

IBAF STATUTES

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CHAPTER I - NAME, COMPOSITION, HEADQUARTERS AND TERM

Article 1.

The International Baseball Federation or Federación Internacional de Béisbol, which shall also be known by its acronym "IBAF" is the International Governing Body for the Olympic Sport of Baseball, legally established in accordance with its own Statutes as well as Article 60 and subsequent Articles of the Swiss Code of Civil Law, which shall be in charge of all Baseball activities in their various categories in all the countries of the world which accept its Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

The IBAF, through its proper autonomous nature, is apolitical; makes no distinction between race, sex or religion and is non-profit making.

Article 2.

The IBAF is constituted of the Federations, Associations or Organizations which organize, promote and develop Baseball in their respective countries.

Article 3.

The world headquarters of the IBAF shall be fixed by decision of the Congress and shall be established in the Olympic City in Lausanne, Switzerland. It may be transferred to another location by decision of the Congress itself convened in an Extraordinary Session.

Article 4.

The IBAF is an association whose Member Federations join the IBAF voluntarily and who are recognized in each country as being the sole governing body for Baseball in that particular country and being a member of the IBAF. By voluntarily affiliating with the IBAF, the Member Federation and/or their individual members/organizations/officials belonging to that Member Federation by participating in IBAF events and/or Tournaments in any capacity whatsoever, implicitly and explicitly agree to adhere to the principles and specific conditions expressed in the Statutes, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of the IBAF as in effect at any particular time.

Article 5.

The IBAF is an association of indefinite duration, unless four fifths of its members declare it to be dissolved at an Extraordinary Congress at which the future of its assets must be decided.

-Art. 60 of the Swiss Code of Civil Law:

"Political, religious, scientific, artistic, beneficent, recreational and other associations whose object is non profit-making, shall acquire legal status when they express in their statutes the wish to be organized corporately. The statutes shall be drawn up in writing and shall contain the necessary provisions relating to the object, resources and organization of the association."

CHAPTER II - AIMS

Article 6.

Los objetivos de la IBAF son los siguientes:

- a) To promote, encourage and develop Baseball throughout the world and especially in the countries where affiliated Federations, Associations or Organizations exist.
- b) To encourage the physical and moral qualities development which are the basis of our sport, creating through the organization of world, continental and regional competitions, respect between nations and their welfare, and in this way to build a peaceful world.
- c) To promote the greatest bonding and most fair and amicable cooperation between its members.
- d) To guard and protect the general interests of Baseball throughout the world and before such organizations and institutions as may be required.
- e) To contribute to the realization of the aims laid down in the Olympic Charter.
- f) To govern and organize the Baseball competitions throughout the world or in a part of the same, that its members consider necessary in such categories and levels as shall be decided, laying down therein the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations governing them.
- g) To carry out studies and investigations and promote and organize seminars and conferences of technical and scientific nature for the improvement and development of Baseball throughout the world.
- h) To approve and record statistical results and in particular the world Baseball records obtained in IBAF official competitions.
- i) To provide useful information and assistance to the members requiring so and act as a Referee, at the request of the parties, in such disputes as may arise between them.
- j) To promote, sponsor and, if needed, found such bodies as may be deemed necessary for the best development and functioning of Baseball throughout the world.

CHAPTER III - PERTAINING TO THE MEMBERS

Article 7.

To be a member of the IBAF the following is required:

- a) To Officially Apply to the IBAF.
- b) That a National Olympic Committee exists in the country of the Federation, Association or Organization applying for affiliation.
- c) That the applicant Federation, Association or Organization is recognized by its National Olympic Committee, or that it is registered to be recognized by the same. Should said Committee not accept such registration, the applicant must dispatch to the IBAF copies of the correspondence with the National Olympic Committee to that effect.
- d) While observing the regulations of each National Olympic Committee, the IBAF shall recognize in each country the Federation, Association or Organization which is recognized by its National Olympic Committee and forms part of the same. In territories of the world where there is no active National Olympic Committee, a Federation, Association or Organization of said territory may be registered as a provisional member, being accorded the capacity of an observer at IBAF Congresses, and being able to participate in continental and friendly competitions.
- e) When a country wishes to set up its own National Olympic Committee, and requires a minimum national sporting Federations, Associations or Organizations in order to obtain such status, the IBAF may accept from the applicant its request for incorporation in the National Olympic Committee in the process of incorporation and admit it as a provisional member. Such provisional acceptance shall remain in force pending the decision of the International Olympic Committee in relation to recognition of the corresponding National Olympic Committee.
- f) The Federation, Association or Organization affiliated to the IBAF shall be the only one authorized to legislate and pass resolutions, motions and provisions in its country, in all Baseball competitions organized within its jurisdiction territory, and shall be authorized to set up relations with other members, in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the IBAF.

Article 8.

Each country shall be represented by a single Federation, Association or Organization affiliated to the IBAF.

No application for affiliation to a Federation, Association or Organization may be proceeded with, if in the country of origin there already exists a Federation, Association or Organization affiliated to the IBAF.

Article 9.

The application for affiliation to the IBAF must be addressed to the President of the IBAF and sent to the world headquarters of the same in three copies and accompanied by the corresponding affiliation fee, with the following documents attached:

- a) A certified copy of its Statutes and Regulations.
- b) The original admission certificate of its National Olympic Committee or a copy of the application for registration with the National Olympic Committee. If said application is denied, it must attach a copy of the correspondence pertaining thereto.
- c) The composition of its Board of Directors with the position, name and addresses of all of its members.
- d) The official affiliation form must include a formal statement from the Federation seeking affiliation that it will comply with the Statutes of the IBAF, as well as By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the IBAF, and any resolutions validly adopted by a qualified body in the enforcement of it and as they apply at any particular time.

