



**INTERNATIONAL INDIACA ASSOCIATION**

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# **ABBREVIATIONS**

**used in IIA Statutes and Regulations**

**IIA International Indica Association**

**Confederation – Continental Federation**

**NF National Federation**

**GA General Assembly**

**EC Executive Committee**

**TC Technical Committee**

**CA Control Authority**

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# **CHAPTER I**

## **FOUNDATION, OBLIGATIONS, HEADQUARTERS, OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

### **Art. 1 IIA FOUNDATION AND COMPOSITION**

- 1.1 The International Indiacca Association (IIA), founded on 26 May 2000 in Mahlow, near Berlin, is a non – profit making association committed to the service of the sports community and the development of Indiacca around the world through the control, promotion and organisation of international Indiacca competitions, courses, conferences and other educational sports activities.
- 1.2 The IIA is based on the dispositions of the luxembourgish law of 21<sup>st</sup> april 1928 concerning the non-profit associations and by the present statutes
- 1.3 The IIA is officially registrated in Luxemburg.
- 1.4 The IIA is composed of the founding National Indiacca Federations and those which joined it subsequently. They are recognized as the sole executive authorities and representatives of Indiacca in their respective countries or regions.

### **Art. 2 IIA AUTHORITY**

- 2.1 The IIA is the supreme worldwide authority in the sport of Indiacca.
- 2.2 Its duration is indefinite.

### **Art. 3 NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHORITY**

The National Federations (NF) affiliated to the IIA mutually recognize one another as the sole Indiacca authorities in their respective countries.

### **Art. 4 EQUAL RIGHTS**

All affiliated National Federations have the same rights.

### **Art. 5 NATIONAL FEDERATIONS` OBLIGATIONS**

The affiliated National Federations must respect the IIA Statutes, rules, regulations and decisions.

**Art. 6            CONSTITUTIONAL EQUALITY**

The IIA shall make no discrimination between people and between nations and shall avoid political, religious, philosophic or racial discussions or manifestations.

**Art. 7            IIA LANGUAGE**

7.1    The official language is English.

7.2    The discussions during the Congresses and the meetings of the IIA-Authorities are held in English.

7.3    A speaker who speaks in another language and who is not able to translate his own words, has to have this done at his own expence by a translator.

## **CHAPTER II**

### **OBJECTIVES**

**Art. 8            IIA OBJECTIVES ARE:**

8.1    To encourage the expansion of the playing of Indiacca in all parts of the world and to promote the creation of National Federations.

8.2    To organise and supervise the playing of Indiacca on a world – wide scale and to develop the technical nature and moral implication of the sport at the highest level.

8.3    To ensure that mutual respect prevails in relations among the National Federations and to promote friendly relations among the latter, officials, coaches, referees and players.

8.4    To coordinate the actions of the affiliated National Federations and those of the Confederations.

8.5    To organise the relations between the affiliated National Federations and the Confederations and to arbitrate any disputes between them.

8.6    To issue the „Official Indiacca Rules“, to standardise their interpretation and to ensure that they are respected.

8.7    To organise and/or supervise its international competitions.

- 8.8 To lay down the eligibility rules for Indiacca players.
- 8.9 To regulate the transfer of players between affiliated National Federations.
- 8.10 To encourage the organisation of courses and clinics for the improvement of technical and refereeing skills.
- 8.11 To improve Indiacca material and equipment and approve them for official IIA competitions.
- 8.12 To determine the procedure for the appointment of international referees.
- 8.13 To grant international certificates to referees, coaches, doctors and instructors.
- 8.14 To publish an official bulletin.
- 8.15 To represent and defend the intrests of Indiacca vis-à-vis sports and public authorities.

## **CHAPTER III**

### **AFFILIATIONS, RESIGNATIONS**

#### **Art. 9 FOUNDING FEDERATIONS**

The following are the founding National Federations of the IIA: Brazil, Estonia, Germany, Japan, Slovakia, Switzerland.

#### **Art. 10 AFFILIATIONS**

- 10.1 National Federations are affiliated to the IIA at their own request and by decision of the Congress.
- 10.2 The Executive Committee may, however, approve the temporary affiliation of a National Federation until the next Congress.

#### **Art. 11 FEES**

Each NF must pay an annual fee, fixed by the Congress and payable within the first three months of the year.

#### **Art. 12 APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION**

- 12.1 A NF desiring to be affiliated submits a written application, signed by its President and Secretary, to the IIA Secretariat.
- 12.2 Only one NF per country is allowed to affiliate to the IIA (see Art. 13, 14, 15).

**Art. 13 THE APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION MUST CLEARLY STATE**

- 13.1 The complete name in full and abbreviated and the postal address of the applicant Federation, together with the E- mail address, telephone and fax numbers if available.
- 13.2 The commitment to comply with the IIA Statutes, rules, regulations and decisions.
- 13.3 The commitment to observe the „Official Indiacas Rules“ adopted by the IIA.
- 13.4 The commitment to include in its own Statutes the obligations set out in article 14.1 and those relating to competing athlete’s eligibility.
- 13.5 The commitment to pay annual fees and to comply with sanctions, according to the IIA Statutes, rules, regulations and decisions.
- 13.6 The commitment to defray the travel and living expenses of any of its members or delegates elected or appointed as officials of the IIA.
- 13.7 The number of clubs and players affiliated to the NF.

