

# International Inline Skater Hockey Federation



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## Chapter 1 Definition, Composition, Purpose

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### 1. Name and Authority

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- 1.1. The IISHF shall consist of the affiliated recognised National Organisations who control and govern the sport of Inline Skater Hockey in any territory politically regarded as constituting a National Unity.
- 1.2. The name of the Federation shall be 'The International Inline Skater Hockey Federation' hereafter referred to as the "IISHF".
- 1.3. The IISHF is the International Governing Body of Inline Skater Hockey throughout the world. International regional (continental) Inline Skater Hockey Associations are the Governing Body of Inline Skater Hockey within their region (continent).
- 1.4. The IISHF is independent and does not put its commercial aims first.

### 2. Headquarters and Legal Forum

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- 2.1. The International Inline Skater Hockey Federation (IISHF) shall be an association under the terms of Art. 60 and seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. IISHF shall be politically and religiously neutral.
- 2.2. IISHF's headquarters shall be situated in Switzerland. The Presidium shall determine the location of the registered office of IISHF.
- 2.3. The legal forum shall be the headquarters of IISHF. Lausanne (Switzerland) shall be the legal forum for all cases which, in accordance with these Statutes, come under the jurisdiction of CAS.

### 3. Principles

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- 3.1. The principles of the IISHF shall be general unity of action, mutual respect of Associations in the dealings with one another and the inadmissibility of discrimination against individuals on racial, political, religious or any other grounds.
- 3.2. The IISHF shall observe the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and no provision of these Rules shall be deemed to conflict with or derogate from those principles.
- 3.3. All bodies and officials of IISHF must observe the IISHF Constitution, IISHF Regulations and decisions of IISHF.
- 3.4. IISHF is a non-profit-making organisation. Therefore, it shall not pursue any objective for its own gains. It shall pursue solely and directly objectives of general interest in accordance with the legislation of the country in which its headquarters are located. The financial resources of IISHF may be used only in pursuit of the objectives laid down in this Constitution. To the extent that compensation or reimbursement of expenses is paid to individuals, this must be appropriate, justified and related to IISHF's objectives.

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- 3.5. IISHF shall establish reserve funds to an extent and in a manner permitted by the legal provisions of the country in which the headquarters are located. These reserves may be used in compliance with the legal provisions of the country in which the headquarters of IISHF are located, The Presidium shall decide on the usage of the reserves.

#### 4. **Objects**

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- 4.1. The Objects of the IISHF shall be:
- a) To uphold the principles of the IISHF and develop and promote the spirit of friendship and mutual assistance among member Associations.
  - b) To control, regulate, supervise and direct, and to foster, encourage and advance the sport of Inline Skater Hockey in all its forms and in all age groups in every country worldwide.
  - c) To seek continual improvement of all aspects of the game, its regulations and competitions worldwide.
  - d) To adopt, formulate, issue, interpret, implement and amend the IISHF Rules Book, the IISHF Regulations and the IISHF Constitution in English which shall be the Official version and to sanction any translations of these publications.
  - e) To sanction the Organisation of all worldwide International Inline Skater Hockey Events whereas international regional (continental) Inline Skater Hockey Events shall be sanctioned and controlled by the relevant regional (continental) Inline Skater Hockey Federation.
  - f) To formulate and adopt and implement appropriate policies, including policies in relation to national representative teams, sexual harassment, equal opportunity, equity, alcohol and drugs in sport, health, safety, infectious diseases and such other matters as arise from time to time as issues to be addressed in Inline Skater Hockey.
  - g) To seek affiliation to and recognition from all appropriate international institutions or bodies and to abide by their rules of membership.
  - h) To establish and maintain an IISHF Inline Skater Hockey judicial system, providing processes for the appeal of decisions and the settlement of disputes.

