



# **INTERNATIONAL WUSHU FEDERATION CONSTITUTION**

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## PREAMBLE

Wushu, also referred to as kungfu, is the collective term for the martial art practices which originated and developed in China over thousands of years. It has produced numerous styles and systems, each one incorporating its own techniques, tactics, principles and methods, as well as a wide variety of traditional weaponry. Wushu not only encompasses combat, but also practices for health and philosophy. Today, wushu has developed into a global sport, which is practiced and enjoyed by athletes worldwide due to its unique and exciting content.

For the purpose of this Constitution, the following abbreviations and definitions are used:

- a. IWUF : the International Wushu Federation
- b. IOC : the International Olympic Committee
- c. NOC : the National Olympic Committee of any given country or territory
- d. NSA : the National Sports Authority of any given country or territory
- e. Continental Federation(s) : Those federations mentioned under Article 4.1 of the Constitution
- f. NF(s) : The National Federations which are Wushu governing bodies of all nations or territories, either Full Members or Provisional Members of the IWUF
- g. Full Member(s) : the NF(s) which have been recognized by their respective NOC and/or NSA and which have been admitted as full



member(s) of the IWUF by the IWUF Congress or members that have gained full memberships status before November 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

- h. Provisional Member(s) : the NF(s) which have not yet been recognized by their respective NOC and/or NSA and which have been admitted as provisional member(s) of the IWUF by the IWUF Executive Board or the NF(s) admitted as provisional members by the IWUF Executive Board prior to their admissions as Full Members by the IWUF Congress
- i. Associate Member(s) : Organizations representing territories that are not self-governing and/or have no independent NOC or NSA and which have been approved by the Executive Board of the IWUF
- j. Athlete's Committee Member : Member of the Executive Board as defined under Article 23.2 of this Constitution
- k. Elected Host Members : Member of the Executive Board as defined under Article 23.2 of this Constitution
- l. Additional Members : Members of the Executive Board as defined under Article 23.2 of this Constitution



## CHAPTER 1: NAME AND OBJECTIVES

### Article 1: Name, Location and Status

- 1.1 The name of the federation shall be the International Wushu Federation (“IWUF”). The IWUF maintains its headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland and its operational offices in Beijing, China.
- 1.2 The IWUF is an international non-governmental, not-for-profit association constituted in accordance with Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code that is recognized by the IOC as the sole worldwide governing authority for wushu in all its forms.

### Article 2: Mission and Objectives

The objectives of the IWUF are:

- 2.1 To accept and comply with the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and uphold the Olympic Spirit.
- 2.2 To promote and encourage the development and practice of wushu in all of its manifestations throughout the world
- 2.3 To formulate and compile technical rules and regulations governing all wushu competitions.
- 2.4 To organize and approve international wushu competitions and activities, to standardize IWUF member federation competitions and activities and to formulate standards for approval and certifying of International wushu judges and coaches.



- 2.5 To promote and encourage the development of international wushu exchanges.
- 2.6 To promote cooperation, friendly relations and mutual understanding among its members.
- 2.7 To actively promote and popularize wushu, and to improve the health worldwide through its practice.
- 2.8 To formulate standards pertaining to various items of clothing and equipment used within the sport of wushu.
- 2.9 To respect the principles of democracy, equality and harmony within the sport of wushu. To oppose all forms of racial, political, religious, cultural, ideological and gender discrimination and to oppose discrimination based on internal factions within the sport of wushu.

### **Article 3: Languages**

- 3.1 The official languages of the IWUF are English and Chinese. Other languages may be used at meetings provided that adequate translations are provided.



## CHAPTER 2: MEMBERSHIP

### Article 4: Continental Federation

- 4.1 NFs that belong to the same continent have formed five continental federations, which are recognized by the IWUF, i.e :
- i) A Continental Federation for the African Continent
  - ii) A Continental Federation for the European Continent
  - iii) A Continental Federation for the Oceanian Continent
  - iv) A Continental Federation for the Pan-American Continent
  - v) A Continental Federation for the Asian Continent
- 4.2 The IWUF recognizes only one Continental Federation per continent.

### Article 5: Responsibilities of Continental Federations

- 5.1 Under the leadership of the IWUF, Continental Federations are responsible for organizing and managing wushu activities on their respective continents.
- 5.2 Each Continental Federation shall be registered as a non-profit organization in accordance with the laws of where it is registered.
- 5.3 Continental Federations shall each organize an official continental wushu championship biennially.
- 5.4 Continental Federations will assist with correspondence and liaison work between the IWUF and its NFs at the request of the IWUF.





