

**Proposed Statutes of the
WORLD MARTIAL ARTS GAMES COMMITTEE
(WMAGC)**

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**CHAPTER I
NAME AND HEADQUARTERS**

Article 1: The society bears the name "World Martial Arts Games Committee" (WMAGC).

Article 2: It has its legal seat in Geneva, Switzerland

Article 3: The society is registered 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.

Article 4: The location of the Executive Office of the World Martial Arts Games Committee is determined by the Board of Directors.

**CHAPTER II
OBJECTIVE**

Article 1: 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 2: The Society's objective is fulfilled in particular by means of the following:

- a) by uniting the world of martial arts through the organisation and staging of an annual World Martial Arts Games;
- b) by encouraging and promoting ethics, education of youth, the spirit of fair play and the banning of violence in martial arts sport;
- c) by encouraging and supporting the promotion of women in martial art sport at all levels and in structures with a view to implementing the principle of equality of men and women;
- d) by promoting traditional cultures in games and sport through programs, events, publications and scientific research in cooperation with other institutions;
- e) through the international exchange of information, appropriate materials, consultancy services etc.;
- f) through the organization of fund raising activities to generate the necessary resources for the WMAGC's own operations;

- g) through cooperation with international institutions and establishment of alliances;
- h) through the establishment and recognition of National, Regional and /or Continental bodies under the umbrella of WMAGC;
- i) through the offering of educational and training programs in Martial Art Sport for All and the recognition and support for regional conferences and international seminars in cooperation with promoting institutions;

CHAPTER III FINANCIAL YEAR

Article 1: The financial year is the calendar year.

CHAPTER IV PUBLIC-BENEFIT STATUS

Article 1: The World Martial Arts Games Committee pursues exclusively and directly public-benefit objectives within the meaning of the laws of Geneva, Switzerland. The society operates disinterestedly and does not primarily pursue purposes of economic viability. WMAGC's funds may only be used for purposes in conformity with the statutes.

Article 2: The World Martial Arts Games Committee's bodies and committees work voluntarily unless the present statutes make explicit statements to the contrary. Travel expenses and official expenditures may be reimbursed. The members' meeting may agree to grant an allowance for special expenditures for any particularly time-consuming discharge of duties and may arrange the details.

Article 3: No-one may benefit from expenditures that are not in keeping with The World Martial Arts Games Committee's purpose or from unreasonably high salaries.

CHAPTER V WORKING LANGUAGE

Article 1: The WMAGC working language is English.

CHAPTER VI MEMBERS

Article 1: Active National Members (Voting)

Active national or equivalent members are state or non-state institutions operating at national or equivalent level that promote Martial Arts Sport for All and have met the NMAGC basic criteria established by the Board of Directors.

Article 2: Active International Members (Non-Voting)

Active international members are institutions that promote Martial Arts Sport for All internationally.

Article 3: Supporting Members (Non-Voting)

Supporter members may be either individuals, academic institutions or commercial institutions as well as public or private institutions offering, promoting, or supporting "Martial Arts Sport for All".

CHAPTER VII ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERS

Article 1: Applications for membership shall be forwarded in writing to the Secretary General.

Article 2: Applications for membership are to be received by the Secretary General no later than three months before the date of the annual members' meeting.

Article 3: The Board of Directors shall decide on the provisional acceptance of the applicant. A final decision shall be taken by a simple majority of votes at the following General Assembly.

Article 4: Membership shall expire as a result of resignation, exclusion or death. Resignation is possible at any time and is to be communicated to the Secretariat General in writing. The obligation to pay any outstanding membership contributions shall continue to exist.

CHAPTER VIII BODIES

Article 1: WMAGC's bodies are as follows:

- the General Assembly and;
- the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER IX GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 1: The General Assembly is the WMAGC's supreme decision-making body.

Article 2: The General Assembly shall take place every two years in connection with the World Martial Arts Games. An extraordinary General Assembly shall be called if the Board of Directors decides to do so or if one-third of the members call for such a meeting.

The Secretary General issues invitations to the General Assembly at least three months before it is due to take place, stating the date, venue and agenda. In the case of an extraordinary General Assembly, this period is reduced to four weeks. Motions by the members have to be sent in written form to the Secretary General three months before the General Assembly and two weeks before an extraordinary General Assembly.

Article 3: Every General Assembly that is called in accordance with the rules has a quorum, if at least one-third of its members entitled to vote are present. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of votes insofar as the present statutes do not make provisions to the contrary.

Article 4: The tasks of the General Assembly include in particular the following:

- a) Deciding on the general principles for achieving the association's objectives as well as agreeing on the working program for the next two years.
- b) Deciding on membership applications and exclusions.
- c) Deciding on the venue for the respective next World Congress, World Martial Arts Games as well as all other WMAGC programs.
- d) Recognising and paying tribute to outstanding Martial Art Sport for All projects, particularly in developing countries.
- e) Deciding on the budget for the next two years.
- f) Approving the report of the Board of Directors (activity reports and financial report confirmed by a notary public).
- g) Electing the Board of Directors and the nomination committee. The nomination committee is formed by three active members, who are not members of the board.
- h) Electing Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members.
- i) Deciding on auditors for two years

- j) Deciding on the amount of the membership contributions.
- k) Taking a decision on motions to amend the statutes and other motions.
- l) Deciding on dissolution.