**Art. 14 EVERY AFFILIATED AND APPLICANT FEDERATION UNDERTAKES TO INCLUDE IN ITS OWN STATUTES THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:**

- 14.1 That „the Federation is legally constituted and recognized by the governmental or sports authorities of its country to govern National Indiacas“.
- 14.2 Any controversy arising from the non-inclusion of article 14.1 may lead to sanctions being imposed on the affiliated NF concerned.

**Art. 15 THE APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY:**

- 15.1 The text of the applicant Federation’s own Statutes in English.
- 15.2 A certificate from the national sports organisation which comprises the National Federations governing the various sports and disciplines, stating that the applicant Federation is exclusively recognized as the highest Indiacas authority in its country.
- 15.3 The list of the Managing Committee members and the name and address of the person entrusted with official correspondence with the IIA and the other affiliated Federations.
- 15.4 The actual payment or the corresponding bank instructions for payment of the first annual fee.

## **Art. 16            RESIGNATION**

- 16.1 Any affiliated NF may resign in accordance with its own Statutes.
- 16.2 It advises the IIA Executive Committee by a first registered letter, confirmed three months later by another registered letter.
- 16.3 The EC may reject the resignation of a NF if its obligations, especially financial, towards the various IIA bodies or other affiliated Federations are not fulfilled.
- 16.4 The rights and obligations of the resigning Federation cease when the decision becomes effective.
- 16.5 The resigning Federation shall have no claim on the assets of the IIA, of its officials or bodies, or of its affiliated Federations.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **ORGANS OF THE IIA**

#### **Art. 17            COMPOSITION OF THE IIA**

The organs of the IIA are:

- a) The General Assembly ( GA )
- b) The Executive Committee ( EC )
- c) The Technical Committee ( TC )
- d) The Secretariat
- e) The Control Authority (CA )

## **CHAPTER V**

### **CONGRESS**

#### **Art. 18            PERIOD AND COMPOSITION**

- 18.1 The Congress takes place every second year.
- 18.2 The Congress includes:
- the General Assembly
  - the meetings of the EC, the TC and the CA.
- 18.3 During the Congress, other meetings can be organised, for example:
- a colloquium or a symposium,
  - a conference with the Presidents of the affiliated Federations,
  - a conference with the responsible technicians of the affiliated Federations

**Art. 19           ATtribution OF THE ORGANISATION AND FIXING THE DATES OF THE CONGRESS**

- 19.1   The organisation of the Congress is attributed at the very latest two years before the date of the event during the preceding Congress.
- 19.2   The dates of the Congress are fixed by the EC of the IIA.
- 19.3   The dates and the venue of the Congress as well as all necessary information have to be communicated to the affiliated Federations, the members of the IIA Authorities and to the Honorary Members at least five months before the Congress.

**Art. 20           ORGANISATION**

The affiliated Federation charged with the organisation of a Congress has to conform to the IIA specifications.

**Art. 21           NOTIFICATION OF THE AGENDA, REPORTS AND PROPOSALS**

After approval by the EC, the following documents have to be sent, at least six weeks prior to the Congress, to the affiliated Federations, the members of the Authorities and the Honorary Members of the IIA:

- the agenda
- the report of the President of the IIA
- the report of the President of the TC
- the annual accounts and the balance
- the financial report
- the budget
- the proposals of the EC and the affiliated Federations
- the candidatures for affiliation, elections and the organisation of IIA events.

**Art. 22           QUORUM OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- 22.1   The General Assembly can only have a quorum when at least half of the total of the affiliated Federations are present.
- 22.2   If this number has not been reached, the General Assembly can take valid decisions during its next meeting on all points of the agenda of the previous meeting. The number of affiliated Federations being present is of no importance in this connection.

**Art. 23           PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS AND CANDIDATURES**

- 23.1   All proposals, including candidatures for affiliation, as well as any comments, have to be addressed to the General Secretariat of the IIA four months before the beginning of the GA.

- 23.2 The date of arrival at the General Secretariat of the IIA is valid for justification of the time limit.
- 23.3 If it is normal for a letter to take more than three days, the proposals must be communicated by fax or Email first and then confirmed by an official letter of the Federation bearing the official stamp of the Federation and signed by the authorized persons.
- 23.4 The proposals and motions have to be set out clearly. They should be sent together with a sort and precise explanation of the purpose.

#### **Art. 24 URGENT PROPOSALS**

The General Assembly may, however, in case of urgency, examine proposals presented after the above-mentioned date if the voters approve by a 2/3 majority.

#### **Art. 25 TREATMENT OF PROPOSALS**

- 25.1 All proposals which are on the agenda must be voted on, unless they are withdrawn.
- 25.2 All proposals submitted by an affiliated Federation which is absent during the General Assembly, will not be discussed unless the EC agrees to put them on the agenda and discussion is accepted by a simple majority of the National Federations present.

