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I GENERAL GUIDELINES

ARTICLE 1 TITLE AND CONSTITUTION

The International Floorball Federation (IFF) is an association consisting of the National Associations that are recognized by IFF as controlling association for Floorball in their respective countries.

ARTICLE 2 OBJECTS

The objects of the IFF are the promotion, development and organisation of Floorball world-wide.

ARTICLE 3 LEGAL SEAT

The location of the legal seat of IFF shall be determined by a resolution of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 4 NEUTRALITY

The IFF shall take steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable to prevent any discrimination against a country or an individual for reasons of race, religion or politics and gender.

ARTICLE 5 DOPING ABUSE

In case of Doping abuse within IFF activities the WADA Anti-Doping Code and the relevant IFF regulations are applicable.

ARTICLE 6 REPRESENTATION

The IFF represents International Floorball activities solely to all partners, such as public authorities, media and other exclusively.

ARTICLE 7 PUBLICATIONS

7.1 To inform its members regarding official publications and invitations, the IFF can form its own publications/medium.

7.2 Details shall be governed by an IFF regulation.

ARTICLE 8 FEDERATION'S- / FINANCIAL-YEAR

The federation's year and the financial year last from the 1st of January to the 31st of December.

II MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 9 MEMBERSHIP OF IFF WITHIN OTHER FEDERATION

- 9.1 The aim of IFF is to co-operate within the international sports community and to gain membership of international federations, such as GAISF and the IOC.
- 9.2 In differences of statutes, IFF Statutes take precedence.

ARTICLE 10 MEMBERSHIP WITHIN THE IFF

- 10.1 The membership can be recognized to all National Floorball Associations (one per nation), that aim is to promote and preserve Floorball and organize national championships.
- 10.2 The members of the IFF may not join any other International Floorball Organisation.

ARTICLE 11 TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

The IFF differentiates between ordinary members, provisional members and honorary members.

ARTICLE 12 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 12.1 An Association applying for membership shall address a written request (all documents in English) to this effect to the IFF. The application shall contain:
- a) name and address of the headquarters of the Association,**
 - b) names and addresses of the board members of the Association,**
 - c) Statutes and other Regulations of the Association,**
 - d) minutes from the foundation, and if possible,**
 - e) registration documents from their National authorities and an approval from the National Sports Confederation.**
- 12.2 A new member association shall be accepted first as a provisional member before becoming an ordinary member.

ARTICLE 13 ACQUISITION OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 13.1 The Association can be a section of another Sports Federation which is a member of the National Sports Confederation.
- 13.2 If the statutes and regulations correspond to the statutes of the IFF and the conditions for membership are fulfilled.

The provisional membership shall be granted by the CB.

- 13.3 Provisional membership shall only be granted for four years.
After a maximum of 4 years from becoming a provisional member the Association will, automatically, become an ordinary member, after a decision taken at the IFF General Assembly, if the Association in question is fulfilling the requirements of article 14.

II MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 14 ACQUISITION OF ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

- 14.1 The Association shall be a self ruled Floorball Association or a self ruled Floorball section in another Association.
- 14.2 The Association shall consist of at least 10 Clubs. Exceptions can only be granted by the CB.
- 14.3 The Association shall be the Organizer of National Floorball Championships.
- 14.4 The Association shall be member of the National Sports Confederation (Exception: if there are justifiable reasons).
- 14.5 An application for ordinary membership can also be handed in to the IFF according to article 12, paragraph 1, earlier than the four years.
- 14.6 Ordinary membership is granted by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 15 MEMBERS RIGHTS

15.1 Provisional members are entitled to:

- a) Participate at the General Assembly without voting status, but with the right to put forward motions.
- b) Participate in Continental and World Championships organized by the IFF with their National Team. Participate with their various National Teams in Championships if the requirements are fulfilled.
- c) Allow their Club Teams to participate in matches and tournaments sanctioned by the IFF, according to the Competition Regulations

15.2 Ordinary members are entitled to:

- a) Full Co-management of all IFF activities within the limits of the competence given by the Statutes. All official members have the equal rights within the IFF.
- b) Participate at the General Assembly with voting status and with the right to put forward motions.
- c) If a new regulation that has been published is opposed (within 30 days notice), a 1/3 of the members can claim the approval of it by the General Assembly.
- d) Participate in Continental and World Championships organized by the IFF with their National Team. Participate with their various National Teams in Championships if the requirements are fulfilled.
- e) Allow their Club Teams to participate in games and tournaments sanctioned by the IFF, according to the IFF Competition Regulations.

