

World Martial Arts Games Committee Statutes

Article 1. Name, duration and headquarters

The World Martial Arts Games Committee, hereinafter referred to as the WMAGC, is an Association with a non-profit goal, in the sense of Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. The WMAGC is regulated by the current statutes and in addition by the provisions of the Swiss Civil Code.

Its duration is unlimited

The legal address of the WMAGC is Geneva, Switzerland. The President, the Executive Committee members and the administrative headquarters can be located anywhere else in the World.

Article 2 : Goals

The World Martial Arts Games Committee's objective is the world-wide promotion of Martial Art Sport for All through physical activity, competition and association.

Article 3 : Members and resources

Any persons can ask the WMAGC Executive Committee to become a member. The Executive Committee is free to accept or decline membership without having to disclose its reasons.

The Executive Committee may provide membership levels which includes or excludes voting rights.

The WMAGC's resources are made up of annual membership subscriptions through a rate decided by the Executive Committee; resources include donations, legacies and all other incidental income. Any member can leave the WMAGC with immediate effect by writing a declaration of intent to the Executive Committee. However, he/she has to fulfil his/her obligations, towards the WMAGC, including financial obligations.

A Member of the WMAGC can be excluded through a simple Executive Committee decision, voted by a majority of its Members. The Committee is not obliged to disclose its reasons.

Article 4 : Structure of the organisation

The structures of the WMAGC are:

- The General Assembly
- The Executive Committee –
 - President
 - Secretary General
 - Treasurer
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Article 5 : General Assembly

The General Assembly is the highest body of the WMAGC

The Executive Committee can be convened – as often as required, or in writing, - and the agenda can be proposed by any member, with at least 20 days notice.

It can also be convened if at least one fifth of its members request its convocation.

Each member can ask the Executive Committee to add items to the agenda; this should be done before the convocation notice for the following General Assembly.

The General Assembly has the following inalienable rights

1. To approve the minutes of the preceding General Assembly
2. To approve the report of the Executive Committee's activities
3. To approve the annual accounts
4. To relieve responsibility and liability of the Executive Committee's members
5. Elect or stand down committee members
6. To modify the statutes
7. To dissolve the WMAGC

Except for matters concerning the Articles of the WMAGC, the General Assembly takes its decisions by a simple majority of the members present

Voting Members of the WMAGC are entitled to one vote at the General Assembly. Votes are counted through a show of hands. In case of a tie, the President casts the deciding vote.

The General Assembly is presided over by the President of the Committee. The Secretary General takes the General Assembly minutes.

Article 6: The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee handles the WMAG's ongoing business and represents it through the individual signature of the President, or through the signatures of at least two of the other Committee members. It decides all the WMAGs' business, except for matters which are under the inalienable competence of the General Assembly, or matters concerning the Articles and Statutes.

The Executive Committee constitutes itself. It has to have at least one person. Executive Committee Members must all be WMAGC Members. The General Assembly elects the Members of the Executive Committee for a period of three years. They are re-eligible for an indefinite period.

The Executive Committee will meet as often as determined necessary, after notice is given to all its Members. The President is responsible for the organisation of the meetings over which he presides. The Secretary General is responsible for the minutes, which will be transcribed and transmitted to all Executive Committee members.

During its meetings the Executive Committee is empowered to take its decisions when more than half of its Members are present.

Article 7 : Duties and commitments

Obligations and liabilities of the WMAGC are guaranteed through its own assets. All personal responsibilities of WMAG members are excluded.

Article 8: Modification of the statutes

The WMAG statutes cannot be modified by its General Assembly unless there is a decision to do so, which receives support from at least two-thirds of the Members present.

Article 9 : Dissolution of the WMAGC

The voluntary dissolution of the WMAGC cannot be announced by its General Assembly unless this decision receives the vote of at least three-quarters of the members present.

Unless a decision to the contrary is taken by the General Assembly, the dissolution of the WMAGC can be effected by its Executive committee.

In the event of dissolution, the assets of the WMAGC will be transferred to a public-benefit organisation or a foundation for use for public-benefit purposes in the field of sport.

Article 10. Entry into force of the statutes and transition clauses

The current statutes enter into force with immediate effect.

The Association Executive Committee is initially constituted by the three signatories to the current statutes, namely Kenneth Marchtaler, Alfred Kleinschwärzer and Carl Emery whose signatures and commitment to the WMAGC conforms to Article 6, paragraph 1 cited above. These initial committee members have all the authority to handle and manage the WMAGC and the WMAG (i), and, notably, to undertake all the initial formalities concerning the establishment of the membership base (ii), the eventual creation of an Internet site (iii), to create trademarks, and (iv) opening of bank or post office accounts.

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