

## **Part 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Art. 01 Name and Site**

The International Masters Games Association, hereinafter known as IMGA, is a non-governmental, not for profit international association established for an indefinite period with legal status as association in accordance with Art. 60ff of the Swiss Civil Code.

### **Art. 02 Objectives**

The objectives of IMGA shall be:

- To strengthen and grow the Masters sports movement globally.
- To promote and encourage individuals, generally known as *Masters* (actual definition on a sport by sport basis), from all over the world to continue to be active throughout their life;
- To promote friendship and understanding among mature sportspeople, regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or sport status.
- To promote the organisation of Masters events at all levels and to organise and/or sanction international Masters events, notably and without limitation to organise the World Masters Games (Summer and Winter)<sup>1</sup>.

### **Art. 03 Non-discrimination**

The IMGA shall allow no political, racial, religious or gender discrimination.

### **Art. 04 Autonomy of Members**

The IMGA shall not interfere with internal matters of its members.

### **Art. 05 Seat & Governing Law**

The IMGA has its legal seat in Lausanne, Switzerland, and all its relations are governed by Swiss law.

### **Art. 06 Financial Responsibility**

The IMGA, with its own resources and assets, is solely and exclusively responsible and liable for any undertakings and financial commitments of the IMGA.

The Members, Associates, as well as IMGA representatives, including without limitation, board members and other officers, employees and IMGA representatives have and assume no liability in respect to any obligation of the IMGA, in particular, but without limitation, of any financial obligations to the IMGA.

### **Art. 07 Language**

The official language of IMGA shall be English.

Other languages may be used in correspondence or debate only if adequate translation is provided.

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<sup>1</sup> The rules of the IMGA Master Games in force at the time of the adoption of this amended constitution are annexed hereto for information as Appendix A. They are subject to amendments.

## Art. 08 Interpretation

If this constitution or any byelaws, regulations or guidelines, issued by the IMGA or by a host city organising committee (HCOC), need interpretation, the IMGA Board shall have the sole power to interpret such rules, or to fill any gaps therein.

## Part 2 MEMBERSHIP

### Art. 09 Members and Associates

#### Art. 09.1 Members

The IMGA Members are International Federations of sport and host cities.

The International Federations members of the IMGA ("IF Members") are:

- The International Federations members as of the date of the adoption of these amended statutes (List in Appendix B).
- The International Federations admitted as members pursuant to art. 10 below.

The Host Cities members are Host Cities which have been awarded IMGA events. The membership exists *ipso jure* from the day of the IMGA Event organisation award and ceases on the 31 December of the Event year.

**Deleted:** and those which have organised IMGA Events in the preceding 2 years

#### Art. 09.2 Associates

The IMGA may recognise sporting or non-sporting organisations or entities which could not or do not yet meet the qualifications to be admitted as Members ("Associates").

The Associates are notably invited to attend the General Meeting, however with no right to propose or vote proposition. The IMGA Board may at its discretion determine further appropriate specific rights and benefits of the Associates (which may differ by category of Associates).

### Art. 10 Admission to membership

International Federations applying for membership must meet the following criteria:

- Be recognised by the IOC or be a member of AIMS.
- Organise or support the organisation of Masters events or activities on a regular basis.
- Have an established Masters Commission or otherwise has measures in place, directly or indirectly encouraging the development of Masters activities in their own sports.

Application for membership shall be submitted in writing to the IMGA secretariat at least two months before the General Assembly.

The IMGA Board will examine whether the applicant IF meets the membership requirements.

Only applications by an IF applicant meeting the requirements will be submitted to a vote on admission at the General Assembly.

Notwithstanding the above, an IF which applies for membership and which meets the IOC recognition or AIMS membership requirement but which, in the Executive Board's appreciation, does not have a reasonably sufficient level of organisational and/or active involvement in Masters sports may be instead and upon proposal of the Executive Board accepted as Associate. Once thus accepted as Associate, an IF may then be admitted as Member if the Executive Board thereafter considers that the

IF in question subsequently sufficiently developed its organisation and activities in connection with Masters Sport.