Article 10.

1. All applications for affiliation to the IBAF must be submitted to the President.
2. The President will communicate these applications to the members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee must approve the provisional admission and the dispatch of the application to the Congress for full admission with the favourable vote of the majority of its members.

The Secretary General shall inform the applicant and the members of the IBAF of the resolution passed by the Executive Committee and the application shall be included in the Agenda of the next immediate Congress, which will decide on its acceptance or rejection.

Once the resolution by the Congress has been adopted, the IBAF shall send the documents accrediting its membership status, signed by the President and Secretary General to the applicant or, when such is the case, shall inform the applicant of its rejection.

Article 11.

The members of the IBAF shall entertain jurisdiction solely in their respective countries.

Article 12.

Members of the IBAF shall have the following rights:

- a) To have the right to speak in all deliberations.
- b) To vote in all matters submitted to the Congress for a vote.
- c) To take part in all competitions authorized by the IBAF in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations laid down for each one.
- d) To receive the services and enjoy such benefits as the IBAF may institute.
- e) To make proposals to improve the Organization and functioning of the IBAF.
- f) Whatever else that these Statutes and the IBAF By-Laws, Rules and Regulations may confer.

Provisional members as specified in Article 6, e) have only the rights mentioned under a), d) & e).

Article 13.

The rights of International Baseball Federation members are exclusive and particular to each member as an organization and as such, these rights cannot be delegated by the member to any other member.

Similarly a member can only exercise its rights in a Congress of the International Baseball Federation through a delegate appointed and authorized by the member. A delegate so appointed and authorized by a member can represent and vote only on behalf of that member. A delegate can therefore represent only one member.

Article 14.

The IBAF Members recognize that their membership is voluntary and whereby they voluntarily become Members of the IBAF and when they participate in its activities, implicitly agree to adhere to the Statutes, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of the IBAF as in effect at any particular time as well as the resolution validly adopted by their governing bodies and to enforce compliance with them in their own organization.

IBAF Members shall be bound by the following obligations:

- a) To attend the Congresses.
- b) To pay all annual fees in due time.
- c) To faithfully carry out the duties entrusted to them, maintaining ethics and moral principles proper to the organization.
- d) To play an effective part in the activities and programs of the IBAF.
- e) To inform the IBAF concerning the organization of their national competitions and the results of the same, and concerning the number of clubs, competitors and other Federation, Association or Organization affiliated members.

- f) To adapt their own Statutes, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies so that they are in harmony with the Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the IBAF.
- g) The individuals coming under the jurisdiction of that Member Federation, whether they be player, coach, assistant, official, umpire, adviser, director, committee member of any other position thereof, shall be bound by the responsibilities and duties of the member Federation as outlined above and as practical.
- h) All Member Federations shall adopt and adhere to the IBAF Ethics Code.
- i) All Member Federations shall adopt and adhere to the IBAF Medical Code.
- j) All Member Federations shall adopt and adhere to the IBAF Anti-Doping Code.
- k) Whatever else may be stipulated in these Statutes, and By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the IBAF.

Article 15.

The status of an IBAF member may only be forfeited on the following grounds :

- a) By resignation from membership, set down in writing, addressed to the IBAF's President, and dispatched to the world headquarters of the IBAF.
- b) Through temporary suspension by the Executive Committee, after a preliminary hearing and having been notified by registered letter with advice of receipt.
- c) Through failure to fulfil financial obligations in a period of two consecutive years, after a period of 60 days as from the date of receipt of the notice.

In any case, the cases referred to in the previous three paragraphs must be judged and definitely decided by the next Congress.

Article 16.

The Continental Confederations constituted of IBAF affiliated members geographically belonging to their continent shall have proper authority within the limits of their jurisdiction and, under IBAF control, shall supervise Baseball activities in their respective areas.

The duties of the Continental Confederations are:

- a) To promote, develop and control Baseball within the limits of its territorial area, ensuring compliance with the Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the IBAF.
- b) To approve its own regulations in accordance with IBAF Statutes.
- c) To apply within the limits of its territorial area, the specific aspects marked in these Statutes concerning the affiliation, membership fee, members obligations and grounds for losing the membership.
- d) To authorize, organize and control the official continental tournaments and competitions, subject to the previous approval of the IBAF.
- e) The President of the IBAF and/or his representative may attend all meetings of the Continental Confederations' Executive Committee and/or Congress as may be held at any time. The Continental Confederation shall ensure that the IBAF Office shall be notified of the Meetings of the Continental Confederation's Executive Committee and/or Congress at the latest when the official call is made to ensure that the President and/or his representative is able to attend these meetings.
- f) When a Continental Confederation, within its authority, imposes a penalty on a player, or an individual, for a defined period, the matter shall be brought to the attention of the IBAF for the IBAF's decision as to whether this penalty should apply in IBAF competitions.

Article 17.

The President of each Continental Confederation or his substitute shall be ratified by the Congress as Continental Vice President of the IBAF for that area of the world in accordance with the IBAF By-Laws.

CHAPTER IV - PERTAINING TO THE IBAF ORGANS

Article 18.

