



European Taekwondo Union

STATUTES

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ARTICLE 1

Name, Objective, Language and Headquarters

- 1.1 The organization shall be called the 'European Taekwondo Union' (for abbreviation E.T.U.).
- 1.2 The E.T.U. is the regional organization of the World Taekwondo Federation.
- 1.3 The purpose of E.T.U. is to organize, promote and increase the practice of Olympic Taekwondo in its entire traditional and modern sport feature in Europe.
- 1.4 It is the objective of the E.T.U. to promote taekwondo in a spirit of peace, understanding and fair play, without any discrimination on account of politics, gender, religion, race or any other reason.
- 1.5 The official languages in the E.T.U. General Assembly are the languages to be used by the I.O.C. In case of disagreement over interpretation or translation, the English language shall prevail.
- 1.6 The Executive Council (E.C.) decides where the E.T.U.-headquarters/office is located.

ARTICLE 2

Activities

- 2.1 In order to attain the objectives of article 1 , E.T.U. shall carry out the following activities:
 - 2.1.1 European Championships – Senior and Junior
 - 2.1.2 European Cups for Teams
 - 2.1.3 European Poomse Championships
 - 2.1.4 European Cadet Championships
 - 2.1.5 European Youth Championships
 - 2.1.6 European under 21 Championships
 - 2.1.7 Other European Championships
 - 2.1.8 Seminars for Trainers- Referees
 - 2.1.9 Taekwondo Academy Europe
 - 2.1.10 Taekwondo instructors License
 - 2.1.11 Dan promotion and Test
- 2.2 Various International Tournaments
- 2.3 Promotion of relations with the higher sport authorities
- 2.4 Public relations with the mass media
- 2.5 Other activities necessary to attain the goals of ART 1.
- 2.6 The activities shall be conducted as follows:

- 2.7 The European Championships shall be held every two years
- 2.8 The W.T.F. Competition Rules shall be applied to all the championships listed above.

ARTICLE 3

Membership

- 3.1 The E.T.U. membership shall consist of National Federations or organizations affiliated with the W.T.F.
- 3.1.1 Admittance in the E.T.U. shall require the approval of the Executive council and the General Assembly of the E.T.U. Any National Federation applying for its membership shall be treated as a provisional member without voting right until the admittance is approved and only after the payment of entrance fee.
- 3.1.2 E.T.U. members cannot have relationships with Federations not officially recognized by W.T.F.
- 3.2 Member Federations shall have the following rights:
- a) To take part in and exercise their voting rights at the General Assemblies;
 - b) To draw up proposals for the agenda of the General Assemblies;
 - c) To propose candidates for the election of the President of ETU, the members of the ETU Executive Council;
 - d) To propose candidates for the election of the Committees;
 - e) To take part in ETU competitions with their representative Teams and to enter their clubs for these competitions;
 - f) To exercise all other rights granted to them by these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them.
- 3.3 Member Federations shall have the following obligations:
- a) To observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the principles of fair play;
 - b) To comply with these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them;
 - c) To recognize the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), as specified in these Statutes
 - d) Member Federations shall include these obligations in their statutes, as well as a provision that clubs, players and officials shall observe these obligations.
 - e) Member Federations must provide for the free election of their executive body. As a main principle, national federations' general assembly's must consist of only taekwondo community and taekwondo clubs in their territory. This obligation shall be included in their statutes. Prevention of candidacy to any position cannot be carry out permanently. Where there is no such provision or where the Executive Council considers an executive body of a Member Federation not to have been established by free elections, political affects, the Executive Council shall have the power to refuse to an executive body, including an executive body set up on an interim basis. National Federations must inform to the ETU when they announce their general Assembly. ETU may send a representative to watch and check National Federation's General Assembly.
 - f) Member Federations shall communicate to ETU any amendment of their statutes translated, if necessary, into an official language of ETU.
- 3.4 A Member Federation may withdraw its membership at the end of E.T.U.'s fiscal year, provided that it has given a minimum of six months' written notice to the General Secretariat sent by registered letter.
- 3.5 If a Member Federation is dissolved, its membership of ETU shall terminate at the same time.
- 3.6 A Member Federation may be excluded from ETU if it has:

