

Statutes of International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics, IFAGG

I GENERAL

ARTICLE 1 TITLE, LEGAL FORM AND CONSTITUTION

- 1.1 The official name of the organization is The International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics - Kansainvälinen Joukkuevoimisteluliitto ry; hereinafter "*the IFAGG*".
- 1.2 IFAGG is an association governed by the Finnish Law and domiciled in Helsinki, Finland, consisting of the National Organizations that are recognized by IFAGG as controlling, pursuing and developing Organizations for Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (hereinafter referred also to as "*AGG*") in their respective countries.

ARTICLE 2 OBJECTS AND REPRESENTATION

- 2.1 The objects of the IFAGG are the promotion, development and organization of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics world-wide. To encourage friendly relations between all AGG gymnasts, officials and other persons and entities involved. To conform with and respect the general principles and rules of the international sport movement.
- 2.2 The IFAGG represents International Aesthetic Group Gymnastics activities solely to all partners, such as public authorities, media and other exclusively.
- 2.3 The IFAGG act as the supreme authority on all matters relating to international Aesthetic Group Gymnastics.
- 2.4 The further tasks of the IFAGG shall among others be:
 - to commission and supervise World Championships, other IFAGG competitions and AGG international competitions in all recognized disciplines of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics. Details shall be governed by the IFAGG regulations;
 - to draw up universal rules and guidelines for sport of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics and to supervise their proper application.
 - to maintain cordial relations with other international sports organizations and represent the interests of IFAGG and the sport of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics in its dealings with them.
- 2.5 The IFAGG shall respect the autonomy of its members and shall not intervene in their internal affairs unless the member does not obey IFAGG rules and ethical standards.
- 2.6 The IFAGG shall have the right to establish special financial regulations for the events it commissions.

ARTICLE 3 LEGAL SEAT

- 3.1 The location of the legal seat of IFAGG is in Helsinki, Finland.

ARTICLE 4 ETHICAL MATTERS

- 4.1 The IFAGG shall take steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable to prevent any discrimination against a country, or an individual, or group of people for reasons of race, skin colour, ethnic, national or social origin, religion or politics, gender, sexual orientation, or any other status, opinion or reason.

4.2 IFAGG shall work under IOC ethical guidelines. The ethical matters shall be further evolved and governed by the IFAGG Code of Ethics.

ARTICLE 5 DOPING ABUSE

5.1 In case of Doping abuse within IFAGG activities the WADA Anti-Doping Code and the relevant IFAGG regulations are applicable. The IFAGG declares that doping is prohibited, and the provisions of the WADA Anti-Doping Code shall apply to all persons and competitors under the jurisdiction of the IFAGG and its members.

ARTICLE 6 PUBLICATIONS

6.1 To inform its members of official publications and invitations, the IFAGG can create its own publications/medium.

6.2 Details shall be governed by an IFAGG regulation.

ARTICLE 7 ADMINISTRATION- / FINANCIAL-YEAR

7.1 The administrative year and the financial year run from the 1st of January to the 31st of December.

II MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 8 MEMBERSHIP OF IFAGG WITHIN OTHER FEDERATIONS

8.1 The aim of IFAGG is to co-operate within the international sports community and to gain membership in International Sports Organizations.

8.2 In differences of statutes, IFAGG Statutes take precedence.

ARTICLE 9 MEMBERSHIP WITHIN THE IFAGG

9.1 The IFAGG recognizes the following categories of membership:

- a) Ordinary membership (also referred to as A membership)
- b) Club membership (also referred to as B membership)
- c) Honorary membership

9.2 Membership can be granted to all National Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Organizations that are not members of other International AGG Organizations, and its aim is to promote and preserve Aesthetic Group Gymnastics and participate actively in national and international AGG work and competitions and AGG national activities and activities organized by IFAGG.

9.3 The applicants shall be granted either the ordinary or club membership if their statutes and regulations correspond to the statutes of the IFAGG and the conditions for membership in the IFAGG are fulfilled.