#### **Art. 26 AGENDA OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The agenda of the General Assembly comprises, in particular, the following items:

- a) verification of credentials
- b) formation of a polling station
- c) approval of the agenda
- d) approval of the minutes of the previous General Assembly
- e) approval of the reports mentioned in Art. 21
- f) granting the EC, the TC and the Control Authority a release
- g) admission, resignation, suspension and exclusion of the affiliated Federations
- h) fixing the amount of annual fees and taxes
- i) examination of and voting on the proposed budgets
- j) examination of and voting on the proposals of the affiliated Federations and the EC
- k) elections
- l) appointment of Honorary Members
- m) designation of the venue of the IIA Congress (see Art. 19).
- n) miscellaneous

**Art. 27            COMPOSITION, NUMBER OF VOTES**

- 27.1    The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the IIA. It is formed by the delegates of the affiliated Federations and the members of the IIA Authorities.
- 27.2    Only affiliated Federations which have fulfilled their financial obligations to the IIA, are entitled to vote.
- 27.3    Each affiliated Federation disposes of one vote.

**Art. 28            PROVENANCE AND RIGHT PRESENTATION OF THE DELEGATES**

- 28.1    The delegates have to be members of the National Federation which they represent. They cannot represent any other affiliated Federation.
- 28.2    The right of representation at the Congress is limited to two delegates.
- 28.3    The names of the delegates to the Congress have to be communicated to the General Secretariat.

**Art. 29            STUDY OF PROPOSALS**

Only the delegates present and having the right to vote can decide upon the problems to be subjected to voting.

**Art. 30            DELEGATES' EXPENSES**

Costs of travel and sojourn incurred by the delegates have to be borne by their Federations.

**Art. 31            PRESIDENCY**

The General Assembly is chaired by the President of the IIA, or, if he is prevented for any reason, by a Vice-president or one of the members of the EC.

**Art. 32            CANDIDATURES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND THE CONTROL AUTHORITY. RE- ELIGIBILITY**

- 32.1    Candidatures for the different posts of the EC, the TC and the CA have to be submitted at least four months before the Congress on the agenda of which this item appears, and must include a sportive curriculum vitae (CV) of the candidate.
- 32.2    The date for submitting the candidatures is communicated to the affiliated Federations by the General Secretariat within the deadline fixed in Art. 19.3.

32.3 The retiring members are re-eligible.

**Art. 33 REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY**

All candidates are eligible if they have been presented by the affiliated Federation.

**Art. 34 ENGAGEMENT OF THE AFFILIATED FEDERATIONS**

34.1 The letter of presentation of a candidate has to include the engagement of the affiliated National Federation concerned to bear all travelling and accommodation expenses occasioned by the accomplishment of the mandate of the elected candidate (including the costs for an interpreter if this should be necessary).

34.2 The affiliated Federation concerned has also to assure that the candidate, if he/she is elected, will benefit from all facilities in order to participate in the meetings during the complete period of his/her mandate.

**Art. 35 NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND THE CONTROL AUTHORITY PER COUNTRY**

35.1 The EC may not include more than one member belonging to the same country. This limitation is not valid for the Secretary General.

35.2 The TC as well as the CA may not include more than one member belonging to the same country. This limitation is not valid for the President of the TC.

**Art. 36 NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION. DELAY**

36.1 When a member does not intend to stand for election, the General Secretariat must be informed by the National Federation to which the member belongs at least six months before the Congress.

36.2 After receipt of the corresponding communication, the Secretary General will inform the affiliated Federations.

**Art. 37 NUMBER OF POSTS PER CANDIDATE**

37.1 Each candidate for the EC, the TC and the CA may present his/her candidature for no more than a maximum of two posts and for one of these organs only.

37.2 If, during the mandate, a post in another organ than the one to which a member belongs, becomes vacant, this member has the possibility to submit a candidature for this post.

37.3 If a candidate is not elected according to Art. 37.2, he/she will keep the post in his/her organ.

**Art. 38 RIGHT TO VOTE**

Only the delegates who are present have the right to vote. Vote by correspondence or by proxy is not authorized.

**Atr. 39 BALLOT**

Voting for the elections is by secret ballot.

**Art. 40 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT. MAJORITY**

40.1 For the election of the President of the IIA, an absolute majority of the votes cast must be reached in the first ballot.

40.2 For the second ballot and for any further ballots, should they become necessary, a relative majority of the valid votes cast is sufficient.

**Art. 41 PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**41.1 Uninominal System**

The Vice-presidents of the IIA, the president of the TC and the president of the CA are elected by uninominal system.

**41.2 List system**

The other members of the TC and the CA are elected according to the numerical order of votes.

41.3 The following majorities are required:

- an absolute majority in the first ballot
- a relative majority in the second ballot.

**Art. 42 OPEN VOTE. PROCEDURE. MAJORITY**

42.1 Voting on all other questions takes place by showing the voting cards.

42.2 If, in this way, it is not possible to define a certain majority in favour of a proposal, voting will be done by roll call and the countries will be called in English alphabetical order.

- 42.3 A secret vote must, however, be taken if this is demanded by one of the delegates, who has the right to vote.
- 42.4 If the votes are equal, the proposal is rejected.
- 42.5 If the number of abstentions or blank ballot papers is higher than 70% of the number of delegates present and having the right to vote, the proposal is rejected.
- 42.6 For all voting the relative majority of the valid votes is required, except when articles of these Statutes specify otherwise.

**Art. 43 DECISIONS. COMING INTO FORCE**

- 43.1 Unless determined otherwise by the General Assembly, the decisions taken at the Congress legally come into force for the IIA and the affiliated Federations three months after the closing date of the General Assembly.
- 43.2 The decisions cannot have a retrospective effect.

