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STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AESTHETIC GROUP GYMNASTICS (IFAGG)

1. NAME, ROLE AND CONSTITUTION

1.1 Name

The name of the organisation is The International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (in Finnish: Kansainvälinen Joukkuevoimisteluliitto ry; hereinafter "the IFAGG"). It is domiciled in Helsinki, Finland.

1.2 Role and constitution

Amongst its members, the IFAGG is the supreme authority on all matters relating to international Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (AGG). The IFAGG approves and authorises the official International AGG Rules, which define the sport and its features. Aesthetic Group Gymnastics are based on movements that are expressive, natural and performed with continuity. The IFAGG is made up of national AGG organisations that have been admitted as members.

2. AIMS AND TASKS

2.1 The aims of the IFAGG shall be:

2.1.1 To spread the sport of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics and to promote its development.

2.1.2 To encourage friendly relations between all AGG gymnasts.

2.1.3 To conform with and respect the general principles and rules of the international sport movement.

2.2 The tasks of the IFAGG shall be:

2.2.1 To act as the supreme authority on all matters relating to international Aesthetic Group Gymnastics.

2.2.2 To commission and supervise World Championships in all recognised disciplines of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics. To commission and supervise other official IFAGG international competitions.

2.2.3 To draw up universal rules and guidelines for Aesthetic Group Gymnastics and to supervise their proper application.

2.2.4 To maintain cordial relations with other international sports organisations and to represent the



interests of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics in its dealings with them.

2.3 The IFAGG shall respect the autonomy of its members and shall not intervene in their internal affairs.

2.4 The IFAGG shall have the right to establish special financial regulations for the events it commissions.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

3.1 The IFAGG recognises three categories of member: A, B and C Members. All members undertake to abide by these Statutes, the IFAGG Anti-Doping Rules and other IFAGG Rules and the decisions of the General Assembly and Council. The IFAGG declares that doping is prohibited and the provisions of the WADA Code shall apply, subject to any necessary changes, to all persons and competitors under the jurisdiction of the IFAGG and its members. The IFAGG has the right to expel members who break these rules.

3.2 "A" Membership

3.2.1 A joint registered organisation which represents at least 5 Aesthetic Group Gymnastics clubs may be admitted as an A Member. Only one A Member can be admitted from the same country.

3.2.2 National organisations desiring A Membership shall lodge with the IFAGG Office a written application, which shall be accompanied by an English version of the organisation's constitution and competition rules, together with a report on the development of AGG in the country and a statement of current membership figures. If the IFAGG Council approves the application, the organisation shall be accepted as A Member with the rights and duties of A Members.

3.2.3 As soon as the IFAGG Council has decided to admit an organisation to A Membership, the delegates of the organisation are entitled to participate in the General Assembly with all rights, provided the conditions in 4.3 are complied with.

3.2.4 Rights of A Members

- To use 5 votes in General Assemblies
- To send at most 5 official delegates to IFAGG General Assemblies. One delegate can have all the 5 votes of the member or the votes can be divided between all the official



delegates. The official delegates of an A Member can represent only their own organisation. The official delegates must have an official power of attorney from their organisation. Delegates shall be citizens or residents of the country represented.

- To make proposals to the General Assembly and to the Council, and express its views on any matter which concerns it.
- To participate in IFAGG events in accordance with the conditions stated in the invitation and rules.
- To organise international AGG competitions, championships and other events of the IFAGG.

3.2.5 Duties of A Members

A Members that are not responsible at the national level for all the AGG disciplines practised in the country concerned, shall

- maintain constructive relations with the body or bodies responsible at the national level for other AGG disciplines.

3.3 B Membership

3.3.1 A registered organisation representing only one Aesthetic Group Gymnastics club that participates actively in international AGG work and national or international competitions may be admitted as a B Member. Several B Members can be admitted from the same country. A B Member cannot be a member of an A Member of the IFAGG.

3.3.2 National organisations desiring B Membership shall lodge with the IFAGG Office a written application that shall be accompanied by an English version of the organisation's constitution, together with a report on the development of AGG in the club and a statement of current membership figures. If the IFAGG Council approves the application, the organisation shall be accepted as B Member with the rights and duties of B Members.

