



*World Capoeira Federation  
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# **STATUTE OF THE WORLD CAPOEIRA FEDERATION**

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## **Article 1. General provisions**

- 1.1. World Capoeira Federation (hereinafter referred as "Federation") public union is a volunteer non-profit International Organization, which was established by the missions determined in this statute in accordance with international legal norms and laws of a state where it is registered.
- 1.2. The official name of the Federation is World Capoeira Federation.
- 1.3. The location of the Federation is in Tallinn, Estonia.
- 1.4. Federation is a non-political and non-religious organization and it doesn't allow racial, hereditary and gender discrimination within the framework of its activity.
- 1.5. The federation is entitled to award pacts, agreements and contracts which are not contrary to this statute, to get the proprietary and private non-proprietary right, to participate as a claimant and defendant at the court.
- 1.6. Fiscal year of the Federation is from 1<sup>st</sup> January till 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- 1.7. The official languages of the Federation are English and Portuguese. All official documents must be published in at least one of these languages. In the event of any discrepancy in the document or interpretation, the English shall prevail. The local language in which the Federation is registered is considered a working language.

## **Article 2. The mission and the subject of activity of the Federation**

- 2.1. The primary missions of the Federation are: to promote capoeira as a kind of worldwide sport, to take necessary measures in this direction, to create sport standards for Capoeira and to involve people to mass competitions, to make friendly and fraternal relations between national capoeira federations, groups and schools by joining them together, as well as achieve capoeira joining the Olympics.
- 2.2. The Federation must try to preserve the historical roots of Capoeira and prevent the political and cultural influence of nations.
- 2.3. The activity of the Federation includes:
  - a. to cooperate with the sport organizations, including International Olympic Committee as well as other organizations for the development of capoeira;
  - b. to popularize capoeira together with national capoeira federations, groups, schools and other capoeira organizations, to unify them on the basis of volunteerism and mutual consent for the development of capoeira;
  - c. to train highly-qualified sportsmen, trainers, referees, capoeira masters and other specialists;
  - d. to comply its activity with the requirements of the Olympic Charter, International Conventions, Olympic Movement medical code and World anti-doping code and to follow them strictly;
  - e. to defend the interests and rights of the sportsmen, trainers, capoeira masters and other specialists, to take care of sportsmen-veterans.

### **Article 3. Principle rights of the Federation**

- 3.1. The Federation is entitled with the following rights:
- a. to prepare and realize the development program of capoeira in the world;
  - b. to allow the national federations meeting the requirements to organize tournaments, competitions, seminars, cord exams (batizado) and other mass sport events;
  - c. to represent capoeira in international games and events;
  - d. to manage organizing and holding the seminars and technical exams (degrees) of athletes, trainers, capoeira masters and other sport specialists, to confer sport degrees and awards on the basis of results of the organized event;
  - e. to realize holding events on attestation and qualification improvement of trainers, instructors, referees and sportsmen;
  - f. to record the materials with the activity of the trainer on different types of capoeira in the world;
  - g. to form headquarters, alliances and offices on continents and separate regions, register current organizations of this type;
  - h. to sign pacts, contracts and other agreements with legal entities and individuals;
  - i. to carry out the construction and exploitation of sport facilities;
  - j. to rent offices, buildings, sport halls, facilities and other places related with the activity of the Federation in the country or abroad;
  - k. to advertise the products and marks of the sponsors in the competitions within the local legislation;
  - l. to organize qualified firm shops, cafés, film studios;
  - m. to carry out publishing activities, production and release of films and video products complying with the major direction of the activity of the Federation, as well as their realization;
  - n. to establish all the fields related with sport facilities, inventories, attributes, advertisement and other products, to create condition for their realization and to carry them out.
- 3.2. The Federation may also use the other potential means, which are not forbidden by law, for the worldwide development of capoeira.

### **Article 4. Rules for the membership, rights and duties of the members**

- 4.1. The membership in the federation is voluntary. Federation has 4 (four) types of membership: Individual membership, Full membership, Associate membership and Honorary membership.
- 4.2. Individual membership. Irrespective of nationality, capoeira group, gender or age any individual can request Federation's individual membership. Individual members do not have voting right at conferences and cannot nominate their candidates for elections. The President of the Federation or a person authorized by the President adopts the decision on the admission of individual member;