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## Chapter 2 Membership

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### 5. Admission to Membership

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- 5.1. The membership of the IISHF shall be open to National Associations world-wide that are officially recognised by the sporting authorities of a Country which is an independent state, recognised by the international community on basis of IOC regulations, as being the single controlling authority for Inline Skater Hockey.
- 5.2. In no circumstances shall two (2) Associations be recognised as exercising authority over the same Country.
- 5.3. All National Member Associations must uphold and observe the principles, objectives and aims of the IISHF. Strict observance of the rules and of the provisions contained in the IISHF Constitution and IISHF Regulations, both in spirit and letter, is the primary condition for obtaining and maintaining membership of IISHF. Furthermore each National Member Association must fix in its Statutes that all its teams, players and officials fully recognise at all times the IISHF Constitution and IISHF Regulations.
- 5.4. Any recognised National Member Association in accordance with 5.1 above may apply for membership of the IISHF. Before admitting an applicant federation to membership of IISHF, the Presidium shall satisfy itself that the applicant federation controls and governs Inline Skater Hockey in its country, and is in good standing in that country.
- 5.5. All applications for membership shall be made in writing to the IISHF Presidium for consideration and decision by IISHF Presidium. This decision shall be confirmed by the Council of Members at the next General Meeting. The application for membership must include the following information:
  - a) The official address of the National Member Association
  - b) A copy of its current Constitution, Regulations and Rule Book
  - c) Information about number of registered teams according to article 11.12 IISHF Constitution
  - d) Confirmation that they are the only single controlling authority for Inline Skater Hockey in the country
  - e) Formal undertaking to observe and abide to the IISHF Constitution, IISHF Regulations and IISHF Rules Book
  - f) Written evidence about official recognition of that National Member Association in its domestic country by the sporting authorities of that Country
- 5.6. Where there is any doubt whether an Association applying for membership of the IISHF is the sole bone fide controlling Body for Inline Skater Hockey within a Country but otherwise qualifies for Membership, that Association may be accepted for Temporary Membership of the IISHF. This Temporary Membership is limited to a maximum of twenty four (24) months.

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- 5.7. Where a Temporary Member can produce evidence to show that it is the sole recognised Association governing the sport of Skater Hockey within the Nation concerned, its Temporary Membership status may be upgraded from temporary to regular Membership subject to a review by the Council of Members.
  - 5.8. The acceptance or otherwise of any application for Membership of the IISHF shall be made irrespective of the political, diplomatic or national status of the nation concerned and shall only relate to the conduct of Inline Skater Hockey therein.
  - 5.9. Each National Member Association must pay an annual membership fee by the due date as defined in the IISHF Regulations.

## **6. Rights of Members**

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- 6.1. Each National Member Association has the following right:
  - a) To take part on General Meetings.
  - b) To take part on Working Meetings and Working Groups.
  - c) To vote on General Meetings and Working Meetings.
  - d) To make proposals for inclusion in the agenda of General Meetings and Working Meetings.
  - e) To make proposals for changes to IISHF Constitution, IISHF Regulations and IISHF Rules Book.
  - f) To propose candidates to any position of IISHF.
  - g) To take part with its clubs, players and officials in the official competitions (incl. title events) of IISHF, under the pre-condition of observation of article 18 IISHF Regulations.
  - h) To exercise all other rights arising from this Constitution and the IISHF Regulations.
  - i) To confirm participation of teams to Title Events according to article 18 IISHF Regulations.

The rights to a) – e) are only given when a National Member Association has paid the annual membership fees for that year.

The rights to c) – e) are not permitted to National Member Associations with Temporary Membership.

## **7. Obligation of Members**

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- 7.1. National Member Associations must remain in good standing (including in good financial standing) with IISHF. National Member Associations must control and govern Inline Skater Hockey in their country, and ensure that Inline Skater Hockey is in good standing in that country.
- 7.2. National Member Associations shall observe strictly all regulations and decisions of IISHF and ensure that their members also comply with them.

