

**STATUTES
OF THE WORLD MIND SPORTS
CONFEDERATION**

Chapter I NAME, OBJECTIVES, HEADQUARTERS

Article 1 Name

The name of the organisation shall be “The World Mind Sports Confederation” and the official approved abbreviation is “WMSC”.

(Please make a choice between the different options:

International Mind Sports Confederation “IMSC”

International Mind Sports Association “IMSA”

Or other proposals

Article 2 Description

The WMSC is a non-profit association of international mind sports federations and organisations contributing to sport and specifically Mind Sports, on educational, scientific or technical level, which meets regularly and within each member retains its autonomy and independence. The WMSC shall be incorporated either in Switzerland or Monaco, as an Association in accordance with article 60 and following of the Swiss Code or with article XX of the legislation of the Principality of Monaco.

Article 3 Objectives

The goal of the World Mind Sports Confederation is to gather the different mind sports Federations to pursue common aims and interests, to organise the “Intellympic Games” (I.G), or any name to be decided upon, under the aegis of the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) and further to realise the inclusion of the mind sports in the Olympic Movement.

Article 4 Headquarters

The Headquarters of the WMSC and the Secretariat locations shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

Article 5 Official Languages

The languages of the WMSC are English and French.

Article 6 Symbols

WMSF shall have such symbols as Emblem, Flag, Anthem and Torch. These symbols shall belong exclusively to WMSC. Their design shall be reviewed by the WMSC Executive Committee.

Chapter II MEMBERS

Article 7 The Members

The Members of the WMSC are the 4 (four) founding Federations:

- World Bridge Federation (WBF)
- Fédération Mondiale de Jeux de Dames (FMJD)
- Fédération Internationale des Echecs (FIDE)
- International Go Federation (IGF)

Article 8 Rights and Obligations of the Members

8.1 A Member shall be obliged to encourage and promote Mind Sports. A Member must also make positive efforts for the development of WMSC.

8.2 A Member shall be entitled to participate at all elections, to submit a motion or a recommendation on the work of the WMSC Executive Committee.

Article 9 Termination of membership

9.1 A Member can submit its written resignation to the WMSC President or General Secretary at any time.

9.2 A Member shall be expelled from WMSC by the decision of the Executive Committee if it is considered to have harmed the WMSC. In this case the decision must be approved by a majority of 3/4 (three fourth) of the Members.

Chapter III ADMINISTRATION

Article 10 The Executive Committee

10.1 The Executive Committee shall comprise:

The President and 4 (four) Members.

10.2 The Executive Committee shall elect the president, for a period of 4 (four) years.

10.3 The President is eligible for re-election.

Article 11 Officers

The Executive Committee may elect a Deputy-President, a General Secretary, a Treasurer and Honorary Secretary..

Article 12 Competence

The Executive Committee shall, subject to these Statutes and Bye-Laws appertaining thereto, be empowered to do all things on behalf of the WMSC

The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year during its period of office. Between Executive Committee meetings, the President and the General Secretary shall deal with the current affairs. They shall be responsible for the day-to day running of WMSC, subject to the authority of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee may appoint advisers whenever necessary.

Chapter IV QUORUMS, VOTING, ELECTIONS

Article 13 Quorums

13.1 The quorum for general business of the Executive Committee shall be 75% (seventy five per cent) of the Members..

13.2 The quorum for business entailing changes of these Constitution and Bye-Laws, appertaining hereto, or the suspension or expulsion of Members or the dissolution of the WMSC shall be 3/4 (three fourth) of the Members having voting rights.

Article 14 Voting

14.1 All Members shall each have one vote.

14.2 The voting majorities required are:

- a) For acceptance of new Members, dissolution, changes in Statutes and Bye-Laws: unanimity of all Members.
- b) For a point of order: more than 50% (fifty per cent) of voting Members.

Chapter V RESIGNATION

Article 15 Resignation

15.1 A Member may resign at any time, provided that at the time of resignation the Member has no outstanding liabilities to the WMSC.

15.2 Such resignation shall take effect immediately upon receipt by the General Secretary of a notice of resignation signed by the President of the member and shall be reported to the next Executive Committee.