**Art. 44 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MINUTES**

- 44.1 The Secretary General assumes the responsibility for the drawing up of the minutes.
- 44.2 The deliberations are recorded on a magnetic-tape recorder. The tape recording can be listened to at the General Secretariat at any time.

**Art. 45 MINUTES OF THE DECISIONS**

- 45.1 The decisions taken during the General Assembly are recorded in the minutes.
- 45.2 After verification by the Control Authority, the minutes are printed in the IIA-Bulletin published immediately after the Congress.

**Art. 46 MINUTES**

The complete minutes of the General Assembly are sent to the affiliated Federations and the members of the IIA-Authorities.

**Art. 47 SIGNATURE OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the Congress have to be signed by the President and the Secretary General of the IIA.

## **CHAPTER VI**

### **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **Art. 48          CONVOCATION**

- 48.1 The EC can, at any time, convene an extraordinary General Assembly.
- 48.2 At the written request of one third of the affiliated Federations of the IIA having the right to vote, the EC must organise an extraordinary General Assembly within the six months following the receipt of the request.
- 48.3 The request has to be addressed to the Secretary General of the IIA. It must be completed with the stamps of the Federations interested and be signed by competent persons.
- 48.4 The cost of organising will be charged to the organiser and to all Federations which signed the request.

#### **Art. 49          PLACE, DATE AND AGENDA**

- 49.1 The place, the date and the agenda of the extraordinary General Assembly must be communicated to the affiliated Federations at least 60 days beforehand.
- 49.2 Notification has to be given in written form using modern means of telecommunication.

#### **Art. 50          COMPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS**

All decisions are taken by a simple majority of the votes cast.

## **CHAPTER VII**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **Art. 51          COMPOSITION**

The Executive Committee is composed of:

- a) the President
- b) three Vice-presidents
- c) two to five members
- d) the Secretary General (see Art. 62).

**Art. 52 ELECTIONS**

- 52.1 The elections to the EC take place during ordinary General Assembly organised in the year of the Olympic Games.
- 52.2 The members take up their posts during the 1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting of the EC following the above-mentioned Congress where the elections have taken place.

**Art. 53 DURATION OF OFFICE**

The members of the EC are elected for a period of four years. In case of a by-election, the duration of the mandate is limited to the end of the current legislative period.

**Art. 54 EMPLOYEES OF THE IIA**

IIA employees are not authorized to belong to a IIA organ. This rule does not concern the Secretary General.

**Art. 55 VACANCY DURING THE TERM OF OFFICE**

- 55.1 The mandate of a member of the EC is personal.
- 55.2 Any vacancy arising during the term of office will be dealt with at the following General Assembly of the IIA.
- 55.3 The election takes place according to Art. 32 to 41.
- 55.4 The new member takes up his/her post at the end of the General Assembly during which he/she was elected.

**Art. 56 SUSPENSION OF A MEMBER**

In the case of serious misdemeanour or proven unworthiness, respectively confirmed by the Control Authority, the EC can:

- suspend members of the EC or of the TC until the following Congress
- take away their office as members of TC and replace them for the remainder of the mandate.

**Art. 57 POWERS, DUTIES OF THE EC**

- 57.1 The EC is the executive authority of the IIA.
- 57.2 It controls the execution of Congress decisions, the observance of the Statutes and regulations, and supervises the smooth running of the affairs of the IIA in general and its administration.

- 57.3 In the absence of any regulations, it takes appropriate measures until the next Congress.
- 57.4 It is answerable for the affairs of the IIA.
- 57.5 The EC is required to take all decisions in the range of administration, finance and management and to make all proposals in the interest of the IIA, excluding those proposals which are within the province of the General Assembly.
- 57.6 The EC prepares the agenda of the General Assembly and examines the proposals made by the affiliated Federations.
- 57.7 The Executive Committee decides in the last instance on the definite allotment of IIA-competitions.
- 57.8 Only EC can set out the proposals of the TC to the Congress.

**Art. 58            NUMBER OF POSTS**

A member cannot occupy two posts at the same time, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise for major reasons.

**Art. 59            THE PRESIDENT**

- 59.1 The President is responsible for the general management of the IIA. He chairs the meetings of the Congress and of the EC.
- 59.2 He takes all appropriate measures in order to ensure the smooth running of the affairs of the IIA. His decisions are, however, subject to approval by the EC or by the General Assembly.
- 59.3 The President is the representative of the IIA in all circumstances, including legal matters, in the role of plaintiff or defendant.
- 59.4 In case of necessity, he can delegate his powers or decide on the attribution of special tasks to members of the EC.
- 59.5 The President has to present a written report to the General Assembly.

**Art. 60            THE VICE- PRESIDENTS**

- 60.1 The Vice-presidents assist the President and can be charged with special assignments.
- 60.2 Their order of precedence depends on the number of votes obtained during their election.

- 60.3 If the President is prevented from performing his duties or resigns, he will be replaced by a Vice-president.
- 60.4 The other mandates for the legislative period are given to the Vice-presidents by the EC.
- 60.5 In order to accomplish their mandates, the Vice-presidents can be assisted by the president of the TC designated by the EC.

