



WORLD TRADITIONAL KARATE -DO FEDERATION

STATUTE OF THE WORLD TRADITIONAL KARATE-DO FEDERATION

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World Traditional Karate-Do Federation (WTKF)

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Article 1

WTKF is a non-profit association governed by the present statutes and, secondarily, by Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. It is neutral politically, and non-denominational.

Article 2

The WTKF headquarters are located in the State of Geneva.

The association shall be of unlimited duration.

PURPOSES

Article 3

The association shall pursue the following aim: to promote Traditional Karate following the decision of the 101st session of the International Olympic Committee and according to the „ITKF Competition Rules”.

RESOURCES

Article 4

The association's resources come from:

- donations;
- legacies;
- private and public subsidies;
- membership fees;
- any other resources authorized by the law.

The funds shall be used in conformity with the association's aims.

MEMBERS

Article 5

Members shall be National Traditional Karate Federations.

Any physical or moral person may request to join: (i) if, through their commitment or actions, they have proved their attachment to the aims of the Association, and (ii) they are not salaried by the Association.

The Association comprises:

- founding members
- active members
- inactive members
- honorary members
- associate members

Requests to become a member must be addressed to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors admits new members and informs the General Assembly accordingly.

Membership ceases:

- a) by written resignation notified to the Board of Directors at least six months before the end of the financial year;
- b) by exclusion ordered by the Board of Directors, for just cause, with a right of appeal to the General Assembly. Appeals must be lodged within 30 days of the Board of Directors' decision being notified;
- c) for non-payment of dues for more than one year.

In all cases the membership fee for the current year remains due. Members who have resigned or who are excluded have no rights to any part of the Association's assets.

Only the assets of the Association may be used to meet commitments. Members have no individual responsibility.

ORGANS

Article 6

The Association's organs are:

- a) The General Assembly,
- b) The Board of Directors,
- c) The auditor.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 7

The General Assembly is the Association's supreme authority. It is composed of all the members.

It shall hold an Ordinary Meeting once each year. It may also meet in extraordinary session whenever necessary, by decision of the Board of Directors or at the request of one-third of the active members.

The General Assembly shall be considered valid regardless of the number of members present.

The Board of Directors shall inform the members in writing of the date of the General Assembly at least six weeks in advance. The notification, including the proposed agenda, shall be sent to each member at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Article 8

The General Assembly:

- a) shall approve the admission and expulsion of members;
- b) appoints the members of the Board of Directors and elects, at a minimum, the president, the secretary and the treasurer;
- c) notes the contents of the reports and financial statements for the year and votes on their adoption;
- d) approves the annual budget;
- e) supervises the activity of other organs, which it may dismiss, stating the grounds therefore;
- f) appoints an auditor for the Organization's accounts;
- g) decides on any modification of statutes;
- h) decides on the dissolution of the association;
- i) fixes the annual membership fees.

Article 9

The General Assembly is presided over by the president or the secretary.

Article 10

Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a majority vote of the members present. In case of deadlock, the President shall have the casting vote.

Decisions concerning the amendment of the Statutes and the dissolution of the Association must be approved by a two-third majority of the members present.

Article 11

Votes are by a show of hands. If requested by at least five members, they take place by secret ballot.

Article 12

The agenda of the ordinary annual session of the general assembly must include:

- approval of the record of the previous General Assembly
- the Board of Directors' annual report on activities
- report of the treasurer and of the auditor
- setting of membership fees
- approval of the budget
- approval of reports and accounts
- election of Board of Directors members, auditor;
- other business

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 13

The Board of Directors is authorized to carry out all acts that further the purposes of the association. It is authorized to manage the Organization's business.

Article 14

The Board of Directors is composed of at least five members elected by the General Assembly. Each member's term of office shall last for four years and renewable two times. The Board of Directors meets as often as required.

Article 15

The Board of Directors members act voluntarily and can only be compensated for their effective and travel costs. Eventual fees cannot exceed that paid for official commissions. For activities exceeding the usual function, each Board of Directors' member can receive appropriate compensation.

The paid employees of the association have only a consultative vote in the Board of Directors.

Article 16

The functions of the Board of Directors are:

- to take all measures to attain the goals of the Association;
- to convene General Assemblies;
- to take decisions with regard to admission of new members, to resignations of members, and to their possible expulsion;
- to ensure the Statutes are applied, to draft rules of procedure, and to administer the assets of the Association.

Article 17

The association shall be validly bound by joint signature of president of the Board of Directors and one member of Board of Directors.

VARIOUS PROVISIONS

Article 18

The financial year shall begin on 1st of January and end on 31st of December of each year. The treasurer is responsible for the finances of the association.

The auditor appointed by the General Assembly shall audit the Association's accounts every year.

Article 19

In the case of the association being dissolved, the assets should be allotted to a non-profit organization pursuing goals of public interest similar to those of the organization benefiting from tax exemption. The goods cannot be returned to the founders or members, nor be used to their own profit.



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