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ARTICLE 1 NAME

1.1. The Federation shall be known as: “International Korfball Federation”.

1.2. The official initials of the Federation are “IKF”.

ARTICLE 2 OFFICIAL SEAT

2.1. The official seat of the IKF shall be in the municipality of Zeist, The Netherlands.

2.2. The Council shall decide on the location of the IKF Headquarters.

ARTICLE 3 INTERPRETATION

3.1. In these Statutes, the Byelaws and the Rules and Regulations, unless the context otherwise Requires**,** the following words and expressions have the meanings set out opposite**:**

Athlete	Any player who takes part in any event approved and/or controlled by the IKF and/or a Continental Confederation.
Byelaws	The Byelaws of the IKF made in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes and includes all amendments, alterations and re-enactments.
Court of Arbitration for Sport	The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.
Club	Club, school or other group affiliated to the National Organisation.
Committees	The Auditing Committee, the Disciplinary Committee, and the Appeals Committee, all elected by the General Meeting ; the Committees and working groups referred to in Article 10.3(a)(ii), all appointed by the Council.
Continental Confederation	A confederation of national korfball associations of a continent named in Article 14.
Council	The Council established under Article 10.

Country	The whole country, state, territory or part of a territory as recognized by the IKF in its absolute discretion to be the zone of judicial control of a National Organisation.
Disciplinary Committee	The committee established under Article 20.
Event	A korfball match, tournament or competition approved and/or controlled by the IKF.
Executive Committee	The Executive Committee established under Article 11.
Federation and IKF	The International Korfball Federation hereby constituted.
General Meeting	The General Meeting of the IKF referred to in Article 9.
Headquarters	The office of the IKF.
Jurisdictional Body	The General Meeting, the Council, the Executive Committee (or anybody or official designated by the Council or the Executive Committee), the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeals Committee, who are by these Statutes, the Byelaws and the Rules and Regulations vested with the jurisdictional powers of the IKF.
Korfball	The game of korfball including also outdoor korfball and beach korfball.
Member	A National Organisation duly affiliated to the IKF and, subject to Article 8.1(c), includes an Associate Member.
National Organisation	An Association or Federation of a country which is the IKF recognized central authority responsible for all matters relating to the administration, organisation and playing of korfball in that country.
Official	Any referee, jury member, or other official who takes part in any event.
Proper Law	The proper law of the IKF is Netherlands Law. Insofar one or more clauses of these Statutes may be against the Netherlands law, these clauses are deemed not to have been written.

Rules and Regulations	Any rules or regulations made in accordance with these Statutes and includes all amendments, alterations and re-enactments thereof.
Simple Majority	Majority of votes cast.
Absolute Majority	More than 1/2 of the present votes.
Special Majority	More than 3/4 of the present votes.

3.2. These Statutes shall be written in Dutch and in English. If there is a difference of interpretation between the English and Dutch versions of the Statutes, the Dutch version shall be legal and binding.

3.3. Byelaws, rules, regulations, annual reports, and other official publications of the IKF shall be written in English only.

3.4. All other publications and communications shall be written and conducted in English only, unless the parties involved agree on a different language.

3.5. For convenience and clarity, the masculine gender is used and shall be interpreted to include anyone regardless of gender identity as appropriate.

3.6. Words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

ARTICLE 4 FOUNDATION, DURATION, AND FINANCIAL YEAR

4.1. The IKF was founded on 11th June 1933 under the name "Fédération Internationale de Korfbal". On 1st January 1982, the name was changed to "International Korfball Federation".

4.2. The IKF shall be established for an indefinite period.

4.3. The financial year shall run from 1 January up to and including 31 December.

ARTICLE 5 LEGAL STATUS AND BODIES

5.1. The IKF shall have full legal status.

5.2. Bodies of the IKF shall be: the General Meeting, the Council, the Executive Committee, the Executive Committees of the Continental Confederations, as well as the persons and committees that by virtue of the Statutes have been given a clearly defined task by the General Meeting, the

Council or the Executive Committee and have thereby been given the power to make decisions.

5.3. The IKF shall be entered in the Commerce Register maintained by the Chamber of Commerce for Midden Nederland, in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

ARTICLE 6 OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES

6.1. The objectives of the IKF shall be to:

(a) Encourage**,** promote, develop and control korfball at all levels throughout the world;

(b) Support and maintain the ideals and objectives of the Olympic movement and in particular the fight against doping by means of appropriate tests;

(c) Exercise jurisdiction over and to determine disputes or disagreements between Members, between Continental Confederations, between Members and Continental Confederations, between Athletes or officials and IKF and between Athletes or officials and a Continental Confederation;

(d) Establish and maintain an efficient administration;

(e) Preserve the independence of the IKF in all matters directly or indirectly concerning korfball without the intervention of any outside authority; and

(f) Conduct itself and take such administrative, financial or other actions as are necessary and in conformity with and in furtherance of its objectives.

6.2. The IKF, its continental confederations and the National Organisations shall not allow any discrimination on the grounds of race, religion or politics. The organisers of official IKF events shall ensure that a visa be granted to any representative of any national organisation.

ARTICLE 7 POWERS

In furtherance of its objectives the IKF may:

7.1. Establish rules for korfball and enforce them uniformly for all events throughout the world;

7.2. Define the rules governing eligibility for all events to be observed by all Members;

7.3. Raise funds for the activities of the IKF by all available means including fees, levies and subscriptions, royalties, sponsorships and the licensing or assignment of commercial and other rights;

7.4. Establish rules and/or regulations for the conduct of Events under the jurisdiction of the IKF;

7.5. Establish rules and/or regulations for the resolution of disputes, disagreements or misconduct with respect to the affairs of the IKF and the game of korfball and impose sanctions;

7.6. Employ and pay and terminate the employment of any person or persons to supervise, organise and carry out the work of the IKF;

7.7. Purchase, lease, exchange or otherwise acquire any property or other rights and privileges necessary for the promotion of its objectives and construct, maintain and alter any buildings or premises necessary for the work of the IKF;

7.8. Sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the IKF;

7.9. Invest the funds of the IKF not immediately required in or on such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit by the Council subject to any conditions as may for the time being be imposed by the General Meeting or required by law; and

7.10. Take such lawful action as is necessary or desirable for the attainment of the objectives of the IKF.

ARTICLE 8 MEMBERSHIP

8.1. The following are the requirements for membership

(a) A National Organisation of a country may be or remain affiliated to the IKF only if it governs korfball in that country;

(b) The activities of the Members of the IKF shall be concerned solely and exclusively with korfball and korfball-related activities but the Council may make special and temporary allowance in this regard in respect of new and/or small National Organisations;

(c) In the case of a country where the creation of a National Organisation is currently impractical, or in case the development of korfball in that country is inadequate, the IKF may admit an organisation of that country as an Associate Member. Associate members have no voting rights, but in all other respects, they shall be regarded as Members;

(d) Every Member must declare:

(i) Its opposition to any discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, politics, religion or creed; and

(ii) That it has the exclusive right to govern korfball in its own country.