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- 7.3. Each National Member Association must agree to adopt and completely introduce the IISHF Rules Book likewise for domestic games. Exceptions are only permitted by written approval of the IISHF Presidium.
  - 7.4. The statutes and regulations of National Member Associations shall comply fully with the IISHF Constitution and IISHF Regulations. The IISHF Constitution and IISHF Regulations automatically form part of the National Member Associations statutes and regulations. In the event of doubt or conflict, the IISHF Constitution and IISHF Regulations shall prevail.
  - 7.5. National Member Associations shall recognise the Court of Arbitration for Sport and ensure that the latter's decisions are legally binding for National Member Associations, clubs, leagues, players, managers, officials and agents.
  - 7.6. National Member Associations shall ensure that their policies, programs, statutes and regulations are in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
  - 7.7. National Member Associations shall ensure that their organs (bodies) shall be either regularly elected or appointed by its members. Their statutes must be completely followed and shall provide a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the election or appointment.
  - 7.8. National Member Associations shall be held liable for all financial obligations of their own members incl. their clubs, players and officials or bodies towards IISHF.
  - 7.9. Non-compliance with these provisions may lead to sanctions provided for in this Constitution and IISHF Regulations.

## **8. Termination, Suspension and Expulsion**

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- 8.1. Any member wishing to resign from the IISHF shall give notice in writing by registered letter to the IISHF Headquarters at least three (3) months before 31<sup>st</sup> of December. The member shall still be liable for the payment of its Annual Membership Fee up to the 31st of December of the year for which the membership does exist.
- 8.2. A National Member Association failing to settle any account (including subscription and payments of clubs, players) on time as defined in the Regulations will be suspended from membership of the IISHF.
- 8.3. The Presidium may sanction and/or suspend the membership of any National Member Association for important reasons and, in particular, when the IISHF Constitution, IISHF Regulations or decisions by IISHF are violated flagrantly, or when the admission requirements are no longer fulfilled.
- 8.4. If not lifted by the Presidium in the meantime, such a suspension may remain in force until the next General Meeting (Council of Members). The Council of Members shall decide whether the suspension is lifted or prolonged, or the National Member Association expelled.

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- 8.5. The Council of Members may decide to expel a National Member Association by a majority of at least two third (2/3) of the votes cast at a General Meeting, based on a detailed proposal put forward by the Presidium.
- 8.6. Any National Member Association which resigns from the IISHF or which is expelled or suspended shall lose with immediate effect all the rights according to article 6.1 IISHF Constitution.
- 8.7. If a disbanded National Member Association was not in good financial standing with IISHF at the time of its disbandment, the new National Member Association of the relevant country shall take over all the financial obligations of the former National Member Association towards IISHF, unless the Council of Members decides otherwise.
- 8.8. A suspension due to a failure of the payment regulations shall be immediately lifted from the date that the full payment has been cleared in the IISHF's account. If during the suspension a team has not been accepted for participation in a Title Event (with reference to article 18 IISHF Regulations) the team cannot later be accepted for participation.



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## Chapter 3 Organisation

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### 9. Structure

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9.1. IISHF shall be organised in the following divisions:

- Council of Members
- Presidium
- Audit Committee
- Disciplinary Committee
- Appeals Committee
- Rules Committee

### 10. Council of Members

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10.1. The Council of Members shall be the supreme authority of IISHF and shall hold sovereign powers within its terms of reference under this Constitution.

10.2. The Council of Members shall consist of each fully paid up National Member Association. Each National Member Association may send a maximum of two (2) delegates plus a translator (if required) to General Meetings. The delegates being present at the General Meeting must present a document signed by the President of that National Member Association appointing them as the official representatives. Delegates may only represent one (1) Member. No IISHF Presidium Member shall represent any National Member Association.