- 5.5 At the end of each calendar year, Continental Federations are required to submit annual reports detailing the continental activities they have organized throughout the course of the year and their working plans for the following year, in writing, to the IWUF.
- 5.6 Continental Federations shall operate transparently and respect, comply with and conform to the IWUF's Constitution, goals and best interests.
- 5.7 Each Continental Federation shall adopt a constitution that conforms to the basic principles of the IWUF constitution. Within 30 days of adoption of a new constitution or amendment of an existing constitution, Continental Federations shall submit their new or amended constitutions to IWUF.
- 5.8 After every Congress, Continental Federations shall send minutes of the Congress to the IWUF promptly after the minutes are prepared.

#### **Article 6: National (Territorial) Federation ("NF") Membership**

- 6.1 Wushu governing bodies of all nations or territories may apply to join the IWUF and become its NF.
- 6.2 The IWUF shall only accept one NF from each country or territory.
  - 6.2.1 Those NFs which are recognized by their respective NOC and/or NSA may apply to become Full Members of the IWUF.
  - 6.2.2 Those NFs which have not been recognized by their respective NOC and/or NSA may apply to become Provisional Members of the IWUF.



- 6.2.3 Upon approval by the Executive Board, organizations representing territories that are not self-governing and/or have no independent NOC or NSA are eligible to become Associate Members.
- 6.3 If a nation or territory split or unite, the IWUF shall adjust the NF's status and name according to its status as recognized by the IOC.
- 6.4 If an NF's NOC or NSA recognition status is altered, the IWUF shall have the right to reclassify the class of membership after verification of such has been received from the NF's NOC or NSA.

## **Article 7: Affiliation Process**

- 7.1 A wushu organization that is applying to become a NF of the IWUF shall submit to the Secretariat the following documents either on paper or electronically:
  - 7.1.1 Application in written form;
  - 7.1.2 Duly completed questionnaire;
  - 7.1.3 Two sets of its Constitution, one of which must be written in either English or Chinese;
  - 7.1.4 A report on wushu activities carried out over the previous two years;
  - 7.1.5 A proof of payment to the IWUF of a non-refundable application fee of one hundred US Dollars (US\$100).



- 7.2 A wushu organization of a nation or territory that wishes to join the IWUF should first apply to be admitted as NF of the IWUF and then, upon having its application approved, apply for membership in its Continental Federation.
- 7.3 When applying for Full Member status, the applicant must submit a letter of recommendation or certificate endorsed by the NOC or NSA of its nation or territory.
- 7.4 The IWUF Secretariat will submit the application documents to the IWUF Executive Board for approval. Once an application has been approved by the Executive Board, the applicant shall become a Provisional Member of the IWUF.
- 7.5 A Provisional Member which has fulfilled all application and eligibility requirements in this Constitution shall become a Full Member by receiving the approval by two-third majority vote of the Full Members present at the IWUF Congress
- 7.6 If multiple wushu organizations claim to represent a nation or self-governing territory, the IWUF will investigate to determine which candidate is most qualified to become its NF.

## **Article 8: Rights of NFs**

- 8.1 NFs have the right to be recognized as the only wushu governing body of their respective nations or territory.



- 8.2 NFs have the right to apply to host international competitions and activities organized or approved by the IWUF, as stipulated in the Constitution.
- 8.3 NFs have the right to apply to host the international judges' and coaches' training courses organized by the IWUF.
- 8.4 NFs have the right to participate in international competitions and activities organized or approved by the IWUF.
- 8.5 NFs have the right to send personnel to participate in international judges' and coaches' training courses organized by the IWUF and to obtain the relevant qualifications and certification.
- 8.6 NFs have the right to recommend their national (or territorial) IWUF certified international judges to officiate at competitions and activities organized and approved by the IWUF.
- 8.7 NFs have the right to organize national or territorial wushu competitions utilizing IWUF rules and regulations.
- 8.8 NFs have the right to have priority in obtaining teaching materials and information from the IWUF.
- 8.9 NFs have the right to organize national or territorial judges' and coaches' training courses in accordance with the IWUF rules and teaching materials.
- 8.10 NFs have the right to conduct training for wushu practitioners using teaching materials authorized by the IWUF and to confer relevant credentials to the participants.
- 8.11 NFs have the right to utilize other services provided by the IWUF.



## **Article 9: Rights of Full Members only**

- 9.1 Only Full Members, as opposed to Provisional or Associate Members, have the right to vote, to elect and to nominate candidates as stipulated by the Constitution. In particular, NFs have the right to nominate candidates for positions in the committees, apart from the Executive Board.

