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STATUTES

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ARTICLE 1 - TITLE, RECOGNITIONS, HEADQUARTERS AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

- (1) The name of the Federation shall be “World Skate”, no acronym shall be used.
- (2) World Skate is the only Governing Body in the world for all Sports performed on skating wheels. Currently World Skate governs the following disciplines:
 - 1) Skateboarding;
 - 2) Inline Speed Skating
 - 3) Artistic Skating;
 - 4) Inline Hockey;
 - 5) Rink Hockey;
 - 6) Downhill;
 - 7) Inline Alpine;
 - 8) Inline Freestyle;
 - 9) Roller Freestyle;
 - 10) Roller Derby;
 - 11) Scooter.

Further disciplines may be recognized by World Skate Executive Board and shall be included in these Statutes at the earliest possible convenience.

- (3) World Skate is recognized by:
 - a) The International Olympic Committee (IOC).
 - b) The Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF).
 - c) The Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF).
 - d) The Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF).
 - e) The International World Games Association (IWGA).
 - f) The Pan American Sports Association (PASO).
 - g) The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).
- (4) World Skate may also apply to be recognised by other international organizations.
- (5) The headquarters of World Skate is established in Lausanne (Switzerland).
- (6) The President may set up operational offices wherever deemed appropriate.

- (7) The official language of World Skate is English. Statutes, By-Laws, “Disciplinary and Ethics Code” shall be translated into Spanish. In case of language discrepancies, the English version shall prevail.
- (8) All other documents shall be drafted in English. They may be translated into other languages for convenience, but the English version shall always prevail.

ARTICLE 2 - GOALS

(1) The main goals of World Skate are:

- a) To promote and encourage the development of all disciplines governed by World Skate in all its possible forms all over the world.
- b) To promote sports free from doping.
- c) To promote and increase the international relations between its National Federations and National and International Sport Organizations.
- d) To adopt uniform rules and regulations in the competitions of the different disciplines World Skate governs.
- e) To adopt an Antidoping Policy in accordance with current WADA code.
- f) To organize World Championships and other international competitions and events.
- g) To increase the number governed disciplines, venues and facilities throughout the world.
- h) To establish and to agree on the annual calendar of intercontinental, continental and international competitions, in the following order:

- Olympic Games
- Continental Games
- World Games
- World Skate Games
- World Championships
- Continental Championships
- International competitions and events

- (2) World Skate acknowledges and recognizes the Statutes and the purposes of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the IOC anti-doping rules, the WADA CODE and of all the other International Sport Organizations whose World Skate is a member of.
- (3) World Skate requires all its members to adopt an Antidoping Policy in compliance with the current World Skate Antidoping Policy. If there is a conflict between the Antidoping Policy of a National Federation and the World Skate Antidoping Policy then the World Skate Antidoping Policy shall prevail.

- (4) World Skate requires all its members to acknowledge and agree that any second instance dispute (please see Art. 8.9.k below and World Skate By-Laws) as well as any other dispute which is not part of the sphere of competence of any World Skate body, shall be settled by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) of Lausanne (Switzerland). According to these Statutes, only the Federations that are lawfully member of World Skate shall have the right to appeal to the Court of Arbitration in seeking legal remedy against World Skate or any other Member Federation of World Skate.
- (5) The general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter shall be enforced, and no provisions of these Statutes and of World Skate Rules and Regulations shall be either in conflict with or depart from these principles.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

- (1) World Skate is a unique Federation worldwide and provides its members with a sole membership status.
- (2) World Skate recognizes only one National Federation per Country.
- (3) In Countries where more than one Member Federation has been recognized by World Skate, the different entities shall merge and create a unique governing body within December 2020. The resulting entity shall be considered as the sole National Governing Body for all World Skate disciplines in the relevant Country.
- (4) In case no agreement is reached among the different entities, World Skate Executive Board, after hearing the opinion of the competent National Sports Authority, shall choose the National Governing Body in charge of all World Skate disciplines as per the transitional rules and procedures provided for in World Skate By-Laws.
- (5) Membership shall be open to National Federations, without any discrimination whatsoever based on race, religion and political affiliation or ideology.
- (6) To be accepted as members of World Skate, National Federations shall send a membership application to World Skate, including:
 - I. An English version of their Statutes which must be compliant to World Skate Rules and Regulations and must include a compliant Anti-Doping Policy.
 - II. A duly filled-in affiliation form.
 - III. The recognition by the National Olympic Committee (NOC) as National Governing body of all World Skate disciplines.
Should the NOC not answer or, in case the NOC unreasonably denies the mentioned recognition, World Skate Executive Board might however decide to recognize the Federation concerned.
- (7) The Executive Board has the power to authorize a provisional membership in case the requirements as per paragraph (5) are met. The provisional membership entitles new members

to participate in sports activities. After performing any necessary controls, the Executive Board will submit the provisional recognition to the next Congress for its final membership ratification.

