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(New version IOC)

Lausanne, 29 July 2003
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Re: "IOC International Sports Federations Requesting IOC Recognition - Recognition Procedure-" English version - Erratum

Dear Mr President,

Please note an error in the English version of the above-mentioned document.

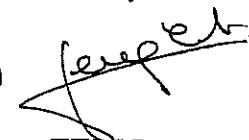
Section 1.2 states "However, being a Recognised International Federation does mean that the sport it governs will be automatically included on the programme of the Olympic Games."

As you will probably already have realised, this of course should read "does not mean".

In any case, as with all official IOC documents, the French text prevails.

However, we apologise for any misunderstanding this may have caused, and please find attached the corrected version.

Yours faithfully,

P/O 

Gilbert FELLI
Olympic Games Executive Director

Encl.

Cc: Mr Ron Froehlich, President of ARISF

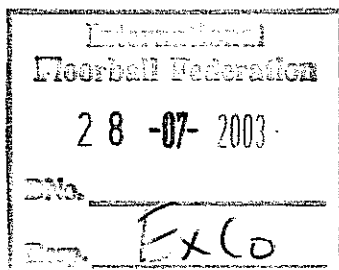


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Presidents of the
International Sports Federations
requesting IOC recognition



Lausanne, 11 July 2003
Ref. No 1046/2003/OLT/lcn

RO, JL per mail - post, AW, SH, TE

Re : IOC recognition of International Sports Federations

Dear Mr President,

As you are already certainly aware, the IOC has revised the procedure for the recognition of International Federations.

The IOC Executive Board, during its last meeting held in Madrid in May 2003, decided upon new criteria for recognition. A document incorporating these new principles has been prepared for International Federations requesting recognition by the IOC, and is attached.

In order that your request may be taken into consideration, we would ask you to confirm **by 15 September 2003, at the very latest**, that your Federation officially requests IOC recognition.

Upon reception of your letter, the IOC will send you a questionnaire which will enable us to obtain the necessary information to evaluate your request.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

Gilbert FELLI

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INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

REQUESTING IOC RECOGNITION

Recognition Procedure

1. PREAMBLE

This document defines the relations between the International Olympic Committee, the Recognised International Federations, the conditions for obtaining this status and the decision-making process.

1.1 Introduction

With the aim of promoting the Olympic Movement, and in accordance with Rule 29 of the Olympic Charter, "the IOC may recognise as IFs international non-governmental organisations administering one or several sports at world level and encompassing organisations administering such sports at national level".

The role of the Recognised International Federations within the Olympic Movement is "to establish and enforce, in accordance with the Olympic spirit, the rules concerning the practice of their respective sports". They ensure, in particular, the development of their sport worldwide in order that it can be practised in as many countries as possible.

The statutes, practices and activities of the Recognised International Federations must conform to the Olympic Charter. This being said, each Recognised International Federation preserves its independence and autonomy in administering its sport.

1.2 Definition and principles

- The term "Recognised International Federation" means a Federation to which the IOC has granted the status of provisional or full recognition.
- All the Federations whose sports feature on the Olympic programme are International Federations recognised by the IOC. However, being a Recognised International Federation does not mean that the sport it governs will be automatically included on the programme of the Olympic Games.
- Once recognised by the IOC, the Recognised International Federations which want to see their sport included on the Olympic programme must then follow the procedure set out in the framework of the regular review of the Olympic programme, carried out after each edition of the Olympic Games by the Olympic Programme Commission.

2. THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, THE RECOGNISED INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND THE ASSOCIATION OF THE IOC RECOGNISED INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS (ARISF)

As stipulated in Rule 2.1 of Chapter 1 of the Olympic Charter, the IOC "encourages the coordination, organisation and development of sport and sports competitions and ensures the promotion and application, in liaison with the international and national sports institutions, of measures aimed at strengthening the unity of the Olympic Movement".

It is essential for the IOC to establish contacts with the Recognised International Federations governing sports organised and practised widely, without these relations being linked necessarily to future inclusion in the Olympic programme.

The recognition granted by the IOC favours the establishment of relations between the NOCs, ministries and the Federations, which allow the latter to have access to funding and support structures at national level.

Recognition helps the IOC to lead the fight against doping by requiring the Recognised International Federations to adopt strict anti-doping rules.

2.1 Role of ARISF

Bringing together these Federations within a single structure is necessary in order to allow Recognised International Federations to organise themselves in certain areas. For this purpose, ARISF was created to bring together all the International Federations recognised by the IOC, with the exception of those whose sports are already included on the Olympic programme.

ARISF thus contributes to an exchange of information between the Recognised International Federations - whose sports are not on the Olympic programme - through permanent contact with the IOC.

Given its important unifying role, the IOC financially supports ARISF by contributing to its organisational structural costs and by funding through it projects directly linked to the development of the member Federations.

The fact that a Federation is recognised by the IOC does not mean it is obliged to become a member of ARISF.

2.2 Relations between the IOC, the Recognised International Federations and ARISF

Financial support to ARISF

The IOC contributes up to USD 5,000 per year for the administrative functioning of ARISF.

