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# CONSTITUTION

## Version 24



# European Wushu Kungfu Federation

Responsible for all IWUF recognised Chinese martial arts in Europe.  
Wushu (also know as Kungfu) is recognised by the IOC as  
the sport of Chinese martial arts.

European Wushu Kungfu Federation – a Non Profit Organisation

Registered in England and Wales as “European Wushu Kungfu Federation Ltd”

a company limited by guarantee number 9609005

The Executive Board Members are the Guarantors of the company.

Main abbreviations used herein:-

EWUF: European Wushu Kungfu Federation  
IWUF: International Wushu Federation  
CF: Continental Federation  
NF: National Federation  
IOC: International Olympic Committee  
NOC: National Olympic Committee

EB: EWUF Executive Board  
TC: EWUF Technical Committee  
EC: EWUF Executive Council  
EWGS: European Wushu Grading System



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## CHAPTER 1: NAME AND OBJECTIVES

### Article 1: Name, Location and Status

- 1.1 The official name of the federation is the “**EUROPEAN WUSHU KUNGFU FEDERATION**” herein after referred to as the **EWUF**. In accordance with the decision of the 2015 Congress the EWUF decided to become a **not for profit organisation** to be registered in England and Wales as a limited company by guarantee under the name **European Wushu Kungfu Federation Limited** with a tax year beginning 6<sup>th</sup> April to the 5<sup>th</sup> April of the next year.
- 1.2 In accordance with the EWUF Congress of 2015 the EWUF voted unanimously to become a not for profit organisation to be registered in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee under the name European Wushu Kungfu Federation Limited.
- 1.3 The guarantors of European Wushu Kungfu Federation Limited shall be the Executive Board (EB) Members of the EWUF for the duration of their term in office and on departure from the EB they shall cease to be a guarantor and deemed to have automatically resign.
- 1.4 The guarantors shall from time to time appoint and dismiss such directors of European Wushu Kungfu Federation Limited as they require and make any and all such appointments and dismissals known to Companies House. In the event that a director resigns the EB shall appoint their replacement.
- 1.5 Wushu is defined as a generic name for all Chinese Martial Arts and sports in all their manifestations and is also known as Wushu, Kung Fu (Kungfu), Gong Fu (Gungfu), Wuyi, Guoshu and others names and by such sport disciplines and arts, including but not limited to, Taijiquan (Taichi, Taiji), Sanda, Sanshou, Shuaijiao, Shaolin, Wingchun and Chinese boxing are sometimes used to define different types of Chinese martial arts competition but are all integral parts of the art and sport of Wushu/Kungfu.
- 1.6 The EWUF maintains its headquarters in the country of residence of its president, or as otherwise decided by the EB and its operational offices can be opened where needed.
- 1.7 The EWUF is a founder member of the International Wushu Federation (IWUF) and is recognised by the IWUF as the sole governing authority for all Chinese Martial Arts, commonly defined as Wushu/Kungfu in all its forms in the European continent as recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- 1.8 Sensitive words and branding of events. It shall be the prerogative of the IWUF and EWUF respectively to appoint the title name of events associated with sensitive words such as European or International or any other wording, which may give any indication that the activity is anything other than a national based activity. For the purpose of clarity any activity, which involves more than one nation, is deemed to be an international event.
- 1.9 This Constitution is the statutes of the EWUF and is defined and amended by Congress. In addition to the Constitution there are 4 sets of documents, which are defined by the EB, none of which may contradict this Constitution, these are:-
  - a) Technical Rules proposed by the Technical Committee (TC), approved by the EB and adopted by Congress.
  - b) Rules of a non technical nature and conduct, approved by the EB and adopted by Congress.
  - c) Regulations – the protocols applied to any activity, approved by the EB.
  - d) Procedures (Standing Orders) – the protocols for all other matters, approved by the EB.

### Article 2: Mission and Objectives

2. The Objectives of the EWUF are to:
  - 2.1 Accept and comply with the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and uphold the Olympic Movement and Spirit.
  - 2.2 Promote and encourage the development and practice of Wushu/Kungfu in all possible manifestations in Europe, to formulate and compile technical rules and regulations governing all European Wushu/Kungfu competitions in conformity with the EWUF relative Rules and regulations.
  - 2.3 Promote, encourage and adapt the development and implementation of the European Wushu Grading System (EWGS) based on the Chinese Wushu Duanwei System.
  - 2.4 Organise and approve international continental Wushu/Kungfu competitions and activities, to standardise EWUF member federation competitions and activities, to formulate standards for approval and certifying of continental Wushu/Kungfu Judges.



