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INTERNATIONAL WUSHU FEDERATION

IWUF 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:

1. IWUF: the International Wushu Federation.
2. IOC: the International Olympic Committee.
3. NOC: the National Olympic Committee of any given country or territory.
4. NSA: the National Sports Authority of any given country or territory.
5. Continental Federation(s): Those federations referred to in Article 4.1 of the Constitution.
6. NF(s): The National Federations which are wushu governing bodies of all nations or territories, either Full Members or Provisional Members of the IWUF.
7. 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 13th 2015.

- 8.** 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.
- 9.** Associate Member(s): Organizations representing territories that are not self-governing and/or have no independent NOC or NSA or that have been approved by the Executive Board of the IWUF.
- 10.** Athletes' Committee Member: Member of the IWUF Executive Board as defined under Article 23.2 of this Constitution.
- 11.** Elected Host Member: Member of the IWUF Executive Board as defined under Article 23.2 of this Constitution.
- 12.** Additional Members: Member of the IWUF 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 office(s) in Beijing, China.
- 1.2 The IWUF is an international non-governmental, not-for-profit association constituted in accordance with Article 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.
- 2.10 To foster the culture of ethics and integrity throughout the wushu family.

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:
- 4.1.1** A Continental Federation for the African Continent
 - 4.1.2** A Continental Federation for the European Continent
 - 4.1.3** A Continental Federation for the Oceanian Continent
 - 4.1.4** A Continental Federation for the Pan-American Continent
 - 4.1.5** 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 Federation 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 IWUF 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 IWUF 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 firstly 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 IWUF 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 nation 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 IWUF 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 constitutions 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 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 30th 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 rules 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 a 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 and Taolu World Cup may be held once every two years, generally in the year between the World Wushu Championships.

15.1.5 The World Kungfu 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 any 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.

- 15.4** World Wushu-Kungfu Day (WWKD) is celebrated each year the first Saturday on or following August 8th, and is accompanied by a theme each time.

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 Kungfu 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 candidates applying to host IWUF competitions and activities are required to observe all of the relevant IWUF rules and regulations and submit all of their bidding documents.
- 17.2** Bidding documents for hosting the World Wushu Championships shall be sent to the IWUF Secretariat six months prior to the convening of the upcoming IWUF Congress. The bidding documents shall include but not be limited to the following:

- 17.2.1** Host City Name and information: Profile of the city; detailed local maps showing the location of competition area, hotels and airports, etc.
- 17.2.2** Competition and Training Venues: Name and exact location of the venue, competition area and seating capacity, etc.
- 17.2.3** Transportation Information: Name(s) of airport(s), local means of transportation, transportation arrangement for participating teams on arrival and departure, etc.
- 17.2.4** Accommodation Information: Number of hotels, names and locations; hotel accommodation capacity; number and capacity of conference facilities; accommodation arrangements and expenses for between hotel(s) and the competition venue.
- 17.2.5** Letter of Support: Letter of support from the NSA or NOC or local government.
- 17.3** Delegates of the bidding federation applying to host the Championships shall make a presentation at the IWUF Congress.
- 17.4** The IWUF President will appoint representatives to make inspection visits of the candidate cities three months prior to the convening of the IWUF 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.
- 17.5** The federation awarded the hosting rights for the Championships must enter into a written agreement with the IWUF.
- 17.6** Should the IWUF Congress fail to reach a decision regarding the host of the upcoming championships during its session, the IWUF Executive Board has the right to make the decision.

- 17.7** The IWUF 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 IWUF 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 and Judges' Committee are responsible for technical matters related to the competitions according to their duties.
- 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, trademarks and identifications (including but not limited to "IWUF-promoted" and "IWUF-sanctioned"), as defined by the IWUF Executive Board and/or approved by the IWUF 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 parts of its rights on terms and conditions set forth by the IWUF.

- 19.1.2** IWUF Properties shall not be used without the 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 the 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

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 IWUF Congress shall be convened every two years, generally in conjunction with the World Wushu Championships. Normally, a Congress is generally held in person. If the circumstances so require, the IWUF Executive Board can decide to hold a Congress by teleconference, by video conference or by another means of communication.

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 IWUF 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 IWUF 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 IWUF 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 IWUF Congress.
- 22.9** In the event of a tie in votes, the Chair of the IWUF Congress shall cast the deciding vote.
- 22.10** All documents for the IWUF Congress shall be prepared by the Secretariat.
- 22.11** The IWUF 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 headquarters 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 IWUF Congress shall be included in the agenda.