- (8) As soon as the National Federation is provisionally recognised by the Executive Board, it shall be vested with all the rights provided for in art. 4.1, except for the voting rights which will be granted after the Congress ratification. In the same way, the National Federation concerned shall be subject to all duties as per art. 4.2 and any other World Skate applicable Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE 4 - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBER FEDERATIONS

- (1) Member Federations of World Skate shall enjoy the following:

RIGHTS

- a) Recognition as the sole National Governing Body for all World Skate Disciplines (Statutes Art. 3 and World Skate By-Laws).
- b) Participation in World and Continental Championships as well as in any other World Skate International competition or event.
- c) Voting right during World Skate Congress as per the rules and procedures included in these Statutes and in World Skate By-Laws.
- d) Organize National Championships of all World Skate disciplines.

- (2) Member Federations shall comply with the following:

DUTIES

- a) Promote all World Skate disciplines on a national level.
- b) Contribute to achieve the goals of World Skate.
- c) Comply with the decisions adopted by the bodies of World Skate.
- d) Organize National Championships of all World Skate disciplines to the utmost of its capacities and possibilities.
- e) Participate in World and Continental Championships to the utmost of its capacities and possibilities or at least once every three years.
- f) Periodically report World Skate on one's activities.

- g)** Accept doping tests controlled by World Skate and by any other competent authority, either National or International.
 - h)** Pay the affiliation fee within the deadlines set.
 - i)** Pay event sports registration fees when due and within the deadlines set.
- (3)** Breaches of World Skate duties as well as violations of any applicable World Skate Rules or Regulations shall be subject to the rules provided for in World Skate Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

ARTICLE 5 - HONORARY MEMBERS

- (1)** Upon appointment by the Executive Board, the Congress may award the title of “Honorary Member” of World Skate to anyone deserving such recognition on the basis of outstanding services provided in favour of World Skate. Such members may attend all Congresses as well as World Skate official meetings, events and competitions, upon World Skate invitation. Their attendance shall not entitle them to vote during World Skate meetings and shall be ruled as per the policy included in World Skate By-Laws.

ARTICLE 6 - GOVERNING BODIES OF WORLD SKATE

- (1)** The governing bodies of World Skate are:

a) The Congress.

b) The Executive Board.

c) The President.

All the elective offices of World Skate shall have a four-year term, except in the case of replacement during the terms set out in art. 9 of these Statutes and in World Skate By-Laws. The replacement office shall last until the next Elective Congress. Offices by appointment shall equally last four years or, except in the case of replacement or substitution during the terms set out in art. 9 of these Statutes and in World Skate By-Laws, until the next Elective Congress; unless otherwise specified or determined by the single letters of appointment.

ARTICLE 7 - THE CONGRESS

- (1)** The Congress is the supreme authority of World Skate.
- (2)** The Congress elects World Skate President, First Vice-President, Vice-Presidents (Continental Presidents), Continental Vice-Presidents.

- (3) The Congress shall meet ordinarily at least once every 2 (two) years. The official summoning of the Ordinary Congress shall be sent out at least 4 (four) months before the date set.
- (4) An Extraordinary Congress can be summoned by the Executive Board on proposal of the President or on written request submitted by at least one third of the Member Federations. The Extraordinary Congress shall be held within 6 (six) months from the date of the request. The official summoning shall be sent out at least 2 (two) months before the date set.
- (5) The Elective Congress shall be held every 4 (four) years within 5 (five) months by the end of the last year of the *Olympic quadriennium*.
- (6) The Congress ratifies World Skate financial report approved by the Executive Board.
- (7) An Agenda, drafted by the President, in his/her discretionary order, shall be sent out at least 2 (two) months before the Ordinary Congress and 1 (one) month before the Extraordinary one. Only items included in the agenda shall be discussed, exception made for issues unknown before the Agenda was sent out. In both cases, new items may be considered only with the consent of at least two thirds of the votes cast and during Ordinary Congresses only. The Congress may approve by simple majority a different order of the items in the agenda proposed by the President.
- (8) The agenda shall include at least:
 - a) Declaration of constitutive and deliberative *quorum*.
 - b) Appointment of scrutineers.
 - c) Approval of the Minutes of the previous Congress.
 - d) President's report.
 - e) Secretary General's report.
 - f) Financial report, accompanied by the Auditor's opinion or by a certified report by an Audit Firm (Art. 17 Statutes).
 - g) Ratification and withdraw of memberships.
 - h) Presentation of the candidates for World Skate Presidency and First-Vice Presidency (when due).
 - i) Presentation of the candidates for World Skate Vice-Presidencies (when due).
 - j) Items of general interest duly submitted by Member Federations and/or by the Executive Board within 60 days.

