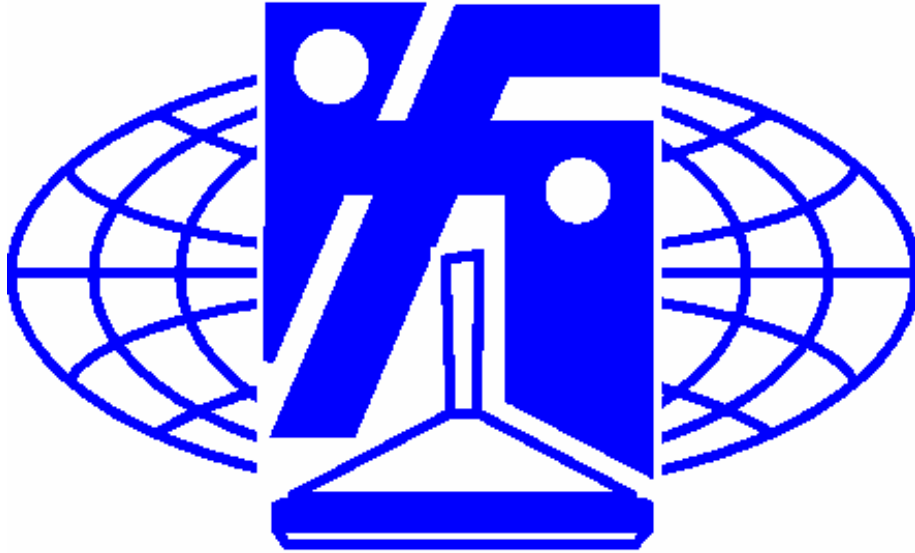


INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION ICESTOCKSPORT



LEGAL BASES

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S T A T U T E S

1 Name and Registered Office of the Federation

- 1.1 The name of the Federation is:
International Federation Icestocksport (IFI).
- 1.2 The Federation has its office in Zürich and shall operate in all countries of the world in which Icestocksport is played on ice or on various summer sports surfaces.

2 Responsibilities and Objectives of the Federation

The objectives of the IFI shall be to disseminate, promote, and lead Icestocksport played on ice and/or on various summer sports surfaces all around the world.

- 2.1.1 On this basis, the IFI has the following responsibilities:
 - 2.1.1.1 Representation of Icestocksport with respect to all matters.
 - 2.1.1.2 Provision of information relating to Icestocksport.
 - 2.1.1.3 Settlement of all disputes between its individual member associations.
 - 2.1.1.4 Provision of sporting and general support to its individual member associations.
 - 2.1.1.5 Recruitment of new member associations.
 - 2.1.1.6 Supervision of Icestocksport and its implementation undertaken on the basis of standardised rules and regulations.
 - 2.1.1.7 Implementation of world championships and continental championships, as well as world and continental cup competitions.
 - 2.1.1.8. Representation of Icestocksport vis-à-vis international organisations such as the IOC, ANOC, FISU, IMGA and SportAccord.
- 2.2 The IFI shall observe strict neutrality in all political, racial and religious matters.
- 2.3 The IFI pursues neither commercial nor self-help purposes, but exclusively and directly non-profit purposes within the meaning of the applicable regulations of the tax code or tax authorities.



- 2.4 The IFI is active selflessly.
- 2.5 The IFI's funds may be expended solely for the purposes identified by the Statutes. Members shall not be provided with any grants from the IFI's funds.
- 2.6 No person may benefit from expenditures unrelated to the purposes of the IFI or through inappropriately high allowances.
- 2.7 The IFI recognises the relevant principles of the Olympic Charter and the basic rules of good governance. As an active member of the Olympic movement, it advocates the promotion of Olympic values, particularly fair play and sporting excellence.
- 2.8 The IFI combats all forms of violence, discrimination, racism, intolerance and match-fixing and actively advocates international understanding.
- 2.9 The IFI shall establish an ethics code and a code of conduct as well as rules against match-fixing and betting fraud.
- 2.10 The IFI is committed to active environmental and nature conservation and applies recognised criteria to ensure the sustainability of IFI competitions.

3 Language of Procedure

- 3.1 The IFI's official languages are English and German.
- 3.2 For interpretation of the Statutes, regulations and decisions as well as with regard to translations into other languages, the German text shall prevail. Regarding the IFI Anti-Doping Code and its Appendices, the English text is binding.