10.3. The Council of Members shall have the power

- a) To elect the members of the Presidium and the members of the Audit Committee and the Appeals Committee
- b) To finally confirm all applications for membership of new Members
- c) To finally confirm about a suspension or expulsion of a Member
- d) To decide about the overtaking of financial obligations of a new Member from a former disbanded Member
- e) To decide upon any changes to the IISHF Constitution, IISHF Regulations and IISHF Rules Book

10.4. The Council of Members confirms with a 75% vote majority any nomination to the IISHF Hall of Fame for outstanding players, sport developers and referees made by the IISHF Presidium based on recommendations by any NMA or the IISHF Presidium in accordance with the IISHF Hall of Fame Nomination & Selection Procedure approved by the Council of Members.

### 11. General Meetings

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11.1. The meetings of the Council of Members shall be called 'General Meetings' and shall be divided into an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM).

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- 11.2. The 'AGM' shall take place once a year and will be held between the 1st of February and the 31st of March.
- 11.3. The Presidium may call an EGM' at any time provided that a majority decision has been taken by the Presidium. The Council of Members may request an 'EGM' at any time provided that the request is received by the President, in writing, with a statement of the reasons for the calling of the 'EGM' and this statement must be supported by at least a fifth (1/5) of the Council of Members.
- 11.4. The place, date and time of a General Meeting shall be decided and fixed by the Presidium. The announcement convening a General Meeting giving details of the place, date, time shall be sent by post or electronic mail to each IISHF Member not later than four (4) months prior to the date of the General Meeting.
- 11.5. The Agenda shall be sent by post or electronic mail to each IISHF member as well as the Presidium written Report and the Accounts not later than two (2) weeks prior to the date of the AGM.
- 11.6. All Proposals for Changes to the IISHF Constitution at General Meetings shall be submitted in writing to the Presidium no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the meeting. Changes to IISHF Constitution can only be done
- in each odd year any change
  - in each even year only clarification and any error corrections
- The Presidium shall then circulate all proposals to the members no later than six (6) weeks prior to the meeting. These proposals cannot be altered at a General Meeting but must be voted upon without change unless withdrawn by the applicant .
- 11.7. All Proposals for Changes to the IISHF Regulations at General Meetings shall be submitted in writing to the Presidium no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the meeting. The Presidium shall then circulate all proposals to the members no later than six (6) weeks prior to the meeting. These proposals can only be altered by the applicant by providing the alteration before the start of the General Meeting with full new wording by email to IISHF Presidium and to all National Member Associations taking part at the General Meeting. During a General Meeting new proposals for Changes to the IISHF Regulations can only be put to a vote if all National Member Associations being present at the General Meeting unanimously agree.
- All Proposals for Changes to the IISHF Rules Book at General Meetings shall be only submitted by the IISHF Rules Committee in writing to the Presidium no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the meeting. The Presidium shall then circulate all proposals to the members no later than six (6) weeks prior to the meeting. These proposals cannot be altered at a General Meeting but must be voted upon without change.
- 11.8. A quorum for a General meeting shall consist of no less than one third (1/3) of the Council of Members.
- 11.9. The agenda for the AGM shall be as follows;
- a) Welcome Address from the Presidium

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- b) Establishment of Voting Rights and of the Quorum
  - c) Confirmation of Membership Applications
  - d) Proof of correct announcement convening the General Meeting
  - e) Confirmation of the Agenda
  - f) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous year General Meetings
  - g) Written Report from the Presidium
  - h) Finance Director's written Report and Audited Accounts
  - i) Audit Committee Report
  - j) Approval of the activities of the Presidium
  - k) Disciplinary Committee Report
  - l) Appeals Committee Report
  - m) Motions to change the IISHF Constitution
  - n) Motions to change the IISHF Regulations
  - o) Motions to change the IISHF Rules Book
  - p) Election of the Officers of the Presidium
  - q) Election of the Audit Committee
  - r) Election of the Appeals Committee
  - s) Election of the Rules Committee (Chairman, Vice Chairman)
  - t) Presentation of the Budget
  - u) Title Events
  - v) Hall of Fame Selection
  - w) Any other Business