- k)* Other urgent issues raised after the notification of the Agenda of the meeting. Their inclusion shall be subject to the approval of two third of the votes (please see Art. 7-(5) above).
- (9)** Each Member Federation with no outstanding debts towards World Skate shall be entitled to:
- a)* Three votes for being affiliated to World Skate (Statutes Art. 3).
 - b)* One additional vote for each World Skate disciplines in which it participated in a World Championship in the two years preceding the year of the World Skate Congress. Participation shall be understood as represented by an athlete member of the relevant National Federation recognized by World Skate, at the moment of the participation in the event concerned.
- (10)** Before the opening of the Congress, the delegates of Member Federations shall show their passport coinciding with the nationality of the represented Federation and deliver their credentials to the Secretary General in order to obtain their votes, as per the procedure set out in World Skate By-Laws.
- (11)** The constitutive quorum shall consist of delegates with voting rights coming from at least thirty-one (31) different Member Federations. The deliberation quorum shall consist of 50% plus one of the votes distributed.
- (12)** The Congress approves the World Skate Statutes and further amendments or changes thereof. Amendments to the Statutes can be proposed by:
- I. the Executive Board.
 - II. Member Federations with the support of at least other four (4) Member Federations or of the Executive Board pursuant to the majority rule. Member Federations who wish to propose any amendments shall notify the Secretary General in writing at least three months before the Ordinary Congress and 5 weeks before the Extraordinary Congress.
- Any proposed amendment to the Statutes shall be sent to World Skate members by the Secretary General two months before the Ordinary Congress and one month before the Extraordinary Congress, together with the agenda.
- (13)** The Congress ratifies World Skate By-Laws and Disciplinary and Ethics Code, approved by the Executive Board.
- (14)** During Congresses, all matters shall be decided by majority of votes, exception made for the following issues, which shall require at least two-thirds of the votes cast:
- a)* Amendments to the Statutes.
 - b)* Additions to the agenda, only allowed in Ordinary Congresses.
 - c)* Dissolution of World Skate.

ARTICLE 8 - THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- (1) The Executive Board is the Governing Body of World Skate and shall be chaired by World Skate President.
- (2) The members of the Executive Board shall not represent the interests of their Member Federations while fulfilling their mandates.
- (3) The Executive Board, after hearing the opinion of each relevant Technical Commission, decides on the location, the dates and the venues of World Skate international competitions.
- (4) The Executive Board has the power to establish all the Commissions and Departments deemed necessary for achieving the goals of the International Federation.
- (5) The official summoning of Executive Board meetings must be forwarded to its members at least 40 (forty) days prior to the proposed date of the meeting. Meetings can be also held through video and/or call conference.
- (6) The agenda for the Executive Board meetings must be forwarded to the members of the Executive Board at least 20 (twenty) days prior to the date set for the meeting.
- (7) Urgent meetings falling under the definition of Art. 8.(10) shall not be subject to the terms provided for in points (5) and (6).
- (8) Meetings shall be held as per the procedure set in World Skate By-Laws.
- (9) The constitutive quorum of the Executive Board consists of 50% plus 1 of the members entitled to vote, the deliberation quorum consists of 50% plus 1 of the attendees entitled to vote. In the event of a tie, the President shall exercise his/her casting vote.
- (10) The Executive Board is composed as follows:
 - **World Skate President**
 - **World Skate First Vice President**
 - **5 Continental Area Presidents or Commissioners (World Skate Vice Presidents)**
 - **The Chairmen of the International Technical Commissions**
 - **The Athletes' Representative (President of the Athletes' Commission).**

Executive Board members are elected or appointed according to the procedures included in these Statutes.