4 Members

- 4.1 The members of the Federation shall be the national associations of Icestocksport which have been accepted as members of the IFI.
- 4.2 Only one association from each state may be accepted as a member.

5 Acceptance of Members

- 5.1 In order to become a member of the IFI, the following requirements shall be met:
 - 5.1.1 submission of a written application to the IFI;



5.1.2 submission of the Statutes of the Icestocksport association applying for membership.

5.2 The IFI shall confirm receipt of an application within a period of 30 days. A decision shall be taken on the application for membership by the next ordinary or extraordinary Congress.

6 Rights and Obligations of the Members

IFI members have the following rights and obligations:

6.1 Obligations:

6.1.1 To acknowledge the Statutes, regulations and rules of the IFI.

6.1.2 To acknowledge the decisions of the IFI Congress.

6.1.3 To notify the IFI of any amendments to the statutes of the national association.

6.1.4 To submit an activity report and to notify the IFI of the names and addresses of the members of the executive board of the national association (situation as of the submission deadline).

6.1.5 To pay, by the end of December of the given business year, membership contributions as determined by the Congress. Members in default of payment shall forfeit all rights until payment has been made and shall be automatically suspended from participation in competitions organised by the IFI.

6.2 Rights:

6.2.1 To undertake their own activities and to operate independently, unaffected by IFI membership.

6.2.2 To submit proposals.

6.2.3 To take part in IFI Congresses and, through delegates who are citizens of the respective member association state, or who have at least had their main residence in the respective member state for at least two years, to vote and stand for election.

6.2.4 To take part in all IFI events.

7 Termination of Membership

Membership of the IFI shall be terminated:



- 7.1 By withdrawing:
A declaration of withdrawal may be made at any time by registered letter, no later than on 30 September of any given calendar year. The withdrawal shall become effective at the end of the given business year. All rights shall expire immediately upon the resolution on withdrawal becoming effective. However, obligations and unpaid liabilities vis-à-vis the IFI shall continue to exist.
- 7.2 By dissolution of the IFI or the member association:
With respect to the dissolution of a member association, the provisions specified under Article 7.1 shall apply. In addition, a record of the decision concerning the dissolution of the association shall be sent to the IFI.
- 7.3 By expulsion:
The Congress may decide to expel a member from the IFI by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast should the member in question fail to discharge its obligations or violate the Statutes of the IFI or Congress resolutions. Expelled members have no claim on IFI assets.

8 Business Year and Financing

- 8.1 The IFI business year shall be the calendar year.
- 8.2 The funds required for the fulfilment of IFI responsibilities shall be acquired from the following sources of income:
- 8.2.1 contributions;
 - 8.2.2 donations;
 - 8.2.3 grants;
 - 8.2.4 other income.
- 8.3 Management of the financial resources shall be governed by the Rules of Financing.

9 Ban on Doping

The IFI recognises the WADA World Anti-Doping Code in the respective applicable version in a clear commitment to doping-free sport. The details are governed by the IFI Anti-Doping Code.



10 Bodies of the Federation

The IFI has the following bodies:

- 10.1 the Congress;
- 10.2 the Executive Board;
- 10.3 the Technical Committee;
- 10.4 the Federation Court;
- 10.5 Account Auditors;
- 10.6 the Athletes Committee, elected in accordance with IOC rules;
- 10.7 the other committees appointed by the Executive Board, specifically:

- the Women's Sport Committee;
- the Youth Sport Committee;
- the Medical (and Anti-Doping) Committee;
- the Entourage Committee;
- the Development and Sport for All Committee;
- the Ethics Committee;

- 10.8 The IFI Commissioners for Disabled Sport, Integrity and Sustainability, who are appointed by the Executive Board.

11 Congress

- 11.1 The Congress is the supreme body of the IFI.
- 11.2 The implementation of the Congress shall be governed by Rules of Procedure.
- 11.3 The Ordinary Congress shall take place in even-numbered years as of 2004. If a World Championship takes place in such a year, the Congress must take place in connection with the Championship.
- 11.4 Member associations may apply to organise the Congress.

The decision on the venue shall be made by the Congress. Applications to organise the Congress shall specify the place and time of such Congress.
- 11.5 An invitation to and the agenda of the Congress shall be sent to all members by registered mail no later than 10 weeks prior to the opening of the Congress.