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- 2.5 Promote and encourage the development of international Wushu/Kungfu exchanges on a continental level.
  - 2.6 Promote cooperation, friendly relations and mutual understanding among its members.
  - 2.7 Actively promote and popularise Wushu/Kungfu, and to improve the health of people in Europe through its practice.
  - 2.8 Formulate standards pertaining to Wushu/Kungfu sport's various items of clothing and equipment in Europe.
  - 2.9 Respect the principles of secularity, democracy, equality and harmony. To oppose all forms of racial, political, religious, cultural, ideological, age and gender discrimination and to oppose discrimination based on internal factions.
  - 2.10 Conduct any other such activities conducive to the aims of the EWUF as may from time to time be defined by the EB.
  - 2.11 It is the EWUF goal to seek Wushu to be included into the Olympic Games and every EWUF Member shall accept this and work towards this goal.

### Article 3: Emblem, Flag and Property Rights

- 3.1 The EWUF emblem and flag, rules and regulations as well as artwork, event photographs and videos, advertising and teaching materials approved by the EWUF Congress and or EB and or the TC, are the exclusive intellectual properties of the EWUF.

### Article 4: Languages

- 4.1 The official language of the EWUF is English. Other languages may be used at meetings provided that adequate translations are provided.

## CHAPTER 2: MEMBERSHIP

### Article 5: Membership Eligibility

- 5.1 Membership is classified into three categories namely National Members, Regional Members and Provisional Members.
  - a) **National members** are those national Wushu/Kungfu federations/associations recognised by their respective NOCs and/or state sports authorities and having the right to represent their country on the official level. To be a full member of the EWUF the national member must have independent recognition by their NOC or sports authority as a wushu federation.
  - b) **Regional members** are federations/associations from countries where they are not yet recognised either by the NOC or by the state sports authorities and do not have the right to represent their country on the official level.
  - c) **Provisional Members** are federations/associations from countries who have been introduced to the membership with a probationary period of 2 years after submitting the full dossier about their activities. After the probationary period, provided that they fulfil the EWUF requirements, they may be reclassified to become the regional/national member of the EWUF. The probationary period can be extended for a further period if deemed necessary by the Congress.
- 5.2 Each EWUF Regional member will automatically become the National Member after its recognition in their country by the respective NOC or Sports Authority.
- 5.3 Each National Wushu federation shall be responsible for organising and managing official Wushu/Kungfu activities in their respective country.
- 5.4 Wushu/Kungfu governing bodies of all European countries may apply to join the EWUF and become its member federation, hereinafter referred to as Member (If there is no special explanation hereafter, the term of Member shall refer to a National Member or a Regional Member).



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## Article 6: Membership Status

The National or Regional Member of the EWUF may have the following status:

**6.1** A **FULL MEMBER** is a qualifying federation that has successfully completed all necessary conditions of membership as stated in the constitution or otherwise imposed as conditions of provisional membership. They shall:-

- a. Have been accepted into Membership by Congress.
- b. Have paid the membership fees.
- c. Have complied with the required minimum active attendance of a team at European Championships.
- d. Have been represented by delegates or proxy in Congress.
- e. The EB shall monitor the Provisional Member and when satisfied recommend them to Congress to be accepted as Full Members.
- f. They have the right to attend or be represented to vote and speak in Congress and to stand for office as well as take part in all EWUF events and activities.

**NOTE:** As described above if a Full Member only pay their annual membership fee but fail to take an active part in the EWUF program of activities it may be reclassified as *Demoted Member* and if this status is maintained for a period of 2 years or more it may be reclassified as *Passive Member*.

**6.2** **PROVISIONAL MEMBER** is a qualifying federation that has applied in the prescribed manner and been accepted by congress as a “Provisional Member”. The term of a Provisional Members shall be a minimum of 2 years or otherwise as defined by Congress with or without any additional conditions. The Provisional Member shall:-

- a. Pay the membership fees.
- b. Have no rights in Congress but shall attend as observers only.
- c. Has no right to hold EWUF certified events.
- d. Have the right to take part in all EWUF activities.
- e. Comply with the active attendance of a team at European Championships.
- f. The EB shall monitor Provisional Members and may at any time impose conditions on them.
- g. To advance to Full Member the Provisional Member must complete all necessary requirements and be accepted by Congress.