Chapter VI FINANCES

Article 16 Financial Matters

16.1 The resources of the WMSC will be constituted by Members annual dues or charges, gifts and donations and any other resource, such as income from the Intellympic Games or other events organised by the WMSC.

16.2 The Executive Committee will set up regulations and guide lines for the finances and will determinate these regulations at the annual Executive Committee meeting.

Chapter VII SPECIAL DISPOSITIONS

Article 17 Bye-laws

The Bye-Laws appertaining to these statutes shall come into force when approved by the Executive Committee, and shall not be altered or rescinded unless a subsequent Executive Committee shall decide so.

Article 18 Interpretation

The authority for interpreting any dispute arising out of these Statutes, or the Bye-Laws appertaining thereto, shall reside in the president for the time being, who shall seek the advice of the Executive Committee before taking the final decision.

Article 19 Modification of the Statute

Notwithstanding Article 16 (quorums) these Statutes may only be modified by the Executive Committee convened especially for that purpose.

Article 20 Dissolution

20.1 The intended dissolution of the WMSC shall require an Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee at which the proposed dissolution shall be the sole item on the agenda.

20.2 If upon the dissolution of the WMSC there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed among the Members of the WMSC, but shall be applied to the furtherance of any objects of the WMSC as may be determined by the Executive Committee at, or before, the time of dissolution and if, in so far effect cannot be given to the forgoing provisions, then to some charitable object.

Article 21 Final Declaration

No discussion or votes by the WMSC shall effect in any way the freedom and independence of any Member, who shall, in all cases, retain complete independence and control falling within the field of activity of the Members.

BYE-LAWS

Article 1 Offices

1.1 Principal Office

The principal office of the WMSC shall be located either in Switzerland or Monaco.

1.2 Other Offices

The WMSC may also have other offices at such other places as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine, or as the business of the WMSC may require. In particular, the WMSC may have an office at the place of residence of the President of the WMSC.

Article 2 Members

International Mind Sports organisations (generally known as International Federations) governing at least one Mind Sport.

Article 3 Role of the Members

- a) Have the status of an International Mind Sports organisation and be member of the General Association of International Sports Federation
- b) Establish the rules concerning the practice of their respective sports and ensure their application
- c) Establish their criteria of eligibility to the competitions
- d) Assume the responsibility for the technical control and direction of their sports

Article 4 New Members

4.1 Investigations as to the bona-fides of any applicant organisation shall be conducted by the General Secretary under the direction of the President, but no commitment as to the outcome of such application may be given by any person on behalf of the Executive Committee.

4.2 Applications for membership must be submitted to the General Secretary at least 6 (six) months prior to the commencement date of the first Executive Committee in a year at which the application is to be considered, together with:

- a) a copy of the constitution
- b) the names and addresses of the Executive Committee or other appropriate governing organism other than the Congress or General Assembly
- c) details of the last 3 (three) competitions organised by the applicant
- d) copies of the financial state, balance sheet and accounts
- e) an certification of the GAISF membership.

Article 5 Observer Status

5.1 Any organisation considering joining the WMSC may be granted the status of “observer” by the Executive Committee. This status shall not carry any right to speak except on the invitation of the President or the chairman for the time being.

5.2 An applicant for membership may not be represented in the Executive Committee at which its application for membership is to be decided, whether it has been represented as an observer or not, other to reply to specific questions by invitation until after it has been elected as a Member of WMSC.

Article 6 Delegates

6.1 The maximum number of people who may attend any meeting of the Executive is 3 (three) per Member, including any interpreters. For the sake of these Bye-Laws all Executive Committee members shall be counted in with the other people representing the members to which they belong.

6.2 A delegate of one Member may never vote in the name of any other Member. If specifically requested to do so, a delegate may speak on behalf of another Member only by the invitation of the president or the chairman for the time being.

6.3 All delegates other than the president, chairman or secretary general of the Member shall send to the Secretariat (if time permits) but in any case bring with them a letter of authority, signed by one of the three Officers referred to above.

Article 7 Conduct of Meetings

7.1 Calling notice

7.1.1 All proposals to modify the Statutes or Bye-Laws of the WMSC should reach the Secretariat so as to be included in the Agenda of the Executive Committee meeting, at least 6 (six) months before the date on which the Executive Committee meeting will take place.