The governing bodies of the IBAF are the Congress of Delegates, the Executive Committee and Presidential Council in this order of precedence.

In accordance with the Statutes, Commissions and Sub Commissions may be appointed to exercise their respective functions as delegated to them by the Executive Committee. The Commissions and Sub Commissions shall report to and be subject to the authority of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Management shall be the Administrative Organ of the IBAF, responsible through the President to the Executive Committee.

PERTAINING TO THE CONGRESS

Article 19.

The Congress consisting of the Delegates of the IBAF members is the supreme authority of the IBAF and the only organ of the same with the power to amend the Statutes. Its legally-adopted resolutions, decisions and dispositions are binding on the Executive Committee and its Delegate Organs, for the member Federations, Associations or Organizations and for the Continental Confederations. The Congress shall meet in an Ordinary or Extraordinary Session

Article 20.

The Congress shall meet in ordinary session once every two years, in exactly the first and the third year of the four-year Olympic cycle. It shall also meet in an extraordinary session any time the President decides so, or by the Executive Committee agreement, the majority of its members having voted in favour of the celebration, or at the request of a half plus one of the Federations, Associations or Organizations members with the right to vote.

The Congress held in the first year of the four year Olympic cycle, shall be conducted in the city of the world headquarters of the IBAF.

The Congress held in the third year of the four year Olympic cycle, shall be staged in the country/city which hosts the major IBAF International Tournament in that year.

It shall be an essential condition to apply for the site to hold a major-category IBAF competition in the third year of the Olympic cycle, the agreement on the part of the host Federation, Association or Organization to do whatever shall be necessary for the holding of the Ordinary Congress in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of the IBAF. The Ordinary Congress shall automatically be summomed when the corresponding site is granted and shall begin two days prior to the date of the start of the competition.

At this Ordinary Congress, the host country shall cover the board and lodging expenses from the day prior to the start of the Congress to the day after its conclusion, for a single Delegate from each member of the IBAF present at the Congress throughout the duration of the same.

Article 21.

At least thirty days prior to the opening date of each Congress, the Secretary General shall send the Agenda of the same to each of the members, including the venue, time of the beginning of the first session and notification of all the topics that must be dealt with

Article 22.

The Extraordinary Congress shall be summomed by the President within forty-five days following the legally made request and at least thirty days previous to its beginning. Within the same period of time, the Secretary General shall send the Agenda to all the members, including the location, the time of the first session opening and notification of all the topics to be dealt with which, in any case, will be the only ones on which valid resolutions can be passed.

At this type of Congresses, board and lodging expenses from the day prior to the start of the Congress to the day after its conclusion, for a single Delegate of each member Federation, Association or Organization of the IBAF present at the Congress throughout the duration of the same shall be at the IBAF's charge

Article 23.

At all the Congresses the “quorum” shall be 51 % of the members with the right to vote. For a resolution to be approved, an absolute majority of the votes present shall be required.

In the absence of a “quorum”, any duly summoned Congress may, nevertheless, act as it goes along with the affirmative vote of at least an absolute majority of the votes constituting the normal “quorum” in the IBAF. If this action refers to a change in the Statutes, an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the votes normally constituting the “quorum” will be required.

Article 24.

Each member of the IBAF may be represented at any Congress by up to three Delegates with the right to speak, but only one of them shall have the right to vote. In the letter of credence sent by the affiliated Federation, Association or Organization, the name of the main Delegate, who will be the one with the right to vote, shall be stated. In his absence, the vote shall be exercised by the other Delegates, in the order in which they appear in the letter of credence. In order to be able to exercise the right to vote at a Congress, the affiliated Federation, Association or Organization must have discharged all its obligations towards the IBAF.

Article 25.

Delegates must be citizens of the country they represent. Nevertheless, a diplomat from the corresponding country of a member of the IBAF may be appointed as the Delegate for a Congress held in a country in which he is accredited.

Article 26.

The functions and responsibilities of the Congress shall be :

- a) To elect the President, the first Vice President, the second Vice President, the third Vice President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the three Members-at-Large in accordance with the By-Laws.
- b) To ratify the Continental Vice Presidents in accordance with the By-Laws.
- c) To suspend on justifiable grounds and/or to accept the resignation of Members of the Executive Committee in accordance with the By-Laws.
- d) To be aware, analyze, and approve such resolutions, decisions and dispositions estimated as proper on any IBAF matter or anything related to it or to its objects.
- e) To analyze and decide any point submitted by the Executive Committee or, by due process, by any of its affiliated members.
- f) To be aware, and approve or reject the actions, decisions and resolutions of the Executive Committee.
- g) To examine, and approve or reject the balance-sheets, financial statements and reports presented by the Treasurer and/or by the Executive Committee.
- h) To be aware and decide, by due process, on the eligibility of the members of the IBAF.
- i) To be aware and decide disputes which may occur between affiliated Federations, Associations or Organizations.
- j) To place all disputed competitions under the jurisdiction of the IBAF and to approve the sites where they are to be held.
- k) To establish the IBAF financial fees for the affiliated Federations.
- l) To confer upon Member Federations and/or individual Members such honours and awards as may be appropriate in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of the IBAF.
- m) To disallow all or part of any By-Laws, Rules, Regulations or Policies upon a 51% vote of Congress Delegates with the right to vote present at a valid meeting of Congress.
- n) To reform the Statutes.
- o) Any and all the attributions of reference established by these Statutes or by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the IBAF.