- 4.3. Full membership. Full members of the Federation are National and Continental Capoeira Federations (Associations). The Management Board adopts the decision on the admission of Full member. The Federation recognizes one Full member from each country and one Full member from each continent. The following conditions shall be met to apply for Full membership:
  - a. the applicant's legal form must be "non-governmental";
  - b. the applicant's statute and rules must comply with the Federation's statute and rules;
  - c. national federations must consolidate the majority of capoeira schools and associations in this country and continental federations the majority of national federations in the continent;
  - d. the applicant shall provide transparent, impartial and independent elections and the process of nominating candidates.
- 4.4. Associate membership. Capoeira groups and any kind of capoeira organizations (Associations, schools, clubs etc) having aims and objects identical to those defined by the Federation can request an Associate membership. The President of the Federation adopts the decision on the admission of Associate member. Associate members may participate in Federation's conferences with consultative vote. Associate members cannot nominate their candidates for elections.
- 4.5. Honorary membership. The sportsmen, coaches, masters and other members of the Federation, as well as scientists, public officials and public figures who significantly assisted to the development of the Federation and/or Capoeira can be awarded with Honorary membership by the Management Board. Honorary members may participate in conferences with consultative vote. Honorary members cannot nominate their candidates for elections.
- 4.6. Membership applications to be reviewed within a month and then corresponding response is given.
- 4.7. The members of the Federation have the following rights:
  - a. to participate in Federation's competitions;
  - b. to bear an official ID document of the Federation;
  - c. to send complain to corresponding bodies of the Federation regarding admittance to membership and discharge from the Federation (this item also applies to candidate members)
  - d. to appeal to Federation's Management Board for supporting their interests;
  - e. to object and to complain about corresponding member and body of the Federation;
  - f. to be informed about the Federation's activity;
  - g. to participate in discussions related to their own rights and duties.
- 4.8. The Full members have the following additional rights:
  - a. to vote and nominate candidates in Federation's elections and conferences;
  - b. to take part in general planning of the Federation's activity and in discussing of the results;
  - c. to act as the sole representative of the Federation in their country (for continental federations on the continent);

- d. National Federations have a right to assemble a national team by method of holding national competitions.
- 4.9. The obligations of all members of the Federation are:
  - a. to follow the Statute, rules and regulations of the Federation, to refer them in the activity;
  - b. regularly participate in Federation's events;
  - c. regularly pay membership fee;
  - d. to assist realization of aims of the Federation;
  - e. to implement the decisions of the authorities of the Federation.
- 4.10. The Full members have the following additional obligations:
  - a. to impose the Federation's statute, rules and regulations on all its affiliated entities and members;
  - b. to organize competitions and other events in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Federation;
- 4.11. Membership in the Federation is terminated in the following situations:
  - a. voluntary refuse from membership;
  - b. getting discharge from membership.
- 4.12. A member of the Federation is discharged from membership in the following situations:
  - a. non-payment of membership fees;
  - b. regularly violate the provisions of the statute;
  - c. avoidance from assisting to realization of aims and duties of the Federation;
  - d. regularly non-participation in events without any excusable reason;
  - e. undisciplined actions;
  - f. committing mistakes that may damage the reputation, activity and general interests of the Federation.

## **Article 5. Supreme Body of the Federation**

- 5.1. Supreme Body of the Federation is its Full members' General Conference.
- 5.2. General Conference held at least once a year.
- 5.3. Out-of-turn meetings of the General Conference are held in following situations:
  - a. with demand of at least 2/3 members;
  - b. with demand of at least 1/2 members of Management Board of the Federation;
  - c. when the Federation is liquidated.
- 5.4. Executive bodies of the Federation must provide members of the Federation with information about convening General Conference, its place and time at least 3 months before the meeting.
- 5.5. General Conference can adopt any decisions connected with the Federation's activity that is not contradicting with demands of this regulation.
- 5.6. Consideration of the following issues and making decisions on them are the main authorities of General Conference:
  - a. adoption of the statute of the Federation, making additions and amendments;
  - b. identification of the main directions of activity of the Federation;

- c. identification of Federation property's formation and usage principles;
  - d. election of the President and Vice presidents, Secretary General, members of Management Board, Chair of Supervisory Commission, , Chair of Council of Masters and if it is necessary termination of their powers before the time;
  - e. ratification of annual budget of the Federation;
  - f. review of annual reports of bodies of the Federation, as well as annual financial reports of the Federation;
  - g. making decision on reformation and abolition of the Federation.
- 5.7. General conference considered authorized if more than a half of Full members participate in it.
- 5.8. Decisions on issues related to main authorities of General Conference as set out in this statute are adopted when 2/3 of the Full members vote in General Conference, but the decisions on remaining issues are adopted by a simple majority of votes. Each Full member of General Conference has only one vote. If in voting on issues that are decided by simple majority of votes at the General Conference, the votes are equal, the vote of the chair of the meeting becomes decisive.

