

INFORMATION

STATUTES



Considering that "Sport for All" furthers social and economic progress;

Considering that it is a factor of development and cultural enrichment;

Considering its educational significance and its contribution to improve the quality of life of the citizens - whatever their age, sexe or social status - in respect of the national traditions and its firm intention not to enter into competition with national or international federations of olympic sports but on the contrary, to contribute to their furtherance by rousing the interest

of a lot of people in various physical and sports activities;

Considering that in accordance with the United Nations' Charter and the International Charter of P.E.S. proclaimed by the Unesco, the right to participate in sport is universally recognized for all citizens;

Considering that it can be an exceptional means to promote peace and understanding between men and communities;

The following statutes are adopted:

1 NAME

Article 1.

Between the members who agree with the present statutes an international body is set up, called: **International Sport for All Federation** (Acronym: F.I.S.P.T.).

Article 2.

The F.I.S.P.T. is non-politically dependant and excludes itself from all religious discussions. Its is a non-profit making association. Its duration is unlimited.

Article 3. Seat

The F.I.S.P.T. has its seat in Strasbourg (France). The address of the administrative office corresponds to the secretary general's or the president's addresses. The seat of the F.I.S.P.T. may be shifted to another place on the basis of a decision made by a 2/3 majority of the members of the General Assembly. The association is governed by the article 21 and following of the local Common law and by the present statutes.

Article 4.

The official languages of the F.I.S.P.T. are French, English and Arabic. If contested or if any disagreements concerning the translations occur the authoritative text shall be the French text.

The organizers of F.I.S.P.T. meetings may add the language of the country where the meeting takes place.

Article 5.

The objective of the F.I.S.P.T. is to promote "Sport for All" and to establish a link between organizations and individuals interested in its purpose.

Article 6.

The F.I.S.P.T. intends particularly:

- to organize international "Sport for All" meetings by means of symposia, conferences, regional and international seminars and congresses, informative weeks, weeks of adventure and sport explorations, study trips, etc...
- to organize training courses and in-service training for Sport for All leaders; to create the most favourable conditions so that they can accomplish their task, and to promote the "Leaders without frontiers" programme;
- to further "Sport for All" and support its development;
- to stimulate "Sport for All" sponsorship;
- to organize events, sports festivals, games, international "Sport for All" journeys and to promote sports tourism in general;
- to further scientific research adapted to the "Sport for All" practice and to concentrate on management aspects;
- to participate in activities of regional and world organizations, which are able to rouse a growing interest of public opinion in "Sport for All";
- to gather, publish and distribute documents of the federation's social aim;
- to make increasing use of mass media in order to promote "Sport for All" activities;
- to stimulate the construction of more leisure sport facilities;
- to help in launching international "Sport for All" campaigns.

2 MEMBERS

Article 7.

The F.I.S.P.T. is composed of:

1. **Founding members:** are members having directed and contributed to the foundation and constitution of the F.I.S.P.T., as registered in the minutes of the general Assembly in Strasbourg (1983).
2. **Active members:** are natural persons or corporate bodies who have paid the membership fee and who have been admitted by the Board of Directors. Active members of the F.I.S.P.T. may be:

A. Collective members:

- national, regional or local non-governmental organizations developing "Sport for All";
- official governmental bodies of countries being legally constituted in charge of the development of "Sport for All" in their own countries, regions or municipalities.

B. Individual members:

- individuals interested in the objective of the F.I.S.P.T.

Active F.I.S.P.T. members are ex officio members of the continental union where they live.

3. **Honorary members:** are natural persons or corporate bodies who rendered the F.I.S.P.T. exceptional services. The title of honorary member may be

awarded by the General Assembly at the request of the Board of Directors.

Those who are given the title of honorary members are entitled to have a consultative voice in the General Assembly. Their admission has to be accepted by the General Assembly with a two-thirds majority of members present.

Article 8.

The General Assembly at the proposal of the Board of Directors, decides on the membership fee for the different members. The amount of the membership fee is subject to periodical index adjustments depending on the economic situation and has to be decided upon by the Board of Directors.

Article 9.