(e) National Organisations fulfilling the criteria for membership of the IKF may be provisionally admitted by the Executive Committee and formally admitted by the first General Meeting following application for membership.

8.2. The Statutes, Byelaws, Rules, Regulations and decisions of the IKF jurisdictional bodies are binding upon all Members.

8.3. Applications for membership must be made to the IKF Headquarters and must be accompanied by the following for consideration of membership:

(a) The statutes of the National Organisation;

(b) The names and addresses of its officers;

(c) A declaration that it is opposed to any discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, politics, religion or creed;

(d) A written guarantee to adhere to and abide by the Statutes, Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations including Article 21.1 regarding the jurisdiction of the IKF.

8.4. In addition to the obligations laid down in the Statutes, further obligations may only be imposed on the National Organisations and their members in Procedures laid down by the General Meeting, or in Byelaws, Rules and Regulations laid down by the Council.

8.5. Subscriptions and levies

(a) Members shall pay such subscriptions and levies as the General Meeting decides.

(b) Without prejudice to Article 8.6(b) any National Organisation not having paid its subscriptions or levies within the time limit set by the Council shall not be entitled to take part or to vote in the General Meeting without approval of the Council.

(c) Subscriptions, levies, and budgets of Continental Confederations

(i) In addition to any subscriptions and levies made by the IKF, members shall pay subscriptions and levies as the General Meeting of the Continental Confederation decides

(ii) Subscriptions and levies of Continental Confederations shall be collected by the IKF Headquarters and allocated to specific budgets that the Continental Confederation shall decide on.

8.6. Suspension/Expulsion

(a) Upon the proposal of the Council, the General Meeting may suspend or expel any National Organisation owing more than two annual subscriptions. Any National Organisation which has been expelled and which is readmitted to membership must pay all arrears up to the date of expulsion.

(b) Unless it settles its outstanding debts at least three (3) months beforehand, no team representing that Member may participate in any Event without the approval of the Executive Committee.

(c) The Council may suspend at any time by resolution of which proper notice has been given and by a Special Majority, a Member for conduct that is inconsistent with its responsibilities as a Member. This suspension is subject ratification by a Special Majority of the Members voting at the next General Meeting, which may also decide to expel the Member, or to change the membership status of the Member into Associate Member in accordance with Article 8.1(c). The Member shall be given the opportunity to be heard by the General Meeting.

(d) When the administration or the composition of a National Organisation is modified arbitrarily by the decision of a body from outside the Olympic Movement this National Organisation may be suspended from the IKF.

(e) Expulsion, withdrawal or suspension of any Member from the IKF will mean simultaneous expulsion, withdrawal or suspension from the corresponding Continental Confederation.

8.7. Any Member may withdraw from the IKF at the end of any calendar year provided it has given at least six (6) months' notice in writing to the IKF and settles all outstanding dues, fees, levies and other monies payable to the IKF.

ARTICLE 9 GENERAL MEETING

9.1. The General Meeting shall be the highest authority of the IKF and shall have all the powers in the IKF that, according to proper law, or the Statutes and Regulations of the IKF, have not been given to other bodies of the IKF.

9.2. Barring extension of this term by the General Meeting, an Annual General Meeting shall be held within six months of the end of the financial year.

9.3.

(a) The General Meeting shall be held at a place and on a date determined by the Executive Committee.

(b) In exceptional circumstances, the Council may decide to convene a remote General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting using an online meeting application with video capabilities. Such Meeting may also be held in hybrid form, that is with part of the membership present at the place of the Meeting, and another part of the membership present online.

9.4. Extraordinary General Meetings shall be held at a place and on a date determined by the Executive Committee:

(a) when requested by a decision of the Council;

(b) within three (3) months of the receipt by the IKF of a requisition by not less than such a number of Members as is entitled to cast one tenth of the votes at the General Meeting;

(c) on the request of the President; or

(d) within three (3) months of the death, resignation or permanent incapacity of the President.

9.5. Not less than three (3) months' notice shall be given to convene a General Meeting and such notice shall specify the place, day and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

9.6. The General Meeting shall be composed of:

(a) Up to three (3) delegates from each National Organisation, one of who shall be the Head of the delegation to be declared before the opening of the meeting. The Head of the delegation must be a member of the Executive Committee of the National Organisation he represents.

(b) Members of the Council and Committees who may attend in their own right but with no voting rights, with the exception of the provision mentioned under (c)

(c) Members of the Council or Committees may act as Head of Delegation.

(d) Honorary Members and Honorary Life Presidents of the IKF as referred to under Article 9.13, without voting rights.

(e) Other persons may attend the General Meeting at the discretion of the President.

9.7. The business of the General Meeting shall include:

(a) President's address.

(b) Verification of credentials.

(c) Approval of the minutes of the previous General Meeting.

(d) Annual General Report(s).

(e) Annual Financial Report(s).

(f) Report of the Auditing Committee (Article 15.8).

(g) (i) Approval of the accounts and (ii) discharge of the Council (Article 16.3).

(h) Budgets

(i) Subscriptions

(j) Consideration of applications for membership.

(k) Consideration of proposals for suspensions/expulsions/dissolutions.

(l) Proposals for alteration of the Statutes.

(m) Election of the President.

(n) Election of the other Council Members (Article 10.2(a)(iii)).

(o) Election of the Auditing Committee.

(p) Election of the Disciplinary Committee.

(q) Election of the Appeals Committee.

(r) Proposals to confer the title of Honorary Member and Honorary Life President (Article 9.13).

(s) Fixing the date, time and place of the next ordinary General Meeting.

(t) Any other items of which proper notice has been given by the Council or Members.

9.8. The President shall preside over the General Meeting but he may request the meeting to appoint a Chairman in his place. If the President is absent, the Senior Vice-President shall preside over the Meeting. If also the Senior Vice-President is absent, the Secretary General shall open the General Meeting and request the delegates to appoint a member of the Council to take the Chair.