## **Art. 11 Rights and Obligations of Members**

### **Art. 11.1 Rights of Members & Associates**

Members (whether IFs or Host Cities) have the following rights:

- To attend and vote at IMGA General Assembly
- To submit proposals to be voted on at the General Assembly
- To exercise any other rights of the Members set forth in these Statutes or in other IMGA regulations or rights existing by law

Associates have only the right to attend the General Assembly but without the right to submit proposals or to vote.

IF Members have further priority for the inclusion of their sports in the program of the World Master Games, including over Associate IFs. IF Associates have corresponding priority in regard to sports that are not already governed by a Member or another Associate.

In all instances, priority means that the IMGA Board shall give due consideration to an application of IF Members or IF Associates for inclusion of a sport and/or discipline in the program of the World Masters Games. For the avoidance of doubt, beyond due consideration to be given in good faith to the possibility of the inclusion of a sport, there is no positive entitlement of either IF Members or IF Associate in respect of the inclusion of any specific sport or discipline in the program of the World Master Games. The IMGA Board has and retains ultimately full discretion over the actual content thereof.

### **Art. 11.2 Obligations of Members**

Members have the obligation to abide by these statutes and other regulations issued by the IMGA based thereon. They must observe and comply with any decision made in compliance therefrom.

Members shall generally support the IMGA in implementing its objectives and developing them in the context of their own activities.

IF Members shall promote/encourage participation in IMGA Masters events in the sports under their jurisdiction.

IF Members shall abstain from supporting international masters sport events concurrently organised and directly competing with the World Masters Games.

Members have no financial obligations towards the IMGA, and no membership contribution applies.

IF Members shall further have the following specific obligations:

- actively promote Master Sports through a dedicated Masters Commission (or otherwise through dedicated resources), directly within their own organisation or indirectly through a different entity covering Masters activities in their sports and with which they are cooperating.
- organise and/or sanction and/or support or encourage the organisation of Masters events in sports within their own scope of jurisdiction.
- provide or approve technical delegates as reasonably needed and requested in connection with IMGA sanctioned or organised Masters events in their respective sports.

## **Art. 12 Resignation**

Members or Associates wishing to withdraw from membership of the IMGA may give notice in writing at any time to the IMGA secretariat.

The resignation shall be effective upon receipt.

## **Art. 13 Suspension/expulsion**

In the event a Member or Associate fails persistently to meet its obligations pursuant to these Statutes and/or other IMGA regulations and, having been put on notice by the Executive Board to do so, fails to remedy such failure within a reasonably set deadline, the concerned may be suspended by the Executive Board (i.e. the concerned Member cannot exercise any of its Member rights) until the Member remedies the breach or, ultimately, upon corresponding application of the Executive Board, is expelled by a decision of the General Assembly. The right to be heard of the Member shall be respected prior to issuance of any decision regarding its potential suspension or expulsion.

## **Part 3 ADMINISTRATION**

### **Art. 14 Administration**

The administration of IMGA consists of:

- - The General Assembly
- - The IMGA Board
- - The Executive Committee

### **Art. 15 General Assembly**

#### **Art. 15.1 Composition and Chair**

The General Assembly shall consist of the Members and Associates (without voting rights) of IMGA.

The IMGA Board Members attend the General Assembly (without voting rights). IMGA Board members may not act as delegates of Members at the General Assembly.

The President of the IMGA Board shall chair the General Assembly. If the President is not present a Vice President shall chair the meeting. Should the President and Vice President(s) be absent the IMGA Board shall decide who shall chair the meeting.

#### **Art. 15.2 Delegates and Observers**

Members and Associates may attend the General Assembly with a maximum of two delegates each.

IF Members or IF Associates delegation should include at least one representative actively involved in Masters sport activities.

Host cities shall be represented by senior member(s) of the organizing committee, normally its chair.

Members may not be represented by third parties (no vote by proxy).

The IMGA Board may at its discretion authorize further representatives of Members and/or of Associates and/or, generally third parties to attend a General Assembly or parts thereof as observers.

### **Art. 15.3 Ordinary General Assembly**

Delegates shall meet annually in an Ordinary General Assembly.