11.10. The agenda for an EGM shall be as follows:

- a) Welcome Address from the Presidium
- b) Establishment of Voting Rights and of the Quorum
- c) Confirmation of Membership Applications
- d) Proof of correct announcement convening the General Meeting
- e) Confirmation of the Agenda
- f) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous year General Meetings
- g) The business for which the EGM is convened
- h) Any other business

11.11. Each regular Member shall be entitled at General Meetings to:

For Members with 49 teams or less registered	1 Vote
For Members with 50 to 99 teams registered	2 Votes
For Members with 100 or more teams registered	3 Votes

If two delegates are present, the vote shall be granted only to one of the two delegates as per decision by the relevant National Member Association.

11.12. The number of teams in accordance to article 11.11 IISHF Constitution shall include the inline skater hockey teams which will be registered in that country for

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the previous year and shall be reported with the form sheet "IISHF Annual NMA Reporting" by each National Member Association including a detailed team list for all age groups with the name of all registered clubs and teams for the previous year no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December of that previous year to IISHF headquarters. Registered teams are only teams who participated that previous year at the domestic/regional championship or any other official competition in that country or any IISHF European Cup that previous year.

The relevant NMA must provide for all registered teams verifiable evidence of their participation.

The IISHF Presidium will decide about the recognition of registered teams based on the provided verifiable evidence – in case of disagreement the Council of Members will make the final decision about the recognition.

- 11.13. If no report and/or no detailed team list and/or no verifiable evidence has been given by 31<sup>st</sup> December deadline, the relevant NMA shall get a reminder with a late report period until 15<sup>th</sup> January to provide the missing information.

If no report and/or no detailed team list and/or no verifiable evidence has been given by 15<sup>th</sup> January, the number of registered teams shall be finally fixed with 49 teams or less for that year and no change of voting rights shall be done for that calendar year.

- 11.14. Any missing or wrong reporting and/or providing verifiable evidence for registered teams shall result to IISHF Disciplinary Action.

- 11.15. The President of IISHF or in/during his absence the Vice President of IISHF shall preside over the General Meeting.

- 11.16. Unless otherwise specified either by this Constitution or by the Council of Members, decisions on General Meetings shall enter into force from the time of their approval at that General Meeting.

- 11.17. All minutes taken at General Meetings shall be countersigned by the President and Minutes Secretary and forwarded to all members within four (4) weeks. Any objections to the minutes must be sent in writing to the IISHF within two (2) weeks of receipt. The Presidium shall settle any objections within four (4) weeks of receipt and shall circulate any changes to the members.

- 11.18. The Chairman of any IISHF Committee may attend on a General Meeting.

## 12. Presidium

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- 12.1. The Management of the IISHF shall be vested in the Presidium who shall be responsible for all decisions with regard to the general operation of the IISHF. The IISHF Presidium shall have the following untransferable and irrevocable duties:

- a) To supervise the practice of Inline Skater Hockey worldwide
- b) To appoint and dismiss the Disciplinary Officer and the other Members of the Disciplinary Committee

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- c) To appoint, manage and dismiss Working Groups, Sub Committees and Technical Committees
  - d) To appoint, manage and dismiss Officers (Managers)
  - e) To submit proposals to change the IISHF Constitution, the IISHF Regulations and the IISHF Rules Book
  - f) To decide on the suspension of National Member Associations
  - g) To take every measure appropriate in order to prevent violations of the IISHF Constitution, IISHF Regulations , decisions and IISHF Rules Book
  - h) To control the appointment of and set worldwide standards for IISHF agents, coaches, referees and instructors
  - i) To practice the management and to operate on behalf of IISHF
  - j) To organise, govern, control and/or assign the organisation of all world title events whereas regional (continental) title events are organized and controlled by the regional (continental) Inline Skater Hockey Federation.
  - k) To have the final decision on any matter not provided for in this Constitution and/or IISHF Regulations in case of force majeure
  - l) To impose any deadlines they feel necessary to ensure the smooth running of the IISHF

12.2. The Presidium shall consist of:

- The President
- The Vice President
- The Finance Director

Duties shall be decided by the Presidium.