9.4 A country's representation can be in only one category of membership.

9.5 The decision to admit new ordinary and new club members is made by the Council.

ARTICLE 10 ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP (A membership)

- 10.1 The Organization that can be granted ordinary membership by the Council shall be:
A National Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Organization that represents/covers/groups national individual organizations (e.g. clubs).
- 10.2 One (1) ordinary membership shall be granted for each country.
- 10.3 The ordinary members shall consist of at least four (4) national individual organizations (e.g. clubs) or represent comprehensively the national Aesthetic Group Gymnastics federations / teams.
- 10.4 The ordinary member shall be the Organizer of National AGG Championships and other national official AGG competitions.

ARTICLE 11 CLUB MEMBERSHIP (B membership)

- 11.1 The Organization that can be granted club membership shall be:
a sole registered/individual national Organization (e.g. club) that does not represent/cover/group more national organizations (e.g. clubs) in a country.
- 11.2 There can be maximum three club members from one country.
- 11.3 The club membership shall be granted by the Council.

ARTICLE 12 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- 12.1 The title of Honorary Member may be granted to an individual person who has rendered meritorious service to the IFAGG.
- 12.2 The Council, ordinary and club members shall submit the name of any such person to the General Assembly for approval.
- 12.3 The General Assembly may grant the title of Honorary Member.
- 12.4 Honorary members shall be invited to the General Assembly and take part in discussion, but have no voting power. Honorary members are exempted from the membership fee.

ARTICLE 13 MEMBERS RIGHTS

- 13.1. All official members have the rights given them by the IFAGG Statutes, IFAGG regulations, rules, directions and any other documentation and decisions issued by IFAGG and its bodies. Unless otherwise stated in the Statutes, the members shall have equal rights.
- 13.2 Ordinary and club members are entitled to:
- a) Full Co-management of all IFAGG activities within the limits of the competence given by the Statutes.
 - b) To participate at the General Assembly with a voting status of 5 votes per ordinary member.

To participate at the General Assembly with voting a status of 1 vote per club member.

- c) To send official delegates to the IFAGG General Assemblies.
- d) To make proposals to the General Assembly and to the Council and other IFAGG bodies and express its views on any matter which concerns it.
- e) To nominate its members as candidates to IFAGG organs.
- f) To participate in IFAGG events in accordance with the conditions stated in the invitation and rules.
- g) Allow their teams to participate in International Competitions sanctioned by the IFAGG, according to the Competition Regulations.
- h) To apply for permission from IFAGG to organize international AGG competitions, championships, and other events of the IFAGG.
- i) To use the name of AGG in their countries on a national level.
- j) To use the Rules of AGG and to translate them into the language of the member's country.

ARTICLE 14 MEMBERS DUTIES

14.1 Members shall:

- a) Be aware of the Statues, regulations, decisions and other directions of the IFAGG and its bodies and to brief their own members on them.
- b) Omit any activities that could be detrimental to the interests and the status of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics in general and the IFAGG in particular.
- c) Fulfil the requirements of the Financial Regulations.
- d) Fulfil the requirements of their membership criteria and prove these are fulfilled annually as stipulated by IFAGG Regulations.

ARTICLE 15 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

15.1 The applicants applying for ordinary or club membership shall address a written request (all documents in English) to this effect to the IFAGG Office.

15.2 The resolution on the application for ordinary or club membership shall be given by the Council in timely manner from the receipt of the application. If the Council decides to decline the application, the decision shall contain the reason for refusal.

15.3 It is allowed that only one (1) ordinary member or only maximum three (3) club members are approved as members of IFAGG from the same country at the same time. If an ordinary member is approved from a country with existing club members, and such club members do not themselves resign their membership in connection with approval of an ordinary member, the closest General Assembly must decide on expulsion of the club members.

ARTICLE 16 LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

16.1 The membership expires by:

- a) resignation (withdrawal)
- b) expulsion
- c) dissolution of the association

16.2 The expiration of membership does not dispense from any member's duties during the membership. The ex-member shall fulfil all its financial as well as other obligations as stipulated in these Statutes until the end of the current Administrative / Financial year.

ARTICLE 17 RESIGNATION

17.1 Resignation from the IFAGG may be made by a written notice to the IFAGG Office.

17.2 Membership in IFAGG ends after the closest General Assembly, where the resignation is announced and noted.

ARTICLE 18 EXPULSION

18.1 If a member fails to meet its financial obligations towards the IFAGG or duties as stipulated in these Statutes, despite a warning sent to the member's official contact email, the following IFAGG General Assembly shall decide on the expulsion of the member from the IFAGG. An ordinary member, who no longer fulfills the criteria set for ordinary membership, may also be demoted to club membership.