A General Assembly (ordinary or extraordinary) may be held in person (physical), online (virtual) or in a hybrid (physical and virtual) format.

### **Art. 15.4 Extraordinary General Assembly**

Delegates shall meet in an Extraordinary General Assembly if such is called by the IMGA Board, or when such is requested by at least one fifth of the Members.

The request shall be in writing executed on behalf of all requesting Members, it shall specify the items to be subject to vote and briefly explain the reasons therefor.

The items to be voted on at an Extraordinary General Assembly are only the ones specified by the IMGA Board when calling the meeting or the items set forth in a request supported by the required number of Members. No other item may be addressed during an Extraordinary General Assembly.

### **Art. 15.5 Convening Notice and Agenda**

The IMGA Board shall send out a convening notice at least 12 weeks before the date of the Ordinary General Assembly.

The convening notice for an Ordinary General Assembly shall include an invitation to Members to submit in writing any specific proposals for inclusion in the agenda, as well as names of candidates for positions in the IMGA Board, if applicable. Proposals and names of candidates must be received by the Secretariat of IMGA not later than one month before the date of the General Assembly.

The IMGA Board shall send out the agenda for the General Assembly not later than two weeks before the date of the Assembly. Where possible, reports and any observations on the agenda items shall be sent out with the agenda.

### **Art. 15.6 Agenda of the Ordinary General Assembly**

The agenda for an Ordinary General Assembly shall include

- Opening of the Assembly
- Identification of the delegates and confirmation of their powers
- Appointment of scrutineers (if needed)
- Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly
- President's and Board's report
- Accounts, financial report and auditor's report
- Approval of the accounts for the last fiscal year
- Appointment of the auditor for the following fiscal year
- Report on applications for membership or proposal to admit Associates and corresponding votes
- Proposals from the IMGA Board and proposals from Members
- Where appropriate, updates from host cities
- Where appropriate, alterations to the Constitution
- Where appropriate, elections
- Any other business including, if possible, announcement of place and date of next General Assembly.

The above applies mutatis mutandis to the agenda of an Extraordinary General Assembly with the notably essential difference that the items to be voted on are only the ones submitted by the IMGA Board or by the Members endorsed by at least one fifth of the Members.

#### **Art. 15.7 Proposals from Members**

A Member may submit in writing to the IMGA Board proposals to be included in the agenda of the Ordinary General Assembly or to be addressed under an existing agenda item. A brief reasoning must be submitted in support of each proposal.

Members proposals must be received at the IMGA headquarters at least one month before the date of the General Assembly. Proposals received later will be included in the agenda of the following Ordinary General Assembly (provided they are confirmed at the latest one month before the date of that later Ordinary General Assembly).

#### **Art. 15.8 Proposals from the IMGA Board**

The IMGA Board may include any proposal that it considers appropriate in the agenda, which is sent out not later than two weeks before the General Assembly.

The IMGA Board may submit a proposal to the General Assembly at any time provided it relates to an item already on the agenda.

#### **Art. 16 Alterations to the Constitution and elections**

The Constitution may only be altered by the General Assembly.

Elections to the IMGA Board shall be carried out by the General Assembly whenever seats on the Board become available, whether through expiry of a term or by virtue of a casual vacancy.

#### **Art. 17 Accounting year and auditing of Accounts**

The accounting year shall run from 1 January to 31 December.

IMGA's accounts shall be prepared in accordance with prevailing accounting standard.

The accounts shall be audited each year by a qualified professional auditor appointed by the General Assembly.

The audited accounts are published on the IMGA website.

#### **Art. 18 Quorum**

Subject to Article 26, the decisions of the General Assembly shall be valid irrespective of the number of Members attending.

#### **Art. 19 Voting**

Irrespective of the number of delegates representing it when voting, each Member has one vote only.

#### **Art. 20 Majorities**

Subject to paragraph 3 of this Article and to Article 26§2, decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken on the basis of a simple majority of the votes cast.

Abstentions, blank, spoiled and invalid votes are not counted to establish the applicable majority.

Alterations to the Constitution shall be effective only if they obtain two thirds of the votes cast. Abstentions, blank, spoiled and invalid votes do not count as votes cast.