7.1.2 At least 3 (three) months before the date of the Executive Committee, the Secretariat shall send a formal calling notice to all Members which shall contain a request for any items which any Member may wish to have included on the agenda to be sent to the Secretariat within 2 (two) months before the meeting.

7.1.3 At least 1 (one) month before the Executive Committee meets, the Secretariat shall circulate the agenda as prepared by the Officers and /or the Executive Board and including the items referred in paragraph 7.3 of these Bye-Laws.

7.1.4 Any proposals for subsequent amendment of the agenda must be sent in writing to the Secretariat within 1 (one) month before the meeting.

7.1.5 Together with the agenda, the Secretariat shall circulate details of any membership applications and a brief description of and results of any investigations made by the Secretariat. Objections to or reservations held regarding such membership applications must be communicated immediately to the Secretariat together with the reasons for such objection or reservation.

7.2 Presidency

The President shall preside over every meeting of the Executive Committee. If the President is absent or unable or unwilling to preside, then the Executive Committee as the case may be, shall elect one of their members to preside over the meeting as Chairman for the time being.

7.3 Programme and Agenda

7.3.1 The agenda for the Executive Committee shall contain the following items:

- c) Opening of the meeting
- d) President's remarks
- e) Adoption of the agenda
- f) Roll Call (by the Secretary General)
- g) Minutes of the previous meeting
- h) Reports on I.G. organisation
- i) Financial Matters
- j) Budget for forthcoming year and event
- k) New membership applications
- l) Elections (as necessary)
- m) Items presented for information
- n) Date and place of next meeting

7.3.2 All items requiring a decision to be made by the WMSC must be in writing in one of the WMSC official languages in the form of a resolution.

7.3.3 No resolution will be discussed in the absence of the delegate who made a resolution proposal.

7.3.4 Urgent matters, including matters brought forward from meetings of the Executive Committee, and which the Executive Committee approves by a simple majority, must be placed on the agenda and discussed provided that 50% (fifty per cent) of the Members present and voting agree to do so.

7.3.5 Papers / Documents for information, discussion, or decision shall not be read to the Executive Committee. They shall be distributed or circulated among the Members prior to the meeting. The author may then elaborate on any points he believes necessary by permission of the president or chairman for the time being. The paper / document may then be discussed and the author questioned by the delegates during such period of time as the president or chairman for the time being, subject always to the over-riding authority of the Congress, so decide.

Article 7.4 Minutes

7.4.1 The minutes of the meetings shall be prepared in one of the official languages and circulated by the Secretariat under the direction of the General Secretary and after approval by the President within 2 (two) months of the meetings.

7.4.2 No correction or alteration to the minutes will be accepted unless written notification has been received and acknowledged by the Secretariat within 2 (two) months of the date of circulation of the minutes to the Members.

Article 8 WMSC Executive Committee Constitution Procedure

8.1 The constitution procedure for the WMSC Executive Committee shall take place as follows:

- a) election of the President
- and if the Executive Committee decides so
- b) election of a Deputy-President
 - c) election of a General Secretary
 - d) election of a Treasurer
 - e) election of a Honorary Secretary
- or
- d) nomination of 4 (four) Members representing each Member Federation.

8.2 Each for the Executive Committee must come from the nominee's own Organisation

8.3 Each Federation shall nominate his nominees and delegates in writing to the General Secretary at the latest 10 (ten) days before the beginning of the meeting where the elections are going to take place.

8.4 The newly elected President and Executive Committee Members take office after the close of the Executive Committee Meeting.

8.5 The voting papers for the election of the President, the Deputy-President, the Treasurer, the General Secretary and the Honorary Secretary must each bear 1 (one) name.

8.6 Voting slips bearing more or less than 1 (one) name shall be invalid.

Article 9 Honorary Members

A retiring President or a retiring Executive Committee Member who has rendered services to the WMSC may be granted the title of "Honorary President" or "Honorary Member" respectively, on a proposal made by the Executive Committee..

Article 10 Notices

10.1 A notice or notification to a Member shall be deemed to have been properly delivered provided it was sent to the last address of which the Member informed the Secretariat.

10.2 Notification regarding suspension, expulsion or dissolution shall always be sent by registered delivery.