PERTAINING TO THE ELECTORAL PROCEDURE

Article 27.

Las Elecciones de la IBAF se celebrarán durante el Congreso Ordinario que tenga lugar el primer año del ciclo Olímpico
The IBAF Election are carried out during the Ordinary Congress that takes place in the first year of the four year Olympic cycle.

The Election process and procedures shall be in accordance with the IBAF By-Laws.

PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 28.

The management and administration of all the IBAF's activities shall be the responsibility of an Executive Committee consisting of :

- a) A President
- b) Three Vice Presidents: First, Second and Third
- c) A Secretary General
- d) A Treasurer
- e) Three Members-at-Large
- f) A Vice President for each Continent

Article 29.

All the members of the Executive Committee elected by the Congress shall belong to different affiliated Federations, Associations or Organizations of the IBAF, except in the case of the Secretary General, who may be from the same country as the President

Article 30.

A Member of the Executive Committee may be suspended from his position in accordance with the By-Laws.

Article 31.

The members of the Executive Committee shall exercise their honorary duties, with no right to receive any kind of remuneration, but the right to get refunded for their effective expenses incurred in the function of their duty. They cannot be at the IBAF Congress Delegate of their Federation, Association or Organization affiliated to the IBAF.

During the Executive Committee meetings, its members shall not take part in the discussions in which the country to which they belong is involved.

Article 32.

The Executive Committee shall meet once a year in the days prior to the beginning of the Senior World Championship, Intercontinental Cup or the Olympic Games, and also, anytime the President considers is necessary. Also when at least five of the members so request, explaining the reasons for their petition, or at the also reasoned request of one half of the members with the right to vote, affiliated to the IBAF. In both cases, the meeting must be held within thirty days of the request.

The President shall decide the location, date and time at which the meetings of the Executive Committee must be held, and the Secretary General shall send the summons to all members at least thirty days before the beginning date.

The President will be able to ask the opinion and receive the votes of the members of the Executive Committee on a specific subject, by means of a letter, fax or telegram instead of formally convening a meeting, by sending a copy of the request and other presented documents to all the members of the Executive Committee, who must communicate their vote in writing within seven days of receipt of said documents.

Article 33.

Each member of the Executive Committee shall have the right to vote at the meetings and the decisions shall be adopted on a majority basis. In the case of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

If the Secretary General is from the same country as the President, he will have the right to speak but no right to vote. The "quorum" shall be constituted with the concurrence of at least eight of its members. In the absence of a "quorum", the Executive Committee, duly convened, may nevertheless act as it goes along with the affirmative vote of at least five of its members.

Article 34.

The Executive Committee is the main responsible of IBAF's Management, Administration and Organization when the Congress is not in session, and applies its mandate.

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be:

- a) To comply with the IBAF Statutes and make them being complied.
- b) To resolve all matters of general interest and particular points that might be put forward by IBAF members and which are not otherwise assigned in these Statutes and to take such decisions as may be necessary in cases of emergency, which shall come into force immediately.
- c) To control the good functioning of the IBAF and the Baseball, world-wide, and to obtain its improvement and progress.
- d) To prepare Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses, when the requirements stated in these Statutes are complied with.
- e) To approve the IBAF By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, that will have to be adjusted to what appears in these Statutes, and inform all the members of the same.
- f) To impose sanctions on member Federations, Associations or Organizations on duly warranted grounds.
- g) To sanction members of affiliated Federations, Associations or Organizations when they fail to observe or are in breach of these Statutes and the rules and regulations of the IBAF.
- h) To approve and compile Baseball records achieved in competitions under the jurisdiction of the IBAF, once they have been confirmed by the Technical Commission.
- i) To do everything possible to maintain harmony between its members and to decide without prejudice on each dispute that might occur between them.
- j) To consider and act upon any matters submitted by the Congress.
- k) To give maximum cooperation and support to its members when, on matters of principle, they have difficulty with official or private bodies in their country, and they put at risk the stability or authority of the IBAF. The Executive Committee shall be able to appoint one of its own members or a member from the respective Continental Confederation to go to the country in disagreement and give every moral and material assistance that may be necessary.
- l) To handle all matters relating to disputed competitions under the jurisdiction of the IBAF and see to it that the same are carried through under stricter compliance with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations in force.
- m) To appoint in all official IBAF competitions, at the President's proposal, the Tournament Director and the members of the Jury of Appeal, at least six months prior to the beginning of each of them.
- n) To prepare the annual budget, which must be approved at the following Ordinary Congress.
- o) To prepare the balance sheets, financial statements and annual reports on the financial activities, duly audited, that should be approved by the next Ordinary Congress.
- p) To deal with the applications for affiliation in accordance with these Statutes.
- q) To appoint the corresponding members of the Commissions and Subcommissions.
- r) To appoint at the President's proposal the Chairmen of the Commissions and Subcommissions.
- s) To approve, at the President's proposal, the employment of the IBAF's office staff.
- t) To propose motions to the Congresses.
- u) To keep the International Olympic Committee informed concerning the activities of the IBAF.
- v) To interpret any matter relating to these Statutes and By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the IBAF

Article 35.

The Executive Committee shall decide the tasks to assign to each of its members.

Article 36.

All international travelling, board and lodging expenses, of the members of the Executive Committee in the exercise of their duties shall be paid by the IBAF, except in the case of meetings of the Executive Committee prior to competitions under the jurisdiction of the IBAF, in which the board and lodging expenses of the members of the Executive Committee and the costs of holding the meeting shall be at the Organizer Committee's charge, in accordance with what is stated in the Regulations of the IBAF.

