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1. LEGAL STATUS

1.1 The IKF Exco shall take out liability insurance for the Federation and its officers.

2. COMPETITIONS

2.1 The IKF Council shall determine the time slots for the IKF World Korfball Championship and any IKF Age Group World Korfball Championship after consultation with the host.

2.2 The IKF Exco shall determine the time slots for all IKF Continental Korfball Championships, all IKF Continental Age Group Korfball Championships, the IKF European Bowl, the IKF Europa Cup and the IKF Europa Shield, within the time frames determined by the continental Congress and after consultation with the continental confederations (IKF Africa, IKF Americas, IKF Asia, IKF Europe and IKF Oceania) and the host.

2.3 National Organisations shall not be entitled to participate in any IKF event while they are financially in arrears to the IKF.

2.4 For any official IKF Event, the IKF Exco shall enter into a contract with the host national organisation.

2.5 The IKF shall publish a calendar that includes all IKF events including all continental events.

3. IKF OFFICIAL PATRONAGE AND IKF OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

3.1 IKF Official Patronage is given to high quality events, of a repetitive nature, organized by or with the support of a national organisation that is a member of the IKF, in which national or regional selections compete. The proposal to award IKF Official Patronage is done by the respective continental confederation to the IKF Exco.

3.1.1 The conditions for patronage are:

- The event must be organized on a repetitive basis (annually, bi-annually, etc.)
- The event must have been organized at least two times before IKF Official Patronage can be requested
- The name and dates of the event must be approved by the IKF and the respective continental confederation at least six months before the event

- The event must include national or regional selections, with age limitations where applicable
- The event organisers must allow the IKF to appoint at least two referees
- The event may be subject to sponsoring regulations, such as a designated korfball to be played with, and specific advertising to be displayed
- The organization needs to supply a complete match programme to the IKF and the respective continental confederation
- The organization needs to supply the results to the IKF and the respective continental confederation at the closure of every day of the event, such in consultation with the IKF Office

3.1.2 The IKF has absolute discretion in granting IKF Official Patronage.

3.1.3 The benefits of IKF Official Patronage are:

- The organization is allowed to use the IKF continental logo for the patronized event
- The organization is allowed to use the phrase 'under the official patronage of the IKF'
- Supporting invitations may be sent by the IKF on IKF continental confederation letterhead, if deemed desirable by the organization
- The event will be included in the OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS of the IKF
- Results will be included as official results in Korfball International
- Results will be included in IKF Press Releases if appropriate
- A well documented request for patronage should be sent by the respective continental confederation to the IKF Office at least six months before the event is to take place

3.2 IKF Official Recognition is on request of the respective continental confederation given to high quality events, not necessarily of a repetitive nature, in which elite teams compete. The teams need not necessarily be national or regional selections, but may also be club teams. The proposal to award IKF Official Recognition is done by the respective continental confederation to the IKF Exco

3.2.1 The conditions of IKF Official Recognition are:

- The name and dates of the event must be approved by the IKF and the respective continental confederation at least six months before the event

- The event must include elite teams, with age restrictions where applicable
- The event may be subject to sponsoring regulations, such as a designated korfball to be played with, and specific advertising to be displayed
- The organization needs to provide a complete match programme to the IKF and the respective continental confederation
- The organization needs to supply the results to the IKF and the respective continental confederation at the closure of every day of the event, such in consultation with the IKF Office

3.2.2 The IKF has absolute discretion in granting IKF Official Recognition.

3.2.3 The benefits of IKF Official Recognition are:

- The organization is allowed to use the IKF continental logo for the recognized event
- The organization is allowed to use the phrase 'recognized by the IKF'
- Results will be included in IKF Press Releases if appropriate
- A well documented request for recognition should be sent by the respective continental confederation to the IKF Office at least six months before the event is to take place.

4. DOPING

4.1 The IKF Exco will ensure that at IKF Events doping control is conducted in accordance with the IKF Anti-Doping Rules and Policy and the IKF Test Distribution Plan. The minimum number of tests at an IKF event or tournament should be at least equal to the number of participating teams. The requirement for conducting tests shall be written into the contract for the event that is signed between the IKF and the host national organisation. The cost of these tests will be borne by the host national organisation.