## **Article 10: Responsibilities of NFs**

The NFs have the following responsibilities towards the IWUF:

- 10.1 Receive IWUF's regular inspection on membership qualification.
- 10.2 Continuously endeavour to unite other wushu organizations within their nations or territories.
- 10.3 Regularly organize national (territorial) wushu championships.
- 10.4 Pay the annual membership fee in accordance with Article 13 herein.
- 10.5 Become member of the Continental Federation of their respective continent.

## **Article 11: Responsibilities of Continental Federations, NFs and Associate Members**

Continental Federations, NFs and Associate Members have the following responsibilities towards the IWUF:



- 11.1 Respect the Olympic Charter of the IOC and carry forward the Olympic Spirit.
- 11.2 Support the IWUF in its efforts to achieve its objectives.
- 11.3 Observe and comply with the IWUF Constitution and rules and ensure that their own constitution and rules and those of their members do not conflict with those of the IWUF.
- 11.4 Recognize the IWUF as the only worldwide governing body for wushu in all its forms and ensure that none of their Executive Board members and officials participate in, hold any official positions in, or support in any way or take part in the activities of other conflicting international organizations.
- 11.5 Implement the resolutions of the IWUF Executive Board and Congress.
- 11.6 Implement the Anti-Doping rules and regulations of the IOC, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the IWUF and conduct anti-doping educational campaigns.

## **Article 12: Autonomy of Continental Federations, NFs and Associate Members**

- 12.1 Continental Federations, NFs and Associate Members are required to protect and maintain their autonomy and independently manage all internal affairs without any pressure or interference from a third party.
- 12.2 They are required to resist all forms of external pressure, including but not limited to political, religious and economic pressures which may



infringe upon their commitment to comply with the Olympic Charter and/or the IWUF Constitution.

- 12.3 They must ensure that their constitutions make provisions for an election or internal appointment system that ensures their complete independence vis-à-vis governments and other public authorities.
- 12.4 The IWUF will not recognize any election or appointment that has not been made in compliance with Article 12.3 herein.

### **Article 13: Membership Fees**

- 13.1 The annual membership fee of each to be paid by each NF is three hundred US Dollars (US\$300)
- 13.2 NFs are required to pay the membership fee to the IWUF before June 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year.
- 13.3 A new NF is required to pay a prorated membership fee for the remaining months of the current calendar year within 30 days of its admission either as Full Member or as Provisional Member. Following the end of the current calendar year, the new NF shall pay the membership fee annually.

### **Article 14: Termination, Withdrawal and Suspension of Membership**

- 14.1 The IWUF Executive Board, following due process, may propose the termination of the membership of a NF that refuses to comply with the IWUF Constitution and/or commits serious violations that jeopardize the



reputation or interests of the IWUF. In such cases, the NF will be expelled upon approval by a vote of more than two-thirds from the delegates attending the following IWUF Congress.

- 14.2 The IWUF Executive Board has the power to terminate the membership of any Provisional Member that has failed to obtain the recognition of its NOC or NSA while another wushu organization of the same nation or territory has obtained such official recognition. The latter may be admitted to the IWUF as Full Member upon approval by the IWUF Congress.
- 14.3 The following circumstances shall be considered a voluntary withdrawal from IWUF membership:
  - 14.3.1 The NF no longer exists.
  - 14.3.2 The NF notifies the IWUF Secretary-General in writing that it is withdrawing its affiliation.
  - 14.3.3 The NF fails to pay its annual membership fee for two consecutive years.
- 14.4 Following the withdrawal or termination of membership of a NF, the IWUF has the right to admit a new NF from the departed NF's nation (territory).
- 14.5 A withdrawing NF may not make any claims against the IWUF, including but not limited to financial or property claims. Furthermore, the withdrawing NF must fulfill its financial and other outstanding obligations to the IWUF until the end of the calendar year during which the withdrawal occurred.





- 14.6 If a withdrawn NF wishes to resume its IWUF affiliation and no new NF from its nation or territory has been admitted, then it may be readmitted subject to the requirements that it pay double the admission fee.
- 14.7 Following a due process, the IWUF Executive Board has the right to suspend any NF from all of or part of its rights under the Constitution for a defined or undefined duration.