9.9. The quorum at the General Meeting shall be one third (1/3) of the total number of votes of the IKF.

9.10. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for its first five hundred members, one vote for its next five hundred members and one vote for each one thousand members thereafter. However, there shall be a maximum number of votes such that no larger member in terms of votes may exceed the next larger member in terms of votes by more than five votes. When calculating the number of votes, the total number of members will be rounded off upwards to the next multiple of 500 or 1000 as appropriate. The number of members that was the maximum during the

preceding financial year, as it was advised to the Executive Committee, shall determine the number of votes that may be cast. Votes may be cast by the Heads of Delegation only.

9.11. Voting at General Meetings shall be dealt with as follows:

(a) Each voting Head of Delegation is entitled to carry proxy votes for at most two other Members. Voting in writing without representation by a proxy vote in person is not permitted.

(b) All voting on business matters shall be taken orally, and all voting on matters concerning persons shall be by ballot, unless the President, with the approval of the meeting, shall determine, or allow, a different form of voting;

(c) If voting is by ballot, the President shall designate three scrutineers who will open the ballot papers and decide on the validity of each vote cast.

(d) Alterations to the Statutes require a Special Majority.

(e) Election of Council members and members of Committees requires an Absolute Majority.

(f) Other decisions of the General Meeting require a Simple Majority.

(g) Any proposal receiving an equal number of votes for and against shall be deemed to have failed.

(i) In addition to the procedures available in a physically convened, remote, or hybrid General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting, the Council may in exceptional circumstances, ask Members to vote on motions in the periods between duly convened General Meetings. Such circumstances may be when the taking of a rapid decision that the Council considers to be beyond its independent authority is vital for the well-being of the IKF, or when the General or Extraordinary General Meeting has given prior instructions for the conduct of a vote on a specific issue. In such circumstances, two options are available: (1) an Extraordinary General Meeting using an online meeting application with video capabilities; and (2) mail votes using regular or electronic mail. For mail votes, the proposals to be voted on shall be circulated in writing and Members shall be allowed a minimum of thirty (30) days to vote; failure to reply shall constitute an abstention. A mail vote is valid provided that the quorum and majorities specified in 9.9, 9.10, and 9.11 are respected and that the Members voted before the end of the period that the Council orders for voting.

9.12. Elections at a General Meeting shall be dealt with as follows:

(a) Elections shall only take place in General Meetings in odd years and in extraordinary General Meetings

(b) President, other members of the Council and members of Committees shall be elected in that order

(c) With due regard to the provisions under (d), in the event of unopposed nominations, the candidates nominated shall be declared elected;

(d) The nomination of a candidate may be deprived of its binding nature by a resolution passed by at least two-thirds of the validly recorded votes;

(e) If no one is nominated, or if the General Meeting shall resolve to deprive a nomination of its binding nature in accordance with the provision of (d), the General Meeting shall then be free to call for nominations from the floor;

(f) Balloting

(i) On the first ballot, each voting National Organisation shall cast as many votes as defined under 9.10 for each vacancy and the candidate(s) who receive an Absolute Majority shall be elected.

(ii) If any vacancy still remains there shall be a second and subsequent ballots until all vacancies have been filled. In each such ballot the number of remaining candidates shall be reduced (if necessary) by removing those candidates receiving the least number of votes so that there are no more than twice the number of candidates as there are remaining vacancies. On the second and subsequent ballots, each voting National Organisation shall cast as many votes as defined under 9.10 for each remaining vacancy.

(g) Each candidate is entitled to a one-minute address. A resume of each candidate seeking election shall be circulated to all delegates by the IKF if this is received in time.

9.13. Honorary Members:

(a) The General Meeting may confer by special majority the title of Honorary Member upon persons who have rendered exceptional service to the IKF.

(b) If the person under (a) concerns a retiring IKF President, the title of Honorary Life President may be conferred upon this person.

ARTICLE 10 COUNCIL

10.1. Authority

(a) The Council shall be responsible for directing the policy management and activities of the IKF and for ensuring the proper performance and observance of the objectives of the Federation and its Statutes, Byelaws, Rules, Regulations and decisions.

(b) The Council shall, subject to the directions of the General Meeting, have full power and authority to manage the affairs of the IKF and exercise all its powers including the power to employ such persons and engage such agents as may be necessary for the performance of its duties**.** In general, the Council shall decide all matters not otherwise reserved to another body by these Statutes.

10.2. Composition

(a) The Council shall consist of

(i) The President

(ii) Continental Vice-President for Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania in accordance with clause (e) of this Article.

(iii) Five (5) other members

(iv) The Executive Director ex officio but without voting rights

(v) The chair of the Athletes Committee

(b) From among the other members mentioned under (a) (iii) of this Clause, the Council shall elect a Senior Vice-President

(c) The Council shall appoint a Secretary General. The Secretary General may be one of the other members mentioned under (a) (iii) of this Clause.

(d) All members of the Council shall hold office in their personal capacity and not as representatives of any National Organisation or any other organisation.

(e) Candidates for election (or re-election as the case may be) to the position of President (as referred to under (a) (i) of this Clause) or member of the Council (as referred to under (a) (iii) of this Clause) must be nominated by their own National Organisation or by the Council.

(f) The Continental Vice-Presidents of the IKF shall normally be the Presidents of the Continental Confederations, as elected according to Article 14.2, provided that the President is affiliated to a Member of the IKF.

However, a Continental Confederation may instead elect one of the other officers (Vice-President or Secretary General elected according to Article 14.2) as the Continental Vice-President, provided that this officer is affiliated to a Member of the IKF.

If all officers of the Continental Confederation are affiliated to an Associate Member of the IKF, then this Continental Vice-Presidency shall not be filled.

(g) Nominations must reach the Headquarters not later than one (1) month before the date fixed for the General Meeting.

(h) Candidates may be nominated for multiple positions, with due observance that they can only be elected for one position. If a candidate is elected for a position, nominations of this candidate for other positions are automatically deemed to be withdrawn.

(i) All members of the Council shall hold office for a term of four years, unless the Council members are appointed or elected in a vacancy resulting before the term of a Council is completed. In that case, they shall hold office until the end of the term of their respective predecessors. At the proposal of the Council, the General Meeting may decide to limit the term of a Council member at election to any term shorter than four years.

(j) Members of the Council are eligible for re-election at the end of any term of office.

(i) The President is eligible to serve for a maximum of three consecutive terms of four years as President, after which he is ineligible to serve as President for one term.

(ii) A Continental Vice-President is eligible to serve for three consecutive terms of four years in that position, after which he is ineligible to serve as Continental Vice-President for one term.