- 11.6 A properly convened Congress shall constitute a quorum, regardless of the members actually in attendance or represented.
- 11.7 Each member shall have one vote at the Congress and may send a maximum of three delegates. Each representative of a Member association shall submit evidence of a power of attorney before the start of the Congress.
- 11.8 The transfer of votes from one member to another member is impermissible.
- 11.9 Members of the IFI Executive Board have no voting rights at the Congress. They also may not act as representatives of their respective associations.
- 11.10 Except for the Members of the Executive Board, other IFI officials and representatives of the member associations, no one has the right to speak at the Congress unless such right is granted by the Congress.
- 11.11 A resolution shall be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast. Should an equal number of votes be cast for and against a resolution, it shall be deemed to have been rejected. Amendments to the Statutes require a two-thirds majority of the votes to be cast in their favour.
- 11.12 The IFI Executive Board may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time. Upon application by one-fifth of members eligible to vote, the IFI President must convene an Extraordinary Congress within a period of 30 days, stating the motions; if the President is unable to do this, it shall be done by his deputy. The members shall be notified of the agenda of the Congress.
- 11.13 An Ordinary Congress, acting upon a proposal made by its members, may award honours to persons particularly worthy of merit within the IFI in accordance with the Rules for Awarding Honours and Distinctions.

12 Agenda

The agenda of Ordinary Congresses must include at least the following items:

- 12.1 opening of the Congress by the President or his deputy;
- 12.2 determination that the Congress has been called correctly;
- 12.3 determination of the presence of representatives entitled to cast votes and powers of attorney;
- 12.4 approval of the minutes of the previous Congress;



- 12.5 activity reports of:
 - 12.5.1 the President or his deputy;
 - 12.5.2 the Vice-President for Sport (= Chairman of the Technical Committee);
 - 12.5.3 the Vice-President for Finance;
 - 12.5.4 the Account Auditors, containing a motion to endorse the Treasurer's transactions;
 - 12.5.5 representatives of the member associations;
- 12.6 formation of an Election Committee (every four years);
- 12.7 endorsement of the Executive Board (at least at each Ordinary Congress);
- 12.8 new election of an Executive Board (every four years, for the first time again in 2006);
- 12.9 new election of a Technical Committee (ever four years, for the first time again in 2006);
- 12.10 new election of an Association Court (every four years, for the first time again in 2006);
- 12.11 by-election of an Account Auditor (every two years, for the first time in 2004);
- 12.12 budget proposals;
- 12.13 adoption of resolutions concerning motions of the Executive Board, members, and committees;
- 12.14 amendments to the Statutes;
- 12.15 amendments of the legal bases, the International Ice-Stock Rules, the International Rules of Play, the Specifications and Instructions for Competitions organised by the IFI, as well as of other competition provisions;
- 12.16 assignment of IFI competitions;
- 12.17 any other business.



13 Motions

- 13.1 Motions to be discussed at the Congress shall be submitted in writing to the IFI no later than 7 weeks prior to the Congress together with a justification; the IFI shall forward these to the members no later than 2 weeks prior to the Congress.
- 13.2 Motions of a technical nature may be submitted to the Congress if they have previously been addressed by the Technical Committee. The deadline for submission to the Technical Committee is 30 November prior to the next Ordinary Congress. Members' motions that have been rejected by the Technical Committee must also be submitted to the Congress.
- 13.3 Motions submitted to Congress which are not on the agenda and which were not submitted to the President on time may only be addressed if a two-thirds majority votes in favour of the urgency of the motion (urgent motion).
- 13.4 Urgent motions for amendments to the Statutes or dissolution of the Federation are impermissible.

14 Responsibilities of the Congress

- 14.1 The Congress shall pass decisions concerning all motions of the members unless the matter falls under the competence of other bodies in accordance with other legal bases.
- 14.2 If called upon to do so, the Congress shall pass decisions concerning all disputes between members, as well as between the Executive Board and individual members, insofar as the matter is outside association jurisdiction.