ARTICLE 16 MEMBERS DUTIES

16.1 Members shall:

- a) Be aware of the statues, regulations, decisions and other directions of the IFF and its bodies and to brief their own members on them.
- b) Omit any activities that could be detrimental to the interests and the status of Floorball in general and the IFF in particular.
- c) Fulfil the requirements of the Financial Regulations.

ARTICLE 17 LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 17.1 The membership expires by: - resignation (withdrawal)
- exclusion
- dissolution of the association
- 17.2 The expiration of membership does not dispense from any member's duties during the membership.
- 17.3 Any members lose their member's rights after the expiration of membership. They have no legitimate claim to the fortune of the IFF.

ARTICLE 18 RESIGNATION

The resignation from the IFF shall be sent to the official address of the IFF within 90 full days notice to the end of the IFF Administrative year.

ARTICLE 19 DISSOLUTION

In the case of dissolution of a National Association the membership expires at the day of the decision of dissolution.

ARTICLE 20 REACQUISITION OF MEMBERSHIP

In the case of a reapplication of a former member (National Association) it has to meet in addition to the conditions particularised in article 13 all arrears of duties.

ARTICLE 21 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- 21.1 The General Assembly may grant the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member to any individual person who has rendered meritorious service to the IFF. The CB shall submit the name of any such person to the General Assembly for approval.
- 21.2 Honorary Members shall be invited to the General Assembly and are entitled to take part in the discussions but have no voting power.
- 21.3 Honorary Members shall be freed of membership fees.

ARTICLE 22 CONFEDERATIONS

A Confederation is a group of Associations recognised by IFF that belong to the same continent or assimilable geographical region.

ARTICLE 23 RIGHTS OF CONFEDERATIONS

23.1 A Confederation shall have the following rights and obligations:

- a) to comply with and enforce compliance with the Statues, Regulations and at decisions of IFF
- b) to work closely with IFF in every domain so as to achieve the objectives stipulated in Article 2 to organise International Competitions
- c) to organise its own International and Interclub Competitions, in compliance with the international calendar
- d) to ensure that International Leagues or any other such groups of clubs or Leagues shall not be formed without its consent and the approval of IFF
- e) at the request of IFF to grant Associations applying for membership the status of a provisional member. This status shall grant Associations the right to take part in the Confederation's competitions and General Assemblies. Any other rights and obligations of the provisional member shall be regulated by the Confederation's statutes and regulations. Provisional members of the Confederation may not take part in IFF final competitions.
- f) to appoint to the Confederation Central Board members to which they are entitled in compliance with these Statues.
- g) to nurture relations and cooperation with IFF actively and constructively for the good of the Game through consultative meetings and to discuss and resolve any problems relating to the interest of the Confederations of IFF
- h) to ensure, that the representatives appointed to IFF bodies or the Confederation Central Board carry out their activities on these bodies with mutual respect, solidarity, recognition and fair play
- i) to set up committees that work closely together with the corresponding committees of IFF
- j) exceptionally to allow, with IFF's consent, an Association from another Confederation to participate in a Competition that it is organising
- k) with the mutual cooperation of IFF, to take any action considered necessary to develop the game of Floorball on the continent concerned, such as arranging development programmes, courses, conferences etc.
- l) to set up the bodies necessary to fulfil the duties incumbent upon it.
- m) to produce the funds necessary to fulfil its duties

The Central Board may delegate other duties or powers to the Confederations. To this end, IFF may conclude an appropriate agreement with each of the Confederations concerned.