12.3. The Presidium members must all reside in different countries.

12.4. Persons nominated for Presidium positions must be present at the AGM or must have notified the IISHF Presidium in writing prior to the AGM that they are willing to be elected.

12.5. The Presidium members shall remain in office for two (2) years and re-election of all Presidium members shall take place every alternate year.

12.6. Presidium Meetings shall be convened by the President after consultation with all other Presidium Members.

12.7. A quorum for a Presidium meeting shall consist of at least two (2) Presidium Members.

12.8. In Presidium meetings, each Presidium Member shall have one (1) vote. The President shall have a casting vote. At the request of the President, the Presidium may vote by correspondence also.

12.9. The Finance Director shall have the following duties:

- a) To oversee the financial administration of IISHF
- b) To supervise the current account of income and expenditure
- c) To prepare a statement of accounts for each Presidium Meeting

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- d) To sanction payment of reasonable expenses to members of the IISHF`s bodies and organs
  - e) To draw up a budget for each Annual General Meeting
  - f) To ensure the proper implementation of the budget
  - g) To present the financial statements to the Presidium and to the Council of Members
- 12.10. No expenses can be incurred without the prior authority of the Finance Director. The Finance Director must be provided with valid receipts for all expenses claimed.
- 12.11. An Individual Presidium Member may not authorise payment of or commit the IISHF to, or purchase, any item above the amount of one thousand (1,000) Euros per financial year of IISHF without consultation with the other Presidium members.
- 12.12. In the event of the resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall become the acting President and the Presidium shall have the power to appoint an acting Vice President.

### **13. Audit Committee**

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- 13.1. The Audit Committee must comprise two (2) persons being from separate Countries. The Audit Committee members will serve for two (2) years. Only one (1) person of the Audit Committee will be elected each year in rotation.
- 13.2. The Audit Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the accounts and files maintained by the Finance Director and for producing a report for the AGM.
- 13.3. The Audit Committee shall have full access at any time to the IISHF account books, bank statements and any other financial papers in the possession of the Finance Director or other relevant persons.
- 13.4. The Audit Committee shall be elected by the Council of Members at the AGM and shall remain in Office until the next AGM. In the case of the departure of an elected person for whatever reason, the Member Country must nominate another person to serve until the next AGM. The Member Country must inform the IISHF Presidium in writing of the new nominee for the approval of the IISHF Presidium.
- 13.5. Persons nominated for positions on the Audit Committee must be present at the AGM or must have notified the IISHF Presidium in writing prior to the AGM that they are willing to be elected.

### **14. Disciplinary Committee**

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- 14.1. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Disciplinary Officer, Vice Disciplinary Officer and three (3) other persons. All five (5) persons may not be member of the IISHF Presidium and must be from different member Countries. They will be appointed by the IISHF Presidium. The members of the Disciplinary Committee shall have a two (2) year term.

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14.2. The Disciplinary Committee has been established to deal with disciplinary matters as provided in the IISHF Regulations.

## **15. Appeals Committee**

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15.1. The Appeals Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and three (3) other persons all from different Nations and will be elected by the Council of Members at the AGM.

15.2. The Election for the Appeals Committee shall have a two (2) year term.

15.3. Persons nominated for positions on the Appeals Committee must be present at the AGM or must have notified the IISHF Presidium in writing prior to the AGM that they are willing to be elected.

15.4. The Appeals Committee shall have the duties to hear and decide on appeals as provided in the IISHF Regulations filed by an affected party against decisions of IISHF, including its organs and disciplinary bodies, unless such an appeal is expressly excluded in these Constitution or the Regulations.

