



ORGANISATIONAL REGULATIONS

Article 1 - The present Rules of Administration and the annexed documents which form an integral part of them are intended to complete the Statutes of the WPBF.

MEMBERSHIP AND ADMISSIONS

Article 2 - In accordance with the Statutes, to be a member, a national federation must be recognised by the National Olympic Committee of its country or by a specific Sports Committee in the case where its NOC includes only Olympic sports; or by the Ministry in charge of sports in its country.

Participation in at least two world championships or qualifying events, if any, during the last five years may also be taken into account as proof of the reality and functioning of this federation.

A permanent admission commission will be set up by the Executive Committee.

Article 3 - In order to become an associate member under the provisional title provided for in the statutes, an organisation must provide proof of its legal existence and supply the WPBF with its statutes, the minutes of its last general assembly with an indication of those present and represented and the composition of the Bureau.

For the setting up of the WPBF, a temporary admission commission will be set up, composed, in accordance with article 7 of the statutes, of representatives of the recognised disciplines, at the rate of at least one per recognised discipline, and of external personalities whose knowledge of sports law and impartiality are known.

Article 4 - The affiliated federations are the official representatives of the WPBF in their countries. Therefore they commit themselves to apply and respect the statutes and regulations elaborated by the WPBF in all the territories where they exercise their competences.

Article 5 - Associate members also undertake to ensure that the statutes and regulations drawn up by the WPBF are applied and respected by their national federations.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 6 - Powers of the Board (non-exhaustive list)

Within the framework of the statutes, the Board is responsible for :

- dealing with current affairs,
- managing the property of the WPBF in accordance with the standards established by the budgets and decisions of the General Assembly
- preparing and carrying out the organisation of the General Assembly
- deciding on the creation of Colleges, those provided by an associate member for its discipline being by right; and following their activities
- to monitor the activities of the WPBF commissions and to study their proposals for possible implementation
- to ensure the links between the federations affiliated to the WPBF,
- to enforce the decisions of the General Assemblies
- to ensure the application of the statutes and regulations by all national member federations and by the associated members

If necessary or in case of emergency, it can be convened in online mode.

Article 7 - Constitution of the Management Committee

In accordance with Article 18, all the members of the Management Committee shall be elected nominally by the General Assembly according to the rhythm defined by the Statutes.

Within the General Assembly, as for the deliberations in the Governing Board, votes by correspondence are not allowed. When meetings are organised remotely, an electronic system guaranteeing the anonymity of votes must be provided for when this is necessary.

On the other hand, voting by proxy is allowed, but only in the General Assembly. It is forbidden in the Management Committee: only those present can vote.

In the General Assembly a federation can represent another federation but only one. For this right to be exercised, the Federation wishing to give a delegation of power must provide the Management Committee with a specific document indicating to

which federation it is giving its delegation, at least 10 days before the meeting concerned.

The candidatures must be sent to the General Secretary of the WPBF by the national member federations, at the latest one month before the date of the General Assembly, accompanied by the commitment to assume the expenses of their candidates which the statutes put at their charge.

Article 8 - Composition of the Management Committee

In order to comply with the statutes, the Management Committee must include a minimum number of four (4) women, which will evolve according to the representation of women in the membership and leadership of member federations.

The Management Committee shall decide on the maintenance or evolution of this number at its last meeting of a term of office.

For the evaluation of the limitation of the representation of the federations, the Presidents of the Colleges who will sit ex officio will not be taken into account. The same shall apply, during the two-year transitional period, to each of the members designated by the associate members.

Article 9 - Functions of the members of the Governing Board

A) The President

The President directs the work of the General Assemblies and the meetings of the Management Committee. He signs all the acts and deliberations arising from them, and ensures their execution.

He signs all documents or letters committing the Federation's moral and financial responsibility, if necessary after consulting the Management Committee, to which he must in any case report.

He shall liaise with international institutions.

He shall report on his travels at the meeting of the Management Committee.

He may delegate all or part of his powers to one of the members of the Management Committee chosen according to the subject in question.

He alone may represent the Federation in legal proceedings. His powers of representation in legal matters are exclusive and are his own.

B) The Secretary General

He convenes the meetings of the Management Committee and the General Assemblies for which he sends out the invitations and the agendas.

He/she shall draw up the statement of decisions within the prescribed time limits as well as the draft minutes of the General Assembly which shall be submitted for approval to the following General Assembly for possible modifications before being archived under the signature of the President

He/she shall present the moral report at the General Assemblies.

He is responsible to the Management Committee for his management, his actions and his deeds.

In no case he may commit the Federation under his own responsibility.

C) The Treasurer General

He is in charge of the collection and payment of funds and of transcribing them in the accounts of the WPBF accessible on computer.

He shall have the right of simple signature for all cheques and payments. However, payments exceeding a sum fixed each year by the Board must be signed by both the Treasurer and the President.