15 The Executive Board

- 15.1 The IFI Executive Board shall consist of the following persons:
- 15.1.1 the President,
- 15.1.2 the Vice-President for International Affairs,
- 15.1.3 the Vice-President for Finance,
- 15.1.4 the Vice-President for Special Affairs (including marketing and media),
- 15.1.5 the Vice-President for Sport (= Chairperson of the Technical Committee),



- 15.1.6 the Women's Commissioner as Vice-President,
- 15.1.7 the Chairperson of the Athletes' Committee,
- 15.1.8 the Chairperson of the Medical Committee,
- 15.1.9 the Vice-President for Legal matters and Olympic relations.
- 15.2 A member association may second a maximum of three persons to the Executive Board.
- 15.3 The members of the Executive Board shall be elected for a four-year term. The term of office for all bodies shall end upon the election of new bodies. All offices shall be held in an honorary capacity. The members of the Executive Board (Board of Directors) are generally only entitled to compensation for their effective expenses and cash expenses. Adequate compensation can be paid for special achievements of individual Executive Board members (Board of Director members).
- 15.4 The President shall represent the IFI in all matters and shall be entitled to sign on behalf of the IFI; the President's signature shall be legally binding. Should the President be unable to carry out this responsibility, it shall be carried out by his deputy.
- 15.5 The Executive Board shall have a quorum provided that three members are present. The Executive Board shall pass decisions by simple majority. Should an equal number of votes be cast for and against a motion, the President or chairperson shall have the casting vote. Executive Board decisions may also be taken by means of a postal vote or by electronic means. In such a case, a record shall be made, to which the ballot papers must be attached. The members shall be notified of the decisions of the Executive Board in writing no later than 30 days following their adoption. It shall be possible to appeal to the Congress as the instrument of appeal against a decision of the Executive Board. An appeal does not have a suspensory effect, however.
- Should a member of the Executive Board retire early from his/her position, the following Congress shall elect a new member to the Executive Board. Until such time, the remaining Board members shall be entitled to appoint a temporary deputy member.
- 15.6 An election is valid if a candidate receives the absolute majority of the votes of the members present at the Congress. Elections shall be held by secret ballot as a matter of principle.
- 15.7 The Executive Board shall manage the operations of the IFI in the period between Congresses. Its remit includes in particular the following:



- 15.7.1 all financial matters;
- 15.7.2 the development of motions for the Congress;
- 15.7.3 the appointment of further sub-committees;
- 15.7.4 dealing with general issues;
- 15.7.5 dealing with all matters relating to the Office and Test Centre for Sports Equipment.
- 15.7.6 Matters not referred to under Articles 15.7.1 to 15.7.5, the treatment of which also does not fall under the scope of competence of another body, shall fall under the scope of competence of the Congress.

16 Technical Committee

- 16.1 The Technical Committee is responsible for all technical matters. It is responsible for making proposals to update the International Icestock Rules, the International Rules of Play and the Specifications and Instructions for Competitions Organised by the IFI. Its decisions shall be confirmed provisionally by the Executive Board and finally by the next Congress.

The Technical Committee shall also be responsible for the development of guidelines for the basic and further training of referees.

The Chairperson of the Technical Committee shall direct the technical organisation of World and Continental Championships and Cup Competitions.

- 16.2 The Technical Committee shall consist of the Chairperson (= Vice-President for Sport and Executive Board member), seven representatives of various member associations and the Athletes' Spokesperson, who may come from one of the countries of the seven representatives already elected.
- 16.3 Members shall be elected by the Congress. The Athletes' Spokesperson shall be elected in accordance with the IOC rules for a period of two years by the Athletes' Spokespersons of Austria, Germany and Italy.
- 16.4 Each member shall have only one vote in the votes of the Technical Committee. If an equal number of votes is cast for and against a proposal, it shall be deemed to have been rejected.
- 16.5 The Chairperson and the Head of the Test Centre shall have no right to vote.



- 16.6 The scope of responsibility of the Technical Committee shall be defined by its Rules of Procedure.

17 Association Court

- 17.1 The IFI shall have its own jurisdiction.

The Judicial Rules of the Association approved by the Congress by simple majority shall apply. The following bodies shall act as legal bodies: the Sports Court, the Sports Court of Appeal, and the Court of Arbitration.

In addition, recognition is given to the exclusive competence of the Appeals Arbitration Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) as the court of last instance, following recourse to all internal means, including the IFI's Sports Court of Appeal, and to the CAS Code of Arbitration for Sport.

- 17.2 Judicial bodies of the IFI shall be composed of the Chairing Judge and two Associate Judges.

- 17.3 The Chairing Judge, the Associate Judges, and substitutes functioning in the two instances of the Sports Court (the Sports Court and the Sports Court of Appeal) shall be elected by the Congress.