15.5. Any dispute arising from this Constitution or the IISHF Regulations which cannot be settled by the Appeals Committee shall be definitely settled by a tribunal constituted in accordance with the Statutes and Procedural Rules of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne, Switzerland, to the exclusion of any ordinary court or any other court of arbitration. The parties concerned shall undertake to comply with the Statutes and Procedural Rules of this Court of Arbitration for Sport and to accept and enforce its decision in good faith.

## **16. Rules Committee**

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16.1. The Rules Committee shall consist as a composition of Technical Delegates of all National Member Associations.

16.2. The Rules Committee shall have the power to

- a) propose any changes to the IISHF Rules Book
  - in each even year any rule changes
  - in each odd year only clarifications and any error bug fixings in line with article 11.7 IISHF Constitution.
- b) publish rule interpretations
- c) approve equipment and modifications thereof

16.3. Each National Member Association shall appoint one Technical Delegate to the Rules Committee and report this delegate to the IISHF Presidium. As long as a National Member Association has not reported another delegate, the last notified delegate is valid.

16.4. The Rules Committee shall be led by a chairman and a vice chairman. Both persons must be a member of the Rules Committee and shall be elected by the Council of Members at the AGM. Persons nominated for chairman or vice chairman on the Rules Committee must be present at the AGM or must have notified the IISHF Presidium in writing prior to the AGM that they are willing

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to be elected. The Election for the Rules Committee shall have a two (2) year term.

- 16.5. Each Rules Committee Member has the right to vote in line with the voting rights of his National Member Association according to article 11.11 – 11.14 IISHF Constitution. A quorum for a vote of the Rules Committee shall consist of no less than one third (1/3) of the members of the Rules Committee. All proposals/decisions of the Rules Committee shall be taken by simple majority of the votes cast. If a Member does not respond within the given time (minimum 14 days) this will be taken as an Abstention from that vote. Abstentions do not count. In the event of a tied vote to a proposal/decision of Rules Committee, the Chairman of the Rules Committee shall have the casting vote.
- 16.6 The Rules Committee can appoint maximum 3 additional persons to their committee in advisory role and without any voting right.



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## Chapter 4 General Provisions

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### 17. General Procedure

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- 17.1. Any correspondence between the IISHF Bodies and National Member Associations may be made by electronic mail, but in the case of announcements and other official documents then a confirmation of receipt may be requested by the IISHF and must be sent by the member.
- 17.2. All correspondence belonging to National Member Associations relating to international matters must pass through the IISHF unless specifically agreed otherwise.
- 17.3. All correspondence belonging to the IISHF relating to national matters must pass through the headquarters of the National Member Associations at the address notified to the IISHF.
- 17.4. IISHF may directly communicate with individual members, Clubs or Teams, regarding IISHF Title Events and the participation therein. For legal proceedings all communications to individual members, Clubs or Teams must occur via the the relevant National Member Association.
- 17.5. The official language of IISHF shall be English.
- 17.6. Working languages during all meetings shall be according to the requirements of the participants. Working papers shall be provided in English language.
- 17.7. Any IISHF meeting can be held as face-to-face event or as video conference. A general meeting can only be held as video conference by prior resolution of IISHF Presidium.
- 17.8. The details for any video conference shall be fixed by IISHF Presidium.

### 18. Final Provisions

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- 18.1. Any person who is legally responsible in law in each Country may serve on one of the IISHF's bodies.
- 18.2. Any person who holds office on any IISHF Body, must on their resignation return all IISHF related documentation and IISHF equipment and any other relevant articles to the IISHF Presidium.
- 18.3. Any person who holds office on any IISHF Body may not give out or discuss any confidential information or business of the IISHF.
- 18.4. Meetings, seminars, and conferences of the IISHF's bodies are not open to the public nor are they open to the press, radio, or television unless specific permission has been granted by a special resolution of the Presidium and the members of the body concerned.
- 18.5. At all IISHF meetings a true record of the proceedings (minutes) must be recorded and must include any resolutions agreed. These minutes must be dispatched to all members of the relevant body within four (4) weeks.

