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STATUTES

I – COMPOSITION

Article 1

F.I.S.E.C. (Fédération Internationale Sportive de l'Enseignement Catholique) consists of various national organisations of Catholic Education whose aim is to integrate physical and sports education in education and who are recognised by the Catholic Education Committee of their country.

These organisations are entitled to represent their country with a single national delegation.

Article 2

The duration of FISEC is without limit. Its headquarters are in PARIS; this can be transferred to a different place after a decision taken at the General Assembly.

Article 3

A country's application for membership is to be sent by registered letter to the FISEC President. It shall contain a commitment to accept the present statutes and to pay the annual fee. It shall be accompanied by the organisation's statutes. It shall be subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

In the context of the second paragraph of Article 1 above, when, in a country, there are several organisations with different statutes, the application for membership must be accompanied by their statutes and a joint document which determines how they will be represented and their participation in the FISEC activities.

Article 4

A country may lose its membership either through resignation or through its removal from the organisation. The decision for removal shall be delivered by the General Assembly by a majority of 2/3 of the votes cast or represented, after an invitation to the country concerned to submit its defence in writing.

Article 5

FISEC is an independent organisation. However, it acts in line with the objectives of the OIEC (Office International de l'Enseignement Catholique). It prohibits any event or discussion which is not in line with its objectives.

2. OBJECTIVES

Article 6

In the context of its participation in the overall education of youths, and in keeping with the specific nature of their sports activities, the purpose of the FISEC is to:

- participate in the promotion of physical and sport education,
- facilitate meetings and exchanges between youths,
- contribute to the development of school sports,
- research, in conjunction with other international bodies, the problems in the sports sector,
- organise and coordinate all activities with the purpose of promoting a christian education,
- participate in the life of the whole international community in particular through understanding and friendship among youths.

Article 7

In order to achieve its objectives, FISEC may organise sports events, publish newsletters, promote congresses and meetings on physical education and sport, and generally use any other appropriate means.

Depending on the circumstances, FISEC reserves the right to set up regional structures, in line with those of the OIEC.

3. STRUCTURES

Article 8

The official bodies of FISEC are:

- the General Assembly,
- the Executive Bureau
- the international committees
- the Staff

3.1. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 9

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of FISEC. It shall meet at least once a year when convened. The meeting invitation shall be send 30 days before the date of the meeting.

Article 10

The General Assembly consists of:

- delegations from the member countries with a maximum of six members,
- members of the Executive Bureau,
- the Bureau Secretary.

The following are also invited:

- the Presidents of the various committees established in accordance with Article 12,
- a representative of the various organisations with whom FISEC has signed an agreement,
- the founding members and members of honour,
- any person invited by the President after obtaining the opinion of the Executive Bureau.

Article 11

The members of the Executive Bureau shall each be entitled to one vote. Each member country is entitled to 2 votes. In addition, each country is entitled to 1 additional vote if it has between 50 and 100 participants and 2 additional votes if it has beyond 100 participants, the calculation being made on the number of participants over the last three years.

Any member country or any member of the Executive Bureau who is prevented from participating in the General Assembly may be represented by another member, who may not have more than one authority.

The other participants are in an advisory capacity.

Article 12

The General Assembly shall:

- elect the members of the Executive Bureau,
- provide general guidelines,
- discuss and approve the annual, technical and financial reports,
- approve the estimated budget presented by the Executive Bureau and fix the contribution and amount of participation fees,
- decide upon the membership of the countries which have requested it,
- nominate the countries responsible for the organisation of the various sports events, which remain under its control;
- may set up committees whose competence is specified in the rules of procedure of each of them,
- approve the General Rules of Procedure, the Technical Regulations for Sports Events and the Rules of Procedure of each committee,
- appoint the honorary members, on a proposal from the Executive Bureau.

Article 13

The Ordinary General Meeting shall be valid only if at least half of the member countries are present or represented. If there is no quorum, a new Assembly shall be convened within a period of three months. The newly convened Assembly may deliberate irrespective of the number of member countries present or represented.