### **CHAPTER 3: INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Article 15: Types of Competitions and Activities**

- 15.1 The following competitions are hosted by the IWUF and organized by the NFs. The competition rules stipulated by the IWUF shall be adopted in all competitions.
- 15.1.1 The World Wushu Championships shall be held once every two years.
- 15.1.2 The World Junior Wushu Championships shall be held once every two years.
- 15.1.3 The World Taijiquan Championships shall be held once every two years.
- 15.1.4 The Sanda World Cup may be held once every two years, generally in the year between the World Wushu Championships.



15.1.5 The World Traditional Wushu Championships may be held every two years.

- 15.2 NFs or Continental Federations organizing international or continental competitions should implement competition rules and regulations stipulated by the IWUF. The IWUF Secretariat shall be informed of the organizational details of the competition prior to the event. The competition results shall be sent to the IWUF Secretariat within ten (10) days after the date of the conclusion of the competition.
- 15.3 Any other international wushu competitions and activities approved by the IWUF Executive Board.

#### **Article 16: Rules Relating to Eligibility for Participation**

- 16.1 The national (territorial) flags and anthems of all NFs participating in championships and competitions shall be utilized in accordance with the rules and regulations of the International Olympic Committee.
- 16.2 Apart from the IWUF World Traditional Wushu Championships, IWUF Athletes Training Course, and IWUF Coaches Training Course, all participants participating in competitions and activities organized or approved by the IWUF must be citizens of the nation (territory) that they will represent. In cases where athletes have changed their citizenship, such athletes are required to have resided in the nation (territory) that they are representing for at least two years prior to the opening day of the competition or activity, during which time they may not have represented any other nation (territory) in such events.



- 16.3 Pursuant to the provisions of the Olympic Charter the Technical Committee shall deal with all disputes relating to an athlete's eligibility for participation and report to the IWUF Executive Board for the final decision.

### **Article 17: Applying to Host Competitions and Activities**

- 17.1 All candidate applying to host IWUF competitions and activities are required to observe all of the relevant IWUF regulations and submit all of their bidding documents.
- 17.2 Bidding documents for hosting the World Wushu Championships shall be sent to the Secretariat six months prior to the convening of the upcoming Congress.
- 17.3 The bidding documents shall include but not be limited to the following:
- 17.3.1 Host City Name and information:  
Profile of the city; detailed local maps showing the location of competition area, hotels and airports etc.
  - 17.3.2 Competition and Training Venues:  
Name and exact location of the venue, competition area and seating capacity etc.
  - 17.3.3 Transportation Information:  
Name(s) of airport(s), local means of transportation, transportation arrangement for participating teams on arrival and departure etc.



17.3.4 Accommodation Information:

Number of hotels, names and locations; hotel accommodation capacity; number and capacity of conference facilities; accommodation arrangements and expenses for participants (athletes, officials and judges, etc.); distance between hotel(s) and the competition venue.

17.3.5 Letter of Support:

Letter of support from the NSA or NOC or local government.

17.4 Delegates of the bidding federation applying to host the Championships shall make a presentation at the Congress.

17.5 The IWUF President will appoint representatives to make inspection visits of the candidate cities three months prior to the convening of the Congress. The representatives shall submit a report to the Congress. All costs associated with the inspection visits shall be borne by the bidding federation, or city.

17.6 The federation awarded the hosting rights for the Championships must enter into a written agreement with the IWUF.

17.7 Should the Congress fail to reach a decision regarding the host of the upcoming championships during its session, the Executive Board has the right to make the decision.

17.8 The Executive Board has the right to determine the awarding of hosting rights for competitions and activities other than the World Wushu Championships to IWUF NFs and bidding cities.



## **Article 18: The Organization of Competitions and Activities**

- 18.1 The competitions and activities organized or approved by the IWUF shall be conducted under the guidance and supervision of the Executive Board.
- 18.2 The NF or host city hosting the competition and activity shall be responsible for all relevant organizational work.
- 18.3 The IWUF Technical Committee is responsible for technical matters related to the competitions.
- 18.4 NFs participating in competitions or activities shall observe and conform to the respective event's rules and regulations as established and published by the IWUF.

## **Article 19: Intellectual Property Rights**

- 19.1 IWUF's name and domain name, the IWUF emblem, flag, and anthem, and identifications (including but not limited to "IWUF-promoted" and "IWUF-sanctioned"), as defined by the IWUF Executive Board and approved by the Congress, shall be collectively or individually referred to as "IWUF Properties."
  - 19.1.1 All rights to any and all IWUF Properties, as well as all rights to the use thereof, belong exclusively to the IWUF, including but not limited to the use for any profit-making, commercial or advertising purposes. The IWUF may license all or part of its rights on terms and conditions set forth by the IWUF.