CHAPTER X

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 1: The Board of Directors consists of the following:

- a) the President,
- b) four Vice-Presidents,
- c) the Treasurer,
- d) the Secretary General,
- e) up to five other members.

At least two members of the Board of Directors are to be female. The four Vice-Presidents are to come from different continents (Americas, Asia/Oceania, Africa, Europe). Honorary Presidents may be invited to the Board of Directors but do not have the right to vote.

Article 2: The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a period of four years. They remain in office until a new election. Re-election is possible.

In such case as a member of the Board of Directors under items 1 a) - d) above should leave during his term of office, a member of the board shall be co-opted whose confirmation must take place at the next General Assembly.

Article 3: The President, the Treasurer and the Secretary General comprise the Executive Board. Certain tasks may be allocated to them by the General Assembly or by the entire Board of Directors.

Article 4: Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President, or if he is unable to do so, by the longest serving Vice-President. The calling of meetings shall take place by telefax or email at least eight weeks before the meeting is due to take place. The invitation shall state the venue, date

and agenda. Any documents for the meeting shall be communicated to meeting participants in good time.

Article 5: The Board of Directors has a quorum if more than half of its members are present.

Article 6: The President shall decide on the participation of guests.

Article 7: The Board of Directors may deploy commissions, commissioners and special advisors to perform subtasks.

CHAPTER XI ELECTIONS / VOTING RIGHTS

Article 1: Each country member has one vote each in elections and votes. Supporter members and Active international members do not have the right to vote.

Article 2: The transfer of voting rights to other countries is excluded.

Article 3: The right to vote shall be suspended if the membership contributions for the years between the General Assemblies have not been credited to WMAGC's account by the beginning of the General Assembly.

Article 4: In the case of elections to the Board of Directors, only persons may stand whose candidature is backed by their home country's active national member in an official letter three months before the General Assembly.

Article 5: The nomination committee shall propose to the General Assembly persons for election;

Article 6: All decisions on motions shall be taken by simple majority; motions to amend the statutes shall require a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, however. Invalid votes and abstentions shall not be taken into account. A tie shall mean rejection.

Article 7: Decisions by the Board of Directors and the committees may also be taken electronically, particularly by telefax or email, if no member of the Board of Directors rejects this procedure; in the case of such decisions, too, the simple majority of votes suffices.

Article 8: Elections shall be held in writing and secretly in principle. If only one person is proposed for an office and if that person is willing to take up the office, the ballot may take place by an open vote with a show of hands if there is no application for a secret ballot.

Article 9: Persons may be elected in absentia if they have declared in writing their willingness to accept the office.

Article 10: If only one person stands for an elected post, that person is elected if he receives a majority of the votes cast. If a number of persons are standing for election, the person who receives more than half of the votes cast is the person elected. If this number of votes is not reached by any person, a run-off ballot shall take place between the two persons who received the most votes in the first ballot, to be decided by simple majority. In such case as both candidates receive the same number of votes, the ballot shall be repeated after a break. If the two candidates once again have the same number of votes, the decision shall be taken by lot.

Article 11: By-elections and reappointments shall apply to all bodies and committees for the respective current electoral term.

CHAPTER XII FINANCING

Article 1: WMAGC shall finance itself from the following sources:

- a) membership contributions,
- b) contributions from other national and international institutions and persons,
- c) foundations and payments by sponsors,
- d) income from licensing agreements,
- e) real estate and movables purchased as well as
- f) income from real estate and movables obtained through purchase or endowment.

Article 2: The membership contribution shall be paid annually by the members' meeting at the latest to the amount agreed at the last members' meeting. In years in which no members' meeting takes place, the amount is due by April 30 at the latest.

Article 3: The President, the Treasurer and the Secretary General shall draw up a plan of measures and a draft budget for the plan of measures before the beginning of each financial year and shall submit them to the Board of Directors for a decision to be taken.

Article 4: The President, the Treasurer and the Secretary General shall write an activity and year-end financial report following the end of the financial year that requires the approval of the Board of Directors and every two years by the General Assembly.

Article 5: The accounts should be audited every year by an auditor.

CHAPTER XIII OFFICE

Article 1: WMAGC shall have an office to carry out ongoing tasks.

Article 2: The Executive Director shall manage the ongoing business and shall report regularly on it to the Executive Board and Board of Directors.

CHAPTER XIV MINUTES

Minutes shall be kept of the members' meetings and of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board. These shall be signed by the person in charge of the meeting and the secretary general. The minutes shall be sent to the members of the respective bodies within three weeks.

CHAPTER XV REGIONAL BODIES

WMAGC recognizes National bodies as its National representatives. It is understood that these National bodies consider WMAGC as its umbrella organization.

CHAPTER XVI DISSOLUTION

The members' meeting shall decide on WMAGC's dissolution with a majority of three-quarters of the votes cast. A vote may only take place if the motion to dissolve WMAGC was substantiated in the invitation. In the case of the dissolution of the association, its remaining assets shall be transferred to a public-benefit organisation or a foundation for use for public-benefit purposes in the field of sport.