The IOC also contributes up to USD 100,000 per year (on a four-year contract) to implement Federations' development projects. These projects are presented to ARISF, which decides whether or not, according to the usefulness of the project, to grant funding of USD 3,300 per project and per year.

IOC support to the Recognised International Federations

The IOC grants the Recognised International Federations assistance of USD 10,000 per year on the basis of an annual activity report.

Information

The IOC Sports Department is available to both the applicant and the Recognised International Federations for all information requests.

Representation

The IOC is represented at each annual ARISF meeting.

3. CONDITIONS FOR OBTAINING RECOGNITION BY THE IOC

3.1. Necessary criteria for requesting recognition

In order to become recognised, the applicant International Federation will have to put in a request to the IOC and provide the information required. It should, in addition, satisfy the following principles:

- Conform to Rule 29 of the Olympic Charter (cf. introduction);
- Apply the World Anti-Doping Code and conduct effective out-of-competition tests in accordance with the rules established, which must be attested by the World Anti-Doping Agency;
- Recognition of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) jurisdiction and acceptance of the Code of Sports-related Arbitration;
- Be the only Federation governing the sport worldwide;
- Have existed for at least five years;
- For summer sports IFs: have a minimum of 50 affiliated countries from at least three continents;

- For winter sports IFs: have a minimum of 15 affiliated countries from at least three continents;
- Respect the following general rules:
 - The Federation should, in particular, monitor the athletes' health, education, non-discrimination, fair play, and solidarity;
 - The development of young people's activities must be a key focus of the Federation. Sports competitions must be organised at world and continental level for young people/juniors, as well as for men and women;
 - The judging and marking system of the sport used by the Federation must be objective, fair and transparent;
 - The Federation must attach great importance to women practising the sport.

3.2 Decision-making process

3.2.1 Request for recognition

The applicant Federation must send a letter of intent to the IOC Sports Department before 15 September of the year in question so that the recognition request can be taken into consideration by the IOC.

In the second stage, the Sports Department will send a questionnaire to the applicant federation, the responses to which will allow the federation's request to be studied, but does not imply automatic recognition.

The Sports Department is available for the Federations for all questions during these procedure.

3.2.2 Analysis by the Sports Department

The IOC Sports Department will study all the requests from the applicant International Federations whose letter of intent has been received before the deadline.

The Director of the Sports Department is responsible for preparing the recommendation which will be submitted firstly to the Executive Board for provisional recognition of two years, and then to the Session for full recognition.

3.2.3 Role of the IOC Executive Board

Once a year, except in exceptional circumstances, the IOC Executive Board undertakes to study and decide upon the recognition requests from International Federations.

Provisional recognition

The provisional recognition of International Federations newly recognised by the IOC is a decision that falls to the IOC Executive Board.

This provisional period is, by default, two years, the Executive Board reserving the right to modify the duration.

A letter will then confirm this decision to the International Federation.

During the provisional recognition period, the International Federations will enjoy the rights accorded to the Recognised Federations and must respect the criteria set out in paragraph 3.1.

3.2.4 Role of the IOC Session

Full recognition

At the end of the provisional recognition period, and upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, the IOC Session decides upon full recognition of the International Federation concerned.

Official notification is then sent to the Federations to inform them of the Session's decision.

3.2.5 Annual report

Whether a Federation has provisional or full recognition, it must provide an annual activity report containing a specific part on the assistance allocated by the IOC.

3.3 Information to be provided by the Federation

The Federation must provide the following information:

- A written request, supported by a decision of its general assembly;
- Confirmation that it is the only Federation governing the sport worldwide;
- Details that include:
 - a brief background;
 - address of the headquarters;
 - contact details of the president and secretary general;
 - its aims and objectives;
 - its statutes;
 - minutes of the two most recent annual general assemblies;
 - information on financial resources, current financial situation and financial statements;
 - confirmation from the World Anti-Doping Agency that the Federation's rules are in conformity with the World Anti-Doping Code;
 - technical rules governing the sport;
 - a list of national affiliated federations and their addresses in each country;
 - a description of the affiliation system;
 - a list of national federations affiliated to National Olympic Committees;
 - the competitions that it organises;
 - participation in national, international or continental Games;
 - participation in regional multi-sports Games;
 - training and coaching courses;
 - youth development programmes;
 - its membership, where applicable, of other associations or federations (e.g. GAISF).

4. RIGHTS OF AN INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION RECOGNISED BY THE IOC.

In addition to the rights and duties of a Recognised International Federation as set out in the Olympic Charter, the current rights are the following:

- Annual IOC subsidy of USD 10,000 for assistance to development programmes;
- Possibility of funding of USD 3,300 per year allocated by ARISF to the Recognised International Federations according to the usefulness of the project;
- Right to become a member of the Association of the IOC Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF);
- Participation in meetings of the IOC Executive Board with the Summer Olympic IFs;
- "Gi" accreditation for the president during the Olympic Games;
- Right to feature in the "Olympic Movement Directory";
- Right to receive the Olympic Movement Directory, the Olympic Review, the Olympic Charter, the Olympic Highlights and IOC press releases;
- Right to receive the IOC President's Trophy, which is presented at world championships;
- IOC patronage for sports events.