- 19.1.2 IWUF Properties shall not be used without prior approval of the IWUF. Each Continental Federation and NF shall use reasonable efforts to prevent the use of any of the IWUF Properties without approval of the IWUF in the areas under the jurisdiction of the relevant federation.
- 19.1.3 The IWUF reserves the right to approve NFs to take appropriate legal action against pirating and/or illegal use of the IWUF Properties by clubs, associations and individuals in countries where such violations have occurred.
- 19.1.4 Rules concerning the use of IWUF Properties, in their original form or any other possible modifications, and the possible legal and/or disciplinary actions against perpetrators who did not obtain such official approval from IWUF may be enacted separately.
- 19.2 The IWUF organized and/or sanctioned competitions and activities are the exclusive property of the IWUF, which owns all rights and data relating thereto, in particular and without limitation, all rights relating to their organization, exploitation, broadcasting, recording, representation, reproduction, access and dissemination in any form and by any means or mechanism whatsoever, whether now existing or developed in the future. The IWUF shall determine the conditions of access to and the conditions of any use of data relating to the IWUF promoted competitions and events.



- 19.3 The IWUF may license or transfer any or all of the above mentioned rights to its NFs or Continental Federations by written agreement with them.
- 19.4 The personnel who participate in the competitions and activities organized by the IWUF, including but not limited to, officials, judges, coaches, team leaders and athletes (hereafter referred to collectively as “Participants”) must consent to and agree that the IWUF is entitled to use any pictures, audio recordings and written materials of the Participants or other individuals who may be present and are photographed, recorded, filmed or televised live during the event or at any other time associated with the event whether during the competition or otherwise. The participants must not for any reason or at any time pursue reimbursement or compensation from the IWUF, the hosting NF or Continental Federation and/or its service providers directly or indirectly, for their use of the above described materials.

## **Article 20: Media Rights**

- 20.1 All television, radio, photographic, film, internet, telephone and other media rights to IWUF events known of or unknown of today are the exclusive property of the IWUF. These rights may not be sold or negotiated without the written agreement of the IWUF, which may delegate its powers to negotiate the sale or use of these rights, but which shall retain the sole authority for the final decision.
- 20.2 When a NF or a Continental Federation hosts an IWUF-promoted event, the event Host shall obtain the approval of the IWUF before signing a



marketing contract with any private entity. The IWUF has the right to receive a percentage of the revenue generated from such contracts and the parties will negotiate the percentage to be received by the IWUF prior to the IWUF approving any contract.

## **CHAPTER 4: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

### **Article 21: Organizational Structure**

The leadership and administrative entities of the IWUF are:

- 21.1 Congress
- 21.2 Executive Board
- 21.3 President
- 21.4 Secretariat

### **Article 22: IWUF Congress**

- 22.1 The IWUF Congress is the highest authority of the IWUF.
- 22.2 The Congress shall be convened every two years, generally in conjunction with the World Wushu Championships.
- 22.3 An Extraordinary Congress may be convened upon the initiative of one third of the Full Members or at the call of the President. The Secretary





General shall inform all NFs, no later than two months in advance, as to the date and place of its convening.

- 22.4 Each Member may send two delegates to attend the Congress. Each delegate's correctly completed registration form must be sent to the Secretariat 30 days prior to the convening of the Congress.
- 22.5 Each Full Member shall have one vote. Voting by proxy is not permitted. Each Provisional Members may send two non-voting delegates to observe the Congress.
- 22.6 Full Member proposals for the amendment of the Constitution must be sent to the Secretariat six months prior to the convening of the Congress. The Secretariat may also propose amendments based on administrative best practices. The Secretariat shall compile the proposals and then send the draft Constitution to the Executive Board for review two months prior to the convening of the Congress. The Secretariat shall make the reviewed draft available to all Full Members one month prior to the convening of the Congress.
- 22.7 The President of the IWUF shall preside over the Congress. In the absence of the President, the President shall appoint a Vice-President to chair the Congress.
- 22.8 The quorum required for the Congress is one-third of the total of Full Members. A resolution shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Full Members present at the Congress. The amendment of the Constitution, termination of a NF or dissolution of the IWUF shall be approved by a two-third majority vote of the Full Members present at the Congress.