In any case, he/she shall report on all movements and on the financial situation at each meeting of the Management Board.

He/she shall ensure the payment of the fees due each year by the member federations and associate members. These must be paid or transferred to the name of the WPBF before 30th of May of each year

Withdrawals of funds of any kind may be made by the President or the General Treasurer within the limits set each year by the Board.

He shall present each year to the General Assembly the financial statement, the profit and loss account and the financial situation of the past year. He shall also present a provisional budget for the following year as well as the progress of income and expenditure for the current year.

Before doing so, it must submit its accounts and all related documents to the representatives of the auditing body chosen by the WPBF, with whom an agreement must be concluded.

He may not incur any expenditure not provided for in the provisional budget without the agreement of the Board.

He shall chair the WPBF finance commission, of which the treasurers of the colleges must be members.

D) Other members

The Board may appoint a secretary and a deputy treasurer

Each member of the Management Board may be called upon to play a particular role or to fulfill a specific mission at the request of the President. This will be the case in particular for the representation of the Federation in missions of representation or during international or continental competitions.

All members of the Management Committee may be appointed as “rapporteurs” of commissions and be designated to conduct investigations deemed necessary by the Management Committee.

Article 10 - Bodies of the Executive Committee

In accordance with the Statutes, the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer constitute the Permanent Bureau in order to deal with matters requiring rapid decision-making. It is therefore essentially intended to respond to institutional emergencies but never to take decisions requiring financial commitments.

It is up to the Management Committee to set up, at the beginning of the legislature, an enlarged Bureau with the possible deputies of the Secretary and the Treasurer, and with the Vice-Presidents if they have been appointed.

THE COLLEGES

Article 11 - The Colleges are intended to bring together federations wishing to practice the same discipline.

They can only be created by decision of the Executive Committee and their existence must be confirmed after each quadrennial renewal of the post of President.

Each College can only act for one discipline which thus becomes recognised.

In accordance with the statutes, they enjoy total autonomy in various fields - technical texts and provisions, management of their competitions including world championships, training, refereeing, transfers, etc. - and manage their own budget.

In this respect, they are free to set the specific fees of their members, indicating to the Executive Committee the amount and the method chosen.

Article 12 - In order to be a member of a College, a national federation must be up to date with its contributions to the WPBF. Thus, if one of the members does not pay its dues, it will be excluded from the College and will not be able to participate in its activities until its situation is regularised.

Similarly, a College may exclude from its membership those who do not pay their specific dues. However, they will not be automatically excluded from the WPBF if they are up to date with their membership fees, but they will no longer be able to participate in the activities of the College.

Each College must keep an up-to-date list of its members, which it communicates regularly to the WPBF Board. This list may be subject to change.

Article 13 - Each College must elect, during a meeting of all its members, at least a president - who will sit ex officio, i.e. in an advisory capacity, on the Board - and a treasurer who will automatically be a member of the WPBF's finance committee, and even a secretary, whose names will be communicated to the Board.

For all votes within the Board, including elections, there may be power of attorney between members, but only one per member.

Article 14 - The Colleges may set up technical committees to manage their operating rules and activities.

On the other hand, they are obliged to set up a disciplinary committee whose task will be to deal with cases that arise during their official competitions - be it with players, staff or managers - or with disputes between or with members of the College.

They may also draw up comprehensive administrative regulations for their internal functioning and have them approved by the Management Committee upon presentation by the President of the College.

Article 15 - Without the list being exhaustive, there will be at least, from the creation of the WPBF, colleges for the following disciplines

- Handisport
- Jeu Provençal
- Lyonnaise
- Pétanque
- Raffa

This list may be completed by the Executive Committee according to the requests which will reach it, in particular following the adhesion of new associated members. The latter may also delete members if they have no real activity.

COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Article 16 - The Governing Board may set up permanent or temporary committees and working groups to deal with defined areas or specific issues.

They shall appoint from among their members a permanent chairman and a “rapporteur” who may be different according to the subjects dealt with.

Except in disciplinary matters, they do not have decision-making powers. Their studies and reports must be submitted to the management Board, which will decide what action to take on them, or even, if necessary and depending on the field concerned, to submit them to the General Assembly if required.

At least one member of the Management Board must sit on each of these committees.

Members of the Management Board may chair the commissions, except for the Disciplinary Commission and the Ethics Commission.

Article 17 - In application of the statutes, the following must be set up

A) The Permanent Admission Committee:

In accordance with Article 7 of the Statutes, it shall comprise representatives of the recognised disciplines, one for each recognised discipline, and external personalities whose knowledge of sports law and impartiality are known. It shall give its opinion on applications for admission to the Management Committee, particularly with regard to the conditions laid down in Article 6 of the Statutes.

B) The Disciplinary Committee :

Details of the procedure, grounds and sanctions are set out in the Disciplinary Code annexed to these rules.