F.I.S.P.T. membership expires:

- in the event of resignation, dismissal or non-payment of the membership fee;
- if the Board of Directors decides with a 2/3 majority the exclusion of the members;

The member concerned is asked in advance to give full explanation. An appeal can be introduced to the General Assembly.

Article 10.

The bodies of the F.I.S.P.T. are:

- The General Assembly.
- The continental or regional Unions.
- The Board of Directors.
- The Executive Bureau.
- The commissions.

Article 11. General Assembly

The supreme body of the F.I.S.P.T. is the General Assembly, which is composed of active members as well as founder members and honorary members.

Only active members who have been sustaining members during the year preceding the General Assembly have the right to vote.

- A. On the first ballot the number of votes is proportionate to the importance of the members namely:
1. National "Sport for All" organizations and official national bodies.
 2. Regional or local organizations.
 3. Individual members (one vote).

The proportionate number of votes given to each member is stipulated in the federation's rules of procedure.

B. Each country or region with an officially recognized autonomy for sport has one vote in the election of the Board of Directors (second ballot).

Observers are admitted in the plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

Article 12.

The Executive Bureau of the General Assembly is that of the Board of Directors. The bureau draws up the minutes. The decision are made with a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, unless otherwise stipulated in particular provisions of the present statutes. The General Assembly decides on the number of seats in the Board of Directors.

The General Assembly meets every four years or at the request of half of the members. The General Assembly is called by the President. The members must receive the notice of the meeting at least two months in advance. Unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors, members who have not paid their contribution can not take part in the General Assembly nor delegate their powers to somebody else.

Only active members who attend the General Assembly have the right to vote, procurations are not admitted.

Article 13.

The Board of Directors decides on the agenda of the General Assembly.

In general the items on the agenda are:

- reading and approbation of the moral, financial and activities reports;
- definition and orientation of the future programme;
- presentation of members;
- elections in the Board of Directors;
- the various items registered on the agenda.

Article 14. Board of Directors.

The Board of Director is composed of 22 members. The formation consists of:

- The Executive Bureau.
- The continental Presidents representing the Continental Unions (or the regional groups).
- The Advisers.
- The Members.

Article 15.

The Board of Directors meets at least once a year or whenever that may be necessary after convocation by the President or at the request of half of the members. To be valid the decisions have to be taken in presence of half of the members of the Board of Directors.

Article 16.

Members of the Board of Directors are elected for 4 years and are eligible for reelection by secret vote of the General Assembly.

Between the sessions of the General Assembly the Board of Directors must see to it that members who died or resigned are replaced. Members who are co-opted in this way have the right to vote. The duration of the mandate of co-opted members lasts until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

If necessary, the Board of Directors can co-opt new members who have no right to vote. The modalities of co-optation are stipulated in the federation's rules of procedure.

The members of the Board of Directors exercise their functions on a voluntary base.

Article 17.

The Board of Directors draws up the internal regulations of the federation.

Article 18. Executive Bureau.

The Executive Bureau is composed of:

- The President
- The Deputy Secretary General
- The first Vice-President
- The General Treasurer
- 3 Vice-Presidents
- The Deputy General Treasurer
- The Secretary General

Each member of the Board of Directors can only occupy one function.

Article 19. The President.

The President runs the F.I.S.P.T.: he must see to it that the federation operates well and he represents the F.I.S.P.T. in all official acts of civil life.

The President represents the F.I.S.P.T. in legal matters and can only be represented by a mandatary who has been given a special procuration. Representatives of the F.I.S.P.T. may not have lost their civil rights.

The President decides on the expenses. He presides the debates of the Executive Bureau, the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

In case of absence of the President, he shall be represented by the first Vice-President.

In case of absence of the latter, he will be represented "ad interim" by the oldest Vice-President of the Executive Bureau.

Article 20. The Secretary General.

The Secretary General is responsible for the Secretariat of the Executive Bureau, the Board of Directors and ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies. He carries out all actions decided by the bodies of the F.I.S.P.T. and co-ordinates all activities of the different bodies. In case of absence of the Secretary General, he must be represented by the Deputy Secretary General.

Article 21. The General Treasurer.