- 22.9 In the event of a tie in votes, the Chair of the Congress shall cast the deciding vote.
- 22.10 All documents for the Congress shall be prepared by the Secretariat.
- 22.11 The Congress shall have the following powers:
- 22.11.1 To approve or to amend the Constitution;
  - 22.11.2 To admit new Full Members provided that all requirements set forth by the Constitution are met;
  - 22.11.3 To expel NFs upon proposal of the Executive Board;
  - 22.11.4 To approve the budget and the financial report prepared by the Executive Board;
  - 22.11.5 To elect and to dismiss the members of the Executive Board, except for the Secretary General and one Treasurer (once every four years);
  - 22.11.6 To dissolve the IWUF;
  - 22.11.7 To change the headquarter of the IWUF;
  - 22.11.8 To determine the date and place of the next world wushu championships;
  - 22.11.9 To determine the date and place of the next Congress;
  - 22.11.10 To appoint an independent auditor if deemed necessary;
- 22.12 All items to be submitted to the Congress shall be included in the agenda.



## Article 23: IWUF Executive Board

- 23.1 The Executive Board assumes the general overall responsibility for the administration of the IWUF and the management of its affairs. Between the Congress sessions, it has the authority to deal with and decide on all matters related to the IWUF and its operations, except those matters that the Constitution expressly states must be approved by the Congress.
- 23.2 The Executive Board shall be composed of the following members
- One President;
  - Up to five Vice Presidents;
  - One Secretary General and one Treasurer both of whom are appointed by the President;
  - One member from the Athlete's Committee (the "Athlete's Committee Member");
  - One member from the Elected Host of each upcoming World Wushu Championship (the "Elected Host Member");
  - Up to 9 additional members (the "Additional Members").
- 23.3 All Continental Federations, provided that they are consisting of 6 or more NFs, shall be entitled to nominate candidates from their own continent to serve as Additional Members on the Executive Board.
- 23.4 Continental Federations consisting of 8 or more NFs shall nominate one candidate from their own continent for the position of Vice President.



- 23.5 Elected hosts of upcoming World Wushu Championships shall nominate candidates for the position of Elected Host Member on the Executive Board, provided that there is no current executive board member from the same nation/territory. Elected host member may join the Executive Board during the Congress when the host of World Championships is selected. The elected host member shall serve for a term of 4 years.
- 23.6 The President shall appoint the Secretary General and Treasurer.
- 23.7 The Athletes' Committee Member on the Executive Board shall be nominated by the Athletes' Committee.
- 23.8 All nomination letters and resumes of the candidate (s) shall be sent to the Secretariat six months prior to the election by the Congress. The list of the candidates shall be circulated to all NFs and Continental Federations before the Congress.
- 23.9 Apart from the Secretary General and the Treasurer, the IWUF Executive Board members, including the President, are elected by the Congress for a term of four years. They are all eligible for re-election, except for the Elected Host Member. The transfer of power shall occur during the period between the end of the election and the end of the World Wushu Championships. The newly elected Executive Board shall commence performing its duties after the conclusion of the World Wushu Championships.
- 23.10 The Secretary General and the Treasurer shall be respectively responsible for the daily work and the financial management of the IWUF.



- 23.11 The Executive Board shall compile annual financial reports including annual accounts, which it shall submit to the Congress, together with the auditors' report if any.
- 23.12 The Executive Board has the power to approve the establishment of permanent committees and working groups.
- 23.13 The Executive Board shall meet once every year. In addition, an Extraordinary Meeting may be called by the President or at the request of more than one-third of the Executive Board members.
- 23.14 The President shall preside over the Executive Board meeting. In his absence, the President may appoint a Vice President to chair the meeting.
- 23.15 The quorum required for an IWUF Executive Board meeting shall be one more than half of its total members.
- 23.16 A resolution shall be adopted with the approval of a simple majority of the members present.
- 23.17 If a vote results in a tie, the Chair of the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.
- 23.18 Any elected Executive Board member who has a conflict of interest must abstain from voting on the conflicted agenda point. In doubtful situations, the President must decide on the right to vote of the concerned elected Executive Board member.
- 23.19 An Executive Board member is deemed to have resigned and thus forfeit membership if he or she fails to attend the Executive Board



meetings for two consecutive years without prior approval of the President.