- a) Failed to settle its financial obligations towards ETU;
 - b) Seriously breached these Statutes, regulation or decision made under them;
 - c) Lost its qualifying status as a representative National Taekwondo Federation.
- 3.7 The exclusion of a Member Federation shall be decided by the General Assembly. The proposal to exclude a Member Federation from E.T.U. must be supported by a minimum of three-quarters or more of the General Assembly and at least half of the total number of Member Federations must be present during the aforementioned General Assembly.
- 3.8 A Member Federation shall be obliged to settle all outstanding financial obligations due to ETU prior to its withdrawal or dissolution and/or the termination of its membership.
- 3.9 The Executive Council shall be entitled to suspend the membership of the Member Federation with immediate effect, if a Member Federation has repeatedly committed serious breaches of these Statutes or regulations or decisions made under them.
- 3.10 A Member Federation may in particular be suspended if state authorities interfere in its affairs in such a significant way that:
- a) It may no longer be considered as fully responsible for the organization of taekwondo-related matters in its territory;
 - b) It is no longer in a position to perform its statutory tasks in an appropriate manner;
 - c) The smooth running of a competition organized under its auspices is no longer guaranteed;
 - d) The free election of its executive organ is no longer ensured.
- 3.11 Any suspension shall be submitted to the next General Assembly for consideration as to whether or not the Member Federation should be excluded, or the suspension lifted or continued. If the General Assembly does not consider the matter, the suspension shall cease.

ARTICLE 4

Finance and Membership Fee

- 4.1 The E.T.U. incomes are:
- a) Membership fees
 - b) Operations income
 - c) Donations and subsidies
 - d) Other incomes
- 4.2 The E.T.U. fiscal year shall be every two years and start on January 1st of the current year.
- 4.3 The General Assembly decides the amount of the fee after a proposal of the Executive Council.
- 4.4 The annual fee must be paid to the E.T.U. treasurer by first of March of each year. Failure to pay will determine the suspension of the right to vote. However, in case a member National Federation is unable to pay, due to unavoidable circumstances, the payment of annual dues may be exempted or reduced by the E.C.

ARTICLE 5

General Assembly

- 5.1 The ordinary G.A. takes place every two years at the same time and location of the European Championships. If the European Championships cannot be held the O.G.A., the assembly, will take place in the headquarters of E.T.U. The convocation of O.G.A. has to be done at least three months before by registered mail.
- 5.2 The O.G.A. will consider only the items of the agenda. At least three months before the G.A. the Secretary General invites the member federations to submit all the items that they wish

- to have included on the agenda to the Executive Council. The written proposal has to arrive two months before the O.G.A. to be included in the official agenda.
- 5.3 At least one month before the G.A., the Secretary General sends to all member federations the agenda with the reports of the President, Secretary General, Treasurer and the Technical Commissions.
- 5.4 The agenda must include: approval of proceeding G.A. minutes; political, technical and administrative reports of the E.C.; new elections (every four years); elections for possible vacant seats when necessary; miscellaneous.
- 5.5 Each member may dispatch two representatives to the G.A. meeting. The official representative shall vote and each delegation will have only one vote. The Executive Council can invite other persons.
- 5.6 The G.A. shall be organized with members of E.C. and representatives of each member delegation. Members of E.C. shall not be delegated at the G.A. meeting as representatives of each national member delegation.
- 5.7 Each national representative must have the credentials signed by the president of his National Federation unless the representative is the president himself. The representative of a member national federation who cannot attend the G.A. meeting may appoint a proxy with written approval. However one nation cannot have more than one proxy. The right to vote depends on payment of the annual fee in time. A sub-committee composed of the Treasurer and Presided by the Secretary General examines the credentials and confirms the right to vote.
- 5.8 A quorum for the G.A. should include at least the half of E.T.U. member federations represented with right to vote in order to be legal. All decisions are made by simple majority. In case of equity, the President rules over the matter.
- 5.9 The duties of the General Assembly shall include:
- a) Elections of officials
 - b) Formulation of drafts and amendments of the statute
 - c) Approval of the financial budget and financial report
 - d) Approval of the operations reports and operations projects
 - e) Other matters of importance