Article 37.

All the members of the Executive Committee must attend the Congresses, and shall have the right to speak but no right to vote.

PERTAINING TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL**Article 38.**

The Presidential Council shall exercise, on behalf of the Executive Committee, such powers and responsibilities as would normally be the responsibility of the Executive Committee between meetings of the Executive Committee, or as the Executive Committee may delegate.

The Presidential Council shall comprise:

- a) President
- b) First Vice President
- c) Secretary-General
- d) Treasurer
- e) Executive Director (with the right to speak but no right to vote)

The functions of the Presidential Council shall be:

- a) To prepare proposals and documents for consideration by the Executive Committee.
- b) To act on behalf of the Executive Committee between the meetings of the latter and to exercise such functions as are delegated by the Executive Committee.
- c) To determine issues that may arise between meetings of the Executive Committee.
- d) To advise the Executive Committee on policy issues and any other matters which affect the good functioning and operations of the IBAF.
- e) To make such decisions as are necessary between meetings of the Executive Committee for the good functioning of the IBAF and/or its activities.

The Presidential Council cannot make By-Laws, Rules or Regulations by its own authority.

All decisions and actions of the Presidential Council must be subject to ratification of the Executive Committee at the subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee.

PERTAINING TO THE PRESIDENT**Article 39.**

The President is the legal representative of the IBAF and his duties and responsibilities are:

- a) To officially represent the IBAF with full powers of attorney in accordance with what is stated in these Statutes and in the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the same.
- b) To summon and preside the sessions of all Congresses and the Executive Committee and to sign the corresponding minutes together with the Secretary General.
- c) To elaborate together with the Secretary General and the Treasurer the annual report, distributing it to all the mem

bers of the IBAF and to record in writing all activities to the end of his mandate, which shall be read out aloud at the corresponding session of the elective Congress.

- d) To manage and supervise the executions of the decisions of the Congress and the Executive Committee, and to present to the latter such reports as may be requested.
- e) To be the responsible of the public image of the IBAF.
- f) To sign all IBAF's contracts with authorisation of the Executive Committee.
- g) To propose to the Executive Committee the appointment and hire the Executive Director of the IBAF.
- h) To propose to the Executive Committee the appointment of the Chairmen of the IBAF Commissions and Subcommissions.
- i) To propose to the Executive Committee the appointment of the Tournament Director and the Jury of Appeal for each official competition of the IBAF.
- j) To appoint persons to be responsible for carrying out investigations required by the IBAF.
- k) To propose to the Executive Committee the number of staff personal for IBAF's offices.
- l) All the other tasks that these Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of IBAF shall entrust him with

PERTAINING TO THE VICE PRESIDENTS

Article 40.

The First Vice President shall replace the President in the event of the latter being incapacitated or for any other reason. If necessary, the Second Vice President shall replace the First Vice President and in turn the Third Vice President the Second one in order to exercise the Presidency because the others were unable to do so.

Article 41.

The Executive Committee shall assign to each of the Vice Presidents specific tasks with specific responsibilities related to the functioning of IBAF.

DEL SECRETARIO GENERAL

Article 42.

The duties and responsibilities of the Secretary General are:

- a) To send out the summons to attend the Congress and the meetings of the Executive Committee.
- b) To draw up the minutes of the sessions of the Congress and the Executive Committee, jointly signing them together with the President.
- c) To transcribe the minutes of the Congress and the Executive Committee and send them in the official IBAF languages to all the regular members of each organ, within thirty days of the end of the meetings.
- d) To receive all suggestions, requests and queries and inform the President about them, informing the members of the resolutions taken.
- e) To receive and proceed with any other business submitted to the Executive Committee's consideration.
- f) To supervise the receipt of all the correspondence addressed to IBAF, its proceedings and filing in the central office, and to supervise the functioning of the Executive Management in this connection.
- g) To send out all legal and official documents that the Executive Committee or the President may instruct him to, and such certifications as the members of IBAF may request.
- h) All the other tasks that these Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of IBAF shall entrust to him with.

To carry out his duties, the Secretary General shall use the services of the Executive Management.

PERTAINING TO THE TREASURER

Article 43.

The duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer are:

- a) To deal with all financial matters related to the IBAF management, organization and administration.
- b) To keep the books containing all entries relating to the assets and liabilities, income and expenditures of the IBAF. The books shall be audited by a competent company appointed by the Ordinary Congress.
- c) To keep the bank accounts up-dated.
- d) To supervise administrative and accounts management relating to IBAF's Executive Management and the reception of all accounting documents and supervise their proceedings and filing.
- e) To control the payment of fees as laid down for the members, and communicate them their account statement regarding IBAF. Notifications regarding the annual fees shall be sent out before 1 January of the corresponding year.
- f) Prepare the balance sheets, the financial statements and the financial reports and, once approved by the Executive Committee, submit them to the Congress together with a copy for all members.
- g) To remit to the President monthly reports on income and expenditures and whenever the Executive Committee meets.
- h) To control the financial implementation of contracts and agreements entered into with the members of IBAF and with third parties, and inform the President thereof.
- i) To control the financial and merchandising aspects of all competitions falling under the jurisdiction of IBAF and propose to the President, whenever he deems this necessary, the appointment of a representative charged with checking the fulfillment of the financial commitments contracted with IBAF by the corresponding Organizing Committee.
- j) Send out the vouchers relating to IBAF's income and expenditures whenever necessary.
- k) All other tasks that the Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of IBAF confer on him.