Offices of the Executive Board members are incompatible with each other, exception made for the vacant position procedures included in Art. 9 below.

(11) Members participating in the Executive Board with no voting rights:

- **World Skate Secretary General**

- **World Skate Vice Secretary General**
- **World Skate Chairman of the Sports Medicine Commission**
- **World Skate Sports Director**

(12) The President may invite to Executive Board meetings any appropriate/competent individuals he/she considers helpful. They shall have no voting right.

(13) The Executive Board shall supervise the legitimacy and correctness under which World Skate Assemblies and meetings are held, and it may also declare their lapse in case of severe and evident irregularities.

(14) The Executive Board tasks are:

- a) To manage World Skate;
- b) To bear the general interest of World Skate;
- c) To ratify possible urgent resolutions taken by the President;
- d) To decide on Public relations and development measures in non-member Countries and preliminary acceptance of new Member Federations;
- e) To decide on World Skate participation in other organizations;
- f) To discuss and draw amendments to the Statutes to be submitted to the Congress for their approval;
- g) To approve World Skate By-Laws and Disciplinary and Ethics Code;
- h) To approve World Skate Events Calendar for its publication;
- i) To approve World Skate Financial Report and to submit it to the Congress for its ratification.
- j) To ratify Sports and Technical Rulebooks of each discipline drafted by the relevant International Technical Commission (please see World Skate By-Laws).
- k) To adopt all necessary measures to achieve World Skate goals;
- l) To rule Disciplinary and Ethics cases as per the procedures included in World Skate By-Laws and Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

(15) The Executive Board shall meet at least once every two years, besides on any other occasions deemed necessary by the President, or upon request of the half of its members plus one.

(16) The Executive Board may convene electronic meetings that shall be deemed as lawfully held; the Executive Board may also vote through videoconferencing, e-mail, fax or teleconferencing systems.

ARTICLE 9 - VACANT POSITIONS IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

In the event of a vacant position in the Executive Board between two Elective Congresses (due to death, incapacity, resignation or application of sanction preventing the person concerned to fulfil his/her office), the following procedure shall be followed:

- (1) The President shall be automatically replaced by the First Vice-President until the next Elective Congress.
- (2) The First Vice-President shall be replaced by a Continental Area President elected by the Executive Board until the next Elective Congress.
- (3) The remaining Continental Area Presidents or Commissioners (please see Art. 15 Statutes) shall be replaced by their Continental Vice-President until the next Elective Congress. The latter shall not be replaced until the next Elective Congress.
- (4) The Chairmen of the Technical Commissions shall be replaced as per the procedure Art. 16 of these Statutes.
- (5) In case the President has been replaced as per point (1) above, all the existing elective offices shall remain in force until the next Elective Congress and shall be subject to the replacing procedure listed above.

ARTICLE 10 - THE PRESIDENT

- (1) The President is the legal Representative of World Skate, he/she has the authority to sign and he/she is authorized to act for and on behalf of World Skate. He/She presides over all the meetings of the Congress and of the Executive Board. In case of tie, he/she shall have the casting vote in all meetings of World Skate (when due).
- (2) The World Skate President:
 - a) Presides over the Congress.
 - b) Presides over the Executive Board.
 - c) Appoints the Secretary General and the Vice Secretary General.
 - d) Appoints the Chairmen of the Technical Commissions and their members upon proposal of their Chairmen, heard the opinion of the Continental Area Presidents.
 - e) Appoints single discipline experts as support for Technical Commissions as per Statutes Art. 16.6.
 - f) Appoints World Skate Officers and provide them with all necessary proxies to achieve World Skate goals.

g) Fulfils his/her mandate in collaboration with the Executive Board.

h) Takes urgent decisions that shall be subsequently ratified by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 11 - THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE VICE-SECRETARY GENERAL