ARTICLE 6

The election officials

- 6.1 The E.C must receive all the nominations at least two months before the date fixed for the G.A. by registered mail. Proposals from the floor can only be done if there are not enough candidacies. All the elections shall be done by the secret ballot.
- 6.2 Officials are eligible for re-election.
- 6.3 The candidates shall have the following requirements:
- 6.3.1 Elections of council members and cash auditors:
 - Their member federations shall support the nominations.
 - The candidates shall be members of member national federations at the moment of their nomination.
 - 6.3.2 Election of E.T.U. President:
 - The nomination shall be supported by at least six official E.T.U. member federations with right to vote including his own.
 - The candidate shall be member of member national federation and has to have the nationality of the ETU member federation.
- 6.4 However, if one of council members resigns, the office will not necessarily be replaced by another individual of same nationality. The election for officials shall be held in the E.C. meeting and shall be co-operated the first non-elected among candidates of last election. The E.C. will decide on proposal of the President upon the replacement.

- 6.5 The Secretary General and the Treasurer examine the validity of the nominations and send to all E.T.U. members the complete list of all the valid nominations within six days after the deadline for the application. In case of protest, the Executive Council makes the final decision.
- 6.6 The minutes of the G.A. shall be distributed to each member not later than two months after the G.A.
- 6.7 For all terms the postal stamp shall be the official date.

ARTICLE 7

An Extra Ordinary General Assembly

- 7.1 The President at request of the Executive Council or at least two third of all E.T.U. members with right to vote may convoke an Extra Ordinary G.A. The Extra Ordinary G.A. follows the same rules of the Ordinary G.A. The request must be sent by registered airmail and contain the reasons for the calling of the G.A.
- 7.2 The date, time, place and agenda of the E.G.A. shall be designated by the E.C.
- 7.3 Matters that are not included in the written agenda of the meeting shall not be deliberated.
- 7.4 The President may submit a resolution to the member National Federations by mail in case of urgency without summoning the G.A. or E.G.A. meeting. If the majority of those who reply vote in favor of the resolution, the resolution is carried. The result shall be reported to the member National Federations.

ARTICLE 8

The Executive Council

- 8.1 The Executive Council (E.C.) is composed of:
- a) Six (6) Vice Presidents
 - b) Seven (7) Council Members
 - c) Four (4) Executive Council Members - nominated by the President and who shall be members of a ETU member federation
 - d) One (1) Secretary General
 - e) One (1) Treasurer
- 8.2 The Vice Presidents, Secretary General, Treasurer are nominated among the fourteen Council Members during the first E.C. meeting. The E.T.U. President proposes the names and the E.C. ratify. The Vice Presidents are nominated for their experience, former offices and other valuable requirements.
- 8.3 The President is empowered to appoint four Executive Council members as well as to nominate an administrative assistant who may be of the same nationality as the President.
- 8.4 The term of the offices is four years
- 8.5 Each E.C. member has a personal voting right at the General Assembly. A proxy is possible to the President or to the Chairman he has determined.
- 8.6 The E.C. shall meet at least once a year, especially during the days preceding the General Assembly and European Championships and European Cups. The E.C. meeting shall be summoned by the President or at the request of two third of E.C. members. A quorum for the valid E.C. meeting shall include at least the Presidents and six E.C. members.
- 8.7 Decisions are made by simple majority vote. In case of equity, the President makes the final decision.
- 8.8 The Secretary General assists and carries out his functions in all E.C. meetings.
- 8.9 The E.C. may invite any person to the meetings, whenever necessary.
- 8.10 In case of the resignation of the President of the ETU an Extra Ordinary General Assembly for new election must be held within three months.