4.2 Doping as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code and in the IKF Anti-Doping Rules is forbidden.

4.3 Players are obliged to submit to drug testing in accordance with the IKF Anti-Doping Rules and Policy.

4.4 Players shall not be allowed to participate in any IKF match if they refuse to submit themselves to unannounced drug testing (both in- and out-of-competition) by anybody designated for that purpose.

4.5 All doping offences shall be reported to the authorised disciplinary body.

5. THE WORLD GAMES

5.1 The IKF undertakes to co-operate with the Organising Committee of The World Games in carrying out the technical organisation of the korfball competition and, as delegated by the body controlling The World Games, to supervise and control all the technical arrangements in accordance with the rules of those Games.

5.2 The qualification for The World Games shall be based on the results of the previous IKF World Korfball Championship but may include additional play-offs.

6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1 The national organizations shall be obliged:

6.1.1 not to harm the interests of the IKF or one of its bodies, or the sport of korfball in general;

6.1.2 to accept and comply with all other obligations which the IKF undertakes on behalf of its members or which ensue from membership;

6.1.3 to accept and comply with the IKF Code of Ethics

6.1.4 to adopt any sanctions imposed by the IKF for the abuse of the IKF Anti-Doping Rules and Policy.

6.1.5 to include in their Statutes a provision that confirms the acceptance of the provisions of Articles 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 above.

6.2 The national organizations shall be obliged, moreover, to include a provision in their Statutes by virtue of which:

6.2.1 the national organization shall have the power to undertake obligations on behalf of its own members;

6.3 the national organization, on joining the IKF, shall accept on behalf of its own members the obligation to comply with the Statutes, Regulations, Byelaws, Playing Rules of the IKF, IKF Anti-Doping Rules and Policy and the resolutions of each of its bodies;

The national organizations shall, furthermore, be obliged:

6.3.1 when desired, to give the IKF Executive Committee or the IKF Continental Confederation Executive Committee or one of the other IKF bodies, on first request, within one month full and

correct information and data concerning the national organization and its members, both orally and in writing, insofar as IKF membership is concerned;

6.3.2 to send the IKF Executive Committee a copy of their Statutes and Regulations, their editions of the Playing Rules, official announcements, annual reports and other documents requested by the IKF Executive Committee, and to ensure that the Executive Committee is notified of all alterations to their Statutes and Regulations, within three months of their adoption;

6.3.3 to ensure that their Statutes and Regulations do not contain any provisions that are contrary to the IKF Statutes and/or Regulations;

6.3.4 to abide by the conditions attached to the granting of membership, unless dispensation is given by the IKF Executive Committee;

6.3.5 to ensure that offices in a national organization are only held by members of that national organization;

6.3.6 to notify the IKF Executive Committee within fourteen days of any alterations in the composition of the committee of the national organization;

6.3.7 to ensure that only candidates who are members of the national organization are proposed for offices in the IKF;

6.3.8 to take responsibility for the financial obligations of their members towards the IKF;

6.3.9 to send other national organizations, on request, within one month their Statutes, Regulations and official announcements.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND LEVIES

7.1 Statutory subscriptions and levies must be paid within 90 days following the invoice, unless payment terms are agreed between the National Association and the IKF Executive Committee. For subscriptions and levies over 250 Euros, the IKF may issue invoices in three instalments.

7.2 The IKF Executive Committee has the right to charge interest on any amount outstanding or in default.

7.3 Payment of subscriptions and levies must be accompanied each year by a declaration signed by the President and Secretary of the National Association stating the maximum number of members at any moment during the previous year and certifying that this information is true and correct.

7.4 Although the subscriptions are payable in Euros, the IKF Executive Committee may agree that they be paid in another currency and in such case may fix the rate of exchange.

8. EXTENSION OF GENERAL MEETING TERM

8.1 The IKF Council shall ask for permission in each General Meeting held in odd years to hold the next General Meeting not later than 23 months after the completion of the next calendar year for which an annual report is due.

9. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

9.1 Honorary Membership of the IKF is granted by the General Meeting if the person concerned has:

9.1.1 fulfilled a function within the IKF demanding a great deal of time and energy, for a period of at least 12 years, and to have fulfilled that function with obvious imagination and creativity; or

9.1.2 worked successfully in a certain country for a period of at least 10 years, on the introduction of korfball and on the establishment of a well-structured organisation, or has been responsible for a spectacular korfball development in that country.

10. BADGE OF HONOUR

10.1 The IKF Badge of Honour is awarded by the Council if the person concerned has:

10.1.1 fulfilled, with excellence, an IKF function for a period of at least 12 years, or has fulfilled a function as defined under byelaw 9.1.1 for a period less than 12 years, but for at least 6 years, or

10.1.2 fulfilled a function as defined under byelaw 9.1.1 for a period of less than 10 years, but for at least 5 years.

10.2 The IKF Council may deviate from these guidelines in special circumstances.

11. PIN OF MERIT

11.1 The IKF Pin of Merit is awarded by the Exco in accordance with the following guidelines:

11.1.1 Persons who have fulfilled to the Exco's entire satisfaction a function within the IKF for at least 6 years but who do not qualify for the Badge of Honour;

11.1.2 IKF Referees who have served as such for at least 6 years and who have been very active during that period;

11.1.3 Presidents and/or members of Organising Committees of major IKF Korfball Championships;

11.1.4 Presidents or other Executive Committee members of member associations who have greatly contributed to the development of korfball in their countries on their retirement or on a special occasion such as an anniversary of their Association;

11.1.5 IKF Staff members who have served at the IKF office for a long period of time;

11.1.6 Persons inside or outside the korfball world who have made a significant contribution to the development of korfball or to the success of a major IKF event.

11.2 The IKF Exco may deviate from these guidelines in special circumstances.

12. COMMITTEES

12.1 The IKF shall have the following committees in addition to those mentioned in the Statutes:

- Athletes Committee
- Competitions Committee
- Playing Rules Committee;
- Rules and Regulations Committee;
- Referees Committee;
- Development and Education Committee
- Coaching Education Committee;
- Marketing Committee;
- Medical Committee;
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Committee;

12.2 The duties, powers, working methods and number of members of these committees shall be defined by the IKF Exco.

12.3 The IKF Exco may decide to install working groups reporting to IKF Committees or Project Groups reporting directly to the IKF Exco.

12.4 The members of all committees mentioned under 12.1 and working groups and project teams mentioned under 12.3 shall be appointed and dismissed by the IKF Exco.

12.5 The chairman of a committee shall represent the committee and convene meetings when he or two other members deem it necessary, subject to the budgetary constraints imposed by the Treasurer.

12.6 The secretary of a committee shall notify the members of the meetings scheduled and shall be responsible for the correspondence and the minutes. He shall also arrange for a copy of the annual report to be sent to the Headquarters within one month of being requested after completion of the financial year. He shall also send the Headquarters a copy of all committee meeting documents and minutes. All electronic communication between the Council, the IKF Exco, the Headquarters, the Committees, the Working Group and the Project Groups shall have the same validity as postal communication.

12.7 The appointment of members of the committees referred to in this Byelaw under clause 12.3 shall each be for a period of two years, unless the mandate for the stipulated period is revoked or the appointment cancelled, before the end of that period.

12.8 In addition to Committee members, the IKF Exco shall publish a list of international referees, instructors for coaching courses, instructors for referee courses and qualified jury members. Each list may be split into different categories.

13. EXPENSES

13.1 Delegates on behalf of the IKF that are subject to reimbursement of expenses include referees, assessors and jury members at IKF events and/or IKF patronaged / recognised events, and instructors appointed by the IKF for a specific course. Referees appointed by the IKF for events that are not under the jurisdiction of the IKF, including international matches, patronaged events and recognized events, shall not be reimbursed by the IKF unless explicitly stated by the IKF Exco.