- (1)** The Secretary General shall be appointed by the President and ratified by the Executive Board. He/she shall have no voting rights.
- (2)** The Secretary General shall be considered as the guarantor of World Skate democratic legitimacy.
- (3)** The Secretary General heads and coordinates World Skate Staff, together with the Vice-Secretary General.
- (4)** The Secretary General coordinates the offices and the dedicated staff members, takes care of the World Skate business routine, which includes in particular the correspondence, the drafting of official communications, documents, circulars, letters, reports, Agenda of World Skate meetings and so on.
- (5)** The Secretary General leads and coordinates Continental Secretaries General (Statutes Art. 15).
- (6)** The Secretary General works in cooperation with the President and within the area of his/her assigned responsibilities. He/she may fulfill financial obligations on behalf of World Skate, according to the annual budget and upon authorization of the President.
- (7)** Upon mandate of the President, either the Secretary General or the Vice-Secretary General shall act as World Skate treasurer.
- (8)** The Secretary General has the task of monitoring and ensuring that each assembly or meeting is conducted on the basis of the provisions provided for in these Statutes, in the By-Laws and in any other World Skate applicable Rules and Regulations.
- (9)** The Vice-Secretary General shall be appointed by the President and ratified by the Executive Board. He/She shall be of the opposite gender of the Secretary General. He/She shall act as Secretary General in the event of his/her absence, death, resignation etc. until the appointment of a new Secretary General by the President.

ARTICLE 12 - MEMBERSHIP FEES

(1) World Skate Membership fee is unique.

(2) Membership fee shall be approved by the Congress upon proposal of the Executive Board and are payable annually in US dollars to World Skate.

- (3) Half of the total amount of the annual membership fee paid by each National Federation, shall be paid back to the relevant Continental Area for the promotion of World Skate disciplines and the achievement of World Skate goals in the Continent concerned, as per the procedure set out in Art. 15 below.
- (4) Annual membership fees shall be paid every year within the month of January. Failing this deadline, the procedure described in World Skate By-Laws shall be applied.

ARTICLE 13 - WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Any Member Federation wishing to withdraw from World Skate shall send a written notice before January 1st.

ARTICLE 14 - ELECTED OFFICES PRINCIPLES, TERMS AND PROCEDURES

- (1) The elected offices of World Skate are:
 - a) The President;
 - b) The First Vice-President;
 - c) Continental Area Presidents (World Skate Vice-Presidents);
 - d) Continental Vice-Presidents.
 - e) Athletes' Representative.
- (2) All World Skate Elected office shall be renewed during the Election Day to be held on each Elective Congress.
- (3) Candidatures for World Skate Presidency and First Vice-Presidency shall be submitted together, the two candidates must come from different Countries and must be of opposite gender (*e.g. A person wishing to submit his/her candidacy as World Skate President, shall find a First Vice-President candidate of the opposite gender running with him/her*).
- (4) Candidates for World Skate Presidency and First Vice-Presidency shall submit in writing at least 30 days before the Elective Congress to the Secretary General their candidacy supported by at least 5 (five) Member Federations entitled to vote. (The two candidates shall seek for the required support letters which shall endorse both candidates). Together with their candidacy, they shall submit the list of the Chairmen of the International Technical Commissions indicated by the candidate President.
- (5) If no candidate achieves the support letters required within the period set, anyone can submit his/her candidacy in accordance with points (3) and (4), if supported by his/her National Federation, within 24 hours before the date set for the Congress.
- (6) Candidatures for Continental Area Presidency (World Skate Vice-Presidency) and Continental Vice-Presidency shall be submitted together, the two candidates must come from the relevant Continental Area but from different Countries and must be of opposite gender (*e.g. A person wishing to submit his/her candidacy as Continental Area President, shall find a Continental Vice-President of the opposite gender candidate coming from a different Country running with him/her*).

- (7) Candidates for Continental Area Presidency (World Skate Vice-Presidency) and Continental Vice-Presidency shall submit in writing at least 30 days before the Elective Congress to the Secretary General their candidacy supported by at least 2 (two) Member Federations entitled to vote in the relevant Continental Area. (The two candidates shall seek for the required support letters which shall endorse both candidates).
- (8) If no candidate achieves the support letters required within the period set, anyone can submit his/her candidacy in accordance with points (12) and (13), if supported by his/her National Federation, within 24 hours before the date set for the Congress.
- (9) World Skate Athletes' Representative shall be elected by the Athletes' Commission, whose eligibility criteria and election procedure are included in World Skate By-Laws. In case one of World Skate disciplines becomes Olympic, the Athletes' Representative may be chosen by the Executive Board amongst that discipline's members of the Athletes Commission.
- (10) The voting for World Skate Elected Offices shall be made separately, by secret ballot and according to the following order:
 - I. World Skate President and First Vice-President.
 - II. World Skate Continental Presidents and Vice-Presidents, to be voted simultaneously for all Continents. Delegates must vote only for the Continental Area they come from. In case at least 5 Member Federations belonging to a given Continental Area fail to attend the Election Day, the Election for the President and Vice-President of that Continental Area shall not be held, and a Commissioner will be appointed in compliance with Art. 15(2).
- (11) Further election procedures are included in World Skate By-Laws.