The Confederations' statutes and regulations shall be submitted to IFF for approval.

III FINANCES

ARTICLE 24 REVENUES

The revenues of the IFF consist, amongst others, of:

- membership fees
- duties
- tolls
- sanction fees
- subventions, donations, gifts, legacies
- returns of trade and agreements

ARTICLE 25 MEMBERSHIP FEE

25.1 The membership fee consists of two parts: a basic fee and a fee based on the number of players in the National Association.

25.2 An ordinary member pays an ordinary members basic fee, and the player based fee.
A provisional member pays a provisional members basic fee and the player based fee.

25.3 The amounts of the fees are settled by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 26 LIABILITY

The IFF is liable for its engagements exclusively and only with its own assets. It is excluded to have a recourse to the National Associations.

IV LEGISLATIVE- / EXECUTIVE- BODIES

ARTICLE 27 TERMS

The bodies of the IFF are:

- A) The General Assembly
- B) The Central Board (CB)
- C) The Auditing
- D) The Disciplinary Committee (DC)
- E) The Appeal Committee (AC)

A THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ARTICLE 28 ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 28.1 The General Assembly is the supreme body of the IFF. An Ordinary General Assembly shall be held, every two years, in April – June in even years.
- 28.2 The General Assembly shall be announced by the CB at latest 90 full days in advance. The summons to the General Assembly together with the agenda, the CB reports, the financial report, auditors report, budget, nominations and any motions and proposals of the National Associations shall be sent to the National Associations at latest 30 full days in advance.

ARTICLE 29 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 29.1 The CB or a 1/3 of the ordinary member Associations can claim the summoning of an Extraordinary General Assembly.
- 29.2 The Extraordinary General Assembly shall be held within 90 full days since the service of the claim. The procedure shall be equal to the one of the Ordinary General Assembly.

ARTICLE 30 NOMINATIONS, MOTIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 30.1 Candidates for election to any office in the IFF shall be nominated to the official address of the IFF at latest 60 full days in advance of the General Assembly. Only persons of an ordinary member are eligible for elections.
- 30.2 All proposals and motions of the member Associations shall be sent in to the official address of the IFF at latest 60 full days in advance of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 31 AGENDA AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 31.1 The functions and competence of the General Assembly are:
- a) Opening of the General Assembly
 - b) Approval of present Associations and the voting roll.
 - c) Election of the scrutinisers
 - d) Approval of the Agenda
 - e) Approval of the protocol of the last General Assembly (according to article 34 paragraph 3)
 - f) Admission or expulsion of ordinary member Associations
 - g) Approval of the CB reports
 - h) Approval of the financial report and the auditors report
 - i) Decision on freedom of responsibility for the CB

IV LEGISLATIVE- / EXECUTIVE- BODIES

ARTICLE 31 CONTINUATION

- j) Decision on membership fee
- k) Approval of the budget and working plan for the next two years
- l) Elections: - IFF President
 - six CB members for a term of two years
 - chairman of the Disciplinary Committee
 - two members and two substitutes of the Disciplinary Committee
 - chairman of the Appeal Committee
 - two members and two substitutes of the Appeal Committee
- m) Appointment of a chartered auditor and a substitute
- n) Examinations and decisions on proposals and motions of the members
- o) Approval of Regulations within the meaning of article 15 paragraph 2 littera c)
- p) Decision on all affairs being reserved for the General Assembly by the statutes or by law
- q) Modification of the statutes
- r) Appointment of honorary member
- s) Decision on the meeting place for the next General Assembly

ARTICLE 32 VOTING STATUS

- 32.1 Each member Association is allowed to participate with two persons (delegates legitimated by the National Association) at the General Assembly. A person can only represent one Association.
- 32.2 Each ordinary member Association which has fulfilled its obligation's to IFF is entitled to one vote at the General Assembly. The CB informs the voting roll and distributes it together with the documents of the General Assembly latest 30 full days before the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 33 ELECTIONS AND DECISIONS

- 33.1 Elections and decisions are voted by open ballot unless at least two of the present ordinary members apply for a secret ballot.
- 33.2 Elections and decisions shall be taken by simple majority of the present votes.
- 33.3 When the voting concerns elections, the person or those persons with the most votes shall be considered elected. The voting parties can vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies.