23.20 The Executive Board members shall not hold any positions in any other international wushu organizations.

#### **Article 24: President**

- 24.1 The President represents the IWUF at all times and presides over all of its activities.
- 24.2 The President is responsible for the implementation of all resolutions made at the Congress, the Executive Board meeting during the period of their recess. The President has the right to address and resolve any urgent issues within the competence of the Executive Board, when the Executive Board may not be convened in due time to decide on the matter.
- 24.3 If the President is unable to perform his or her duties, he or she has the right to appoint a Vice-President to act on his or her behalf until such a time that he or she is able to resume his duties.
- 24.4 If the President resigns, is unable to appoint a Vice President to act on his or her behalf, or is unable to permanently perform his or her duties for any reason, the Executive Board will appoint a Vice-President to perform the President's duties until the following Congress, at which a new President will be formally elected.
- 24.5 The President has the power to establish ad hoc committees and working groups as he or she deems necessary.



- 24.6 The President may appoint representatives to observe any Continental Federation's Congress.

### **Article 25: Secretariat**

- 25.1 The Secretariat is the permanent working organ of the IWUF that is responsible for its daily operation.
- 25.2 The Secretariat works under the leadership of the President and Secretary General. The President may appoint a member of the Executive Board as Chief Executive to assist the Secretary General in the administration of the Secretariat.
- 25.3 Both the Secretary General and the Chief Executive shall report regularly on their activities to the President.
- 25.4 The President has the right to appoint and dismiss the staff members of the Secretariat. The President may authorize the Secretary-General to appoint and dismiss the staff members of the Secretariat.

### **Article 26: Committees and Working Groups**

- 26.1 When needed permanent or temporary special committees and ad-hoc working groups may be established. Permanent committees are established upon proposal of the President and approval by the Executive Board. Ad-hoc committees and working groups may be established upon sole decision of the President.



- 26.2 The various committee and working group members are nominated by the NFs and appointed by the President. The President may also appoint other candidates to serve in such committees and working groups at his own discretion.
- 26.3 If a NF no longer supports its recommended candidate and the candidate currently holds an official position within the IWUF, the NF shall submit an official letter advising the IWUF that it no longer supports its candidate and provide clear reasons for such withdrawal request. The IWUF shall investigate and the President may make the final decision as to whether such candidate should be removed from his position.
- 26.4 Permanent Committees include, but are not limited to: Technical Committee; Traditional Wushu Committee; Medical Committee; Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee; Marketing and Development Committee; Athletes' Committee; Women's Committee ,etc.
- 26.5 Committees and Working Groups shall develop working guidelines which will be implemented following the approval by the Executive Board.

## **Article 27: Technical Committee**

- 27.1 The Technical Committee members must be holders of a valid International Judge Certificate issued by the IWUF.
- 27.2 The Technical Committee shall be responsible for all technical matters of the IWUF. They are responsible for formulating, revising and





supervising the implementation of the Competition Rules, Regulations and Judges Management Policy; they shall also examine and deal with all technical proposals submitted by the NFs.

- 27.3 The Technical Committee members are responsible for the training of the IWUF judges and coaches in order to improve their technical level and professionalism.

### **Article 28: Traditional Wushu Committee**

- 28.1 The Traditional Wushu Committee is responsible for the promotion and development of traditional wushu and the organization of traditional wushu competitions and activities.
- 28.2 The Traditional Wushu Committee is responsible for the drafting and implementation of development plans and programs for the promotion of traditional wushu internationally.

### **Article 29: Medical Committee**

- 29.1 The Medical Committee members must be highly experienced medical specialists or experts in the field of anti-doping.
- 29.2 The Medical Committee is responsible for formulating and revising the regulations regarding medical supervision of athletes and the anti-doping code and for supervising the implementation of these regulations.



- 29.3 In addition to formulating and implementing regulations, the Medical Committee is responsible for the following:
- 29.3.1 Examining and handling proposals relating to medical affairs that are submitted by NFs or Continental Federations.
  - 29.3.2 Conducting anti-doping tests in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Agency standards at all the competitions organized by the IWUF.
  - 29.3.3 Evaluation and approval of athletes' TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) applications.
  - 29.3.4 Physical examination of the athletes prior to each competition.
  - 29.3.5 Making recommendations to the Technical Committee to disqualify athletes who do not meet the requirements for participating in a competition.
  - 29.3.6 Organizing lectures on medical supervision.
  - 29.3.7 Providing advanced medical supervision means and methods for NFs and Continental Federations.

### **Article 30: Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee**

- 30.1 The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee is responsible for providing a hearing process for any person who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation and for imposing sanctions for doping violations. It shall act in accordance with IWUF Constitution and regulations, in particular the IWUF Anti-doping Rules, as well as the



World Anti-doping Code and WADA regulations, standards and guidelines.