To carry out his duties, the Treasurer shall use the services of the Executive Management.

PERTAINING TO THE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Article 44.

The Executive Committee shall assign specific tasks to the Members-at-Large.

PERTAINING TO THE CONTINENTAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Article 45.

The duties and responsibilities of the Continental Vice Presidents are:

- a) To assure the IBAF Statutes and By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies fulfillment in their respective Continents.
- b) To inform in writing to the Congress and the Executive Committee on all Baseball activities in their jurisdiction.
- c) To coordinate with the Executive Committee the development programs of their Continent through the Development Commission of which they are the "ex officio" members.
- d) Any other tasks which shall be entrusted to them by the Executive Committee or the President.

PERTAINING TO THE COMMISSIONS AND SUBCOMMISSIONS

Article 46.

The Commissions and Subcommissions of the IBAF are delegated by the Executive Committee with the purpose to carry out the functions of organizing and controlling the competitions, the technical aspects, the promotion and development, the legal assistance and others which may be specified in the regulations of each of these ones.

The IBAF will, at least, have the following ones: the Legal Commission, the Technical Commission, the Youth Commission, the Development Commission, the Medical Commission and the Umpires' Subcommission.

The Executive Committee may set up other Commissions and Subcommissions to carry out specific tasks. All these Commissions and Subcommissions shall report to the Executive Committee.

Article 47.

All the members of the Commissions and Subcommissions shall be designated by the Executive Committee, as a rule on the basis of criteria of efficiency and in a way that when the number of members of a Commission makes it possible, all the Continents shall be represented by maintaining proportionality among them in accordance with the number of countries that are members of each Continent. The IBAF's Rules of Procedure shall establish the way in which each Commission shall be designated on the basis of these criteria.

Article 48.

The mandate of the Commissions and Subcommissions members shall begin the day when they are appointed by the Executive Committee and shall be terminated by decision of this organ or when an appointment comes about of a new Executive Committee by the Congress.

Article 49.

The Chairmen of IBAF's Commissions shall attend all Congresses, having the right to speak but no right to vote. The Chairmen of the Commissions and Subcommissions shall attend the meetings of the Executive Committee whenever they are convened by it

Article 50.

All members of the Commissions and Subcommissions shall carry out their honorary task with no right to receive any kind of remuneration. The expenses of said members, to enable them to carry out their functions having previously been authorized, corresponding to the international travels, board and lodging, shall be paid by the IBAF or by Organizing Committees of the various competitions, whenever IBAF's By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies so stipula.

DE LA COMISION LEGAL

Article 51.

The Legal Commission shall be composed of three members who have a legal background, and of whom one shall be designated, on the IBAF President's proposal, as the Chairman by the Executive Committee.

Their responsibilities shall be:

- a) To analyze and inform the Executive Committee of the Statutes amendments which they deem necessary and of any legal matter this may require.
- b) To cooperate in elaborating or amending, whenever this has been requested specifically by those concerned, the Statutes of the Continental Confederations or of member Federations, Associations or Organizations.
- c) To report to the Executive Committee the conclusion deriving from legal, statutory or regulatory consultations to be submitted to the Executive Committee or to the Congresses.
- d) To act in the course of electoral proceeding at the IBAF, as specified in these Statutes.
- e) To receive through the Executive Committee any appeal regarding a penalty that had been imposed on any affiliated Federation Association or Organization or on any of its members, reviewing the case from the procedural point of view and inform the Executive Committee so that the latter can bring it to the knowledge of the IBAF members at the next Congress, serving as an element for the judgment before the Congress ratifies or modifies the said penalty. This shall not apply to decisions or appeals related to rules of competitions.

PERTAINING TO THE TECHNICAL COMMISSION

Article 52.

The Technical Commission shall be responsible for the technical aspects and the sports organization of all senior competitions under IBAF's jurisdiction and its responsibilities are defined in the prevailing "Rules for Organizing IBAF Official Tournaments".

The Executive Committee on proposal of the President of IBAF shall appoint a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, an

Umpiring Director and a Scoring Director from among the members of the Technical Commission. Each Continent will be represented in proportion to its number of IBAF members corresponding.

The Executive Committee may appoint Auxiliary Technical Commissioners for specific competitions. These Commissioners will act jointly with one or a number of members of the said Commission, as members of a Technical Commission for a competition.

PERTAINING TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION

Article 53.

The Youth Commission is in charge of the technical aspects and the sports organization of all competitions of minors (up to 18 years old included) under the jurisdiction of IBAF, and its responsibilities with regard to these categories are the same as those of the Technical Commission of IBAF.

The Executive Committee on proposal of the President of IBAF shall appoint a Chairman from among the members of the Youth Commission. Each Continent will be represented in proportion to its number of IBAF members corresponding.

The Executive Committee may appoint Auxiliary Technical Commissioners for specific competitions. These Commissioners will act jointly with one or a number of members of the said Commission, as members of a Youth Commission for a competition.

PERTAINING TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Article 54.

The Development Commission shall be composed of, at least, the five Continental Vice Presidents and of an additional member of the Executive Committee who will be designated as Chairman of the Commission by the Executive Committee on proposal of the President of IBAF.