#### **Art. 61 THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE IIA**

The General Assembly of the IIA appoints the General Secretariat charged with its administration.

#### **Art. 62 THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

- 62.1 The Secretary General is appointed by the EC. His employment is based on a contract of private law. His salary is appointed by the EC.
- 62.2 His rights and obligations are set out in a job description or specification.
- 62.3 The Secretary General participates in the meetings of the Congress and of the EC. He is authorized to make proposals. He takes part in discussions without having the right to vote.
- 62.4 The Secretary General assumes the responsibility for the writing up of the minutes of the Congress according to Art. 44, as well as of the minutes of the EC.
- 62.5 The Secretary General is responsible for the preparation and the publishing of the Bulletin.
- 62.6 Following a decision taken by the President of the IIA, the Secretary General can represent him during meetings or events.

#### **Art. 63 VALIDITY OF THE SIGNATURES**

- 63.1 The IIA is validly engaged by the joint signatures of the President and of the Secretary General.
- 63.2 If one of these persons is unavailable for any reason, the joint signature of a Vice-president or another member of the EC is required.
- 63.3 The invitations to participate in the IIA-competitions are signed by the President of the IIA, the President of the TC, the Secretary General and the President of the Organising Committee.
- 63.4 The day-to-day correspondence is signed by the Secretary General.

**Art. 64            CONVOCAATION**

The EC is convened by the President each time the interests of the IIA so require, or if one third of the members so request.

**Art. 65            ABSENCE**

Any elected member of the EC who is absent during three consecutive or five non-consecutive meetings, is considered to have resigned. His/her substitute will be elected during the next General Assembly.

**Art. 66            QUORUM**

- 66.1    The decisions of the EC are only valid if the majority of its members is present.
- 66.2    If this majority has not been reached, the EC can make decisions on the occasion of the following meeting in respect of all the items which were on the agenda of the previous meeting. The number of members present is of no importance in this connection.
- 66.3    The date, the place and the agenda of this subsequent meeting have to be communicated to the members of the EC at least one month in advance.

**Art. 67            MAJORITY**

- 67.1    The decisions of the EC are taken by a simple majority.
- 67.2    In case of a tie, the proposal is rejected.

**Art. 68            CONTROVERSY WITH A NATIONAL FEDERATION**

Members of the EC or of the TC can not take part in the decisions if the organ concerned is dealing with a controversial matter in which its National Federation is involved.

**Art. 69            COMING INTO FORCE OF DECISIONS**

- 69.1    The decisions of the EC take immediate effect.
- 69.2    They are published in the Bulletin of the IIA or mailed to all members.

**Art. 70            MINUTES**

- 70.1    Minutes of meetings must be drawn up and signed by the President or his substitute and by the Secretary General.
- 70.2    The minutes have to be drawn up in English.
- 70.3    The minutes have to be sent to the members of the EC within the four weeks following the meeting.
- 70.4    If, within 30 days after dispatch, no remarks have been received in the IIA Secretariat with regard to these minutes, the minutes are considered as adopted.

**Art. 71            EXPENSES OF THE MEMBERS**

- 71.1    The National Federations concerned are responsible for the cost of travel and sojourn incurred by their members attending EC meetings.
- 71.2    Expenses due to the participation of a member of the EC in the organisation of an official IIA-event will be settled according to specific regulations.

**Art. 72            OFFICIAL MISSIONS**

For all travel required in the interest of the IIA and ordered by the President or decided by the EC, the members of the EC are entitled to reimbursement of the full cost of travel and sojourn.

**Art. 73            LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS**

- 73.1    The liability of the members of the EC is limited to the execution of their mandate and to any mistakes made in their management.
- 73.2    If a member of the EC makes a mistake, an inquiry is set up. The EC will decide which sanction has to be applied.

## **CHAPTER VIII**

### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**Art. 74            COMPOSITION**

The TC is composed up to five members:

- a)    the President, who is simultaneously one of the IIA's Vice-presidents
- b)    the vice-president
- c)    1-3 members

**Art. 75           PROCEDURE FOR ELECTIONS**

- 75.1   The President of the TC is elected by the General Assembly.
- 75.2   The members of TC are elected by the new EC.
- 75.3   The elections will take place on the occasion of the General Assembly organised the year of the Summer Olympic Games.
- 75.4   Art. 32 to 37 are also applicable to the Technical Committee.

**Art. 76           DURATION OF OFFICE, VACANCY, SUSPENSION, ABSENCE, MAJORITY, LIABILITY OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS**

The dispositions regarding the EC are applicable to the TC.

**Art. 77           TASKS AND COMPETENCE**

**77.1   Tasks**

The TC has to accomplish the following tasks:

- a) to ensure the observance of the regulations of the TC
- b) to ensure the execution of the decisions taken by the General Assembly of the IIA
- c) to ensure the observance of the regulations for the World Championships and for the other competitions which are in the province of the IIA
- d) to take care of the technical organisation and to control the perfect running of the World Championships and of the other competitions which are in the province of the IIA
- e) to organise courses (coaches, judges, etc.)
- f) to organise training stays and training courses for the players
- g) to study and to make proposals on any sort of activities which are not exclusively in the province of the National Federations and to put them into operation, if so decided by the authorized organ
- h) to present a written report to the General Assembly

**77.2   Competence**

The TC is subordinate to the EC. The decisions of the TC are limited to matters concerned. TC decisions of general significance are subject to the approval of the EC, especially with respect to the following:

- a) the annual programme of the activities
- b) the interpretation and the modification of the regulations
- c) the programmes and aims of courses

The TC is authorized to present proposals to the Congress of the IIA to be transmitted by the EC.