- 8.11 In case of the resignation of two third Council Members an Extra Ordinary General Assembly for new elections must be held within three months. The Executive Council remains till the election of new council for the ordinary administration.
- 8.12 The Executive Council shall decide upon:
- a) Host country of ETU Championships and other International ETU Championships
 - b) Nomination of the Consultative Committee members during the first council immediately after the election.
 - c) Screenings of the applications for membership to the E.T.U.
 - d) Planning and management of the E.T.U. organization and operations.
 - e) Proposal of amendment of the statute
 - f) Agenda of G.A. meetings
 - g) Financial budget and financial reports
 - h) All matters presented by the General Assembly
 - i) Formulation of drafts and amendments and repeal of the necessary by laws, rules or regulations
 - j) All matter according to the statute
- 8.13 In case matters occur that require urgent resolution of the E.C., the President may put them on the paper ballot without summoning the E.C. meeting and the decision should be ratified in the following E.C. meeting.
- 8.14 In case Executive Council members may be re-elected.

ARTICLE 9

The President

- 9.1 Manages E.T.U. and represents it at all events.
- 9.2 Presides all E.C. and G.A. meetings.
- 9.3 In case of absence, the President determines the Chairman or leaves the decision to the E.C.
- 9.4 The office of the President consists of the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer.
- 9.5 The office decides in case of emergencies and extremely important matters. Decisions are made by the President but must also be submitted for ratification at the following E.C. meeting.

ARTICLE 10

The Secretary-General

- 10.1 The Secretary General shall plan, perform and manage the secretariat affairs regarding the organization and operations of the E.T.U. and other general affairs.
- 10.2 The Secretary General shall submit a report to the G.A. on the activities of the secretariat.

ARTICLE 11

The Treasurer

- 11.1 The treasurer is responsible of all E.T.U. financial matters.
- 11.2 He records all incomes and outcomes of E.T.U.
- 11.3 He reports to the President and Secretary General eventual insolvencies of E.T.U. member federations.
- 11.4 He reports the financial status of E.T.U. to the Executive Council and the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 12

The Cash-Auditors

- 12.1 The Cash Auditors shall conduct audit on the status of the E.T.U. properties, operations and management of E.C. and the secretariat.
- 12.2 The Cash Auditors shall submit their statement of the audition to the G.A. and E.C. and shall request the correction of the illegal and unjustified practice found in their audition.
- 12.3 Their audits must be recorded and reported to the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 13

The Consultative Committees

- 13.1 The E.C. shall appoint Consultative Committees to assist on its work:
- 13.2 The Chairman of each committee summons the committee meeting when the President or the E.C. requests its consultation.

ARTICLE 14

Sanctions

- 14.1 The ETU President or the ETU General Secretary (in case of their absence an ETU Ex Co Member appointed by the ETU President) may request an Extraordinary Committee of Sanction for deliberation when any of the following behaviors are committed by a coach or a contestant:
 - a) Interfering with the management of contest or stirring up the spectators for the same purpose.
 - b) Interfering with the operation of the competition conducted by the ETU and the Organizing Committee.
 - c) Spreading false rumour for the purpose of exerting an unwarranted influence on the judgment.
- 14.2 When judged reasonable, the Extraordinary Committee of Sanction shall deliberate over the matter and take disciplinary immediately. The result of deliberation as well as the sanction shall be announced to the public and reported to the ETU Secretariat afterwards.
- 14.3 The Extraordinary Committee of Sanction may summon the persons concerned for the confirmation of events.
- 14.4 The procedure is ruled in a bylaw.

ARTICLE 15

The Emblem of the ETU

- 15.1 The emblem of the ETU is the exclusive property of the E.T.U.
- 15.2 The emblem of the ETU shall not be used without prior approval of the ETU

ARTICLE 16

Disputes

- 16.1 Each Member Federation shall include in its statutes a pro-vision whereby it, its clubs, players and officials agree to respect at all times the Statutes, regulations and decisions of ETU, and

to recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland), as provided in the present Statutes.