III. BODIES

ARTICLE 19 BODIES

19.1 The mandatory bodies of the IFAGG are:

- a) The General Assembly
- b) The Council
- c) The Disciplinary Committee
- d) The Technical Committee

19.2 Further, the IFAGG may also have working groups.

A. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ARTICLE 20 ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20.1 The General Assembly is the supreme body of the IFAGG. An Ordinary General Assembly shall be held every year between 15.5. and 31.12.

20.2 The General Assembly, including its place and time, shall be announced by the Council at latest 60 full days in advance. The written final invitation and agenda shall be sent to the members at latest 30 full days in advance of the Assembly. The documents related to the summons to the General Assembly; the Council reports, the financial report, auditors report, budget, nominations and any motions and proposals of the IFAGG members shall be made available to the IFAGG members at latest 20 full days before the Assembly.

20.3 General Assembly may be attended via remote access, such as video conference.

ARTICLE 21 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21.1 The Extraordinary General Assembly can be called:

- based on the Council's decision or
- based on claim of ordinary and club members representing at least 1/3 of the total amount of the voting members.

21.2 The Extraordinary General Assembly shall be held within 60 full days of the delivery of the claim from the members representing at least 1/3 of the total amount of the voting members

to the IFAGG Office. If the Extraordinary General Assembly is called based on the Council's decision, the Council sets the date for the Extraordinary General Assembly. The written final invitation, agenda and materials shall be sent to the members at latest 20 full days in advance.

ARTICLE 22 NOMINATIONS, MOTIONS AND PROPOSALS

22.1 Candidates for election to any mandatory bodies of the IFAGG shall be nominated and nominations shall be sent to the IFAGG Office at least 60 full days in advance of the General Assembly. Members (persons) of an ordinary or club membership are eligible for elections.

22.2 All proposals and motions of the ordinary or club members shall be sent to the IFAGG Office at least 60 full days in advance of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 23 AGENDA AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23.1 The functions and competence of the General Assembly are:

- a) Opening of the General Assembly by the President or the Vice President of IFAGG
- b) Stating of ordinary and club members present, the voting roll and stating the quorum
- c) Election of the General Assembly Chairperson and the secretary
- d) Election of two persons to check the minutes
- e) Election of three tellers to count votes and observe elections
- f) Approval of the Agenda
- g) Expulsion or demotion of ordinary or club members
- h) Approval of the Council reports
- i) Approval of the financial report and the auditor's report
- j) Decision on freedom of responsibility for the Council
- k) Decision on membership fee
- l) Approval of the budget and working plan for the next year
- m) Elections:
 - IFAGG President and Council members according to Articles 25 and 28-29
 - chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee according to Articles 25 and 32
- n) Appointment of a chartered auditor and a substitute auditor
- o) Examinations and decisions on proposals and motions of the members
- p) Approval of IFAGG Disciplinary Regulations (e.g. Disciplinary Rules)
- q) Decision on World Championships organizer according to bids from members
- r) Decision on all affairs being reserved for the General Assembly by the statutes or by law
- s) Modification of the Statutes
- t) Appointment of Honorary member
- u) Approximate place and date for the next General Assembly

ARTICLE 24 VOTING STATUS

- 24.1 Each ordinary or club member is allowed to participate at the General Assembly with delegates empowered by official powers of attorney issued by the National Organization - e.g. ordinary or club member. A person can only represent one IFAGG member. Delegates shall be citizens or residents of the country of the represented ordinary/club member and must be members of the represented ordinary/clubmember.
- 24.2. Each Ordinary member which has fulfilled its obligations to IFAGG is entitled to vote with five (5) votes and each club member which has fulfilled its obligations to IFAGG is entitled to vote with one (1) vote. One (1) nominated delegate, authorized by the power of attorney issued by the ordinary member or club member, has all five (5) votes or one (1) vote belonging to the respective ordinary or club member at the appropriate General Assembly. The Council informs the voting roll and distributes it together with the documents of the General Assembly at least 20 full days before the General Assembly.
- 24.3. Members of The Council and other bodies have the right to be present at the Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly. They do not have the right to vote at the General Assembly, unless they represent an ordinary or club member.