**Art. 78            ALLOCATION OF TASKS            WITHIN            THE            TECHNICAL  
COMMITTEE**

78.1    The TC has been entrusted with all tasks and activities in its specific fields.

78.2    The TC has to allocate the tasks to the members themselves.

**Art. 79            RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EC**

The President of the TC is member of the EC of the IIA (see Art. 74 a). He/She has to participate in the meetings of the EC.

**Art. 80            MEETINGS OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

80.1    At the convocation of its President and with the consent of the President of the IIA, the TC will meet in order to deal with the specific tasks, whenever the interest of the IIA so requires or if a third of the members of the TC so request. Its budget has to be observed.

80.2    The President of the TC establishes an agenda and chairs the meetings.

**Art. 81            MINUTES**

81.1    Minutes of meetings must be drawn up and signed by the President and the writer of the minutes.

81.2    The minutes have to be drawn up in English, and have to be sent by the Secretariat to the members of the TC and the EC within four weeks following the meeting.

81.3    The minutes will be approved during the next meeting of the TC.

**Art. 82            EXPENCES OF THE MEMBERS**

82.1    When the members of the TC attend their meetings, the cost of travel and sojourn will be charged to the National Federations to which they belong.

82.2    Additional expenses of the President of the TC for its participation in the meetings of the EC will be charged to the IIA.

**Art. 83            OFFICIAL MISSIONS**

Members of the TC may be entrusted with special tasks which are in the interest of the IIA and which have been ordered by its President and approved by the President of the IIA. In such case, the members of the TC are entitled to claim for reimbursement of the full cost of travel and sojourn, either from the IIA or from the organiser of the event.

## **CHAPTER IX**

### **TEMPORARY ORGANS**

#### **Art. 84 COMMISSIONS**

- 84.1 Temporary commissions can be set up by the EC to assist it within its functions.
- 84.2 The EC can also charge certain persons not belonging to the IIA with special tasks (information, press, medical controls, juridical questions, etc.).

#### **Art. 85 NOMINATION AND PERIOD OF THE MANDATE**

- 85.1 The President and the members of each permanent Commission ( see Art. 84) are appointed by the EC for a period of four years.
- 85.2 Their mandate is renewable.

#### **Art. 86 COMPOSITION**

- 86.1 Each Commission is composed of a President and the number of members necessary.
- 86.2 The President or one of the members of the Commission is selected from among the members of the EC.
- 86.3 The President is responsible for the correct operation of the Commission and submits the dates of the meetings to the EC for approval.
- 86.4 The representative of the EC is charged to present a report to the EC on the work done within the Commission.

#### **Art. 87 REPLACEMENT OF A MEMBER**

The EC has the authority to dismiss or replace members whose work is not satisfactory.

## **CHAPTER X**

### **THE CONTROL AUTHORITY**

#### **Art. 88 COMPOSITION**

The Control Authority is composed of two or three members.

**Art. 89 SKILLS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE**

The candidates have to be experienced specialists in the province of finance and management of a Federation.

**Art. 90 ELECTIONS**

The President and the members of the Control Authority are elected by the General Assembly in the year of the Summer Olympic Games, according to Art. 41 of these Statutes.

**Art. 91 DURATION OF OFFICE, VACANCY, SUSPENSION, ABSENCE, MAJORITY, LIABILITY OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS**

91.1 The members of the Control Authority are elected for a period of four years.

91.2 The dispositions regarding the EC are applicable.

**Art. 92 TASKS**

The Control Authority has the following tasks:

- a) to verify the financial management of the IIA
- b) to verify the accounts and the budget
- c) to present a written report to the General Assembly
- d) to act as scrutineers at the Congress (not including the elections to the Control Authority)
- e) to verify the minutes of decisions (see Art. 45.2)
- f) to supervise the elections and establish related reports
- g) to ensure the respect of the Statutes
- h) to accomplish special tasks entrusted to it by the EC.

## **CHAPTER XI**

### **HONORARY TITLES AND DISTINCTIONS**

**Art. 93 HONORARY MEMBERS**

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation of the EC, may confer the title of Honorary Member to persons who have rendered outstanding services to the IIA.

**Art. 94 HONORARY PRESIDENT**

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation of the EC, may elevate a former IIA President to the rank of Honorary President.

**Art. 95            PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

The awards are presented to the recipients during the General Assembly.

**Art. 96            RIGHTS OF THE HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE IIA**

- 96.1 The Honorary Members are entitled to free admittance to the events of the IIA and to take part in official receptions.
- 96.2 The Honorary Members can assist at the Congress of the IIA. They have a consultative vote but not the right to vote.
- 96.3 The expenses for the participation in the Congress or in official events will not be charged to the IIA or the organisers.

**Art. 97            AWARDS FOR SPECIAL MERITS**

Awards for special merits can be granted by the EC, on behalf of the IIA.