ARTICLE 34 PROTOCOL (MINUTES)

- 34.1 The minutes shall be sent to the member Associations within 30 full days from when the General Assembly has been held.
- 34.2 The minutes l is considered to be approved by the ordinary member Associations unless a substantiated objection in writing is sent to the CB of the IFF within 30 full days notice since the service.
- 34.3 In the case of an objection the next General Assembly decides on the approval respectively the corrigenda or the completions of the minutes.

IV LEGISLATIVE- / EXECUTIVE- BODIES

B THE CENTRAL BOARD

ARTICLE 35 FUNCTION AND BODIES

35.1 The Central Board (CB) is the executive body. It leads the IFF and represents it externally.

35.2 The Bodies of the Central Board are:

- a) President
- b) Executive Committee (ExCo)
- c) Rules and Competition Committee (RACC)
- d) Referee's Committee (RC)
- e) Special Committees and functions
- f) Medical Committee

ARTICLE 36 COMPOSITION

36.1 The CB, elected by the General Assembly, shall consist of a president and six members. No more than one person from the same ordinary member Association can be elected as member of the CB (with the exception of the President). In case of a draw in a CB voting the President's vote is decisive.

36.2 The term of office for the President and members of the CB shall be two years. The retiring members and the President shall be eligible for re-election.

36.3 Vacancies during the term of office shall be co-opted by the CB upon proposal by the national Associations.

ARTICLE 37 CONSTITUTION AND ORGANISATION

37.1 Within the members of the CB there shall be appointed one Vice President and a Treasurer.

37.2 The procedure within the CB, the functions and competence of the CB members shall be governed by rules of procedure and responsibility lists.

37.3 Details about the function and competence of the bodies of the CB (article 35.2) and the office shall be governed by the IFF Regulations.

ARTICLE 38 COMPETENCE

38.1 The CB shall be responsible for the management and administration of the IFF and shall take decisions on all matters which does not require a General Assembly decision. The CB may delegate some of its powers.

38.2 The CB shall appoint Chairmen of the committees and Chairman of the Board of Arbitration.

38.3 The CB enacts the IFF Regulations.

38.4 Each member of the CB is entitled within the limits of its particular function and in the execution of CB decisions to represent the IFF in its own power.

38.5 The CB can install working groups (WG) for specific duties with adequate competence. Also non CB members can be called into a WG.

38.6 In order to fulfil all the requirements in the administration the CB can appoint a General Secretary.

C THE AUDITING

ARTICLE 39 EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNT / AUDITORS

The General Assembly shall appoint a firm of chartered accountants, one accountant and one substitute for a term of office of two years to examine the financial report of the IFF every year. The auditors' reports shall be submitted to the General Assembly.

D THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 40 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

40.1 Sanctions are:

- a) Warning
- b) Reprimand
- c) Fine
- d) Disqualification from competitions
- e) Discharge from official position
- f) Suspension
- g) Expulsion

Sanctions may be imposed on member Associations, players and officials. In any case different sanctions can be combined. They are enforced throughout the IFF and notice thereof shall be given by registered letter to the party concerned.

40.2 Sanction within the power of the General Assembly

Suspensions of National Associations are imposed by the General Assembly.

In the case of emergency, the CB is empowered to impose suspension on National Associations. All Suspensions of National Associations shall become into force on the date of the decision.

40.3 Sanctions within the power of the Central Board

Warnings, reprimand suspensions of players and coaches for up to 6 months and fines up to 5.000 CHF can be imposed by the CB.

All sanctions imposed by the CB shall be pursuant to the Juridical Regulations in force.

The CB may submit any disciplinary case to the Disciplinary Committee for further prosecution.