Voting for elections are set forth in art. 22.2.5 below (*Conduct of elections*).

## **Art. 21 Date of taking effect**

Elections and decisions of the General Assembly shall take effect immediately after the General Assembly at which they occur, unless specified otherwise in the content of the decision or as specifically decided by the General Assembly.

## **Art. 22 IMGA Board**

### **Art. 22.1 Powers and constitution**

The IMGA Board is the Executive Body of the IMGA. It has the power to issue any decision on behalf of IMGA not specifically reserved to the General Assembly or another body by these Statutes.

The IMGA Board is constituted as follows:

- A President elected by the General Assembly.
- A maximum of 3 members elected by the General Assembly from candidates proposed by the IF Members and which shall be representatives of the IF Members (president, other members of the board of the IF Member or chair of the IF Masters Commission at the IF Members' discretion).
- A maximum of 3 members elected by the General Assembly from independent candidates proposed by the Board because of their specific expertise or competence serving the proper management and development of the IMGA, including at least one having the financial expertise adequate to serve as treasurer.
- A representative of the designated Host City of the Summer World Master Games (sitting as *ex officio* Member from the designation of the Host City until the end the year during which the World Master Games take place or the designation of the Host City of the next Summer World Master Games if occurring before the end of that year).

The board appoints one or two vice presidents from among the elected Board Members. The Board decides the number of Vice Presidents and appoints them. If the Board appoints two Vice Presidents, then the two Vice Presidents must be of a different gender.

At least two of the elected members of the Board (including the President) shall be of a different gender than the members forming a gender majority. At least one such member shall be found amongst the President, or one of the IMGA Board Members elected from candidates proposed by the IF Members. To the extent needed, the other representative of a different gender must be elected from the independent candidates proposed by the IMGA Board which shall accordingly always include at least one candidate of a different gender.

The above expresses a minimum requirement. Achieving a gender balance improved beyond that minimum requirement and tending towards parity is and shall remain an objective.

## **Art. 22.2 Election to the IMGA Board**

### **Art. 22.2.1 Electoral Commission**

The IMGA Board shall designate 3 persons of experience and good reputation and who have no personal involvement in the election to constitute an Electoral Commission

The chair of the commission may be granted to a Board Member, provided the concerned Board Member is not seeking re-election. The two other members must have no function within the IMGA and its bodies.

Once constituted, the Electoral Commission shall be in charge of managing the electoral process before and until the General Assembly, including the conduct of the review of candidature and the control and implementation of the eligibility check, as well as the conduct of the election process during the General Assembly and until its completion.

#### **Art. 22.2.2 Eligible Candidates**

Candidates for any position on the IMGA Board shall all meet and continue to meet the following requirements to be eligible as members of the Board:

- To have and continue to have after the election a clean ethical record, *i.e.* not to have been sanctioned for an anti-doping rule nor for any violation of ethical or disciplinary regulations of recognized sports body or of state criminal law carrying a negative moral weight affecting the social credibility of the intended candidates. In the event a candidate is subject to an ongoing investigation, which could result in a sanction of this nature, the electoral commission decides whether the candidature can be maintained for the election without negative repercussions for the IMGA. There is no personal right to be a candidate, and a decision not to accept a candidate is not subject to any challenge. If a Member proposes the candidate, the Member will be invited to propose an alternative candidate. The candidature deadline does not apply in this case.
- To have a good command of English, orally and in writing.
- To have and continue to have no conflict of interests towards the IMGA, respectively to declare any circumstances which could reasonably lead to a potential conflict of interests. In the latter situation, the IMGA Board will, in its discretion, evaluate the circumstances and decide whether the candidature can be maintained for the election.

Candidates for the presidency shall, in addition, have been Board Members for at least 4 years prior to the election.

Candidates to be proposed from IF Members representatives shall occupy the required functions within the IF Members organization at the time of the election or re-election.

Candidates to be proposed by the IMGA Board as independent members shall have expertise and/or competences related to IMGA activities and their development. Such expertise and/or competences shall be explained and documented as appropriate.