- 30.2 The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee shall be composed of fair and impartial individuals from different countries/territories and nationality, who shall not have any formal role in the governance of IWUF, Continental Federations or NFs. The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a chairman with a legal and/or medical and/or anti-doping background, other members with expertise in sports and/or anti-doping, as well as substitutes in order to allow the constitution of an impartial hearing panel in avoidance of any situation of conflict of interests.

### **Article 31: Marketing and Development Committee**

- 31.1 The Marketing and Development Committee is responsible for all marketing and development work related to the IWUF.
- 31.2 The Marketing and Development Committee is responsible for the drafting and implementation of the IWUF marketing and development plan.

### **Article 32: Athletes' Committee**

- 32.1 The Athletes' Committee shall be responsible for matters related to and in the best interest of the athletes.



- 32.2 The chairman or a representative of the Athletes' Committee may observe the Technical Committee meeting, and take part in the research and decision-making related to competition rules, technical grading, and other aspects of technical matters.
- 32.3 The Athletes' Committee will review proposals submitted by NFs to the Executive Board or Congress regarding matters related to athletes. The Athletes' Committee may also present proposals directly to the Executive Board or Congress.

### **Article 33: Women's Committee**

- 33.1 The Women's Committee is responsible for promoting women's participation in wushu competitions and activities.
- 33.2 The Women's Committee is responsible for providing information and making recommendations to the Executive Board regarding women's participation in wushu competitions and activities.

### **Article 34: Honorary Titles**

- 34.1 The IWUF may award the title of Honorary President to Presidents who have retired after serving the IWUF. Honorary Presidents are entitled to attend and address the Congress and Executive Board meetings, but will have no voting rights.



- 34.2 The IWUF may award honorary titles to those individuals who have performed invaluable service or made outstanding contributions to the promotion and development of wushu.

## CHAPTER 5: OTHER MATTERS

### Article 35: Financial Regulations

- 35.1 Sources of funds include the following: Membership fees; marketing income; grants and donations etc.
- 35.2 The handling of the IWUF's financial affairs will be guided by the principle of operating within the organization's financial means. All budgets will be formulated and implemented with this principle as a guide.
- 35.3 The Executive Board shall be responsible for formulating and implementing all financial regulations and will, therefore, be held accountable by the NFs for any financial discrepancies that may arise there from.
- 35.4 The financial year of the IWUF shall start on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year.



## Article 36: Ethics, Arbitration and Discipline

- 36.1 The IWUF shall promote the spirit of sportsmanship through the implementation of its constitution in accordance with the ethical principles of the IOC.
- 36.2 Issues related to competition or technical matters will be investigated and handled by the Technical Committee through relevant hearings and report.
- 36.3 Issues related to anti-doping matters will be investigated and handled by the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee through relevant hearings. Decisions by the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee may be appealed as provided for under the IWUF Anti-doping Rules.
- 36.4 The President will appoint three (3) individuals, including at least one member of the IWUF Executive Board to investigate and handle issues related to other matters through relevant hearings, including imposing disciplinary actions or recommending to the Executive Board to impose disciplinary actions.
- 36.5 IWUF disciplinary action includes: Issuing warnings, fines and penalties, the suspension or removal of office bearers, the suspension of NFs, Continental Federations or Associated Members, the termination of membership / expulsion of NFs, Continental Federations or Associated Members. The removal of office bearers other than Executive Board Members or the suspension of NFs, Continental Federations or Associated Members shall be executed by the Executive Board. The removal of Executive Board Members and the termination of



membership/expulsion of NFs, Continental Federations or Associated Members shall be executed by the Congress.

- 36.6 Any dispute arising from the decisions made by the IWUF shall be handled in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration and submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 36.7 In any case, any dispute between IWUF, an NF, a Continental Federation or an Associated Member, or any individual or entity affiliated with any NF, Continental Federation or Associated Member, which cannot be solved within IWUF shall be handled in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration and submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.

### **Article 37: Change of Headquarters and Dissolution**

- 37.1 If the IWUF moves its headquarters, the assets from the old headquarters shall be transferred to the new headquarters.
- 37.2 If the IWUF is dissolved, the assets of the IWUF shall be disposed of according to the resolution of the Congress.

### **Article 38: Interpretation of the Constitution**

- 38.1 The right of interpretation of the Constitution is vested in the Executive Board.



38.2 The Constitution is written in English and Chinese with both texts being equally authentic. In cases of discrepancies between the Chinese and English texts of the IWUF Constitution, the English text shall prevail.

**This Constitution has been approved and implemented during the 13<sup>th</sup> IWUF Congress in Jakarta, Indonesia on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