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- 18.6. Voting and elections at meetings shall normally be by a show of hands of those present. If during a face-to-face meeting one member present so demands, a vote may be taken by a secret ballot. For elections, the candidate receiving the most votes is elected. For all other proposals requiring a vote, the proposal receiving the most votes will be accepted.
- 18.7. Unless otherwise specified herein, decisions to elections and votes shall be taken by simple majority of the votes cast. To amend the IISHF Constitution, a majority of two thirds (2/3) of the votes cast is necessary. Abstentions do not count.
- In the event of a tied vote to the IISHF Regulations or to the IISHF Rules Book, the Presidium shall have the casting vote.
- In the event of a tied vote to an election, a revote shall take place. In the event of tied vote at the revote, the final decision will be made by flipping a coin.
- 18.8. The colours, flag and insignia of IISHF, and the use thereof, shall be approved by the Presidium. The use of the flag and insignia of IISHF shall be restricted to IISHF title events and IISHF Meetings unless written approval has been obtained from the Presidium. The use of the flag and insignia of IISHF is mandatory at all IISHF title events.
- 18.9. The IISHF shall not be dissolved except at a General Meeting specifically convened for this purpose and by a resolution supported by at least four-fifths (4/5) of the votes cast. The balance of the IISHF after all debts have been settled shall be divided equally among the Full Members of the IISHF who are not in arrears at that time.

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## Chapter 5 Financial Provisions

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### 19. General Provisions

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- 19.1. The financial year of IISHF shall begin on the first (1st) day of January and end on the thirty-first (31st) day of December of the same year.
- 19.2. The income of IISHF shall consist of
- a) Fees from the National Member Associations
  - b) Fines in accordance with the respective IISHF Regulations
  - c) Income from the granting of licenses for the use of IISHF rights, e.g. marketing and broadcasting rights
  - d) Donations, subsidies and miscellaneous returns
- 19.3. Financial statements in accord with the legislation of Switzerland shall be drawn up each year as of the thirty-first (31st) day of December.
- 19.4. IISHF accounts must be audited by the Audit Committee until one (1) day prior to the AGM.
- 19.5. EURO is the currency of reference of IISHF.
- 19.6. The Presidium shall have the right to choose a new currency of reference should IISHF financial interests, the financial policy of the country where the headquarters or the Finance Director are located, and/or the international situation require so.

### 20. Liability

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- 20.1. No claims for compensation shall be considered against actions and/or decisions made by an IISHF body or because of cancellation of an international event.
- 20.2. IISHF will indemnify any person who is or has been an official of IISHF as a member of the Presidium, the Disciplinary Committee, the Appeals Committee, Sub Committees, and other persons appointed to act in an official capacity on behalf of IISHF against the following:
- a) any liability to another person (other than IISHF or a related body corporate) which arises from being an official of IISHF unless the liability arises out of grossly negligent or willful conduct (intention);
  - b) any liability for costs and expenses incurred by that person strictly in their capacity as an official of IISHF; or
  - c) in defending proceedings which arise from being an official of IISHF, whether civil or criminal, where judgement is given in favour of the person or in which the person is acquitted.
- 20.3. Each National Member Association will be fully liable for any consequences resulting from the failure in its statutes, that all its teams, players and officials are governed at all times by the IISHF Constitution and IISHF Regulations.

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**21. Validity**

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- 21.1. This Constitution was agreed at the Annual General Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and has come into effect immediately. Any changes or amendments to the IISHF Constitution shall come into effect from the date of any such resolution being agreed unless otherwise decided and shall be dispatched to all IISHF members in writing, in the form of complete replacement pages, within four (4) weeks of any resolution being agreed.