Article 14

The President, or in his/her absence one of the Vice-Presidents, shall be responsible for chairing the Assembly.

Article 15

Decisions are taken by a majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote. For the election of the members of the Executive Bureau the majority of 2/3 of the votes is required for the first 2 rounds. From the 3rd round, the 2 best placed candidates are selected; the election shall be by a simple majority.

Article 16

Only member countries that have paid their contributions and participation fees shall be entitled to vote.

3.2. THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU

Article 17

The Executive Board shall be the Implementing Agency of the Organisation.

The Executive Bureau shall comprise five members, who shall elect a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and a secretary, from among their number. In addition, the President of the CTI and the President of the CIRPP shall be members of the Executive Bureau with the right to vote.

Furthermore, the Executive Bureau nominates, for four years, apart from its members, an executive Secretary outside the Bureau who needs to be a citizen of one of the member countries; his/her mandate is renewable.

Article 18

The term of office of the members of the Executive Bureau shall be four years, renewable. They are elected in a personal capacity and must have the nationality of a member country.

Article 19

The Executive Bureau:

- leads FISEC in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the General Assembly,
- maintains relations with the other international organisations,
- draws up the agenda of the General Assembly,
- submits the annual, technical and financial reports for the approval of the General Assembly and the results of the various commissions' reports and deliberations,
- draws up the draft and the amendments to the General Rules of Procedure,
- approves the plans for the organisation of sports events,
- may establish working groups for a limited period of time,
- proposes the admission of honorary members to the General Assembly;
- meets at least twice a year.

To serve as such, the Executive Bureau shall convene at least four of its members, including the President or a Vice-President. Decisions are taken by a majority of votes cast. Each member has one vote. In the event of a tie, the vote of the President or the Vice-President replacing him/her shall have the casting vote.

Article 20

Members of the Executive Bureau may not receive, with the exception of reimbursement of expenses, any fees due to the duties assigned to them.

Article 21

The President represents the organisation and engages in all acts of civil life. He/She may delegate powers under the conditions laid down in the General Rules of Procedure.

3.3 THE COMMITTEES

The current Committees are:

- the International Committee for Educational and Pastoral Studies (CIRPP)
- the International Technical Committee (CTI)

3.4 THE STAFF

Given the requirements of the organisation of the Games and the necessity of obtaining a level of organisation which is comparable irrespective of the country that is organising the Games, FISEC offers COJFI the services and the expertise of its staff.

The Executive Bureau mandates the STAFF as responsible for communication for the organising country on the occasion of the FISEC Games.

4. SPORTS EVENTS

Article 22

All sports meetings that have received prior approval from the Executive Bureau may be organised under the auspices of FISEC.

Article 23

Only pupils enrolled in the registers of the establishment for which they regularly attend courses, whatever their nationality, may participate in these events.

Article 24

The activities of FISEC comply with the principles of amateur sport.

Article 25

The regulations governing the sports events are drawn up by the International Technical Commission and endorsed by the General Assembly.

5. THE RESOURCES

Article 26

The FISEC resources are made up by:

- the contributions of its members,
- the participation fees,
- the donations from honorary members and benefactors,
- the grants from all persons and organisations.

Article 27

The contributions and the participation fees for the current year must be paid before the General Assembly.

6. GENERAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Article 28

The functioning of the Organisation is laid down in detail in the General Rules of Procedure, mainly derogations that are not in conflict with these Statutes.

7. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 29

Only an Extraordinary General Assembly has the power to amend the statutes or decide on the dissolution of the Organisation.

Articles 9 to 16 of these statutes shall apply to these meetings, with the exception of the quorum set at 2/3 of those entitled to vote and the decisions to be taken by a majority of 2/3 of the votes cast.

Article 30

In the event of dissolution, the Extraordinary General Assembly shall appoint one or more persons responsible for the liquidation of the assets belonging to the Organisation and shall determine the allocation of the net assets to one or more associations pursuing similar objectives.

The dissolution is final only after the results have been submitted to the ratification of a new Extraordinary General Assembly.

Article 31

The statutes are drafted in different languages, the French text being authentic.

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