13.2 IKF Council members, committee members and all other delegates on behalf of the IKF shall not accept direct or indirect payment from other sources than the IKF unless approved in advance by the Secretary General. Any payments offered should be channelled through the IKF.

13.3 In principle, travel expenses will be paid on the basis of public transport costs; this means that the most economic means of transport must be chosen. When use is made of a car, for reasons of efficiency (travelling whenever possible with two or more people), the kilometre allowance will be based on that set by the IKF Exco.

13.4 If hotel accommodation is necessary, the cost of a middle class hotel (according to Western European standards) will be allowed for.

13.5 The cost of normal nutritious meals will be covered for activities lasting more than one full day.

13.6 General expenses such as postage, telephone, meetings etc. can be claimed at standard prices.

14. RULES OF THE GAME

14.1 The main definition of korfball is: “Korfball is a sport played by hand within a rectangular field of play whereby a team of four female players and four male players tries to shoot a ball into a korf (basket). The sport’s main characteristics encompass all-round skills, cooperative play, controlled physical contact and gender equality."

14.2 The basic characteristics of korfball are:

- Korfball is a ball sport played by hand.
- Korfball is aimed at a korf (basket)
- Korfball is aimed at a korf that can be approached from all sides.
- Korfball is aimed at a korf that is high enough to discourage dunking.
- Korfball is based on cooperative play.
- Korfball is a mixed team sport where men and women compete on equal terms.
- Korfball is a 4-4 duel within a rectangular division.
- Korfball is a sport where all-round skills are encouraged.
- Korfball is a sport where contact is controlled.

14.3 Apart from korfball, the IKF also recognises and governs other disciplines of korfball, including but not limited to korfball4, beach korfball and outdoor korfball.

14.4 The IKF Executive Committee can instruct a national organization which observes the Rules of the Game inadequately to ensure their observance. Such an instruction shall be carried out within three months of its receipt.

14.5 The national organisations are allowed to conduct playing rules experiments provided that these have been announced well in advance, have been approved by the IKF, and are reported on no later than two months after completion of the experiment.

14.6 The IKF Council may decide to conduct playing rules experiments during any IKF tournament, with the exception of Elite category tournaments.

14.7 The national organizations are obliged to send to the IKF Executive Committee a copy of their edition of the Rules of the Game and of their official publications in so far as these concern the observance, the correct interpretation and application of the Rules of the Game. The Executive IKF Committee can instruct a national organization to revoke or revise all or part of these editions and official publications. Such an instruction shall be carried out within three months of its receipt.

14.8 The Executive Committee shall only take the decisions mentioned in this article after receipt of a reasoned advice of the Playing Rules Committee.

15. CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

15.1 The IKF has five continental confederations based on approval by the IKF General Meeting 4 November 2011 in Shaoxing, China.

15.2 The continental confederations are named:

15.2.1 IKF Africa

15.2.2 IKF Americas

15.2.3 IKF Asia

15.2.4 IKF Europe

15.2.5 IKF Oceania.

16. TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

16.1 No player is permitted to play in more than one national organisation's competitions during a season unless his registration is transferred. The IKF Exco or Council may grant dispensation from this rule.

16.2 A player may only transfer from one national organisation (hereafter referred to as the former national organisation) to another national organisation (hereafter referred to as the new national organisation) with the formal permission of the former national organisation.

16.3 A transfer of registration is made by the new national organisation informing the former national organisation by mail or e-mail that it has received a request to register as a player someone who is currently registered with the former national organisation.

The former national organisation shall inform the new national organisation within two weeks, by mail or e-mail if they object to the transfer and the grounds listed in 16.4 for that objection. If at the end of this period no reply has been received, permission is deemed to have been granted.

16.4 The former national organisation may only object to the transfer if

- it can demonstrate that the relevant conditions of its own regulations have not been fully honoured, or if, and for as long as, a player is undergoing a disciplinary punishment, or
- it can demonstrate that the player has failed to fulfil his financial commitments to the organisation or a member of the organisation.

16.5 If the new national organisation judges that permission has been unjustly refused, it can apply to the IKF Exco to overrule the objection and nevertheless, grant permission. The IKF Exco's decision is binding and no appeal is possible.