## **CHAPTER XII**

### **PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION**

**Art. 98            BULLETIN**

- 98.1 In order to create a link between the different IIA organs and the affiliated Federations, the EC edits a Bulletin in the official IIA language – in English.
- 98.2 A copy of this Bulletin is sent, free of charge, to the affiliated Federations, members of the Authorities, Honorary Members of the IIA, to the organs and correspondents of the sporting press who publicize information on the activities of the IIA.
- 98.3 Other persons, societies, associations or federations can subscribe to the IIA Bulletin.
- 98.4 The price for subscription is fixed by the EC/IIA.

**Art. 99            CONTENTS OF THE BULLETIN**

The Bulletin contains in particular:

- the invitation to participate in the IIA Congress
- the agenda of the General Assembly
- the minutes of the decisions taken by the General Assembly
- official communications of the IIA
- articles of general interest.

**Art. 100      EDITION OF THE BULLETIN**

According to Art. 62.5, the Secretary General assumes responsibility for editing the Bulletin.

**Art. 101      BUDGET, ACCOUNTS AND FINANCING**

101.1 The budget of the Bulletin is enclosed in the general IIA Budget.

101.2 The cost of financing the Bulletin is met, as far as possible, by subscriptions and payments received from the advertisers. A surplus of receipts and expenses is included in a special account of the IIA.

## **CHAPTER XIII**

### **FINANCE**

**Art. 102      FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year is the calendar year.

**Art. 103      IIA RESOURCES**

IIA resources consist of:

- a) annual fees of the affiliated National Federations
- b) revenue from marketing and televised broadcasting of competitions
- c) recognition fees for sports competitions
- d) fees fixed in the contracts with regard to the organisation of IIA events
- e) any kind of revenue approved by the EC
- f) fines
- g) the rates of fees are fixed by the General Assembly which is organised the year of the Summer Olympic Games, subject to alteration due to a change in the economic situation.

**Art. 104      BUDGET**

104.1 The Congress adopts biennial budgets.

104.2 The EC may adapt the budgets to newly arising needs; it justifies the same to the Congress.

## **Art. 105 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE**

- 105.1 The affiliated Federations are obliged to pay an annual membership fee.
- 105.2 The annual membership fee for each affiliated Federation is fixed by the General Assembly.
- 105.3 The membership fee, payable in Euro, is fixed for a period of four years by the General Assembly which takes place the year of the Summer Olympic Games, subject to alterations in the economic situation.
- 105.4 The total annual membership fee has to be paid by all affiliated Federations which, within the course of the year, join the IIA or resign from membership.
- 105.5 The annual fee for the period from the 1st January to the 31st December, has to be paid before the 31st March.

## **CHAPTER XIV**

### **SPORTS EVENTS**

#### **Art. 106 REGULATIONS**

- 106.1 Intercontinental, confederal, national, regional and inter-club matches are played within the terms of the Statutes and all regulations of the IIA, Confederations and National Federations, as the case may be.
- 106.2 Matches that include teams of non-IIA organisations must be approved by the EC or, in the case of emergency:
- a) by the President, if they are intercontinental matches
  - b) by the Confederation concerned if they are continental matches
  - c) by the NF concerned if they are national matches.
- 106.3 Matches between teams that include one or more players not qualifying as eligible under the IIA regulations are not permitted unless the IIA so approves in advance.

#### **Art. 107 OFFICIAL INDIACA RULES**

- 107.1 The „Official Indiacaca Rules“ may be adopted and amended by the Congress.
- 107.2 Amendments take effect three months after notice is given. In certain cases, the Congress may enforce them at an earlier or later date.
- 107.3 All matches comprised in Art. 106.1 are governed by the IIA „Official Indiacaca Rules“, regulations and refereeing rules.

## **Art. 108 OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS**

The IIA assigns the organisation of its official competitions to one or more National Federations, which have submitted a prior application and which have guaranteed the unrestricted participation of all the players and officials prescribed in the IIA Statutes and regulations.

## **Art. 109 CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS**

109.1 The IIA or the Confederations organises Continental Championships and Cups and all the open Continental competitions for their own National Federations according to criteria determined by them.

109.2 The IIA or the Confederations and National Federations in charge of organising competitions must guarantee unrestricted participation for players and officials, as established in the IIA Statutes and regulations.

# **CHAPTER XV**

## **SANCTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

### **Art. 110 SANCTIONS**

The affiliated Federations are bound to observe the Statutes, regulations and prescriptions of the IIA and can be sanctioned in the case of any failure to comply with them or with the decisions taken by the competent organs.

### **Art. 111 THE COUNCIL OF ARBITRATION**

111.1 The Council of Arbitration consists of a President elected by, and from, among, the members of the EC and two other persons who are not members of any of the IIA Authorities.

111.2 The Council of Arbitration hears and decides upon appeals against any decision of a TC regarding the control of judges and/or suspension, and/or removal of a judge's brevet.

111.3 The Council of Arbitration hears and decides upon appeals by federations regarding sanctions which are imposed on that federation as a consequence of the TC decision regarding the control of judges of that federation and/or the suspension, and/or removal of a brevet from a judge of that federation.

111.4 The Council of Arbitration investigates and decides upon any allegation of misconduct referred to it by any of the IIA Authorities, including, in exceptional circumstances, allegations of misconduct in judging or judging-related matters referred to it by the TC and/or the Jury of Appeal at an IIA event.

