Association member may call an EGM by means of a written notice to this effect addressed to the General Secretary showing evidence of support of this move by no less than 51% voting Association members and the General Secretary shall call the meeting within twenty (20) days of receipt of the notice by sending out notice of the meeting and the Agenda to the members.
- 9.2 Any amendments relating to the Statute must be sent to the General Secretary to be sent to ALL members fifteen (15) days before notice of a meeting. The amendments must be circulated to all members with the amendment noted in full on the agenda or on the Association's official website in the relevant notice period.
- 9.3 Amendments will be approved by a two thirds majority vote of all voting Association members present.

10. CLUBS REGISTERED WITH THE ASSOCIATION

- 10.1 Only clubs registered with the Association may compete in leagues and competitions organized by the Association unless they comprise of clubs registered with foreign Association and are in the Maltese islands for a period of up to four (4) weeks.
- 10.2 Registration of a club shall take place on the submission of the relevant application form as issued by the Association from time to time which is to be sent to the General Secretary at the Association's registered address and after complying with the following conditions:
- (i) the club is registered with the Kunsill Malti għall-Isport or any other legally appointed body overseeing sports in Malta;
 - (ii) the club has on initial registration with the Association a minimum of ten (10) members;
 - (iii) the club has a statute which is in line with Council requirements;
 - (iv) the club recognizes MFbA as the sole governing body of Floorball in the Maltese islands; and
 - (v) the club accepts to abide by the articles of this Statute;
 - (vi) the club pays the Club Affiliation Fee as determined by the Association from time to time.
- 10.3 The Council may refuse to register a club applying to register, or terminate the registration of a club already registered with the Association, by a two thirds majority vote of the Council members, if in the opinion of the Council the club is not fit to be registered with the Association.

11. LEGAL REPRESENTATION

The legal representation of the Association shall be in the person of the President and the Secretary of the Association. They may sue or be sued in the name of the Association and generally represent the Association in ALL matters, including those related to banking and financial affairs, dealing with Government authorities or Institutions, and in any matters in so far as they have been given authority to do so by the Council under Article 7.

12. DURATION & DISSOLUTION

- 12.1 The Association is established for an indefinite period. However, if its objectives can no longer be fulfilled for any reason whatsoever, or if seventy-five per cent (75%) majority of all voting Association members so determine by extraordinary resolution taken at an EGM, the Association can be dissolved.
- 12.2 In the event of dissolution, the Association shall be wound up by a liquidator appointed by the voting Association members at the EGM who shall draw up a statement of assets and liabilities and a balance sheet, which will then be presented to a final general meeting of

voting Association members for approval. When approved, these accounts shall form the basis of a distribution of any resulting assets to any registered charity which the members may at the time decide. The liquidator shall ensure that as far as possible, all dues are collected from or distributed to, creditors or entitled parties respectively in the shortest possible time.

12.3 All voting Association members shall be deemed guarantors of the activities, rights and delegations of the Association, as represented by the Council which, by its election, is deemed to enjoy the confidence of the membership and to act as its delegate for all intents and purposes of law.

12.4 Wherever possible, insurance shall be purchased to cover all envisaged liabilities and obligations.

Signed:

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