16.6 A player is always allowed to play for the country that he is qualified to play for in accordance with article 3.3 of the IKF Competition Regulations even if he is a registered playing member of a different national organisation to his country.

If a player is playing for a club in a different national organisation to his country then that club must freely release the player to play for his country in an official IKF event (including pre-event training) if his country requests it and provided at least 28 days notice is given. (The notice period may be shortened in exceptional circumstances).

16.7 A player may not transfer between national organisations more than twice, nor register with more than two national organisations, in a twelve (12) months period without the permission of the IKF Exco.

17. LIST OF REFEREES

17.1 Each year the IKF Exco draws up a list of IKF referees, following consultation with the Referees Committee.

17.2 The IKF Exco may divide the IKF referees on the grounds of their experience into categories determined by the Exco.

17.3 Every national organisation may, based on the guidelines set by the IKF Referee Committee, each year before 1st December, propose in writing the names of candidates, the actual number being set by the IKF Exco, for inclusion on the IKF list of referees. The IKF Referee Committee make their own judgement re. the proposed candidates. As well the inclusion on the list may be subject to the payment of a fee to be determined by the Exco.

18. ADVERTISING

18.1 Advertising is permitted on any of the clothing worn by players and team officials at a match or match series. All advertising must be in line with the Competition Regulations

18.2 Limited advertising is permitted on any of the clothing worn by IKF referees and other officials at a match or match series.

18.3 Advertising at a match or match series is permitted on the field of play, on the posts and on the korfs. If on the two korfs in the field of play, the advertising must be exactly the same and in line with the IKF Korf Regulations. This applies as well to the advertising on each of the two posts. If advertising is on the field of play, it may only straddle a line (e.g. the half way line) if the line is still clearly visible across the whole of its length.

18.4 All advertising mentioned under 19.1, 19.2 and 19.3 is subject to the conditions laid out in the IKF's Advertising Regulations which are part of the Competition Regulations. Furthermore, advertising on korfs is subject to the conditions laid down in the Korf Regulations and Competition Regulations.

19. LIABILITY FOR SPECTATOR CONDUCT

19.1 All member national organisations shall take note of, observe and shall be bound by the terms of the "Liability for Spectator Conduct" document that forms an appendix to these Byelaws.

20. SPORTS INTEGRITY

20.1 All member national organisations shall take note of, observe and shall be bound by the terms of the appendix to its Competitions Regulations that concerns "Betting on korfball matches" and "Match Fixing attempts".

21. ELECTIONS OF THE ATHLETES COMMITTEE

21.1 Election for the Athletes Committee as instated by Article 23 of the Statutes shall be held every four years in the month prior to the General Meeting.

21.2 All athletes taking part in the World Korfball Championship held in that month shall be eligible for nomination.

(a) Notwithstanding the above, anyone that has ever been convicted of a violation of the IKF Anti-Doping Regulations, or a violation of the Sports Integrity regulations regarding betting and matchfixing is not eligible for election as a member of the Athletes Committee

(b) Participation in the World Korfball Championship is defined as being included on the "Final List" as defined in Article 6.3 of the IKF Competition Regulations.

21.3 The Athletes Committee shall count at least two females (at birth), and at least two athletes that are not females (at birth), unless the number of candidates of either category is less than two.

(a)In case two or fewer candidates are nominated in either category, all candidates in such category are deemed to have been elected.

21.4 The Athletes Committee shall have representatives of at least three continents, unless only candidates from one or two continents have been nominated.

21.5 The candidates receiving most votes shall be elected, taking into account the provisions under 22.3 and 22.4

21.6 Each National Organisation may nominate at most one male and one female candidate for the election. Should more candidates within a country nominate themselves, then the National Organization is responsible for organizing an election among the athletes representing that country in the World Korfball Championship referred to under 22.2. In case less than 2 nominations have been received from a continent, the President of the respective continental confederation shall be invited to make such nominations.

21.7 The Council shall set up either:

(a) an in-person voting system by secret ballot for which all eligible athletes shall be invited

(b) an online voting system by secret ballot for which all eligible athletes shall be invited

21.8 The Council shall appoint three scrutineers to collect and count the ballots. One of the scrutineers shall be the Secretary General.