18 Account Auditors

- 18.1 Two Account Auditors shall carry out an audit of the IFI's finances in the year in which the Congress takes place. If only one Account Auditor is present, he/she shall carry out the audit by himself/herself.

- 18.2 Should the Account Auditors find everything in order when carrying out the audit, they shall submit a request to the Congress for approval of the operations of the Vice-President for Finance.

- 18.3 An Account Auditor shall be elected at each Ordinary Congress for a period of four years. Re-election in the year in which the previous term of office expires is not possible.

- 18.4 Official representatives holding elected office in the IFI may not be elected to the position of Account Auditor.

19 Office

- 19.1 The IFI maintains an Office to carry out the ongoing tasks of the Federation.



20 Test Centre for Sports Equipment

20.1 The IFI maintains a Test Centre for Sports Equipment in order to standardise and monitor the sports equipment; the Test Centre for Sports Equipment is subordinate to the Vice-President for Sport.

21 Legal Bases

21.1 The Statutes and rules, as well as decisions issued by the IFI within the scope of its competence, shall be binding upon the members and bodies. The members have an obligation to communicate the IFI rules and regulations to its members and to ensure their compliance with them.

21.2 The principal legal documents of the Federation shall be:

21.2.1 The Rules of Procedure and the rules below, which may be amended by the Congress by simply majority vote:

21.2.2 The Rules of Procedure;

21.2.3 The Rules of Financing;

21.2.4 the Rules for Awarding Honours and Distinctions;

21.2.5 the Rules of Procedure for the Technical Committee;

21.2.6 the Judicial Rules of the Association;

21.2.7 the International Icestock Rules;

21.2.8 the International Rules of Play, etc.

21.2.9 the International Referee Regulations.

22 Dissolution of the IFI

22.1 The dissolution of the IFI may be decided upon only by a Congress convened for such purpose.

22.2 The dissolution of the IFI shall be decided upon by the Congress by a four-fifths majority in the presence of at least half of its actual members.

22.3 Should the IFI be dissolved, the Congress shall elect liquidators.



- 22.4 Upon the dissolution or discontinuation of the IFI or upon the extinction of its current purpose, the assets of the Federation shall be used for tax-advantaged purposes, in particular to support sport. Resolutions relating to the future use of the assets may be realised only following the approval thereof by the Revenue Office, whereas it should be noted that the funds remaining after the dissolution of the IFI are to be used by a tax-exempt institution based in Switzerland with the same or similar purpose. Distribution among the members is excluded.

The above Statutes come into effect with the unanimous approval of the IFI members at the IFI Congress held on 29 June 1975 in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

Amended on 25 June 1977 at the Congress held in Rosenheim, Germany;
Amended on 1 July 1978 at the Congress held in Bolzano, Italy;
Amended on 30 June 1979 at the Congress held in Brussels, Belgium;
Amended on 14 June 1980 at the Congress held in Stubenberg, Austria;
Amended on 5 June 1982 at the Congress held in Grindelwald, Switzerland;
Amended on 4 June 1983 at the Congress held in Eindhoven, the Netherlands;
Amended on 2 June 1984 at the Congress held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany;
Amended on 13 June 1987 at the Congress held in Vasteras, Sweden;
Amended on 18 June 1988 at the Congress held in Regensburg, Germany;
Amended on 17 June 1989 at the Congress held in Klagenfurt, Austria;
Amended on 15 June 1991 at the Congress held in Seis, Italy;
Amended on 18 June 1994 at the Congress held in Maribor, Slovenia;
Amended on 13 June 1998 at the Congress held in Budapest, Hungary;
Amended on 17 June 2000 at the Congress held in Kitchener, Canada;
Amended on 21 June 2003 at the Congress held in Moscow, Russia;
Amended on 14 March 2004 at the Congress held in Graz, Austria;
Amended on 17 June 2006 at the Congress held in Pori, Finland
Amended on 19 June 2010 at the Congress in Pörschach, Austria;
Amended on 11 March 2012 at the Congress in Waldkraiburg, Germany;
Amended on 2 March 2014 at the Congress in Innsbruck, Austria;
Amended on 28 August 2016 at the Congress in Munich, Germany.
Amended on 25 February 2018 at the Congress in Winklarn, Austria.
Amended on 8 March 2020 at the Congress in Regen, Germany.