ARTICLE 15 - CONTINENTAL AREAS

- (1) World Skate recognizes the following Continental Areas:
 - **WORLD SKATE AFRICA**
 - **WORLD SKATE AMERICA**
 - **WORLD SKATE ASIA**
 - **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**
 - **WORLD SKATE OCEANIA**
- (2) In case a Continental Area does not reach 5 (five) Member Federations, a Commissioner shall be appointed by the Executive Board and his/her office shall last until the next Elective Congress. The appointment shall be subject to general rules and principles listed throughout these Statutes.
Continental Areas managed by a Commissioner shall be subject to the rules provided for in these Statutes.

- (3) Continental Areas shall represent World Skate within their Continents not as single stand-alone bodies, but as World Skate bodies with continental representing powers on behalf of World Skate itself.
- (4) Continental Areas shall not be considered independent from World Skate. They are to be considered as territorial extensions of a unique Federation, meant to be entities connecting and looking after the interests of all the National Federations representing a specific Geographical Area of the World.
- (5) Continental Areas shall not have a different Governance than World Skate. Continental Areas are part of World Skate and shall not be organized as separate entities. Consequently, they shall be exclusively subject to World Skate Statutes, By Laws, Disciplinary and Ethics Code and any other World Skate Rule or Regulation.
- (6) Previous Statutes, Codes, Technical and Sports Rulebooks as well as any other Rules and/or Regulations issued by Continental Areas shall be considered as cancelled, revoked and abrogated starting from the date on which these Statutes enter into force. Only compliant operational regulations will be allowed.
- (7) Previous boards, commissions or entities are to be considered as terminated.
- (8) Continental Areas shall use World Skate Technical and Sports Rulebooks issued by the International Technical Commissions (please see Art. 8 above and World Skate By-Laws) to run Continental Competitions.
- (9) The President of each Continental Area shall send to World Skate an annual report on the activities of the relevant Continental Area, including the International events calendar. The International events of a Continental Area shall be debated and approved by the Executive Board of World Skate.
- (10) World Skate Member Federations shall be considered solely as World Skate Members. Belonging to a Continental Area from a geographical point of view shall not confer any further membership or Status.
- (11) Continental Area Presidents, shall be considered as World Skate Vice-Presidents. Consequently, they shall be elected during the Election Day (Statutes Art. 14.(2)). In order to adjust all the terms of office to the ones provided for World Skate elective roles, Continental Area Presidents term of office is set on 4 years. As transitional rule, should one of the current Continental Presidents term of office exceed the deadline set (Election Day on the next Elective Congress), the office shall be considered early terminated. *Viceversa*, should one of the abovementioned terms of office terminate earlier than the Election Day, it shall be considered extended until the Election Day (*prorogatio*).
- (12) The board of each Continental Area shall be formed by the elected Continental Area President and Continental Vice-President (Statutes Art. 14). The Board shall also include a Continental Secretary General appointed by the Continental President. Continental Secretaries General shall be subject to World Skate Secretary General leadership and control (Statutes Art. 11).
- (13) Continental Areas shall manage their assets, properties, finances and patrimony and can set up operational offices within their Continental Area.

- (14) Continental Areas shall not carry out deals with any third party which may be in conflict with World Skate interests, goals and purposes (e.g. sponsors).
- (15) Continental Areas may act on behalf of World Skate in their relevant Area, upon World Skate approval.
- (16) As per Art. 12 of these Statutes, Continental Areas shall benefit *pro-quota* of half of the annual membership fees collected by World Skate. This amount shall be transferred from World Skate to each Continental Area in accordance to the terms provided for in World Skate By-Laws. The amount of each Continental contribution shall be determined on the basis of the geographical Continent division set out in Art. 15.(16).d below and according to the fees actually collected by World Skate within the deadline set. Exceeding amounts shall be transferred by the end of each calendar year.
- (17) Continental Areas shall comply with the following duties and responsibilities:
- a) To assist World Skate to achieve its goals within their territorial area.
 - b) To organize Continental Championships under the rules and procedures of World Skate.
 - c) To provide all possible supports for the development of Member Federations within their area.
 - d) To consider as part of a Continental Area, from a merely sports-related perspective, those member Federations that, upon approval of the Executive Board, shall be considered as belonging to it, even if the Country concerned is located outside of the Continental geographical area.
 - e) To spread World Skate activities all over their Continental Areas, by involving National Federations and checking their compliance with World Skate Rules and Regulations.
 - f) To submit to World Skate Executive Board, within March 31st of each calendar year, a financial report relating to the previous year of activity.
- (18) Continental Areas are equipped with the following rights:
- a) To organize annual Continental meetings, Seminars and events;
 - b) To organize Continental Championships;
 - c) To collect and retain event registration fees;
 - d) To arrange deals with Continental sponsors in accordance with Art. 15.(13) above.
 - e) To represent World Skate with Continental Sports Organizations.