A declaration in which the candidate formally confirms to meet the requirements applicable in connection with the function to which he/she seeks to be elected shall be filled by each candidate. The candidate shall provide appropriate supporting documents and records, where appropriate. The Electoral Commission may request specific records and more detailed explanations from the candidates. This applies to all candidates including candidates submitted by the IMGA Board.

The Electoral Commission shall review the declarations and check that the candidates to election and re-election meet the eligibility requirements (including terms of office see below Art.31.2).

A candidate who provided incorrect, incomplete or misleading information (in respect of relevant elements) will be excluded by the Electoral Commission from the election if such has not taken place yet. The proposing Member or the IMGA Board may propose an alternative candidate meeting the requirements provided such can be checked in advance of the elections.

In the event that the issue arises after the election, the elected concerned person may be removed from the board by a decision of the IMGA Board. The same consequence may apply if an elected Board Member does not continue to meet the eligibility requirements set forth above.

The right to be heard of the concerned candidate, respectively concerned elected person shall be respected prior to issuing a decision not to include the candidate in the election, respectively to remove an elected person.

### Art. 22.2.3 Terms of office

The members of the IMGA Board are elected ~~for four years terms~~. They ~~may be re-elected~~ and can serve a maximum of 12 years as IMGA Board Member.

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The President is elected for four-year terms and may be re-elected. The President can serve a maximum of three terms, notwithstanding any previous period served as a Board Member.

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The vice presidents are appointed by the IMGA Board for ~~four-year terms~~, subject to their re-election as board members during the concerned period.

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### Art. 22.2.4 Candidature applications and announcement

IF Members shall announce candidates to election or re-election meeting the respective eligibility criteria for the positions of President or Treasurer and/or of one of the IF Members' representatives on the IMGA Board through a written application to the IMGA 8 weeks before the election. The Electoral Commission may accept a later announcement if such is justified by specific circumstances and notably if a candidate initially announced becomes unavailable or must be replaced because they do not meet the eligibility requirements.

An IF Member can only present one candidate. A candidate for President or for Treasurer who is not elected to these specific functions may still take part in the election of the IMGA Board Members representatives of the IF Members.

The applications concerning candidates to election or re-election submitted by the IMGA Board shall be provided to the Electoral Commission six weeks before the election.

The list of the candidates (including the ones submitted by the IMGA Board) shall be published at least 2 weeks in advance of the General Assembly at which the election takes place.

### Art. 22.2.5 Conduct of the elections

The following elections shall take place at the Ordinary General Assembly:

- If applicable at the concerned Assembly, the election of the President takes place first;
- A maximum of 3 IMGA Board Members are then elected from the candidates proposed by the IF Members;
- Finally, a maximum of 3 IMGA Board Members are then elected from the candidates proposed by the IMGA Board.

The elections are held as follows:

- Elections are conducted by secret ballots. However, if only one eligible candidate is available for each position(s) to be filled, the candidate(s) may be elected by acclamation unless a secret ballot is specifically requested.
- In respect to any vote, each voter has as many votes as there are positions to be filled in the concerned election. If voting slips are used, voting slips with more votes than positions to be filled in any given vote are deemed invalid.
- In an election for a single position, a candidate is elected if and when he or she obtains a simple majority of the votes cast. Abstentions do not count to establish the majority. If no candidate obtains a majority in the first round, successive round(s) are held, with the

candidate obtaining the least votes dropping out of the vote. This is repeated until one candidate obtains a majority. In case of a tie between the two last candidates, the vote is repeated once, and if the tie cannot be broken, the elected candidate is then determined by the toss of a coin.

- When the vote is on multiple positions, the elected candidates are the candidates in the needed number of positions obtaining the most votes. In case of a tie between two candidates competing for the last available position, a candidate seeking reelection takes precedence over a candidate seeking a first election. If this criterion does not break the tie, then the choice is made by the toss of a coin. The requirement concerning gender representation is further reserved (see below).
- The requirements regarding gender representation are implemented as follows:
  - In the election of the IMGA Board Members from candidates proposed by IF Members, there shall be at least one candidate of a different gender elected. To achieve this result, a candidate representative of the different gender will, if needed, be elected instead of a better placed candidate of the other gender. If no candidate of a different gender is available, the second position shall remain open until the next election.
  - In the election of the IMGA Board Members from the candidates proposed by the IMGA, there shall be in any event at least one candidate of a different gender. Unless the minimum requirement regarding gender representation is already met in connection with the positions of the President and of IMGA Board Members elected from candidates proposed by IF Members, at least one of the members elected from the candidates proposed by the IMGA Board shall be of a different gender. The electoral process shall be conducted accordingly, *i.e.* candidates of the gender in majority cannot be elected if this prevents the election of the minimum required number of members of the other gender.