21.9 The General Meeting shall be informed of the result of the election.

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1. Each Affiliated Member National Association shall be responsible for ensuring that its players, clubs, teams, officials, employees, volunteers, representatives, spectators, and all persons purporting to be its supporters or followers, comply with the following clauses whilst attending at, or taking part in, a Match or Match Series in which it is involved, whether within its own country or elsewhere.

1.1. They conduct themselves in an orderly fashion

1.2. They refrain from any one, or combination of, the following:

- racist, violent, threatening, abusive, obscene or provocative behaviour, conduct or language

1.3. They refrain from any one, or combination of, the following:

- displaying racist or insulting slogans or banners in any form

1.4. That no spectators or unauthorised persons are permitted to encroach onto the pitch area, save for reasons of crowd safety

1.5. That no spectators throw or attempt to throw, missiles, bottles and other objects, whether potentially harmful or dangerous or not, on to the pitch, or at any person

1.6. Let off any fireworks, flares, rockets or fire extinguishers

1.7. Maliciously damage, or attempt to damage, any property at the venue

1.8. They refrain from behaving in any way that may cause a danger to other spectators behaving in any way that may cause the stadium authorities to evacuate the stadium.

2. In all cases an Affiliated Member National Organisation is deemed to have overall responsibility for any of its clubs or teams

3. A referee and/or, in IKF events, the Jury for any match where they are aware of any breach of clause 1 above, is obliged to report the matter to the relevant authorities and, in addition, take action as set out below.

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3.1. If racist or insulting slogans or banners in any form are being displayed by spectators then the referee, and/or in IKF events the Jury, may demand that the offending items are removed. Those persons responsible for security at the venue shall be responsible for carrying out this request.

3.2. If there is a breach of 1.3 or 1.5 then the referee shall stop the game so that the offending item(s) is/are removed. If such a breach is repeated then the referee can ask those responsible for security at the venue to take such steps as necessary to stop the action being repeated, including removal of the offender(s) from the venue.

3.3. For any breach of 1.4, the referee shall stop the game and request that the organization responsible for security at the venue removes the offender(s) from the field of play. If this is not possible within a reasonable amount of time then s/he shall terminate the game.

3.4. If, at any time, the referee feels that the misbehaviour of the spectators is having an adverse effect on the match s/he can ask for the spectators from all, or part, of the venue to be removed and, if this is not possible or achieved within a reasonable period of time, or the situation within the venue has become unsafe to continue, then the game can be terminated.

4. The host National Association has overall responsibility for security within the venue and for ensuring that there is no improper conduct among spectators.

5. Supporters which, due to the numbers concerned, are grouped together and occupying a sector of the spectator area of a venue shall, unless proven to be otherwise, will be regarded as supporters of the Organisation, club or team concerned.

If the misconduct of one or more spectators causes a match to be terminated then the team of that spectator or spectators may be ordered to forfeit the match. If such a decision is pronounced by a Tournament Disciplinary Panel then, in accordance with article 10.2 of the IKF Disciplinary Procedures, no appeal is possible against such a decision

6. Any individual referred to in paragraph 1 above may be removed from any venue. Such force as may be necessary may be used for the purpose of effecting such removal.

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7. Any team or Affiliated Member National Association which fails effectively to discharge its said responsibility in any respect whatsoever shall be guilty of misconduct.

A team shall be guilty of misconduct if there was misbehaviour on the part of any spectators at the venue, unless such team proves to the Disciplinary Committee or the Tournament Disciplinary Panel that the misbehaving spectators were not its supporters.

However, it shall be a defence in respect of charges for misconduct by spectators and all persons purporting to be supporters or followers of the team concerned, if it can prove that all events, incidents or occurrences complained of were the result of circumstances over which it had no control and that its responsible officers or agents had used all due diligence and all reasonable measures to ensure that its said responsibility was discharged. In the case of encroaching onto the pitch area, they would need to show that encroachment was for reasons of crowd safety.