3.3.3 As soon as the IFAGG Council has decided to admit an organisation to B Membership, the delegates of the organisation are entitled to participate in the General Assembly with all rights, provided the conditions in 4.3 are complied with.



3.3.4 Rights of B Members

- Use 1 vote in the General Assemblies
- To send 1 official delegate to IFAGG General Assemblies. The official delegate must have an official power of attorney from their organisation. The delegate shall be a citizen or resident of the country represented.
- Official delegates of B Members can, in addition to their own organisation, represent two other B Members by an official power of attorney.
- To make proposals to the General Assembly and to the Council, and express its views on any matter which concerns it.
- To participate in IFAGG events in accordance with the conditions stated in the invitation and rules.
- To organise international AGG competitions, championships and other events of the IFAGG.

3.3.5 Duties of B Members

B Members shall

- maintain constructive relations with the body or bodies responsible at the national level for other AGG disciplines.

3.4 Associate Membership: C Membership

The IFAGG may provide Associate Membership to a registered organisation that is in an early stage of development and wishes to benefit from close co-operation with the IFAGG and its members. This is, however, only possible for organisations from countries which are not yet IFAGG members (A or B Members). The application shall be made in the manner specified in 3.2.2, and the IFAGG Council may admit the organisation as Associate Member with the rights and duties of an Associate Member.

3.4.1 Rights of Associate Members

- To have its members participate in IFAGG events other than World Championships and World Cup events.



- To send delegates to IFAGG General Assemblies as non-voting participants. Each delegate shall be a citizen or resident of the country represented.
- To participate in courses, seminars and similar events of the IFAGG or commissioned by the IFAGG under the same conditions as the A and B Members of the IFAGG.
- To publish information on events in the IFAGG Calendar of International Events under the same conditions as the A and B Members of the IFAGG.

3.4.2 Duties of Associate Members

- To co-operate with other groups which organise AGG.

3.5 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

3.5.1 A member may resign from the IFAGG by a written application to the Council or to the President of the IFAGG or by informing the General Assembly of its resignation, in which case this should be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. IFAGG Membership shall end one month after the receipt by the IFAGG Office of a notice of resignation. The resigning member shall fulfil its financial and other obligations as stipulated in these Statutes until the end of the ongoing calendar year.

3.5.2 If a member fails to meet its financial obligations towards the IFAGG as stipulated in these Statutes, despite a warning sent by registered letter, the following IFAGG General Assembly shall decide on the expulsion of the member from the IFAGG.

3.5.3 The IFAGG General Assembly may decide to expel a member that violates the IFAGG Statutes or other rules issued by the IFAGG. If necessary, the IFAGG Council may immediately deprive an offending member of its membership rights or impose temporary limitations upon the exercise of its rights.

3.5.4 A member that has been expelled under 3.5.2 or 3.5.3 may only be re-admitted to the IFAGG when it has fulfilled its obligations.

4. MEMBERSHIP FEES

4.1 The fee applicable to A, B and C Members shall be decided by an IFAGG Ordinary General Assembly separately for each membership group for the period until the next Ordinary General



Assembly.

4.1.1 The membership fee for the current year shall be payable to the IFAGG Office by 1 March. In exceptional cases the Council may change the payment date.

4.2 If a member fails to pay its fee within two months of the due date, despite a warning by registered letter, it shall lose the rights detailed in section 3 (3.2.4, 3.3.4 and 3.4.1). A member that has not paid all its membership fees can take part in the General Assembly but is not permitted to vote.

4.3 An Associate Member or a newly admitted A, B or C Member shall pay its first fee before being allowed to exercise the rights of membership.

5. SEAT OF THE IFAGG

The Council shall determine the seat of the IFAGG, in conjunction with the appointment of the Secretary General, at its first meeting after each Ordinary General Assembly.

6. FINANCIAL PERIOD

The financial period of the IFAGG shall be one calendar year.

7. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language is Finnish. English is also used in the work of the IFAGG (meetings, correspondence, competition rules, etc.).

8. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The highest decision-making power in the IFAGG is vested in the General Assembly, in which members have the right to be represented. A General Assembly may be either Ordinary or Extraordinary.

8.1 Ordinary General Assembly

The Ordinary General Assembly shall meet annually between 15 May – 31 December. Written invitations shall be sent out to the members at least two months and the final invitation and agenda at least one month before the beginning of the Ordinary General Assembly.