ARTICLE 16 - TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

- (1) World Skate Technical Commissions are internal sports and technical bodies, each one to be considered the utmost **technical body of** the relevant **discipline**.
- (2) Technical Commissions shall not be considered separate bodies, they are **an integral part of World Skate** and shall be subject to World Skate supervision within the limits set out throughout all the World Skate applicable Rules and Regulations.
- (3) The International Technical Commissions are:
 - ARTISTIC SKATING COMMISSION
 - INLINE HOCKEY COMMISSION
 - RINK HOCKEY COMMISSION
 - **INLINE ALPINE COMMISSION**
 - DOWNHILL COMMISSION
 - ROLLER DERBY COMMISSION
 - INLINE FREESTYLE COMMISSION
 - ROLLER FREESTYLE COMMISSION
 - SCOOTER COMMISSION
 - SKATEBOARDING COMMISSION
 - INLINE SPEED SKATING COMMISSION
- (4) The Executive Board can form further Technical Commissions or change the current number or name of Technical Commissions. This measure shall be approved by the Congress.
- (5) International Technical Commissions are **responsible**, each one for its own discipline, **for**:
 - a) **drawing up changes** and/or amendments **to** the Sports and **Technical Rulebooks** of their relevant discipline, in accordance with these Statutes and World Skate By-Laws.
 - b) **selecting Judges, Referees** and any **other person** deemed necessary to run the competitions of the relevant discipline for World Championships and any other World Skate International Competition, in accordance with World Skate By-Laws.
 - c) suggesting and checking the sports and technical contents of each official communication of their own discipline referring to World Championships and to any other World Skate International Competition and/or event.

For further Regulations, World Skate By-Laws shall apply.

- (4) International Technical Commissions shall be composed as follows:
 - a) **One Chairman appointed by the President**;

- b) 5 (five) members proposed by the Chairman and appointed by the President, after hearing the opinion of Continental Area Presidents. Each one of them shall come from a different Continent; gender equality principle shall be respected as much as possible.
- (5) Each member of International Technical Commissions (exception made for the Chairmen thereof), shall be considered as Chairman of the relevant Continental Technical Commission. The latter shall be completed by maximum 3 (three) extra members, proposed by the Continental Chairman and appointed by the relevant Continental Area President. Continental Technical Commission members must be from different Countries. They shall also come from a different Country than the Continental Chairman. Gender Equality principle shall be respected as much as possible. Continental Technical Commissions shall promote the relevant discipline in their Continent and shall adopt all International Technical and Sports Rules.
- (5) If a discipline becomes Olympic, the number of the relevant International Technical Commission members can be increased.
- (6) The Technical Commissions can be completed with the appointment of specialty/category responsible persons when necessary. These persons shall not be considered as members of the Technical Commission concerned.
- (7) The offices of the International Technical Commissions shall be located at World Skate headquarters.
- (8) The President of World Skate, may withdraw his/her confidence from a Chairman or from one or more members of each International Technical Commission, and appoint a replacement until the next elective Congress is held.
- (9) In the event of a vacant position in any of the International Technical Commissions due any reasons whatsoever, such as resignation, illness and/or death, the President of World Skate shall appoint a new Chairman and/or member of the relevant International Technical Commission until the next elective Congress, in accordance with the terms set out in point (4) above.
- (10) Continental technical commissions shall observe the same rules (points (8) and (9) above).
- (11) The names of International Technical Commissions shall be defined as mentioned in Art. 16.3 of these Statutes. Continental Technical Commissions shall bear the same names, and the name of each Continent shall be added as a prefix.
- (12) All regulations, decisions and activities of the International Technical Commissions, must be previously approved by World Skate Sports Department.
- (13) Chairmen and Members of the Technical Commissions are not allowed to act as managers or officials of their national teams during the World Championships or during any other World Skate International event or competition.