The Development Commission shall be in charge of organizing all development and promotional activities relating to the Baseball in all the countries of the world, through the Continental Confederations, which shall propose to the Executive Committee for its approval the plans and activities to be carried out in each area.

PERTAINING TO THE MEDICAL COMMISSION

Article 55.

The Medical Commission is in charge of the medical aspects in relation to the Baseball practice within the limits of the IBAF jurisdiction.

The Executive Committee on proposal of the President of the IBAF shall appoint a Chairman from among the members of the Medical Commission.

PERTAINING TO THE UMPIRES SUBCOMMISSION

Article 56.

The Umpires' Subcommission shall be composed of three members, among which the Executive Committee on proposal of the President of the IBAF shall appoint one as its Chairman.

The Umpires' Subcommission shall report directly to the Technical Commission. It shall also report to the Youth Commission with regard to this latter own competitions.

The Umpires' Subcommission has the responsibility to assist with promoting the training of competent umpires throughout the world through the Continental Confederations.

The Chairman of the Umpires' Subcommission will assist as an adviser to the Technical Commission and Youth Commission meetings with the right to speak but no right to vote when it has been specifically requested by the respective Chairmen or by the IBAF Umpiring Director.

PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT**Article 57.**

The Executive Director and the staff are the administrative organ of the IBAF, subject to the authority of the President and of the Executive Committee. The responsible is the Executive Director, who carries out his functions on the basis of a private law contract.

Article 58.

The Executive Director's responsibilities are:

- a) To implement, under the supervision of the President, the decisions of the Executive Committee.
- b) To draft the minutes of the Congress and of the meetings of the Executive Committee, to receive, transmit and file the IBAF's general correspondence, and to keep the official books containing the records, registrations and certifications, all this under the supervision of the Secretary General.
- c) To deal with the administration and accounts related to IBAF's financial matters, and to custody the accounting documents, all this under the supervision of the Treasurer.
- d) To organize the IBAF's world headquarters, its offices and to hire the staff that will work in it, with a prior staff authorization by the Executive Committee.
- e) To manage all IBAF publications.
- f) To organize the Congresses and the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Commissions.
- g) To implement such tasks as may be directly requested by the President or the Executive Committee.

The Executive Director shall attend the Congresses and the meetings of the Executive Committee, Presidential Council and Commissions and shall have the right to speak but no right to vote.

CHAPTER V - PERTAINING TO BY-LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

Article 59.

The IBAF Executive Committee has the power to make By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies for the good functioning of the IBAF and all its activities.

Article 60.

All By-Laws, in order to have effect, must be adopted by a 2/3rd majority vote of Executive Committee Members present at a valid meeting of the Executive Committee.

Article 61.

The By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, once approved by the Executive Committee, shall come into immediate effect or shall come into effect at such time as determined by the IBAF Executive Committee.

Article 62.

The Congress, at its absolute discretion, may disallow a particular section, or part, or clause, of the By-Laws, Rules, Regulation and/or Policies upon a 51% vote of Delegates present at a valid meeting of the Congress.

Article 63.

All By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and major Policies, shall be advised to all Member Federations within 30 days of its adoption.

CHAPTER VI - PERTAINING TO THE INTERNATIONAL PLAY

Article 64.

Any International Baseball Game or International Baseball Tournament between teams and/or clubs that come under the jurisdiction and/or auspices of one or more Member Federations and/or comprising of one or more players that come under the jurisdiction and/or auspices of one or more Member Federations, shall come under the jurisdiction of the IBAF and shall be subject to the Statutes, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies as established by the IBAF from time to time

Article 65.

In situations whereby teams/clubs and/or players are involved in an International Baseball Game or Tournament in contravention of the IBAF Statutes, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies, the teams/clubs and/or players, as well as the Member Federation under whose auspices they belong, may be penalized in accordance with the IBAF Statutes, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies.

“International Baseball Game” or “International Baseball Tournament” means a game or a series of games of Baseball between national teams or teams representing more than one IBAF Member Federation organized in advance in a formal manner.

All International Baseball Games or Tournaments, not related to the Olympic competition and/or its qualification competitions which belong to the IBAF, must have the prior sanction of the Continental Confederations when it refers to activities between its member countries, and that of the IBAF when it refers to activities between countries belonging to different Continents, in accordance with the IBAF By-Laws. Failure to obtain this sanction would constitute a breach of the present Statutes and would be sanctionable in accordance with the By-Laws.

CHAPTER VII - PERTAINING TO THE NATIONALITY

Article 66.

Any player playing for his national team in a competition under the jurisdiction of the IBAF must have the nationality of the country, his Federation, Association or Organization which registered him for their national team.

All matters relating to nationality shall be in accordance with the IBAF By-Laws and with the Olympic Charter.

In the Olympic Games and the Olympic Qualification Tournaments where there could be an uncertainty between the IBAF By-Laws and the Olympic Charter, the provisions of the Olympic Charter shall prevail.

CHAPTER VIII - PERTAINING TO THE INTERNATIONAL PLAYER TRANSFERS

Article 67.

Any player playing with a Team under the jurisdiction and/or auspices of a Member Federation, Association or Organization of the IBAF who wishes to play in another country, must obtain an international transfer certificate issued by the Member Federation, Association or Organization where the player comes from, in agreement with the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies as established by the IBAF.

CHAPTER IX - PERTAINING TO DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Article 68.

The penalties that may be imposed for non-performance or breach of the IBAF Statutes, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies, shall be in accordance with those established in the IBAF By-Laws.