### **Article 6. Management Board of the Federation**

- 6.1. Management Board is a head of executive body of the Federation and is one of the principal bodies leading current activity of the Federation during General inter-Conference period. The chairperson of the Management Board is the President of the Federation.
- 6.2. Management Board consists of maximum 12 members. It composes of President, 4 Vice presidents, Secretary General, Chair of Council of Masters and 5 elected members; Member of Supervisory Commission can't be a member of Management Board.
- 6.3. Management Board is elected for 4 (four) years by General Conference.
- 6.4. Meetings of Management Board are convened by its Chair or on the initiative of 2/3 of members.
- 6.5. Management Board:
- a. determines its procedural rules;
  - b. establishes headquarters, unions and offices on continents and regions, terminates its activities;
  - c. accepts budget of the Federation and presents it for approval of General Conference;
  - d. elects chiefs and members of other elective bodies during General inter-Conference period as necessary, except chair of Supervisory Commission;
  - e. realizes general management of departments and sections of the Federation;
  - f. approves staff list of the Federation;
  - g. determines wages according to the staff list of the Federation;
  - h. appoints membership fee for members of the Federation;
  - i. solves other issues related to its authority for purposes of the Federation;
- 6.6. Management Board is authorized when 1/2 of members participate.

- 6.7. Decisions of Management Board are adopted by simple majority of votes in an open voting. The vote of the chair of the Management Board is considered decisive if the votes are equal.

### **Article 7. President of the Federation**

- 7.1. President and Vice presidents of the Federation are elected for 4 (four) years by General Conference.
- 7.2. President manages fulfillment of duties, which are coming out from the requirements of this statute and decisions of the principal bodies of the Federation.
- 7.3. President of the Federation:
- a. deals with issue related to the appointment of Individual and Associate members to the Federation and Council of Masters;
  - b. realizes current management of administrative office of the Federation;
  - c. represents the Federation in relation to the third persons and makes civil agreements with them, concludes contracts and agreements;
  - d. appoints employees and dismisses them;
  - e. conducts meetings of Management Board and organizes General Conference;
  - f. gives orders, instructions within his/her authorities;
  - g. awards employees financially, concludes contracts and agreements, makes arrangements with property and means of the Federation, carries out operations in banks and other financial-credit institutions, represents interests of the Federation in governmental and other organizations;
  - h. certifies administrative documents of the Federation with seal and signature;
  - i. fulfills other functions coming out of the requirements of the Statute and decisions of the principal bodies;
  - j. charges Vice presidents with part of his/her authorities;
- 7.4. The Federation has 4 Vice presidents: 1st Vice president, Vice president on International Relations, Technical Vice president, Vice president on Discipline and Culture.

### **Article 8. Supervisory Commission**

- 8.1. Supervisory Commission is one of the principal bodies, which realize control, and inspection activity in the Federation and it consists of 5 members and the chair.
- 8.2. Members of Supervisory Commission are appointed and dismissed by chair of the commission.
- 8.3. Member of Supervisory Commission can't be a member of the Management Board.
- 8.4. Supervisory Commission:
- a. determines its procedural rules;
  - b. realizes control over the financial-economic activity of the Federation, its use according to purposes and duties of the Federation;

- c. realizes control over activity of the elective bodies, authorized persons and members of the Federation pursuant to the statute;
  - d. carries out control related to its functions and presents own opinion, offers, presentations and projects to appropriate bodies of the Federation.
- 8.5. Supervisory Commission reviews written applications entered by bodies and members of the Federation within a month and answers appropriately;
- 8.6. Salary of members of Supervisory Commission is paid according to table certified by the Management Board.
- 8.7. The chair of Supervisory Commission is elected for 4 (four) years by General Conference.
- 8.8. The chair of Supervisory Commission:
- a. realizes daily management of activity of the Commission;
  - b. convenes and presides over meetings of the Commission;
  - c. represents the Commission, acts and applies on its behalf.
- 8.9. In the case of a chair's vacancy, commission members may elect a new chair during General inter-Conference period.
- 8.10. Supervisory Commission can fulfill other functions charged by the General Conference.