ARTICLE 25 ELECTIONS AND DECISIONS

- 25.1 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. Decisions are generally voted by open ballot unless majority of the voters insist a closed one.
- 25.2 Any decision of the General Assembly, including decisions to amend the Statutes, shall take effect immediately, unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly, or unless a state authority approval is needed for such change.
- 25.3 Elections 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 secret voting.
- 25.4 Elections and decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by simple majority of the present votes, unless the Statutes states otherwise.
- 25.5 Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by higher than majority in the following cases:
- a) The modification of the IFAGG Statutes shall become effective by the decision of a 3/4 majority of votes present at the General Assembly.
 - b) The dissolution of the IFAGG shall become effective only by the decision of a 3/4 majority of votes present at the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 26 PROTOCOL (MINUTES)

- 26.1 The minutes shall be sent to the members within 30 full days from when the General Assembly has been held.

B. THE COUNCIL

ARTICLE 27 FUNCTION

27.1 The Council leads the IFAGG and it is the executive body of IFAGG.

ARTICLE 28 COMPOSITION

28.1 The Council should consist of the President and eight members. The President and eight Council members are elected by the General Assembly.

28.2 No more than one person residing in the same country can be elected as member of the Council.

28.3 The term of office for the President and members of the Council shall be four years. 1/4 of the Council members (e.g. depending of the year two Council members or two Council members and the President) shall be elected every year to replace those in turn to retire.

28.4 The retiring members and the President shall be eligible for two times re-election, maximum three (3) consecutive terms in one position.

28.5 The Council appoints annually two Council members to be Vice Presidents of the IFAGG based on the proposal made by the President.

ARTICLE 29 CONSTITUTION AND ORGANISATION

29.1 When the voting concerns elections, the person or those persons with the most votes shall be considered elected.

29.2 The exact voting procedure is stated by "Voting Procedure Rules" which is approved by the General Assembly.

29.3 Within the members of the Council there shall be appointed two Vice Presidents – 1st Vice-President and the Vice-President - annually.

29.4 The procedure within the Council, the functions and competence of the Council members shall be governed by rules of procedure and responsibility lists by the IFAGG Regulations.

ARTICLE 30 COMPETENCE AND PROCEDURES

30.1 The Council shall be responsible for the management and administration of the IFAGG and shall take decisions on all matters which do not require a General Assembly decision. The Council may delegate some of its powers.

30.2 The Council approves and enacts the IFAGG Regulations, except of these Statutes and such regulations which the General Assembly reserves to its sole competence.

30.3 The President or a vice-president or a Council member appointed by the Council, each alone, has a right to sign on behalf of IFAGG.

30.4 The Council appoints the members of Disciplinary Committee, and Chairpersons and members of the Technical Committee.

30.5 The Council can install Working Groups for specific duties and purposes with adequate competences and appoint their chairpersons and members.

- 30.6 The Council members are allowed to be members of the Working Groups. The Council members are not allowed to be members of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 30.7 In order to fulfil all the requirements in the administration the Council appoints a General Secretary.
- 30.8 The Council shall have a quorum of simple majority of its members, including the President and the Vice-Presidents.

C. THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 32 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (DC)

- 32.1 The General Assembly elects the Chairperson of the DC for the two (2) years term. Minimum three (3) members of the DC are appointed by the Council for the period of two (2) years.
- 32.2. DC is authorized to investigate and sanction any breach of IFAGG Statutes and IFAGG Regulations.
- 32.3. The IFAGG Regulations state competences and procedures of the DC in detail.

D. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC)

ARTICLE 34 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC)

- 34.1 The Chairperson and minimum three (3) members of the TC are appointed by the Council for the period of three (3) years.
- 34.2. The TC's main aim is to review, amend and prepare the competitions and consequent rules of AGG. The TC obligations and responsibilities shall be governed by the IFAGG regulations.
- 34.3. The IFAGG Regulations state competences and procedures of the TC.

E. WORKING GROUPS (WG)

ARTICLE 35 WORKING GROUPS WG

- 35.1 The Council may create permanent or temporary Working Groups (WG) in order to deal with specific matters.
- 35.2 The competences and powers of Working Groups are decided and granted by the Council.

IV ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 36 OFFICE

- 36.1 The Office shall carry out all the administrative work of IFAGG under the direction of the Secretary General and President.