111.5 The Council of Arbitration will act in accordance with the procedures set out in the Code of Discipline.

#### **Art. 112 DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF ARBITRATION**

The Council of Arbitration determines the following sanctions or disciplinary measures:

- a) warning
- b) blame
- c) fine.

#### **Art. 113 HEARING OF THE PARTIES**

No sanction can be taken without the Council of Arbitration having heard the party or parties concerned. The latter, however, are not obliged to be present and may send a detailed report to the EC.

#### **Art. 114 ORDER OF THE PROCEDURES**

Any failure or dispute will be firstly studied by EC, if needs it will be transmitted to the Council of Arbitration and if it needs it will be transmitted through the EC to the General Assembly.

#### **Art. 115 APPEALS**

An affiliated Federation which has been sanctioned can, by intervention of the EC, lodge an appeal with the General Assembly. The General Assembly decides at a last resort.

#### **Art. 116 SUSPENSION**

116.1 The temporary suspension of an affiliated Federation can be decided on by the General Assembly, upon a proposal of the EC or of an affiliated Federation, for the following reasons:

- a) non-observance of the decisions of the organs of the IIA
- b) behaviour contrary to the promotion and development of Indica
- c) belated payment of all financial obligations towards the IIA (Art. 102 to 105).

116.2 Affiliated Federations which are suspended are not allowed to vote at the Congress. Furthermore, they cannot participate in competitions organised by the IIA.

## **Art. 117 EXCLUSION**

117.1 The exclusion of an affiliated Federation for any of the following reasons may only be pronounced by the General Assembly upon a proposal from the EC:

- a) breach of the Statutes, regulations and decisions taken by the IIA
- b) prejudicial action against the IIA
- c) complete disinterest in the activities of the IIA
- d) non-fulfilment of its financial obligations to the IIA.

117.2 The exclusion of an affiliated Federation leads to the exclusion of members of the Authorities having the nationality of this country, who assume a function within the IIA or to whom the IIA has entrusted a mandate.

## **CHAPTER XVI**

### **LITIGATIONS**

#### **Art. 118 DISPUTES BETWEEN THE IIA AND A NATIONAL FEDERATION**

118.1 In case of litigation between the IIA and a National Federation, the parties concerned try to find an amicable solution. The negotiations are headed by representatives of the EC.

118.2 If the conciliation anticipated in the above article is not reached, the litigation is submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CIAS) in Lausanne.

#### **Art. 119 DISPUTES BETWEEN NATIONAL FEDERATIONS**

Disputes between National Federations can be submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CIAS) in Lausanne.

#### **Art. 120 PROBLEMS OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE OF THE IIA**

In the case of controversy among the members concerning problems outside the province of the IIA, the EC can act in a mediatory or conciliatory manner, if the parties concerned so wish.

#### **Art. 121 HEARING OF THE PARTIES**

For each dispute or appeal involving the EC, the parties concerned have to be convened. They are, however, not obliged to be present and may send a detailed report to the Secretariat.

## **CHAPTER XVII**

### **REVISION OF THE STATUTES AND THE REGULATIONS**

#### **Art. 122      COMPETENT ORGANS. QUORUM**

Only the General Assembly can modify the Statutes and the regulations.

#### **Art. 123      MAJORITY FOR A MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES AND THE REGULATIONS**

123.1 In order to be adopted, the proposed modifications of the Statutes require a 2/3 majority of the delegates present with the right to vote.

123.2 The modifications of the regulations require a simple majority of the delegates present with the right to vote.

#### **Art. 124      REVISION OF THE STATUTES AND THE REGULATIONS**

124.1 The EC and the affiliated Federations can propose modifications.

124.2 The proposals have to be received by the General Secretary at least five months before the Congress.

124.3 The date of arrival at the Secretariat of the IIA is valid for justification of the time limit.

124.4 All proposals have to be explained. The new article has to be written in the form proposed by the initiators.

124.5 The EC can make a counterproposal.

124.6 The proposals have to be communicated to the members of the IIA Authorities, to the affiliated Federations and to the Honorary Members within the deadlines fixed in Art. 21 of the present Statutes.

## **CHAPTER XVIII**

### **DISSOLUTION OF THE IIA**

#### **Art. 125      PROCEDURE**

125.1 The IIA may only be dissolved at Congress, at which the delegates of 80 % of the affiliated Federations are present, by a 3/4 majority of the votes cast in a secret ballot.

125.2 After declaring the dissolution of the IIA, the Congress shall, by a majority of the votes cast, determine the beneficiaries of the IIA funds and assets. The IIA shall be liquidated by the EC or by one or more liquidators appointed at the same Congress.

## **CHAPTER XIX**

### **FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Art. 126 UNFORESEEN CASES**

All cases not foreseen by these Statutes are resolved by the EC/IIA, subject to ratification by the General Assembly which follows the date of their resolution.

#### **Art. 127 OBSERVANCE OF THE STATUTES AND OF THE REGULATIONS**

Each activity of the organs and Commissions is subject to the strict observance of these Statutes and of the regulations of the IIA.

#### **Art. 128 APPROVAL OF THE STATUTES**

The present Statutes have been approved by the General Assembly at the 4th IIA Congress of the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2008 in Ettelbrück/Luxemburg.

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