### **Article 9. Council of Masters**

- 9.1. Council of Masters is one of the principal bodies, which recognizes capoeira masters in the world, records them, as well as, prepares technical standards and procedural rules of capoeira in Federation.
- 9.2. The chair of the Council is elected for 4 (four) years by General Conference of the Federation.
- 9.3. The members of the Council of Masters elect new members of this body and discharge from membership with a simple majority of votes and with approval of the President.
- 9.4. Number of members of Council is not limited.
- 9.5. Meetings of Council to be held under request of half of members, the President of the Federation or half of members of the Management Board.
- 9.6. The chair of Council:
- a. after preparation principle of activity and rules of membership for the Council presents it for approval of Management Board and acts on the basis of these principles;
  - b. presents candidacy of members to the Council to President of the Federation;
  - c. elects his/her assistants and presents it to the President of the Federation for approval;
  - d. after determination and preparation of cord system, nomenclature of capoeira movements, as well as referee's, conduction and participation rules of competitions, other technical capoeira rules and standards presents it for approval to the Management Board;
  - e. uses other duties and authorities entrusted by the Management Board.



- 9.7. In case if the Chair of the Council is not able to preside in meetings of Council a person appointed by the President of the Federation presides over meetings.

### **Article 10. Disputes**

- 10.1. The Management Board adopts disciplinary and dispute resolution regulations, which shall set forth procedures and norms of disciplinary measures, sanctions and dispute resolution.
- 10.2. The Management Board resolves disputes arising in the Federation. The Management Board may set up commissions in order to resolve complex issues in the Federation.
- 10.3. The Federation recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne as the only external judicial instance.

### **Article 11. The Federation's Intellectual properties**

- 11.1. The Federation creates and publishes sporting standards (rules, regulations, norms etc.) for Capoeira and has intellectual rights over these materials.
- 11.2. The Federation holds all rights to all world championships, world cups, capoeira competitions within multi-sport events, premier tournaments as well as all other international competitions, including all rights and data relating thereof, in particular, without limitation, all rights relating to their organization, operation, broadcasting, recording, presentation, production, access and distribution in any form and by any means.
- 11.3. The Federation has a round logo. The focal point of the logo is the trace of Berimbau in horizontal position - the main capoeira percussion instrument. The wooden bow (verga) of Berimbau colored brown and it is displayed on the top horizontally. Berimbau lines are blue, yellow, black, green and red, which symbolize desire to the Olympics and remind meridians and parallels of the globe. The abbreviation of the name World Capoeira Federation that is WCF, written from left to write, with uppercase, below the Berimbau and colored with green, red and yellow consequently. All these images are rounded in two lines, thin and relatively thick. The full name of the Federation in English and Portuguese is written between the lines. Use of the Federation logo must be as follow:

Default



Can be used with transparent background



To be used on the dark background



- 11.4. The Federation logo and other identifications (anthem, flag, motto etc.) are properties of the Federation. All rights to their use belong exclusively to the Federation, including, but not limited to, use for any commercial, profitmaking or advertising purposes.
- 11.5. The Federation may license all or part of its property rights under conditions determined by the Management Board.

## **Article 12. Fiscal year, property and financial funds of the Federation**

- 12.1. Fiscal year of the Federation coincides with a calendar year.
- 12.2. Any property allowed to be under possession of public unions according the legislation of the law can be the property of the Federation.
- 12.3. Property and financial funds of the Federation is formed from the following sources:
  - a. from regular or lump sum membership fee of members of the Federation;
  - b. TV broadcasting rights, sponsorship agreements and marketing of activities;
  - c. funds and other property and donations voluntarily given by foreign legal and individual entities;
  - d. from license fees, organization of competitions, seminars, cord exams (batizado) and other sport events;
  - e. from sale of goods, rendering of services, incomes in the result of works done;
  - f. income received in the result of use of own property and its sale;
  - g. from other property and income not prohibited by law.
- 12.4. The Federation has the right to possess its property, use it and make arrangements on it.
- 12.5. The Federation can use its own property for provision of realization of purposes indicated in its statute, payment for labour and for expenses of management machinery of the Federation.

## **Article 13. Liquidation of the Federation**

- 13.1. The activity of the Federation may be liquidated by the way of its reorganization or liquidation. Liquidation of activity of the Federation is realized in the manner considered under current legislation.
- 13.2. Liquidation Commission is established according to the decision on liquidation of activity of the Federation. Liquidation Commission prepares liquidation balance. After calculations with budget and cover of creditor's requirements in the course of liquidation of the Federation the remained property is directed to realization of purposes determined under legislation.

## **Article 14. Final Provisions**

- 14.1. Members of the Federation bear responsibilities for damages inflicted to the Federation for their behavior specified by legislation.
- 14.2. Matters, which are not provided by the statute, are regulated in accordance with the International legal norms and other legislation.
- 14.3. If the provisions of the statute contradict with the legislation in future, provisions of the legislation will be applied.

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