ARTICLE 17 - FINANCIAL YEAR - AUDITOR

- (1)** The financial year of World Skate shall end on the 31st (thirty-first) of December.
- (2)** A Chartered Public Accountant (CPA) or an Audit Firm shall be appointed by the Executive Board.
- (3)** Every year World Skate shall submit its balance sheets to the appointed CPA or to an Audit Firm. The CPA or the Audit Firm shall submit a report annexed to the balance sheets relating to the previous financial period, in compliance with all Financial Regulations, no later than 180 days following December 31st. The Auditor or the audit firm shall check the balance and deliver to World Skate a certified opinion that will be included in the financial report.
- (4)** A financial report together with World Skate balance sheets shall be approved by the Executive Board and presented to the Congress for its ratification. In case no Congress is held during a calendar year, the next available Congress shall approve all pending Financial Report. Balance sheets shall be included in the Financial Report.

ARTICLE 18 - FEDERATION FUNDS

- (1)** The funds of World Skate shall consist of:
 - a)** Annual membership fees.
 - b)** Organization fees of international events and competitions.
 - c)** Sanctioning fees of international events and competitions.
 - d)** Registration fees to international events and competitions.
 - e)** Donations and contributions from public or private subjects.
 - f)** Sponsorship agreements.
 - g)** Sale of television, Web and any other Media rights as well as other World Skate rights.
 - h)** Printing, publishing, distribution, publication and dissemination, both one's own and on behalf of third parties, of books, magazines, videos; any activity in whatever way connected to the above, including the production as well as the audio and video recording on any media support and the dissemination, distribution and sale of publishing products.
- (2)** To achieve the Statutes purposes, World Skate may:
 - a)** Issue sureties, endorsements and guarantees of any kind, and carry out any movable and immovable, industrial and commercial operations connected either directly or indirectly to such management.

- b) Acquire interests and investments in companies or trading companies both directly and indirectly, provided that the possession of such interests does not represent its main or exclusive activity, and that it is not in conflict with the regulations in force.

ARTICLE 19 - REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

World Skate may recognize in specific geographic areas - and for reasons of particular need - other organizations aiming to promote and develop one or more discipline/s governed by World Skate, provided that they accept the Statutes and the Regulations of World Skate, and comply with these Statutes as well as any other World Skate Rules or Regulations. These organizations shall be allowed to cooperate with World Skate, but shall not be represented in the Bodies of World Skate.

ARTICLE 20 - DISSOLUTION

If during a Congress a special resolution is proposed and approved to terminate the activity of World Skate, a sufficient amount of World Skate funds shall be kept to settle all outstanding debts, and any surplus shall be equally distributed to member National Federations.

ARTICLE 21 - ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TEMPORARY PROVISIONS

These Statutes enter into force immediately after their approval. Due to the transitional rules included in these Statutes and in World Skate By-Laws, the following provisions shall come into force as from January 1st 2021:

- Art. 3 (2), (3), (4).
- Art. 7 (2), (8-i), (9.a), (11).
- Art. 12 (3).
- Art. 14 exception made for point (9).
- Art. 15 (12), (16).
- Art. 16 (4), (5).

Such matters shall be ruled in accordance with the provisions included in the previous Statutes until December 31st 2020.

These Statutes were approved by the Congress held in Frankfurt on the 7th of April 1979, amended by the Congress held in Frankfurt on 11th of September 1982, as subsequently amended by the Extraordinary Congress in Fort Worth, Texas, on the 5th of March 1983 and subsequently amended by the Extraordinary Congress in Porto, on the 24th of July 1991. These Statutes were subsequently amended by the Ordinary Congress in Mar del Plata, on the 30th of November 1996 and by the Ordinary Congress in Zell am See on 30th of June 2000, and by the Extraordinary Congress in Rochester on August 1st of 2002 and by the Extraordinary Congress in Rome on November 24th of 2005 and by the Ordinary Congress in Portimão on December 4th of 2010 and by the Ordinary Congress in Rome on February 23rd of 2013, and by the Ordinary Congress in Rome on February 21st of 2015 and by the General Ordinary Congress held in Nanjing on March 11th of 2017 and by the Extraordinary Congress held in Nanjing on September 3rd of 2017 and by the General Ordinary Congress in Barcelona on July 3rd of 2019.



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