40.4 Sanctions within the power of Jury

The Jury of a competition may impose a temporary individual or team suspension.

All sanctions imposed by the Jury shall be pursuant to the Juridical Regulations in force.

It fixes the duration thereof, which may not exceed that of the competition itself.

If the Jury is of the opinion that a sanction should exceed the duration of a competition, the Jury shall submit the disciplinary case to the Disciplinary Committee for further prosecution.

40.5 Sanctions within the power of the Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee has competence to impose sanctions on members or member Associations according to the Juridical Regulations in force.

IFF member Associations and IFF bodies can apply for prosecution.

IV LEGISLATIVE- / EXECUTIVE- BODIES

ARTICLE 40 CONTINUATION

40.6 Expulsion

- a) Only a General Assembly or an Extraordinary General Assembly may expel a member Association, after granting it a hearing.
- b) The reasons for expulsion of a member Association are:
 1. Debts to the IFF or a Confederation, notably for delay in payment of three annual membership fees, admonition thereof having been issued three months before the General Assembly or an Extraordinary General Assembly.
 2. Clear, or repeated, breach of the IFF Statutes or Regulations, or serious misconduct.
 3. Loss of status as a National Floorball Association, on the basis of findings from inquiries made of the competent national authorities.
- c) Expulsion is determined by majority vote in the case of article 40.6 b), sub-paragraph 1. In the case or sub-paragraphs 2 or 3 a majority of 75% of the votes cast is required, with a least 50 % of the member Associations being present or represented.

E THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 41 APPEAL COMMITTEE

41.1 The following cases are subject for appeal:

- a) Decision in protest case. Sanctions imposed by a Jury, however, are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- b) Sanctions imposed on individual members, clubs or national Associations, exceeding the limits according to Juridical Regulations in force.

Administrative regulations and deposit, which shall be accompanied the appeal, are according to the Juridical Regulations in force.

ARTICLE 42 MEDIATION

- 42.1 In the case of litigation's between member Associations, its representatives, coaches, Teams, Referees etc. the Board of Arbitration offers to mediate.
- 42.2 The Board of Arbitration tries to mediate by the application of one of the parties.
- 42.3 Any decision made by the Disciplinary Committee upon disciplinary matters, any decision made by the Appeal Committee upon competition matters and any decision made by the Central Board upon any Doping abuse may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of sports-related arbitration. The time limit for appeal is twenty-one full days after the reception of the decision concerning the appeal.
- 42.4 IFF as well as member Associations, and clubs, members and players, commit themselves not to go to civil court with cases.

V INDEMNITIES

ARTICLE 43 INDEMNITIES AND CHARGES

The indemnities and charges of any member of an IFF body or representatives of the IFF shall be governed by an IFF Regulation.

VI CONCLUDING CLAUSES

ARTICLE 44 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the IFF is English. Each National Association shall be responsible for its own translation.

ARTICLE 45 MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES

The modification of the IFF Statutes shall become effective by the decision of a 2/3 majority of votes present at the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 46 DISSOLUTION OF THE IFF

- 46.1 The dissolution of the IFF shall become effective only by a 3/4 majority of all official member Associations.
- 46.2 The dissolution must be repeated and granted by an extraordinary Dissolution Congress not later than six month after the first dissolution decision.
- 46.3 In the case of dissolution all financial claims have to be settled by a special Liquidation Committee (LC) elected by the dissolution General Assembly. The delegates of the Dissolution General Assembly shall decide about the use of the balance.

ARTICLE 47 ENACTING CLAUSE

These statutes were adopted by the IFF General Assembly in Stockholm, in Sweden on May 26th, 2006. They supersede those dated 21st of May 2004 and come into force immediately.

ARTICLE 48 TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS

- 48.1 Facts that have accrued in advance of the enacting of these Statutes shall be judged/interpreted in accordance to the former Regulations.
- 48.2 Any decisions of the IFF Bodies shall stay to be effective as far as they are not contradictory to these Statutes.

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