The Treasurer keeps the accounting of the F.I.S.P.T., he elaborates the annual budget that he proposes to the Executive Bureau and he takes the necessary measures for the financial management of the F.I.S.P.T.

In case of absence of the General Treasurer, he is represented by the Deputy General Treasurer.

Article 22. The continental or regional Presidents

The continental or regional Presidents represent their continental unions or regional groupings on the Boards of Directors.

They are nominated by their continental union or regional groupings. If a continental President is elected to another function within the F.I.S.P.T., then the representation of the continental seat is passed on to the continental Vice-President. The continental President nonetheless retains his Presidentship at the continental union level.

In case of absence the President is represented by the Vice-President elected by the continental union.

Article 23.

F.I.S.P.T. members belonging geographically to the same continent or region may organize themselves in continental unions or regional groupings after agreement by the Board of Directors.

Article 24.

The statutes and the rules of procedure of the bodies nominated under article 23, cannot be contrary to those of the F.I.S.P.T.

Article 25.

Affiliated F.I.S.P.T. members belonging to continents or regions deprived of continental or regional F.I.S.P.T. sections will have a chance at the General Assembly to elect a continental President who will represent them on the Board of Directors.

Article 26.

If the F.I.S.P.T. does not have any members in one of the continents, then at the General Assembly it will charge one of its affiliated members with the representation of the F.I.S.P.T. in that continent.

Article 27. The Advisers.

The Advisers are elected by the General Assembly under the same conditions as described under article 16.

4 FINANCES

Article 31.

The financial year covers a period from January 1st to December 31 st.

The General Treasurer is responsible for the proper financial administration and bookkeeping in accordance with legal provisions.

The budget and the yearly accounts are approved by the Board of Directors provided that they meet with the approval of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly determines the amount of the membership fees of the different members.

Resources of F.I.S.P.T. are composed of:

- membership fees;
- sponsorship;
- grants, donations and legacies;
- assistance in material and organizational means;
- temporary transfer of staff members from public and private bodies to the F.I.S.P.T.;
- resources resulting from promotion campaigns.

The F.I.S.P.T. patrimony is solely responsible for the

Article 28.

They are entrusted with the specific task of organizing the working and the development of the F.I.S.P.T. commissions. Their number must be the same as the number of commissions.

Article 29. The Commissions.

Seven commissions are set up within the F.I.S.P.T.:

1. Commission for staff training.
2. Commission for sports events.
3. Commission for public relations.
4. Commission for sport and tourism.
5. Commission for information.
6. Commission for games.
7. Commission for congresses and scientific research.

Article 30.

The Executive Bureau may set up other commissions if necessary, provided that the decision is submitted to the approval of the Board of Directors. The General Assembly will then create additional functions of Advisers.

engagements entered into on behalf of the federation.

Article 32.

Resolutions of the Board of Directors on all operations such as acquisition, exchange, transfer of real estate necessary for realizing the objectives of the F.I.S.P.T. mortgages on property and assets, leases exceeding a nine years period, transfer of assets including donations and loans, must be submitted for approval to the General Assembly.

Article 33.

Resolutions of the Board of Directors on acceptance of donations and legacies can only be made valid after approval by the General Assembly and if made in accordance with the stipulations laid down in local common law.

Article 34.

The General Assembly elects 2 auditors who propose to give the Treasurer final discharge from his financial administration.

5 AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES - DISSOLUTION

Article 35.

Amendments to statutes can only be made if two-thirds of members present at the Extraordinary General Assembly and eligible to vote, approve.

All proposal for amending statutes must be included in the agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly which is submitted to all members at least 2 months before the meeting.

Article 36.

The dissolution of the F.I.S.P.T. can only be validly decided upon at an Extraordinary General Assembly specially convened for this purpose.

In this meeting apply voting regulations stipulated for the appropriation of F.I.S.P.T. property, that can only be allotted to public establishments or public utility services with the same objectives as the F.I.S.P.T.

6 ADMINISTRATION FORMALITIES - RULES OF PROCEDURE

Article 37. Rules of Procedure.

The Rules of Procedure drawn up by the Board of Directors specify the mode of application of the statutes.

Article 38.