#### **Art. 22.2.6 Vacancies**

If a vacancy arises in the IMGA Board for any reason (incapacity, removal etc.), the following applies:

- In case of a vacancy in the position of President, a Vice President shall ensure the interim until the next Ordinary General Assembly. If there are two Vice Presidents, the IMGA Board decides which one is appointed as interim President.
- The IMGA Board may fill vacancies in the position(s) of Vice-President(s) at any time. There must always be at least one Vice-President in function.
- Any other vacancy is not filled until the next Ordinary General Assembly.

#### **Art. 22.3 Functions of the IMGA Board**

The specific function of the President is:

- To represent the IMGA and lead the IMGA Board and Executive

The specific functions of the Vice Presidents are:

- To perform the President's duties if s/he is unavailable
- To act as a member of the Executive Committee.

The functions of the IMGA Board shall be:

- to take such steps as may be necessary to achieve the objects laid down in Article 2 of the Constitution,
- to ensure the execution of decisions taken by the General Assembly,
- to appoint city(ies) in charge of the organisation of the next IMGA Masters Games,
- to monitor the progress of the preparations for future IMGA Masters Games and take the necessary steps to ensure the maintenance of proper standards in the organisation of IMGA Masters Games,
- to approve the proposed sports program of the IMGA Masters Games,
- to ensure that drug testing is carried out in accordance with the rules and regulations in the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC),
- to ensure compliance with the overall guidelines related to the organisation of IMGA Masters Games,
- to seek organisers for future IMGA Masters Games and to negotiate with them,
- to grant IMGA patronage, upon such terms and conditions as it may consider appropriate, to Masters sport events,
- to approve the budget
- to prepare and approve the accounts to be submitted to the General Assembly
- to recommend a professional auditor to the General Assembly for appointment,
- to appoint and delegate specific responsibilities to the CEO of IMGA,
- to appoint Honorary positions within the IMGA,
- to introduce and amend byelaws, regulations and guidelines in relation to all matters within the jurisdiction of the IMGA,
- to carry out any other duty attributed to the IMGA Board in this Constitution and by default, any duty of the IMGA not specifically attributed to the General Assembly

#### **Art. 22.4 IMGA Board meetings and decisions**

The IMGA Board may hold its meetings either virtually (including hybrid) or in person. The IMGA may also make decisions by circulation using suitable electronic means as decided by the Executive Committee.

The IMGA Board should meet in person at least once a year, preferably on the occasion of the staging of the World Masters Games or another IMGA event.

The President acts as chair.

Decisions of the IMGA Board shall be taken by majority of votes cast. Abstentions do not count for the majority. In the event of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote. For the avoidance of doubt, a Vice-President replacing the President because of an occasional absence does not have the casting vote but would have it as interim President in case of definitive vacancy.

The CEO attends the meetings of the IMGA Board. The holding of in camera meetings of the IMGA Board is reserved.

#### **Art. 23 Executive Committee - Board Charter**

The President, the Vice-President(s) and the Treasurer if not already member as Vice-President constitute the Executive Committee. The President acts as chair.

The Executive Committee shall generally exercise the supervisory functions of the IMGA Board in-between meetings of the IMGA Board. It shall prepare the IMGA Board meetings and support the CEO in the management of the affairs of the IMGA.

The Executive Committee may hold its meetings in any manner decided by the chair. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by majority of votes cast. Abstentions do not count for the majority. In the event of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote

The CEO attends the meetings of the Executive Committee.

The functions of the Executive Committee may be specified in a Board Charter which the IMGA Board may issue and update from time to time to specify notably delegations to the Executive Committee or the CEO.