Article 69.

Disciplinary actions may be taken and penalties imposed in accordance with the By-Laws by:

- a) The Congress and the Executive Committee on any affiliated Federation, Association or Organization or any of its Members, including individuals.
- b) The affiliated Federation, Association or Organization on any of its Members, including individuals. They may also, within the limits of their territorial jurisdiction, suspend any manager, official, coach, player or individual from their country infringing these Statutes or the IBAF's By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies.

Article 70.

The IBAF shall recognize the sanction imposed by another international Federation on an athlete showing positive in a doping test.

In the same way, a sanction imposed by an IBAF affiliated Federation, Association or Organization on a player showing positive in a doping test, shall be recognized by the other IBAF members. The Federation, Association or Organization imposing the sanction shall immediately inform the IBAF and the corresponding Continental Confederation.

Article 71.

Any penalty imposed by the Congress, the Executive Committee or by affiliated members, must be respected by the IBAF members once it has been officially communicated by the Secretary General.

Article 72.

Any final decision made by the IBAF organs with entitlement to, may be the object of appeal arbitration proceedings in accordance with the Code of sports-related arbitration of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland. The time limit for appeals is twenty-one (21) days following the communication of the decision concerning the appeal. All recourse to ordinary courts is excluded.

CHAPTER X - PERTAINING TO THE MERCHANDISING

Article 73.

An IBAF member taking part in competitions organized by the I.O.C., such as the Olympic Games or Olympic Games classificatory competitions, Multidisciplinary Sports Games, World Championships and Intercontinental Cups of the IBAF, may use advertising brand or badges any time these correspond to what is authorized by the International Olympic Committee and the IBAF

Article 74.

The IBAF reserves itself the right to establish the conditions for the use of advertising in the uniforms, or under any other form, in the World-wide and Continental competitions, taking into account, whenever possible, the affiliate members' contracted commitments, these latter having requested the IBAF's authorization before contracting any commitments regarding this matter.

Article 75.

The IBAF is the only authorized entity for the use, with advertising or merchandising purposes, of the names, brands, logos, publications heads, emblems and symbols of the organization. Any use of these must be authorized beforehand, deliberately in written, by the IBAF's President.

CHAPTER XI - PERTAINING TO THE INCOME AND ASSETS

Article 76.

IBAF's income shall derive from:

- a) El importe de las cuotas de cada miembro afiliado.
- b) El importe de las cuotas de afiliación de los nuevos miembros.
- c) Los importes fijados en los contratos firmados por el Presidente de la IBAF con motivo de las competiciones disputadas bajo su jurisdicción y los derivados de la participación en las mismas.
- d) Los importes fijados en los contratos de patrocinio firmados por el Presidente de la IBAF.
- e) Todos los ingresos que resulten de las donaciones de terceros y/o de otros recursos.

Article 77.

The IBAF's assets consist of:

- a) The names "International BAseball Federation", "Federación Internacional de Béisbol", "IBAF World Baseball Magazine", the publications heads "IBAF World Report", "Noticiero IBAF", "IBAF News", the acronym "IBAF" and the prevailing logos and brands of the organization and all those that can be created in the future.
- b) The IBAF official competitions and tournaments and others that can be created with this character.
- c) The balances sheets of the current bank accounts in its name.
- d) All assets material, physical or of any other kind, personal and real state properties, included here or created by reason of existence of the World Headquarters and/or any other international office it may have wherever located.

Article 78.

In case of dissolution the IBAF assets should be given to another association or foundation which works towards similar or analogical aims.

CHAPTER XII - PERTAINING TO THE LANGUAGES

Article 79.

The IBAF's official languages shall be Spanish and English. In the event of a discrepancy between the versions, the Spanish version shall prevail.

Additional official languages can be adopted by simple majority of the Congress, in such a case, the two thirds of the votes specified in Article 80 would not be necessary

CHAPTER XIII PERTAINING TO THE REFORM OF THE STATUTES

Article 80.

These Statutes may be revised:

- a) By an Extraordinary Congress with a vote in favor of at least two thirds of the members having the right to vote present at the Congress.
- b) On written request addressed to the IBAF Executive Committee, giving detailed reasons, and after obtaining a vote in favor by two thirds of the members of the said Committee, shall be submitted to all IBAF members having the right to vote, obtaining in turn a favorable vote of two thirds of the latter.

Article 81.

The draft reform of the Statutes shall be transmitted by the IBAF office to all affiliated members thirty days at least prior to the date of the opening of the Congress where it will have to be submitted for approval.

CHAPTER XIV FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 82.

Any time limits for the dispatch or the receipt of summons and/or other communications that might refer to these Statutes and any other IBAF By-Laws, Rules Regulations and Policies, shall be counted from the date appearing on the delivery document in the post office or the official transporter of the registered dispatch which shall, in any case, be the reliable proof.

Article 83.

The IBAF shall see to it that disputes between its members proving to be irreconcilable under these Statutes terms shall be solved by the Court Arbitration for Sport, which Headquarters are located in Lausanne, Switzerland. The IBAF shall furthermore endeavor to see to it that all disputes or differences with persons or bodies external to the IBAF, shall be solved, as far as possible, by said Court. Finally the IBAF shall include in all written contracts, in relation to possible disputes, the participation of the sports arbitration body.

Article 84.

These Statutes or their future amendments shall come into force on the date of their approval.