- 16.1.1 Each Member Federation shall ensure that its, clubs, players and officials acknowledge and accept these obligations.
- 16.1.2 Each Member Federation in a ETU competition shall, when registering its entry, confirm to ETU in writing that it, its players and officials have acknowledged and accepted these obligations.
- 16.2 Disputes of National Dimension: federations shall include in their statutes a provision under which disputes of national dimension arising from or related to the application of their statutes or regulations shall, subject to their national legislation, be referred in the last instance to an independent and impartial court of arbitration, to the exclusion of any ordinary court.
- 16.3. Disputes of European Dimension
 - 16.3.1 CAS as Ordinary Court of Arbitration:

The CAS shall have exclusive jurisdiction, to the exclusion of any ordinary court or any other court of arbitration, to deal with the following disputes in its capacity as an ordinary court of arbitration:

 - a) disputes between ETU and Federations, clubs, players or officials;
 - b) disputes of European dimension between Federations, clubs, players or officials.
 - 16.3.2 The CAS shall only intervene in its capacity as an ordinary court of arbitration if the dispute does not fall within the competence of a ETU organ.
 - 16.3.3 CAS as Appeals Arbitration Body:

Any decision taken by a ETU organ may be disputed exclusively before the CAS in its capacity as an appeals arbitration body, to the exclusion of any ordinary court or any other court of arbitration.
 - 16.3.4 Only parties directly affected by a decision may appeal to the CAS. However, where doping-related decisions are concerned, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) may appeal to the CAS.
 - 16.3.5 The time limit for appeal to the CAS shall be ten days from the receipt of the decision in question.
 - 16.3.6 An appeal before the CAS may only be brought after ETU's internal procedures and remedies have been exhausted.
 - 16.3.7 An appeal shall not have any suspensory effect as a stay of execution of a disciplinary sanction, subject to the power of the CAS to order that any disciplinary sanction be stayed pending the arbitration.
 - 16.3.8 The CAS shall not take into account facts or evidence which the appellant could have submitted to an internal ETU body by acting with the diligence required under the circumstances, but failed or chose not to do so.
- 16.4 Common Provisions:
 - 16.4.1 The CAS is not competent to deal with:
 - a) matters related to the application of a purely sporting rule, such as the Laws of the Game or the technical modalities of a competition;
 - b) decisions through which a natural person is suspended for a period of up to two matches or up to one month;
 - c) awards issued by an independent and impartial court of arbitration in a dispute of national dimension arising from the application of the statutes or regulations of an Federation.
 - 16.4.2 Only arbitrators who have their domicile in Europe shall be competent to deal with disputes submitted to the CAS according to the present Statutes.
 - 16.4.3 Moreover, proceedings before the CAS shall take place in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration of the CAS.

ARTICLE 17

Amendment of Statutes

- 17.1 The amendment of statute of the E.T.U. shall be proposed with the resolution of the E.C. or by the approval of more than 1/3 of the total member federations. The proposed amendment shall be accomplished by a 2/3 majority vote.
- 17.2 Matters not mentioned in these ETU Statutes will be ruled in a bylaw decided by the ETU Executive Council.

ARTICLE 18

Ethic Code, Anti Doping Rules

- 18.1 The ETU adopts the IOC Code of Ethic as well as the Anti Doping Rules.

ARTICLE 19

Liability

- 19.1 The E.T.U. and their officials have no liability and their consequences nor for loss or damages of properties which may be provoked during any activities under her name.

ARTICLE 20

Dissolution

- 20.1 The dissolution of E.T.U. can be decided upon at the General Assembly by the unanimous resolution of all the members registered that comprise the G.A. meeting.
- 20.2 Exclusive right over the use of any funds or properties belonging to the E.T.U. shall be given by the G.A. that has reached the resolution for the dissolution.
- 20.3 ALL OTHER MATTERS NOT MENTIONED IN THIS STATUTE SHALL BE RULED BY THE BYLAWS.

ARTICLE 21

Compliance with the Statues

- 21.1 National Federations must call their General Assembly to comply their Statutes with these statutes and ETU regulations in 60 days.