#### **Art. 24 CEO**

The CEO is a paid employee and is appointed by the IMGA Board.

The CEO is responsible for the day-to-day administration. The CEO reports through the President firstly to the IMGA Executive Committee and seeks their advice and opinion as necessary. The CEO reports ultimately to the IMGA Board

The CEO has the following responsibilities:

- Making recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Board on the activities of the IMGA,
- Implementing policy and instructions decided by the President and the Board,
- Reporting regularly through the President to the Executive Committee and the Board,
- Preparing budgets and accounts of the IMGA,
- Preparing the General Assembly and the meetings of the Board,
- Ensuring that minutes of these meetings be duly taken and issued,
- Fulfilling any other duties specifically delegated by the Executive Committee or the Board.

#### **Art. 25 Representation**

The IMGA is validly represented and bound towards third parties by the collective signature of its President or of a Vice President in conjunction with the signature of the CEO or of another member of the IMGA Executive Committee.

These signatories may issue delegations of powers in respect of specific matters. Further specifications regarding delegation of powers and signature rights shall be addressed in the Board Charter.

### **Part 4 DISSOLUTION**

#### **Art. 26 Dissolution**

The quorum for a decision on dissolution is two thirds of those Members who are entitled to vote (suspended Members do not count).

A decision on dissolution of the IMGA is only deemed approved if supported by four fifths of the votes cast by Members attending an Extraordinary General Assembly called specifically to decide on dissolution and, if accepted, the implementation modalities. Abstentions and invalid votes do not count. Decisions on modalities are subject to simple majority.

#### **Art. 27 Assets**

If the motion for dissolution is carried a net liquidation result shall be donated to the IOC to be used for the promotion of the Masters athletes' movement.

For the avoidance of doubt, Members have under no circumstances, including dissolution, any entitlement to receive any part of the IMGA assets.

## Part 5: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### Art. 28 Amicable settlement

IMGA and Members shall endeavour to resolve any dispute which may arise between the IMGA and its Members, or between Members in respect to an issue arising from or in connection with the validity or implementation of this Constitution and /or regulations issued by the IMGA based thereon, including without limitation any regulation issued in connection with the MASTERS GAMES in priority by amicable settlement.

### Art. 29 Arbitration

A dispute which cannot be solved by amicable settlement, including through a mediation process if the concerned parties decide to conduct such a process, shall be exclusively and finally settled by arbitration in accordance with the Code of Sports-related arbitration of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne (CAS). The arbitral court shall consist in a sole arbitrator. Failing an immediate agreement of the parties in respect of the appointment, the sole arbitrator shall be appointed by the CAS.

### Entry into force of these amended statutes and first elections hereunder

Subject to the following paragraph, these statutes as amended enter into force on the day following their adoption by the IMGA General Assembly.

As regards the IMGA Board constitution and elections, it is specified that the first elections of a new IMGA Board in accordance with the provisions of these amended statutes will be held on the occasion of the ~~2026~~ General Assembly. The IMGA Board members in place upon adoption of the amended statutes will remain in function until a new IMGA Board is thus elected. The term of the mandates of the current members of the IMGA Board is accordingly adjusted and will end after this first elective General Assembly held under these amended statutes.

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The IMGA President

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## **APPENDIX (A) General Rules governing IMGA Masters Games (as of 20 November 2024 – subject to amendments)**

### **A. Organisation**

As a general rule, IMGA Masters Games (Summer or Winter) take place every four years in one city and its surroundings. They can also be organised by more than one city, situated in one or more countries, provided these cities are in close proximity to each other. IMGA Open Masters Series events may be organised at any time as approved by the IMGA Board.

Pursuant to Olympic Agenda 2020 Recommendation 6.2, the IMGA and the IOC shall study the possibility for the Olympic Games host cities to benefit from an option to organise the Masters Games in the years following the Olympic Games.

### **B. Choice of Host City**

The host city(ies) for the next IMGA Masters Games shall be chosen by the IMGA Board preferably five years or more before the said IMGA Masters Games.

### **C. Sports**

The sports program of IMGA Masters Games shall be in accordance with the IMGA guidelines for each event.