(iii) A member of the Executive Committee, other than the President in his capacity as a Member of the Executive Committee, is eligible to serve for three consecutive terms of four years in that position, after which he is ineligible to serve as a Member of the Executive Committee for one term.

(k) If one or more of the positions mentioned under Clause (a) are vacant, the Council shall remain a competent body. If the number of elected members in the Council falls below 50% of the number of members of the Council, then an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called in which elections shall be held.

10.3. Duties and Powers

(a) Each Council member is guided by the interests of the Federation when fulfilling his duties. The duties of the Council member include all management duties that are assigned solely to him following these Statutes. He is fully liable for improper management, unless no serious blame can be made and he has not been negligent in taking measures to avert the consequences of mismanagement. If it concerns a matter that belongs to two or more Council members, each of them is fully liable in respect of a shortcoming, unless this matter is not due to him and he has not been negligent in taking measures to mitigate the consequences.

(b) If a Council member has a direct or indirect personal interest that conflicts with the interests of the IKF, the Council member concerned is not authorised to participate in the consultations or decision-making processes regarding this interest

(c) The general duties of the Council shall be to:

(i) Manage, control and direct the affairs of the IKF in accordance with the objectives, principles and powers of the IKF as laid down in these Statutes.

(ii) Create Committees and working groups as it deems fit.

(iii) Appoint every two years the chairpersons, secretaries and members of such Committees as are necessary.

(iv) Recognise suspensions and disqualifications of clubs or individuals declared by Continental Confederations and National Organisations and ensure that all affiliated National Organisations and Continental Confederations recognize such suspensions and disqualifications.

(v) Resolve any disputes between the National Organisations as referred to it by one or both parties to the dispute. Any such decision of the Council shall be final and binding upon the parties.

(vi) Notify National Organisations of any decisions and penalties imposed by the General Meeting or Council.

(vii) Appoint referees, assessors, instructors, and other officials at Events under the jurisdiction of the IKF;

(viii) Confer the IKF Pin of Merit on individuals who have rendered meritorious service to the IKF

(d) The exclusive duties of the Council shall be to:

(i) Make Byelaws, Rules and Regulations on the sport of korfball, including Playing Rules, Competition Rules, and Anti-Doping Regulations.

(ii) Fill casual vacancies on the Council in accordance with Article 10.5.

(iii) Decide on new applications for membership, to be confirmed by the General Meeting.

(iv) Approve the Byelaws of the Continental Confederations.

(v) Confer the IKF Badge of Honour on individuals who have rendered distinguished service to the IKF

(vi) Decide on the system of qualification for the IKF World Korfball Championships and World Games and other competitions under the jurisdiction of the IKF.

(vii) Decide on the selection of host cities for World Korfball Championships and other competitions under the jurisdiction of the IKF.

(e) The General Meeting may refer items to the Council for their consideration and report.

10.4. Meetings

(a) The Council shall meet at least once (1) in each year at such time and place as the President decides.

10.5. Vacancies

(a) If the President dies, resigns or becomes permanently incapacitated, the Senior Vice-President shall assume office as Acting President until an extraordinary General Meeting that must be held within three (3) months. The Acting President shall be entitled to all privileges and be responsible for all duties of the President.

(b) If the Senior Vice-President or Secretary General relinquishes office, the President shall appoint the acting Senior Vice-President or Secretary General, who shall hold office until the next meeting of the Council where he shall be eligible for election. Such acting Senior Vice-President or Secretary General shall be entitled to all privileges and responsible for all duties of the Council member he is appointed to replace.

(c) Should a vacancy arise through the resignation, death or other cause of a Council member, the Council may appoint a new Council member to fill the vacancy until the next General Meeting, with due observance of Clause 10.2(j)

ARTICLE 11 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

11.1. The Executive Committee consists of the following members:

(a) President

(b) Five other Council members referred to in Article 10.2(a) (iii), including the Senior Vice-President and the Secretary General.

11.2. The Continental Vice-Presidents shall not be members of the Executive Committee.

11.3. Notwithstanding Article 10.2(h), every two years, as far as possible, approximately half of the number of the Executive Committee members shall resign according to a rota to be drawn up by the Executive Committee. Any members resigning under this Clause shall be eligible for re-election without further nomination.

11.4. The Executive Committee shall head the IKF as the Council's working body. It is accountable to the Council and can, subject to the provisions of Article 11.5, act on its behalf for all matters except those listed under Article 10.3(b).

11.5. Under exceptional circumstances, the Executive Committee may act on behalf of the Council on the matters listed under Article 10.3(b), whereby these decisions are subject to ratification by the Council.

ARTICLE 12 COUNCIL MEMBERS

12.1. The President shall:

(a) Represent the IKF

(b) Preside at all meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee and at the General Meeting and shall draw up the agenda thereof, without prejudicing the right of the aforesaid meetings to make changes therein.

(c) Be an ex officio member of all Committees created by the Council

(d) In consultation with the Secretary General, and the Council Member who bears specific responsibility for the issue at hand, deal with and decide any matters of urgency arising between meetings of the Executive Committee

(e) Report to the Council or the Executive Committee on all matters of significance to the IKF and korfball that may have arisen since the last meeting

(f) Supervise the Headquarters of the IKF, the IKF Executive Director, and the administration of the IKF, or designate one of the other members of the Executive Committee to do so.

12.2. The President may appoint special delegates for specific regions of the world or for specific tasks. The delegate may represent the President for the areas conferred upon him. The delegate reports directly to the President.

12.3. The Senior Vice-President shall assist the President in carrying out his duties and deputise for him as requested. The President may, with the approval of the Council, transfer part of his duties to the Senior Vice-President for a specific period of time.

12.4. The Secretary General shall:

(a) Ensure that minutes are kept of all meetings and be the custodian of all papers and records pertaining to the affairs of the IKF

(b) Be responsible for the correspondence of the IKF and for implementing the decisions of the General Meeting, the Council, and the Executive Committee

(c) Be an ex officio member of all Committees created by the Council;

(d) Deputise for the President whenever requested by him and assist him in carrying out his duties;

(e) Be responsible for supervising membership, administration and legal matters in accordance with the Statutes and the Byelaws and the directions of the Council

(f) Ensure compliance with all technical and other rules and regulations of the IKF in respect of all events under its jurisdiction.

12.5. The other Council members shall consult the President in all matters in which there is a doubt as to what the policy of the IKF demands.