Article 23: IWUF Executive Board

- 23.1** The IWUF 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 IWUF Congress.
- 23.2** The IWUF Executive Board shall be composed of the following members:

- 23.2.1** One President;
- 23.2.2** Up to five Vice Presidents;
- 23.2.3** One Secretary General and one Treasurer both of whom are appointed by the President;
- 23.2.4** One member from the Athletes' Committee (the "Athletes' Committee Member");
- 23.2.5** One member from the Elected Host of each upcoming World Wushu Championship (the "Elected Host Member");
- 23.2.6** 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 IWUF Executive Board, provided that there is no current executive board member from the same nation/territory. Elected host member may join the IWUF Executive Board during the IWUF 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 IWUF 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 IWUF Secretariat six months prior to the election by the IWUF Congress. The list of the candidates shall be circulated to all NFs and Continental Federations before the IWUF Congress.
- 23.9** Apart from the IWUF Secretary General and the Treasurer, the IWUF Executive Board members, including the President, are elected by the IWUF 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 IWUF Executive Board shall commence performing its duties after the conclusion of the World Wushu Championships.
- 23.10** The IWUF Secretary General and the Treasurer shall be respectively responsible for the daily work and financial management of the IWUF.
- 23.11** The IWUF 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 IWUF Executive Board has the power to approve the establishment of permanent committees and working groups.
- 23.13** The IWUF 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. Normally, IWUF Executive Board meetings are held in person. If the circumstances so require, the IWUF President shall convene a meeting to be held by teleconference, by video conference or by another means of communication.

- 23.14** The President shall preside over the IWUF 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 IWUF 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 IWUF 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 IWUF 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. The President may authorize particular person(s) to exercise signature power.
- 24.2** The President is responsible for the implementation of all resolutions made at the IWUF Congress, and the IWUF 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 IWUF Executive Board, when the

IWUF 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 IWUF 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 IWUF Secretariat is the permanent working organ of the IWUF that is responsible for its daily operation.
- 25.2** The IWUF Secretariat works under the leadership of the President and Secretary General. The President may appoint a member of the IWUF Executive Board as Chief Executive to assist the Secretary General in the administration of the Secretariat.
- 25.3** Both the IWUF 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 IWUF Secretariat. The President may authorize the Secretary General to appoint and dismiss the staff members of the IWUF 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 IWUF 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/her 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; Judges' Committee; Kungfu Committee; Medical Committee; Ethics 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 IWUF Executive Board.

Article 27: Technical Committee

- 27.1** The Technical Committee members must be holders of a valid International Wushu Judge Certificate issued by the IWUF.
- 27.2** The Technical Committee is responsible for technical matters of the IWUF. It is responsible for formulating, revising and supervising the implementation of the Competition Rules and Regulations; it shall also examine and deal with all technical proposals submitted by the NFs.
- 27.3** The Technical Committee is responsible for the training of the international wushu coaches in order to improve their technical level and professionalism.

Article 28: Judges' Committee

- 28.1** The Judges' Committee members must be holders of a valid International Wushu Judge Certificate issued by the IWUF.
- 28.2** The Judges' Committee is responsible for the overall wushu judges' management, including but not limited to judges' recommendation and evaluation at the international wushu competitions.
- 28.3** The Judges' Committee is responsible for the formulation, revision of the IWUF's Judges' Management Policy and the international judges' evaluation system; it is also responsible for international wushu judges' training, certification, registration, upgrading and the related work, in order to improve judges' technical level and professionalism.

Article 29: Kungfu Committee

- 29.1** The Kungfu Committee is responsible for the promotion and development of traditional wushu and the organization of traditional wushu competitions and activities.

29.2 The Kungfu Committee is responsible for the drafting and implementation of development plans and programs for the promotion of traditional wushu internationally.

Article 30: Medical Committee

30.1 The Medical Committee members must be highly experienced medical specialists or experts in the field of anti-doping.

30.2 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.

30.3 In addition to formulating and implementing regulations, the Medical Committee is responsible for the following:

30.3.1 Examining and handling proposals relating to medical affairs that are submitted by NFs or Continental Federations.

30.3.2 Supporting the organization and execution of anti-doping controls in accordance with the WADA standards at the competitions during which IWUF is the testing authority (TA).

30.3.3 Physical examination of the athletes prior to each competition.

30.3.4 Making recommendations to the Technical Committee to disqualify athletes who do not meet the requirements for participating in a competition.

30.3.5 Organizing lectures on medical supervision.

30.3.6 Providing advanced medical supervision means and methods for NFs and Continental Federations.

Article 31: Ethics Committee

- 31.1** The Ethics Committee is responsible for the application of the IWUF Ethics Code and of the ethics principles and ethics rules of this Constitution.
- 31.2** The Ethics Committee investigates cases of possible violation of any ethics rules, in accordance with the IWUF Ethics Code.
- 31.3** The Ethics Committee shall recommend to the President and the IWUF Executive Board which measures or sanctions shall be imposed in a given case.
- 31.4** The Ethics Committee can also advise individuals in connection with situations of potential or perceived conflict of interest.

Article 32: Marketing and Development Committee

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

Article 33: Athletes' Committee

- 33.1** The Athletes' Committee shall be responsible for matters related to and in the best interest of the athletes.
- 33.2** 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.
- 33.3** 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 IWUF Executive Board or IWUF Congress.

Article 34: Women's Committee

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

Article 35: Honorary Titles

- 35.1** 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.
- 35.2** 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 36: Financial Regulations

- 36.1** Sources of funds include the following: Membership fees; marketing income; grants and donations etc.
- 36.2** 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.
- 36.3** 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 therefrom.
- 36.4** The financial year of the IWUF shall start on January 1 and December 31 of each year.