8.2 Extraordinary General Assembly

The Council shall call an Extraordinary General Assembly if it is requested to do so by the General Assembly or the Council or if 40% of the members entitled to vote or members



representing 40% of the votes in the General Assembly request it to handle an announced matter. The Council shall determine the place and date of an Extraordinary General Assembly. It shall be held within three months of the receipt of the request by the Council. The written invitation and agenda for an Extraordinary General Assembly shall be sent out to the members one month before the meeting at the latest. Only those agenda items included in the invitation shall be dealt with at an Extraordinary General Assembly.

8.3 Agenda

At least the following items shall be included on the agenda of an Ordinary General Assembly:

- 8.3.1 Opening of the General Assembly by the President or the Vice President of the IFAGG.
- 8.3.2 Roll call of delegates.
- 8.3.3 Establishing the number of voting members present and stating the quorum.
- 8.3.4 Election of a General Assembly Chairperson and the presiding officers.
- 8.3.5 Election of two persons to check the minutes.
- 8.3.6 Election of three tellers to count votes and observe elections.
- 8.3.7 Membership affairs: Applications for membership, resignations and expulsions.
- 8.3.8 Approval of the agenda, and ruling on the urgency of any items not included (see 8.6.1).
- 8.3.9 Report by the Council on the activities of the IFAGG since the last Ordinary General Assembly, and approval of same.
- 8.3.10 Auditor's report, approval of the accounts (for the previous calendar year) and discharging the Council of liability.
- 8.3.11 International Championships and other IFAGG competitions: applications and appointments.
- 8.3.12 Place and approximate date of the next Ordinary General Assembly.
- 8.3.13 Fees for the calendar year following the General Assembly.
- 8.3.14 Plan of activities and budget for the year following the General Assembly.
- 8.3.15 Approval of the IFAGG's rules for maintenance of discipline.
- 8.3.16 Proposals in accordance with 8.4.
- 8.3.17 Election of the Council in accordance with 8.7



8.3.18 Election of two auditors and one substitute auditor for the current and the following financial period.

8.3.19 General information.

8.3.20 Closure of the General Assembly.

8.4 Proposals

Official members may table proposals. Proposals must reach the IFAGG Office in writing at least two months before the General Assembly.

8.5 Urgent business

Proposals or matters that the IFAGG Office has not been notified of at least two months before the Ordinary General Assembly can only be included in the agenda if they are deemed urgent by the General Assembly. Amendments to the Statutes and the assignment of IFAGG assets and other matters according to §23 of the Associations Act shall not be considered urgent business.

8.6 Voting

Voting, other than in elections, is open, by roll call or show of hands (via the voting card). When voting by roll call, the members shall be read out in alphabetical order of the standard abbreviations.

An A or B Member present at the General Assembly may propose that the vote be determined by secret ballot.

Decisions shall be approved by the General Assembly when more than half of the votes are in favour, subject to the exceptions mentioned below.

8.6.1 A proposal to declare a matter urgent in order to have it included on the agenda shall require a two thirds majority of votes expressed.

8.6.2 An amendment to the Statutes shall require a three quarters majority of votes expressed.

8.7 Elections

8.7.1 The Ordinary General Assembly shall elect the IFAGG Council for a term of two years lasting until the end of the following Ordinary General Assembly. The Council will be elected such that a President and three members are elected every second year and three members every other



year.

The Council shall consist of:

1. A President
2. Six other members

The President will be nominated as the President of the IFAGG.

The Council shall elect the Vice President of the IFAGG from amongst its members.

8.7.2 Voting shall be by secret ballot, unless the General Assembly decides unanimously to the contrary or unless the number of candidates does not exceed the number of places available and nobody asks for voting.

8.7.3 Nominations for the Council are to be submitted in writing to the IFAGG Office not later than two months before the General Assembly. The General Assembly is not bound to this nomination in the election.

Only A and B Members may nominate candidates. A member may propose candidates only from its own country.

The names of the persons nominated shall be mentioned in the Agenda for the General Assembly.

8.7.4 Candidates obtaining the largest number of votes shall be elected. If voting is tied between the candidates, lots shall be drawn.