The committee shall have the task of studying and, if necessary, sanctioning any case of violation of the rules, regulations and official texts for which the annexed Disciplinary Code gives it competence, whether they are committed by federations or by leaders.

It shall be composed of three full members and three substitute members, of whom three to five shall sit for each case.

When it sits, it must be composed of a majority of members who do not belong to the WPBF Board, including its president.

It may also examine in appeal the decisions taken by the disciplinary commissions of the Colleges when they exist, in particular for cases concerning the behaviour of players or managers during competitions placed under the authority of the said Colleges.

It shall take its decisions by a simple majority, the president having the casting vote.

It shall serve as an appeal body against the decisions of the Colleges' disciplinary committees.

C) The Ethics Committee :

It will be in charge of defining and updating a framework of ethical principles to constitute the WPBF code of ethics, based on the values and principles of the Olympic Charter and the IOC Code of Ethics.

It may ask the Management Committee to refer to the IOC Ethics Commission cases or behaviours of leaders which it considers not in conformity with ethics.

D) The Medical and Anti-Doping Committee :

Mandatorily placed under the chairmanship of a doctor, it shall have a double mission:

- To ensure, in liaison with the ITA and the World Anti-Doping Agency, that the WPBF's anti-doping code is constantly updated with the 2021 Code and its modifications.

It will also be responsible for making the necessary arrangements with the organising federations and national member federations to ensure that a minimum of three tests are organised for each world championship or international event.

Finally, it will have to produce an information booklet on doping and testing, to be distributed to federations, managers and athletes.

-To develop sport-health actions and actions showing the benefits of the practice of boules and Pétanque in terms of prevention of numerous pathologies, as a tool for physical or mental rehabilitation, and as an instrument of socialisation, gathering and conviviality.

E) The Rules and Refereeing Committee :

Its role will be to bring together those responsible for referees in the various disciplines in order to seek out and organise possibilities for joint action, to help train

multi-disciplinary referees and to propose to the Management Committee the referees who are to officiate at major events involving several disciplines.

It will also have to study the rules of play of the disciplines to examine what solutions could be proposed in order to bring the technical elements at least closer together.

F) The Finance Committee:

Chaired by the Treasurer General of the FMPB, it will include all the treasurers of the different Colleges and members of the Executive Committee in equal numbers at most.

After examining the provisional budgets drawn up by the Colleges and presented by the treasurer of each College, with possible exchanges, it will propose them to the Board. The latter may make comments or propose modifications before giving its approval, but it may not under any circumstances intervene in the specific dues of the members of the College, nor in the way they are set.

The Finance Commission shall monitor the execution of all budgets, ensure the proper use of the funds provided to the Colleges and report annually to the Governing Board on this matter.

The Finance Commission shall propose common guidelines for the financial resources that may be allocated to the Colleges for certain actions defined by the Governing Board.

It shall draw up the draft budget of the FMPB, which shall then be forwarded to the Board of Directors and voted on at the General Assembly.

G) The Media and Communication Committee :

It will manage the M.O.U. - Memory of Understanding - with the Olympic Channel and will propose to the Board of Directors the leaders - who must be English-speaking - who will attend the seminars organised jointly in Madrid by the IWGA and the Olympic Channel.

It will be in charge of developing the communication on the WPBF itself, on the common actions carried out on any subject likely to interest the media.

If necessary, it will study any proposal of communication and will transmit its conclusions to the Executive Committee.

Article 18 - In application of the statutes, the travel and subsistence expenses of the members of the commissions will be paid by the federations to which they belong.

The commissions may work by video or by telecommunications.

MISCELLANEOUS

Article 19 - For their specific competitions, the disciplines may consider as equivalent to the nationality of countries where this acquisition is difficult the following documents

Green card in the United States

Permanent resident visa in Australia

The Management Committee may complete this list as necessary.

Nevertheless, these equivalences are without effect for international competitions strictly reserved for nationals such as the Olympic Games, the World Games, the Mediterranean Games

Article 20 - The recognised disciplines have the possibility of issuing particular rules for the composition of teams in their own competitions in favour of

- Cross-border workers, by granting them the right to choose their country of residence and their place of work.

- Schoolchildren and students by granting them the right to choose their country of origin between their place of residence and their place of study.

This choice is made for a period of five years and if the person concerned wishes to change it at the end of this period, the new choice will be definitive.

The same rule shall apply to athletes with dual nationality.

Article 21 - Eventually, the member national federations shall ensure that the logo of the WPBF appears on the licences or on the membership documents that they issue to their members, as well as on the documents that they publish.

Article 22- The national member federations must take out an insurance contract for their members, at least to cover them in case of damage inflicted on third parties in official competitions.

In the event of failure to do so, the national member federation concerned shall be held responsible and shall be liable for any damage caused.