Article 37: Anti-Doping

- 37.1** IWUF is committed to fulfilling its obligation as signatory of the WADA Code. As part of the requirements, IWUF Executive Board Members, Committee Members, Directors, Officers who are involved in any aspect of Doping Control are deemed to agree to be bound by the IWUF's Anti-Doping Rules as Persons in conformity with the WADA Code for direct and intentional misconduct.
- 37.2** Any Anti-Doping Rules Violations (ADRVs) will be pursued and sanctioned according to the provisions of the IWUF's Anti-Doping Rules, along with the regulations of the WADA by the Independent Hearing Panel (the Panel).

Article 38: Ethics, Arbitration and Disciplinary Matters

38.1 The IWUF shall promote the spirit of integrity, ethics and sportsmanship through the implementation of its Constitution in accordance with the ethical principles of the IOC and those of this Constitution.

38.2 The IWUF Code of Ethics respects the IOC Code of Ethics. The IWUF as a Federation of just one Sport has general ethical principles which are the general guideline for the IWUF Code of Ethics. These principles are in particular:

38.2.1 Equal treatment of anyone irrespective from nationality, gender, age, religion or political affiliation.

38.2.2 Living fairness, true Sportsmanship during events and championships paying respect to other athletes, judges, officials and other nations.

38.2.3 Strengthening of personal and shared responsibility by including all parties incl. athletes in decisions that affect them.

38.2.4 Fighting against physical and psychological violence, any form of exploitation and sexual abuse.

38.2.5 Rejecting all kind of doping and drugs (the procedure is defined by the IWUF Anti-Doping Rules).

38.2.6 Fighting against all forms of corruption through transparency and clear structures.

38.3 Issues relating to ethics will be investigated and handled by the IWUF Ethics Committee, in accordance with this Constitution and the IWUF Ethics Code. The IWUF Ethics Committee shall in particular be empowered to investigate alleged ethical code violations, hold relevant hearings and make recommendations to the IWUF Executive Board for disciplinary actions, in

accordance with the procedures set forth in the IWUF Code of Ethics and this Constitution.

38.4 Disciplinary sanctions that the IWUF Ethics Committee can recommend to the IWUF Executive Board include but are not limited to:

38.4.1 Warnings, fines, penalties, suspensions, or removal of athletes, coaches, managers, judges, office bearers, National Federations, Continental Federations, Associated Members, or any other individual or group who violates the IWUF Code of Ethics.

38.4.2 Termination of membership/expulsion or withdrawal of recognition of National Federations, Continental Federations or Associated Members.

38.5 Removal of office bearer other than the IWUF Executive Board Members shall be decided by the IWUF Executive Board. Removal of IWUF Executive Board Members and the final termination of membership/expulsion or the final withdrawal of recognition of National Federations, Continental Federations or Associated Members shall be decided by the Congress. Provisional suspension of membership or provisional withdrawal of recognition of National Federations, Continental Federations or Associated Members shall be decided by the IWUF Executive Board.

38.6 Issues related to disciplinary, competition matters will be investigated and handled by the Disciplinary Commission through relevant hearings and reports, unless the IWUF Executive Board decided to have a certain matter be handled by another body.

38.7 The Disciplinary Commission shall report its findings and decisions in writing to the President and the IWUF Executive Board that will then make a final decision.

- 38.8** In matters that are not dealt by the IWUF Ethics Committee, the IWUF shall give written notice of a disciplinary action by registered mail and/or email to the party that is the subject of the action. If the alleged party does not agree with the result of the decision they have the right to appeal within twenty-one (21) days receiving notice of the decision. The President of the International Wushu Federation will then appoint a Jury of Appeal consisting of three (3) individuals including at least one member of the IWUF Executive Board and one lawyer. No member of the Disciplinary Commission who made the recommendation concerning the disciplinary action shall be a member of the Jury of Appeal, and all Jury of Appeal members shall be free from all forms of conflict of interest. The Jury of Appeal shall have access to all relevant documents, minutes of meetings and notes that the Disciplinary Commission used for their decision. The Jury of Appeal has the authority to conduct further investigation. Once a decision is made by the Jury of Appeal and confirmed by the Executive Board, the alleged party or parties shall be informed by registered mail and by email. If the alleged party intends to dispute the decision, they shall have the right to submit the case exclusively to Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 38.9** In matters that are dealt by the IWUF Ethics Committee, a final decision of the IWUF Executive Board imposing a sanction or a measure can be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, pursuant to the Code of Sport-Related Arbitration. The time limit for such an appeal is twenty-one (21) days after communication of the decision to the individual or organization appealing.
- 38.10** Any dispute arising from the final 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.
- 38.11** 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 39: Change of Headquarters and Dissolution

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

Article 40: Interpretation of the Constitution and Coming into Force

- 40.1** The right of interpretation of the Constitution is vested in the IWUF Executive Board.
- 40.2** 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.

It has been subsequently amended by the 2021 IWUF Extraordinary Congress (Virtual) on July 14th, 2021. The current version of this Constitution comes into force on July 14th, 2021.




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