All sports are held subject to facilities being available.

All sports must be held in accordance with the rules and authority of the relevant International Federation.

Each International Federation governing a sport on the program of the games, shall designate a technical delegate, who shall be responsible for overseeing the competition within the limits set by the IMGA Board.

The HCOC has the option of selecting additional sports to complement the program. Those sports should be selected on the basis of the facilities available and the strength of those sports at masters' level in that country and internationally.

The optional sports must have the final approval by the IMGA Board.

### **D. Participation**

It is the goal of the IMGA Masters Games to promote participation and to be inclusive of all who want to compete. Because of the level of interest however, it may become necessary to limit participation by some measure. Such limitation shall be subject to the approval of the IMGA Board. In principle, the participation from the host nation should not exceed 60% of the total numbers.

### **E. Principle**

At IMGA Masters Games, participation and friendship among participants are much more important than athletic performances, and this principle should be emphasised as much as possible.

### **F. Sanction fee**

Upon being awarded an IMGA Masters Games, the HCOC shall pay to the IMGA a sum to be determined by the IMGA Board in order to confirm its right to organise those IMGA Masters Games.

## **G. Intellectual rights**

All rights on the names (WMG, WWMG, PAMG, APMG, EMG, IMGA, OMS), the emblem, the motto, etc., belong to the IMGA, but the HCOC shall have the right to use them according to conditions laid down by host city contract and guidelines.

## **H. Advertising and sponsorship**

The opportunities to display advertising and to conclude sponsorship contracts may be restricted by the IMGA Board, both for the organising committee and for the participants. Major or naming rights sponsorship secured by the HCOC for a World Masters Games shall not be included in the title of the event unless approved by the IMGA Board.

## **I. No representation**

The participants participate as individuals. They do not represent any country, region or city. There are no national anthems and no national flags (for example at victory ceremonies). Hence all IMGA events are open events and not limited to participation from the geographical region they are being held in.

## **J. Clothing**

All participants compete in the clothes that are common for their particular sport.

## **K. Multiclub teams**

Participants from different clubs and countries may unite to form multiclubs or multinational teams. More than one team from each country may compete in the same sport category.

## **L. Costs**

Participants shall pay for their own transport and accommodation to compete in any IMGA Masters Games.

## **M. Fees**

All participants shall pay a stipulated games registration fee. The amount of these fees shall be set by the HCOC and be subject to the approval of the IMGA Board.

## **N. Medals and certificates**

Winners, second and third places of each competition shall receive the Master's medals in gold, silver and bronze. All participants shall receive a certificate of participation.

## **O. Conditions of participation**

All participants shall meet the age qualification and abide by the competition rules laid down by their respective international sports federations, or, where appropriate, by the national sports federation of the host country, as well as by the IMGA and the IMGA Board.

## **P. Related activities**

The HCOC shall organise for the participants, apart from the sports competitions, different activities such as cultural and social events, sightseeing and tourism.

## **APPENDIX (B) Member Federations (List as of 20 November 2024 subject to change)**

- Badminton World Federation (BWF),
- Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB),
- International Biathlon Union (IBU),
- International Basketball Federation (FIBA),
- International Canoeing Federation (ICF),
- International Cycling Union (UCI),
- International Football Federation (FIFA),
- International Golf Federation (IGF),
- International Hockey Federation (FIH),
- International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF),
- International Orienteering Federation (IOF),
- International Rowing Federation (FISA),
- International Skating Union (ISU),
- International Ski Federation (FIS),
- International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF),
- International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF),
- International Tennis Federation (ITF),
- International Weightlifting Federation (IWF),
- World Archery (WA),
- World Athletics (WA),
- World Baseball & Softball Confederation (WBSC),
- World Curling Federation (WCF),
- World Squash Federation (WSF)
- World Triathlon (WT)

### **Associate Members**

- World Taekwondo (WT),
- International Floorball Federation (IFF),
- International Life Saving Federation (ILS),
- International Ski Mountaineering Federation (ISMF),
- World Dance Sport Federation (WDSF),
- World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF)
- International Powerlifting Association (IPF),

### **Recognised Organisations**

- Confederation of Australian Sport