12.6. The Council may appoint an Executive Director on such terms and conditions as to remuneration, period of employment and termination thereof and duties as the Council deems fit

ARTICLE 13 MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

13.1. With due observance of Clause 10.4(a), the Council shall meet whenever the President or four other Council members so request.

13.2. The Executive Committee shall meet whenever the President or two other Executive Committee members so request.

13.3. The quorum for Council meetings and Executive Committee meetings shall be 50% of elected members.

13.4. Passing of resolutions

(a) Each member of the Council (except the Executive Director) has one (1) vote.

(b) Unless otherwise provided, all resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority;

(c) Approval of the Byelaws, Rules and Regulations and any amendments, additions or alterations to them requires a Special Majority.

(d) Every proposal must be put separately to an oral vote, unless the President or a Council or Executive Committee member requests otherwise.

(e) If there is an equal vote, the President shall give the casting vote.

(f) When the President declares that the Council or Executive Committee has passed a resolution, this shall be considered decisive. The same shall apply to the contents of a resolution passed by vote although not proposed in writing;

(g) If the correctness of the declaration referred to in (f) is disputed immediately it has been made, the resolution to be passed shall then, if necessary, be drawn up in writing and put again to the vote if a Council or Executive Committee member so desires. Following this new vote, the legal consequences of the original vote shall cease to be applicable.

13.5. The Secretary General, or a person designated by him, shall take the minutes of the proceedings of every Council or Executive Committee meeting, to be adopted at the next meeting.

13.6. The Council and Executive Committee shall be entitled to take decisions without holding a meeting, provided all Council or Executive Committee members have cast their votes in favour of the resolution in question, and the decision is confirmed at the next meeting.

ARTICLE 14 CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

14.1. Definition and position

(a) With an objective to develop korfball at continental level, the Council shall group the Members and Associate Members into Continental Confederations. In principle, the grouping shall follow the continental grouping of the International Olympic Committee.

(b) Continental Confederations are a body of the IKF and do not have separate legal or other status. The IKF Council has the authority to revise any decision of the Continental

Confederation's Executive Committee should this be considered to be contrary to the policies of the IKF as laid down by the IKF Council. The IKF General Meeting has the authority to revise any decision of the Continental Confederation's General Meeting.

(c) The roles and abilities of the Continental Confederations shall be laid down in the Regulations regarding Continental Federations.

(d) The IKF shall have five Continental Confederations with the following names:

- IKF Africa
- IKF Americas
- IKF Asia
- IKF Europe
- IKF Oceania

14.2. Structure and elections

(a) Each Continental Confederation shall be managed by an Executive Committee, which shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary General and, at most, four other members.

(b) The Executive Committee of a Continental Confederation shall be elected at a General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Continental Confederation. The President of a Continental Confederation shall be affiliated to a Member of the IKF in the continent, unless there are no Members, in which case the President of a Continental Confederation shall be affiliated to an Associate Member of the IKF. The other members of the Executive Committee of a Continental Confederation shall be affiliated to a Member or an Associate Member of the IKF in the continent.

(c) All members of the Executive Committee of a Continental Confederation shall hold office in their personal capacity and not as representatives of any National Organisation or any other organisation.

(d) Candidates for election (or re-election as the case may be) to any position of the Executive Committee of a Continental Confederation must be nominated by their own National Organisation, by the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation, or by the IKF Council.

(e) Nominations must reach the IKF Headquarters not later than one (1) month before the date fixed for the General Meeting of the Continental Confederation.

(f) Candidates may be nominated for multiple positions, with due observance that they can only be elected for one position. If a candidate is elected for a position, nominations of this candidate for other positions are automatically deemed to be withdrawn.

(g) All members of the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation shall hold office for a term of four years, unless these members are appointed or elected in a vacancy resulting before the term of an Executive Committee is completed. In that case, they shall hold office until the end of the term of their respective predecessors. At the proposal of the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation, the General Meeting of the Continental Confederation may decide to limit the term of a member of this Executive Committee at election to any term shorter than four years.

(h) Members of the Executive Committee of a Continental Confederation are eligible for re-election at the end of any term of office.

(i) If a General Meeting with elections for the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation does not take place in time, the IKF Council shall appoint an Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation until such General Meeting is held.

(j) With due regard to the provisions under (k), in the event of unopposed nominations, the candidates nominated shall be declared elected.

(k) The nomination of a candidate may be deprived of its binding nature by a resolution passed by at least two-thirds of the validly recorded votes.

(l) If no one is nominated, or if the General Meeting of the Continental Confederation shall resolve to deprive a nomination of its binding nature in accordance with the provision of (k), the General Meeting of the Continental Confederation shall then be free to call for nominations from the floor.

(m) Balloting

(i) On the first ballot, each voting National Organisation shall cast one vote for each vacancy and the candidate(s) who receive an Absolute Majority shall be elected.

(ii) If any vacancy still remains, there shall be a second and subsequent ballots until all vacancies have been filled. In each such ballot the number of remaining candidates shall be reduced (if necessary) by removing those candidates receiving the least number of votes so that there are no more than twice the number of candidates as there are remaining vacancies. On the second and subsequent ballots, each voting National Organisation shall cast one vote for each remaining vacancy.

(n) Each candidate is entitled to a one-minute address. A resume of each candidate seeking election shall be circulated to all delegates by the IKF if this is received in time.

14.3. General Meeting of the Continental Confederation

(a) The General Meeting of the Continental Confederation shall be held at least once every four years.

(b) The General Meeting of the Continental Confederation shall be held at a place and on a date determined by the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation. In exceptional circumstances, the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation may decide to convene a remote General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting using an online meeting application with video capabilities. Such Meeting may also be held in hybrid form, that is with part of the membership present at the place of the Meeting, and another part of the membership present online.

(c) Extraordinary General Meetings of the Continental Confederations shall be held at a place and on a date determined by the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation:

(i) when requested by a decision of the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation;

(ii) within six (6) months of the receipt by the IKF Headquarters of a requisition by not less than one third of the Members of the Continental Confederation;

(iii) on the request of the IKF President; or

(iv) within six (6) months of the death, resignation or permanent incapacity of the President of the Continental Confederation

(d) Not less than three (3) months' notice shall be given to convene a General Meeting of a Continental Confederation and such notice shall specify the place, day and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

(e) The General Meeting shall be composed of:

(i) Up to three (3) delegates from each National Organisation, one of who shall be the Head of the delegation to be declared before the opening of the meeting. With the exception of the provision mentioned under (iii), the Head of the delegation must be a member of the Executive Committee of the National Organisation he represents.

