



**International Fistball Association**

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## **Validity**

These Statutes of the International Fistball Association were adopted by the Congress on 12<sup>th</sup> November 1960 in Frankfurt (Germany).

The original version was altered and supplemented at the Contress on 27<sup>th</sup> November 1964 in Schaffhausen (Switzerland), on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1969 in Pfungstadt (Germany), on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September 1990 in Kirchdorf (Austria), on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1992 in Llanquihue (Chile), on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1995 in Windhoek (Namibia), on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1999 in Olten (Switzerland), on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2003 in Porto Alegre (Brazil) and on 6<sup>th</sup> august 2007 in Oldenburg (Germany).

The revised version of these Competition Rules came into force on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

## **I Name and Headquarter**

### **§ 1**

The International Fistball Association (IFA) is the sole governing body of the sport „fistball“ throughout the world.

It consist of officially recognized national member federations which are responsible for fistball (indoors and outdoors) and other related sports organized by IFA in their countries.

Not more than one federation may be nominated and admitted as a member by any state.

### **§ 2**

The national federations which form IFA recognize each other as the sole governing bodies of fistball and other related sports in their countries.

Competitions in accordance with the provisions of Article 1 above that are organized by federations or teams pertaining to federations outside IFA require the prior consent of the IFA Committee.

### **§ 3**

IFA headquarters are located in the domicile of the current General Secretary.

## **II Objective**

### **§ 4**

The objective of IFA is to promote, encourage and develop the game of fistball (indoors and outdoors) and other related sports.

## **III Bodies of IFA**

### **§ 5**

IFA is composed of the following bodies:

- a) The Congress,
- b) The Committee.

## **1. The Congress**

### **§ 6**

The Congress is the supreme governing body of IFA.

It consists of

- a) Representatives of the member federations,
- b) The Committee,
- c) Those Honorary members who had been granted vote and voice by congress.

The Ordinary Congress shall be held at least every four years usually in combination with the Men's World Games at a date and place to be determined by the Committee.

The IFA Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time. An Extraordinary Congress shall be held if the majority of member federations make such a request in writing within three months of receipt of the request.

### **§ 7**

Each member federation participating in the Congress shall be entitled to nominate three representatives who discuss all matters to be considered at the Congress.

Each member federation participating in the Congress, the elected members of the Committee and Those Honorary members who had been granted vote and voice by congress, have a right to vote, with votes from member federations counting as double.

Votes are not transferable.

The names of persons entitled to vote and further representatives must be notified to the Committee in writing prior to the opening of the Congress. No-one shall be entitled to represent more than one federation (see „Standing Orders“).

Representatives taking part in the Congress must be members of their national federation.

### **§ 8**

The time and place of the Ordinary Congress must be communicated to the members at the Congress (in accordance with Article 6 above) by the Committee at least six months prior to the event taking place.

The agenda and the financial report shall be prepared by the General Secretariat at least twelve weeks prior to the opening of the Ordinary Congress.

In the event of an Extraordinary Congress, the exact time shall be notified at least two months in advance and the agenda shall be sent at least four weeks prior to its beginning.

**§ 9**

The agenda of the Ordinary Congress shall include the following mandatory items:

1. Opening of the Congress
2. A declaration that the Congress has been convened in compliance with the regulations
3. Approval of the minutes of the preceding Congress
4. Reporting (Committee, Auditors)
5. Approval and elections
  - a) Committee
  - b) Auditors
6. Determination of membership subscription
7. Work schedules and events
8. Proposals
9. Various

**§ 10**

Proposals to be considered at the Congress must be submitted to the IFA General Secretariat in writing with an explanation at least 16 weeks prior to the opening of the Congress.

Proposals beyond this deadline are valid if two-thirds of the members present and eligible to vote at the Congress agree to them.

The Statutes, regulations and Competition Rules cannot be altered by way of emergency motions.

**§ 11**

The Congress shall be chaired by the IFA President, or, in the event of the President being unable to attend, the Vice President.

Elections are carried out by open ballots. At the request of a member eligible to vote a secret ballot shall be held.

Unless otherwise stipulated by these Statutes, decisions shall be passed by a simple majority of the votes recorded and valid.

If a ballot ends in a draw, the proposal considered shall be deemed as having been rejected.

**§ 12**

The languages at the Congress shall be German and English.

### § 13

Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect for IFA and its member federations ninety days after the close of the Congress, unless the Congress fixes an earlier or a later date for a decision to take effect.

The minutes of the Congress shall be dispatched to the member federations and the participants of the Congress not later than eight weeks after the event taking place.

## **2. The Committee**

### § 14

The Committee consists of the following members

- A President,
- A General Secretary,
- Up to nine further members, among them at least one Vice-President.

The general terms mentioned above refer to both male and female persons.

The Committee shall head IFA, deal with current affairs and implement the resolutions passed by the Congress. The distribution of tasks shall be governed by the Committee.

Commissions and sub-commissions may be set up by the Committee.

## **IV Membership**

### **1. Admission**

### § 15

The Congress shall decide on the admission of new members. National federations wishing to join IFA must submit their administrative documents (Statutes, contact person, address) to Secretary General and to pay an application fee, defined by Committee.

The General Secretariat ensures that the Statutes supplied correspond to the Statutes of IFA.

Following this procedure the applicant may be granted provisional membership by the Committee. Full membership shall be approved at the next Congress.

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Federations wishing to join IFA must abstain from the ballot at which their application is to be considered by the IFA Congress. For the admission of members, two-thirds of the votes recorded and valid are necessary. The new member federation shall be given a seat and a vote at the Congress immediately upon admission to IFA.



New membership federations shall comply with the Statutes and all regulations of IFA upon admission.

## **2. Termination of Membership**

### **§ 16**

Membership terminates upon:

- a) Expulsion from Congress due to failure to pay subscriptions, not earlier than twelve months after the due date,
- b) Expulsion from Congress due to repeated breach of the Statutes, regulations or resolutions by IFA,
- c) Expulsion from Congress due to serious misconduct detrimental to the work and reputation of IFA,
- d) Resignation,
- e) Loss of status as a national federation.

For expulsions in accordance with paragraphs a) - c) above, a two-third majority of the votes taken at the Congress is necessary.

A national member federation wishing to resign from IFA must give notice by registered letter. After three months and by consent of the Committee the resignation shall become effective.

## **V Juridical Regulations**

### **§ 17**

The Congress and the Committee are authorized to penalize breach of the Statutes and regulations as well as serious misconduct detrimental to IFA.

For details, please refer to the Juridical Regulations.

## **VI Amendments to the Statutes, Regulations and Competition Rules**

### **§ 18**

Amendments to the Statutes, regulations and Competition Rules shall be adopted only if two-thirds of the members present at the Congress and eligible to vote agree to them.

Proposals for amendments to the Statutes, regulations and Competition Rules must be included in the agenda.



## **VII Dissolution**

### **§ 19**

IFA may only be dissolved if a resolution to this effect is passed at a Congress convened specifically for that purpose by a majority of three-quarters of the votes taken.

If upon the dissolution of IFA there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property, the latter Congress shall decide about the use of the remaining balance. The said balance must be divided between all member federations.