The President or an authorized member of the Board of Directors must at short date deposit in Court of Law of the city in which the federation has its seat all documents relating to:

- amendments to statutes,
- change of name of the federation.
- transfer of legal seat,
- changes in the Board of Directors and the Executive Bureau.

Article 39.

The members commit themselves to respect the statutes of the F.I.S.P.T. and will see to it that decisions ma-

de by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors are carried out.

All other business concerning organization, administration and functioning of the F.I.S.P.T. not provided for in the present statutes are within the competence of the Board of Directors.

The provisions of the local common law are applicable to all other matters not provided for in the present statutes.

Adopted by Extraordinary General Assembly
Bilbao, on January 20, 1987.

Note: The present statutes were adopted considering the F.I.S.P.T. Statutes drawn up in Strasbourg on 24/2/1983 and considering the statutory conclusions reached at the Extraordinary General Assembly in Bilbao on January 20, 1987).

PHILOSOPHY

The prism has been chosen as a symbol by the International Sport for All Federation for the crystalline way in which it breaks the light up into a multitude of colours.

Struck by the light of sport, which is a universally acknowledged right of every man and woman, this prism projects an infinite harmony of rays symbolizing the multifarious definitions of "Sport of All".

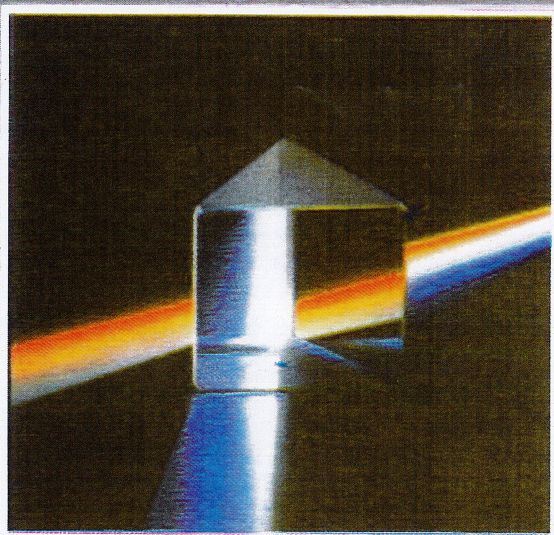
Interpretations may vary according to individuals, sports, federations, associations, states, cultures, religions. The prism therefore symbolizes respect for the multiplicity of opinions about the "Sport for All" phenomenon.

Standing up for the F.I.S.P.T. means standing up for:

- freedom of expression through multiple Sport for All aspects;
- friendship between people and communities;
- individual and collective cultural enrichment.

The F.I.S.P.T. prefers to situate its multiple activities (such as training, leisure sports, recreation, free competition) outside the field of established high level competition.

The F.I.S.P.T. accepts no axioms. By developing the "Sport for All" idea it hopes to contribute, unassumingly but efficiently, to the happiness of man.



Origins

Everyone has the right to engage in sport, which is an important factor in socio-cultural development. Because of its links with the present-day sports scene, the impact of recreational sport is growing all the time.

Numerous initiatives organized under the heading "Sport for All" have demonstrated the universality of a phenomenon that leads man to create new conditions for the practice of physical recreation and leisure activities, to renew contact with nature and with entertainment, to rediscover freedom in sport.

Founded in Strasbourg on 3rd April 1982, the **International Sport for All Federation** specified its statutes and composed its Board of Directors in the Council of Europe building in Strasbourg on 24th February 1983. Its registered offices have been established in the same town. Its official languages are English and French - and since 1985 also Arabic.

In 1987, the General Assembly in Bilbao confirmed its intention of opening the federation, and adapted its statutes from this angle.

Aim

The aim of the International Sport for All Federation is to promote "Sport for All" and to establish contact between the organizations and persons concerned. The federation is apolitical, areligious and non-profit-making.

Objectives

It is the ambition of the International Sport for All Federation to be an action - oriented and a consultative organization, encouraging international exchanges in "Sport for All" as a factor of self-fulfilment and a means of bringing people and nations together in mutual understanding.

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Members

The International Sport for All Federation brings together individuals and private as well as public associations wishing to help it achieve its objectives in the field of "Sport for All". Their contribution (membership fee) makes them active members of the federation.