(ii) With the exception of the provision mentioned under (iii), members of the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation, of the IKF Council or other IKF Committees, all of whom may attend in their own right but without voting rights

(iii) Members of the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation, the IKF Council, or other IKF Committees may act as Head of Delegation.

(iv) Honorary Members and Honorary Life Presidents of the IKF or of the Continental Confederation as referred to under (j) of this Clause, without voting rights.

(v) Other persons may attend the General Meeting at the discretion of the President of the Continental Confederation or the IKF President.

(f) The President of the Continental Confederation shall preside over the General Meeting but he may request the meeting to appoint a Chairman in his place. If the President of the Continental Confederation is absent, the Vice-President of the Continental Confederation shall preside over the Meeting. If the Vice-President is also absent, a member of the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation or a member of the IKF Council shall open the General Meeting of the Continental Confederation and request the delegates to appoint a member of the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation or a member of the IKF Council to take the Chair.

(g) The quorum at the General Meeting of the Continental Confederation shall be one third (1/3) of the total number of National Organizations that are either Member of Associate Member of the IKF and have been grouped into this continent according Clause 14.1 (a). The quorum includes the proxy votes as defined in (h) (i) of this Clause.

(h) Voting at General Meetings shall be dealt with as follows:

(i) Each voting Head of Delegation is entitled to carry proxy votes for at most two other Members. Voting in writing without representation by a proxy vote in person is not permitted.

(ii) All voting on business matters shall be taken orally, and all voting on matters concerning persons shall be by ballot, unless the President, with the approval of the meeting, shall determine, or allow, a different form of voting;

(iii) If voting is by ballot, the President shall designate three scrutineers who will open the ballot papers and decide on the validity of each vote cast.

(iv) Election of Executive Committee members of the Continental Confederation requires an Absolute Majority.

(v) Other decisions of the General Meeting of the Continental Confederation require a Simple Majority.

(vi) Any proposal receiving an equal number of votes for and against shall be deemed to have failed.

(i) Each Member and each Associate Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Votes may be cast by the Heads of Delegation only.

(j) Honorary members

(i) The General Meeting of the Continental Confederation may confer, by special majority, the title of Honorary Member upon persons who have rendered exceptional service to the Continental Confederation.

(ii) If the person under (i) concerns a retiring President of the Continental Confederation, the title of Honorary Life President may be conferred upon this person.

ARTICLE 15 AUDITING COMMITTEE

15.1. The General Meeting shall appoint an Auditing Committee

15.2. The Auditing Committee shall consist of three members and up to two deputy members.

15.3. The members and deputy members may not be members of the Council.

15.4. The members shall be elected by the General Meeting with due observance of Article 9.11 and 9.12.

15.5. The members of the Auditing Committee shall appoint a chairperson and a secretary from among their midst.

15.6. The members and deputy members are eligible to serve for three consecutive terms of two years, after which they are ineligible for one term.

15.7. It shall be the duty of the Auditing Committee to examine the financial administration of the IKF, its balance sheet and the profit and loss statement, as well as any other matters in the IKF financial administration.

15.8. If the Auditing Committee agrees the balance sheet and the profit and loss account, it shall propose to the General Meeting that these documents be accepted.

15.9. If the term until the next General Meeting is extended as mentioned in Clause 9.2, the Auditing Committee shall report to all Members its findings on the examination mentioned under 15.7. This report shall be sent to all members within six months after the completion of the financial year.

15.10. The Council is obliged to give the Auditing Committee any information it requires and to permit inspection of any documents.

ARTICLE 16 ACCOUNTS

16.1. The Council shall be obliged to maintain such records of accounting that the financial position of the IKF can be ascertained at all times. The records of accounting shall be expressed in Euros.

16.2. Unless the General Meeting decides otherwise, the Council shall submit its annual report including a balance sheet and a profit and loss account to the General Meeting and present a fully documented report of its management in the previous financial year. Failing this, every deputy may demand after this date through a court of law that the Council fulfils its commitment to render a full account of its management.

16.3. Acceptance of the annual accounts by the General Meeting shall release the Council from liability for all acts as far as those acts are apparent from the annual accounts.

16.4. The Council shall be obliged to maintain the documents referred to in this Article in safe keeping for a period of seven years.

ARTICLE 17 EXPENSES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

17.1. Expenses incurred by Executive Committee members, members of committees and delegates on behalf of the IKF, shall be refunded by the IKF, with due observance of the directives laid down by the Council and provided those concerned submit claims to the Secretary General, together with full details of the expenses incurred.

17.2. Expenses incurred by the Continental Vice-Presidents for attending meetings of the Council shall be refunded by the IKF, with due observance of the directives laid down by the Council, and provided those concerned submit claims to the Secretary General, together with full details of the expenses incurred. All other expenses of the Continental Vice-Presidents shall not be refunded by the IKF, unless this is part of the approved budget for the Continental Confederation.

17.3. Expenses incurred by the Executive Committee Members of the Continental Confederations shall be refunded by the IKF only if these remain within the budget allocated by the General Meeting to the Continental Confederation, have been approved by the President and the Secretary General of the Continental Confederation, are in accordance with the directives laid down by the Council, and provided those concerned submit claims to the Secretary General, together with full details of the expenses incurred.

17.4. If the Secretary General objects to payment of a claim, he/she shall notify the party concerned accordingly. If the latter insists on the claim, the Council shall then decide the matter.

ARTICLE 18 RESOURCES

18.1. The IKF shall receive subscriptions and levies in accordance with a scale proposed by the Council and adopted by the General Meeting. Furthermore, the IKF receives fines, administrative contributions, fees, income from publications, and other sources.

18.2. The IKF is the sole owner of internet, television and radio rights and of all other commercial rights relating to all events under the jurisdiction of the IKF. It may raise, within the framework of its non-commercial purpose, other funds by assigning or licensing all or part of such rights as well as by concluding any agreements relating to such rights, especially sponsorship or other similar agreements.

18.3. The IKF may also claim fees in respect of rights for organisation, participation, supervision, or otherwise of events, seminars, courses or other activities as determined by the Council.

18.4. If a national organisation or one of its affiliated clubs does not meet its administrative obligations towards the IKF or infringes a clause of the Statutes or Regulations the Executive Committee may impose a fine.

18.5. The fines and administrative contributions to be imposed, by virtue of the Statutes and Regulations shall be expressed in a number of units of account. The General Meeting shall determine the amount of the unit of account.