In the election of the President, the person that gets more than half of the votes is elected.

8.7.5 A three quarters majority of votes expressed shall be required for the election of Honorary Members.

8.7.6 Elections other than those covered in 8.7.1 shall be by open ballot. This applies to elections under 8.3.4, 8.3.5, 8.3.6 and 8.3.18.

8.8 Minutes

Minutes of the General Assembly shall be compiled, and shall be checked by two witnesses and signed by the Chairperson of the meeting.

8.8.1 Decisions of the General Assembly shall come into force at the end of the General Assembly.



9. THE COUNCIL

9.1 The Council shall lead the IFAGG between General Assemblies. The Council shall meet at least two times a year.

9.2 The Council organises its own work in accordance with the Statutes and the decisions of the General Assembly. The duties of the Council shall include the following:

9.2.1 To determine the seat of the IFAGG and appoint the office staff.

9.2.2 To elect a Vice President from amongst the members of the Council. If the President is unable to carry out his/her duties, the Vice President shall take over.

9.2.3. The right to sign for the IFAGG is held by the President and the Vice President, who shall either sign jointly or with another member of the Council who has been authorised to do so by the Council or with an employee authorised to do so by the Council; in addition, two members of the Council authorised by the Council may sign for the IFAGG jointly or with an employee authorised to do so by the Council.

9.2.4 To initiate measures to further the aims of the IFAGG and to implement the resolutions of the General Assembly for the development and spread of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics to the plans of the IFAGG and the working plans for each election period.

9.2.5 To call the General Assembly and prepare the matters to be handled in the meeting and possible changes in the IFAGG Statutes.

9.2.6 To verify the International Competition Rules for the IFAGG and distribute them to all members. To verify observance of the Statutes and other IFAGG rules.

To verify observance of decisions and documentation (e.g. minutes) of the IFAGG.

9.2.7 To keep a list of all members and prepare matters of membership to the General Assembly.

9.2.8 To adjudicate in controversies arising during IFAGG-approved international competitions.

9.2.9 To form such permanent or temporary committees or groups as it deems appropriate to assist it in carrying out its work and fulfilling tasks assigned to it by the General Assembly or specified in an agreed long term plan. The Council is responsible to the General Assembly for the work of all such groups.



9.2.10 To co-operate with those international organisations and institutions contributing to the development and support of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics.

9.2.11 To make proposals to the General Assembly for new honorary members.

9.3 The Council may maintain direct communications with national-level AGG organisations that are not covered by the A or B Member concerned.

9.4 Taking decisions

9.4.1 Notice of a Council meeting, except for a meeting under 9.4.3, shall be sent out at least 4 weeks prior to the meeting by circulating a provisional agenda. Four members shall constitute a quorum, amongst them the President or the Vice President.

9.4.2 Decisions need more than half of the given votes to be passed. If the votes are tied, the President will have the final say.

9.4.3 The Council may hold a meeting by means of electronic communications or some other method that keeps a record of the proceedings if all Council members are in agreement. In the case of an urgent matter, and with the agreement of three quarters of the members of Council, there may be a deviation in the notice of a Council meeting; see 9.4.1.

10. DISPUTES

Any unresolved sports-related dispute between members of the IFAGG or between a member and the IFAGG which in the IFAGG Council's view cannot be settled by reference to the Statutes, General Competition Rules or International Rules of AGG Competition shall be settled definitively by a Court set up in accordance with the Statutes and Regulations of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.

11. AWARDS OF HONOUR, HONORARY MEMBERS

11.1 Awards of honour may be granted.

11.2 Those persons who have given special service to the IFAGG may be appointed Honorary Members of the IFAGG. Such an appointment may be made by the General Assembly on a proposal by the Council (see 8.7.5.). Honorary Members shall not have the right to vote and shall not pay any fees.



12. DISSOLUTION OF THE IFAGG

A three quarters majority of the IFAGG Council may propose the dissolution of the IFAGG. The dissolution becomes effective on approval of the proposal by a three quarters majority of those voting at the General Assembly, provided that at least three quarters of the members entitled to vote are represented at the General Assembly.

The disposal of the assets of the IFAGG shall be decided by the General Assembly dissolving the Federation and shall be in keeping with the aims of the IFAGG.