ARTICLE 37 SECRETARY GENERAL

- 37.1 The Secretary General is the chief executive of the IFAGG Office and shall be appointed by the Council.
- 37.2 The competences and powers of the Secretary General are decided and granted by the Council and defined by the IFAGG Regulations.

V FINANCES

ARTICLE 38 REVENUES

38.1 The revenues of the IFAGG consist, amongst others, of:

- membership fees
- license fees
- organizing fees
- events participation fees
- sanction fees (in accordance with competition or disciplinary rules)
- subventions, donations, gifts, legacies
- possible returns of sale of goods and services related to the purpose and functions of the organization.

ARTICLE 39 MEMBERSHIP FEE

39.1 The membership fee for ordinary and club members shall be decided by an IFAGG ordinary General Assembly separately for each membership group for the period until the next ordinary General Assembly.

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

39.3 If a member fails to pay its fee within two months of the due date, despite a warning by letter, sent to the member's official contact email, it shall lose the rights detailed in Article 13. A member that has not paid all of its membership fees can take part in the General Assembly but is not permitted to vote.

39.4 A newly admitted ordinary or club member shall pay its first fee before being allowed to exercise the rights of membership.

ARTICLE 40 INDEMNITIES AND CHARGES

40.1 The indemnities and charges of any member of an IFAGG body or representatives of the IFAGG shall be governed by the IFAGG Financial Regulations.

ARTICLE 41 LIABILITY

41.1 The IFAGG is liable for its engagements exclusively and only with its own assets. It is excluded to have a recourse to the IFAGG members.

ARTICLE 42 EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNT / AUDITORS

42.1 The General Assembly shall appoint one accountant and one deputy auditor for a term of office of one year to examine the financial report of the IFAGG every year. The auditors' reports shall be submitted to the General Assembly.

VI DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AND DISPUTES

ARTICLE 43 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

43.1 Disciplinary measure shall be solved by the Disciplinary Organs in accordance with the Code of Discipline, Code of Ethics, these Statutes and other relevant IFAGG regulations.

ARTICLE 44 DISPUTES

44.1 Disputes shall be primarily solved by negotiations of the involved parties. The Disciplinary

Organs may help to settle and solve the sport-related disputes in accordance with the Code of Discipline, Code of Ethics, these Statutes and other relevant IFAGG Regulations.

- 44.2 Any unresolved sports-related dispute between members of the IFAGG or between a member and the IFAGG which cannot be settled / solved within internal procedures of IFAGG (such as disciplinary procedures, mediation and other internal procedures) and/or cannot be settled by reference to these Statutes, General Competition Rules, International Rules of AGG Competition, Code of Discipline, Code of Ethics or any other IFAGG regulations 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. The language of the arbitration shall be English.

VII MISCELLANEOUS

ARTICLE 45 GOVERNING LAW AND LEGAL FORUM

- 45.1 These Statutes shall be governed in all respects by Finnish Law.

ARTICLE 46 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

- 46.1 The official language of the IFAGG is Finnish and the Statutes of IFAGG in Finnish are the official version. If in any other Regulations there are discrepancies between different languages, the English version is prevailing.
- 46.2 The working language of IFAGG is English. All meetings of the Federation shall be conducted in English. Mandatory official documents shall be written in Finnish and English, other documentation in English. Each ordinary and club member shall be responsible for its own translation.

ARTICLE 47 MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES AND DISSOLUTION

- 47.1 The modification of the IFAGG Statutes shall become effective by the decision of a 3/4 majority of votes present at the General Assembly.
- 47.2 Dissolution of IFAGG is resolved by 3/4 majority of votes presented in the General Assembly. The General Assembly deciding on the dissolution of IFAGG shall decide on the use of the assets of IFAGG for the advancement of the purpose of IFAGG.

VIII CONCLUDING CLAUSES

ARTICLE 48 ENACTING CLAUSE

- 48.1 These statutes were adopted by the IFAGG General Assembly in Graz, Austria on 24.11.2022. They supersede those dated 17.12.2021 and come into force immediately after being approved by the Finnish state register.

ARTICLE 49 TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS

- 49.1 Facts that have accrued in advance of the enacting of these Statutes shall be judged/interpreted in accordance to the former Regulations.
- 49.2 Any decisions of the IFAGG Bodies shall stay to be effective as far as they are not contradictory to these Statutes or applicable Finnish or international laws.