18.6. Monies due to the IKF shall be expressed and must be paid in Euros.

ARTICLE 19 DISPUTES

19.1. With the exception of disputes which, by virtue of the provisions of Article 26.3 and of Article 28.1, must be submitted to the Council, disputes between a Continental Confederation, National Organisation, one of its affiliated clubs or individual members and the IKF or another Continental Confederation or National Organisation, one of its affiliated clubs or individual members shall, insofar as these disputes concern the practice of korfball in the broadest sense of the word, be decided according to the provisions of this Article without recourse to a civil court.

19.2. A dispute shall be deemed to exist if one of the two parties declares to the Council of the IKF that such is the case, with the proviso that a dispute concerning a club or an individual member will only be deemed to exist if the National Organisation to which that club or individual member is affiliated declares to the Council that such is the case.

19.3. Disputes between a Continental Confederation, National Organisation, one of its affiliated clubs or individual members and another Continental Confederation, National Organisation, one of its affiliated clubs or individual members, shall be decided by the Council, unless the parties concerned agree to abide by the decision of arbitrators.

19.4. Disputes between a National Organisation, one of its affiliated clubs or individual members and the IKF Council, shall be decided by the General Meeting, or by arbitrators appointed by the General Meeting. All decisions by the General Meeting are final and not open to appeal.

19.5. The decisions referred to in Articles 19.3 and 19.4 shall be binding on the parties involved. If the decision concerns a club or an individual member, the National Organisation to which that club or individual member is affiliated, shall be obliged to ensure that the decision is complied with.

ARTICLE 20 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

20.1. The Disciplinary Committee shall be an independent committee of the Federation and shall be vested with the power to investigate and take such action as may be necessary following any reported breach and/or act of misconduct on or off the field of play.

20.2. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of seven (7) members elected by the General Meeting.

20.3. A member of the Council may not be a member of the Disciplinary Committee.

20.4. The members shall appoint a Chairman from amongst their midst.

20.5. The Secretary General shall act as non-voting Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee.

20.6. Each member of the Disciplinary Committee shall hold office for four (4) years and is eligible for re-election forthwith.

20.7. For each case, the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall appoint a panel to deal with the case. Each panel shall consist of three members of the Disciplinary Committee, who have no interest in the case. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall appoint one of the three members of the panel as panel chair.

ARTICLE 21 APPEALS COMMITTEE

21.1. The Appeals Committee shall be an independent committee of the Federation and shall be vested with the power to decide on any appeals that are raised in accordance with Article 25.3

21.2. The Appeals Committee shall consist of seven (7) members elected by the General Meeting.

21.3. A member of the Council or the Disciplinary Committee may not be a member of the Appeals Committee.

21.4. The members shall appoint a Chairman from amongst their midst.

21.5. The Secretary General shall act as non-voting Secretary of the Appeals Committee.

21.6. Each member of the Appeals Committee shall hold office for four (4) years and is eligible for re-election forthwith.

21.7. For each case, the Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall appoint a panel to deal with the case. Each panel shall consist of three members of the Appeals Committee, who have no interest in the case. The Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall appoint one of the three members of the panel as panel chair.

ARTICLE 22 CODE OF ETHICS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

22.1. The IKF General Meeting shall adopt a Code of Ethics in line with the relevant Code of the Olympic Movement

22.2. The Ethics Committee shall be an independent committee of the Federation and shall be vested with the power to investigate any suspected or potential breaches of the IKF Code of Ethics and make recommendations on sanctions to the IKF Council and/or the IKF Disciplinary Committee

22.3. The Ethics Committee shall consist of five (5) members elected by the General Meeting.

22.4. Members of the Council, a committee member or an official appointed by the Council may not serve on the Ethics Committee.

22.5. The members shall appoint a Chairman from amongst their midst.

22.6. The Secretary General shall act as non-voting Secretary of the Ethics Committee.

22.7. Each member of the Ethics Committee shall hold office for four (4) years and is eligible for re-election forthwith.

22.8. For each case, the Chairman of the Ethics Committee shall appoint a panel to deal with the case. Each panel shall consist of three members of the Ethics Committee, who have no interest in the case. The Chairman of the Ethics Committee shall appoint one of the three members of the panel as panel chair.

ARTICLE 23 ATHLETES COMMITTEE

23.1. The Athletes Committee shall be an independent committee of the Federation and shall consider issues related to athletes and provide advice and recommendations to the Council, including representing the rights and interests of athletes.

23.2. The Athletes Committee shall consist of 5 (five) members directly elected by athletes participating in the World Korfball Championship. The election procedures shall be defined in the Byelaws of the Federation.

23.3. The members shall appoint a chairperson from among their midst.

23.4. Each member of the Athletes Committee shall hold office for four (4) years and is eligible for re-election forthwith.

ARTICLE 24 JURISDICTION

24.1. Any organisation or person, including National Organisations and Continental Confederations dealing with the IKF or participating in its activities including any person who:

(i) plays or acts as an official of any team in any event organised by or under the jurisdiction of IKF;

(ii) acts as a referee or tournament official in any event organised by or under the jurisdiction of IKF;

(iii) organises or participates in the organisation of any event approved by the IKF; or

(iv) holds any position whatsoever in the IKF including but not limited to the Council, Committees, and Working Groups acknowledges that:

(a) the IKF has full jurisdiction and authority over everything concerning korfball and the playing of korfball;

(b) the Statutes, Byelaws, Rules, Regulations, and Code of Ethics for the time being in force are legal and binding and agrees to comply with them without reservation;

(c) the IKF has full jurisdiction, power and authority to take any decisions and apply any sanctions in accordance with the Statutes, Byelaws, Rules and Regulations and agrees to be bound by such decisions and sanctions;

(d) the Court of Arbitration for Sport is the only other body, outside the IKF, having jurisdiction to the exclusion of all other courts or arbitration bodies of any country or organisation whatsoever:

(i) to resolve any conflict involving the IKF; and

(ii) to rule as an external appeals body on any decision or sanction of any nature whatsoever taken by the IKF or any Jurisdictional Body;

(e) the decisions handed down by the Court of Arbitration for Sport are definitive and not open to appeal;

(f) they pledge to comply in good faith with the decision handed down by the Court of Arbitration for Sport without seeking to hinder their application; and

(g) the Proper Law is the applicable law of the IKF.

24.2. Notwithstanding the binding nature of these Statutes and the provisions of Article 22.1, each National Organisation shall undertake appropriate steps to make them binding upon each of its members under its own rules. In addition the IKF may require written agreements in a form to be determined by the Council from time to time from any of the following:

(i) any National Organisation or Continental Confederation;

(ii) any athlete or any official of any team;

(iii) any referee or other official appointed by or with the authority of the IKF; and

(iv) any other person or body with whom the IKF has any association

24.3. In the event that a person or body challenges the provisions of the Statutes, Byelaws, Rules, Regulations and decisions, the Council may exclude that person or body from participating in

Events as long as the dispute is pending before the competent Jurisdictional Body or by the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as the case may be.

ARTICLE 25 SANCTIONS

25.1. The Jurisdictional Bodies may make decisions and impose sanctions in accordance with the powers conferred upon them by the Statutes.

25.2. The Jurisdictional bodies may impose disciplinary measures according to Disciplinary Procedures, determined by the General Meeting.

ARTICLE 26 COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

26.1. Any dispute between IKF on the one side and a Member or a person or body referred to in Article 22.1 on the other side, shall be submitted to the Jurisdictional Body that has jurisdiction in accordance with the Statutes, Byelaws and Regulations. If no Jurisdictional Body has jurisdiction, the dispute shall be submitted, to the exclusion of any other jurisdiction, whether ordinary or arbitrational, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport and resolved definitively in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration (ordinary arbitration proceedings).

26.2. The claimant must apply for arbitration by the Court of Arbitration for Sport within one (1) month after having raised the dispute. The parties to the dispute may agree to extend this time limit.

26.3. Any person or body who is or which is subject to a decision of a Jurisdictional Body may appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, to the exclusion of any other jurisdiction, whether ordinary or arbitrational, in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration (appeals arbitration proceedings), provided that he has first appealed this decision with the appropriate jurisdictional body within the IKF.

26.4. The appeal must be made in writing to the Court of Arbitration for Sport within fourteen (14) days of the notification of the decision in question by the IKF to the person concerned or his National Organisation.

26.5. Pending the decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, any sanction imposed by a Jurisdictional Body (other than a sanction imposed under the IKF Doping Policy which shall remain in force) shall be suspended.

26.6. A copy of the appeal and of the statements must be given to the IKF at the same time as it is given to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

26.7. The Court of Arbitration for Sport shall apply the Proper law.

ARTICLE 27 PROCEDURES FOR JURISDICTIONAL BODIES

27.1. The Jurisdictional Bodies must ensure that procedures are fair to all interested parties and uphold those parties' basic rights. In particular they must ensure that:

(a) no person who has a conflict of interest participates in a decision-making body;

(b) the accused person is informed of the charges against him and the potential sanctions if the charges are upheld;

(c) the accused person or body is given access to all relevant material in the possession or under the control of the IKF, is given every reasonable opportunity to defend the charges and to be heard and is given the right to produce evidence and to be accompanied and/or assisted by an advisor; and

(d) the Proper Law is applied.

27.2. In doping cases, the burden of proof falls first on the IKF to establish that a prohibited substance was present in the body of the athlete and/or official. If the IKF satisfies this burden, then the burden of proof falls on the athlete and/or official to rebut the presumption. In all other cases, the burden of proof falls on the party bringing the matter before the Jurisdictional Body.

27.3. There is no internal appeal from a decision of the Council. Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee can be appealed at the Appeals Committee. There is no internal appeal from a decision at the Appeals Committee. Appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport is the only recourse available in accordance with Article 24.3.

ARTICLE 28 RULES OF THE GAME

28.1. The Rules of the Game shall be established and altered by the Council.

28.2. The Council shall notify, in writing, all National Organisations of each establishment or alteration of a Rule of the Game, stating thereby the date on which it shall become effective and giving in addition the exact text of the newly established or altered rule.

28.3. In all cases in which application of the Rules of the Game gives cause for dispute regarding interpretation, the Council shall decide the matter. The Council's decision shall be binding and not

open to appeal. The Council can make a decision on the establishment or alteration of a Rule conditional on the results of an experiment that satisfies the conditions made by the Council.

ARTICLE 29 INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS

29.1. The National Organisations, their regional sections and clubs may not, without the permission of the Executive Committee, join nor have sporting contacts with a korfball organisation that is not affiliated to the IKF, its Continental sections and clubs.

29.2. Regional sections and clubs of a National Organisation may not join another Member without the permission of its National Organisation and the Executive Committee.

29.3. Regional korfball organisations and clubs in a country where there is no National Organisation affiliated to the IKF, may not affiliate with a Member of the IKF, without the permission of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 30 DISPUTES OF INTERPRETATION

30.1. In all cases in which application of the Statutes and the Regulations leads to dispute regarding the interpretation thereof, the Council shall decide the matter, with the right to appeal to the next General Meeting.

ARTICLE 31 MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

31.1. In urgent cases, not provided for in the Statutes or the Regulations, the Council shall be empowered to enforce a resolution for the duration until the next General Meeting.

31.2. Such a resolution shall be binding on all National Organisations and shall have the force of a Regulation, as from the day on which the members are duly notified in writing.

ARTICLE 32 MODIFICATION

32.1. These Statutes may be amended, added to or rescinded by a resolution of the General Meeting passed by a Special Majority. No such resolution shall be submitted to the General Meeting unless the prior notice in Article 9.5 has been respected.

32.2. Any modification of the Statutes must be proposed by a Member or by the Council.

32.3. The proposal must reach the Headquarters not later than three (3) months before the date fixed for the General Meeting.

32.4. The Headquarters shall communicate any proposal to the Members when summoning the General Meeting.

32.5. A proposal may be withdrawn at any time but a withdrawal by a Member must be in writing unless it is made by the Head of the delegation of that Member during the General Meeting.

ARTICLE 33 DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

33.1. The IKF may only be dissolved at a General Meeting convened for the purpose and by a resolution supported by a Special Majority.

33.2. If dissolved, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the IKF shall be fully discharged and the remaining assets, if any, shall not be distributed to the national organisations which are members at the time of the resolution dissolving the IKF, but to a cause to be indicated by the General Meeting.

33.3. If following a resolution dissolving the IKF, no liquidators are appointed, the Council shall carry out the liquidation procedure.

33.4. After dissolution, the IKF shall continue to exist insofar as this is necessary for the liquidation of its assets. During the liquidation procedure, the provisions of the Statutes and the Regulations shall remain in force. In documents and announcements issued by the IKF, the words "in liquidation" must be added to the name.

33.5. As soon as a proposal calling for the dissolution of the IKF is submitted, this Article, including all clauses 31.1 up to and including 31.5, may not be altered.