### **6.3 DEMOTED MEMBER**

- a. If a member fails to meet their membership requirements of; payment of membership fee before 1<sup>st</sup> August of the current or past year(s) and/or fails to be active with team participation at any annual European Championships, and/or failure to be represented at congress by delegates or proxy, and/or failure to abide by any and all other requirements for the previous 12 months they shall be reclassified as “Demoted Members”.
- b. If a payment is made and there is more than one years Membership fees outstanding the earlier years fee(s) shall be paid first.
- c. The status of “Demoted Member” shall automatically exist up to the next congress. If by then they have not corrected the situation they shall be reported to Congress who shall decide on classifying them as Delinquent and cancel their Membership or otherwise as congress may decide. (d) To be reinstated as a member it is required to re-apply and if accepted the candidate will be classified as a “Provisional Members”. They shall also have to pay all back membership fees, any membership penalty fees if applicable and a re-application fee of 1,000 euro.

### **6.4 Others – Delinquent or None Existing Members.**

- a. Only used as terminology for those former “members” that have fallen outside the Membership status of the EWUF and shall therefore be referred to as “Delinquent Members”. Those that have never been in membership of the EWUF shall simply not be referred to with any membership status, **they are simply not members.**
- b. In the past the EWUF recognised those federations that may have previously existed or have been registered with the IWUF as their member. With effect from 16 May 2017 the EWUF shall no longer recognise any federation that has not been accepted by the EWUF Congress and subsequently complied with the EWUF Constitution. In this circumstance the EWUF will consider it has no member in that country and shall be free to work with other associations as in its absolute discretion it sees may benefit the future development of Wushu in that country. The IWUF will be kept informed.
- c. In the event that a country is in membership of the IWUF and is not a member of the EWUF or has failed in its obligations as an EWUF Member and been demoted the EWUF shall endeavour to seek a solution with



this demoted/delinquent/non member. If efforts fail the EWUF shall work with others in that country or discard them from EWUF events whichever is appropriate. The responsibility of the EWUF is to promote and develop Wushu in Europe and the EWUF reserves the right to investigate delinquent members and where appropriate to work towards improving Wushu in that country. The IWUF will be advised of all such situations. In the event that a Member is classified as Delinquent any positions within the EWUF held by their members shall automatically be cancelled.

- 6.5 The EWUF shall only accept one Member from each country.
- 6.6 The EB of EWUF has the power to terminate the membership of any regional Member that has failed to obtain the recognition of its NOC or Sports Authority while another Wushu/Kungfu organisation of the same nation or region has obtained such official recognition. The latter may be admitted to the EWUF for membership. Such a change of membership is to be ratified at the following EWUF Congress.
- 6.7 Upon becoming a Member of the EWUF, each national (regional) federation is recommended to apply for the membership of the IWUF.
- 6.8 Should a nation or region split or unite, the EWUF shall adjust the member's status and name according to its status as recognised by the NOC or Sports authority and notify the IWUF of this adjustment.
- 6.9 Should a Member's NOC or Sports Authority recognition status be altered, the EWUF shall reclassify the class of membership automatically once verification of such has been received from the Member's NOC or Sports Authority and notify the IWUF of this reclassification.
- 6.10 Any member of the EWUF that is dismissed from membership of the IWUF will automatically cease to be a member of the EWUF with immediate effect from the date of the IWUF decision and any positions held by any of their representatives will be forfeit 6 months after the notice has been received from the IWUF. Individuals that are exempt from this criteria as hereinafter specified.
- 6.11 When a Full or Provisional Member is demoted to become a Delinquent Member the EB shall at its sole discretion have the right to appoint, dismiss and set the terms and conditions of an ad-hoc commission to investigate the status of Wushu in that Member country and to examine its organisation and operations. This commission shall report back to the EB who shall inform the Congress with any recommendations. All efforts shall be given to trying to find a way forward to promote Wushu so that country may regain Provisional and subsequently Full Member status again.
- 6.12 Suspended Membership:  
Clarification: Following due process a Member or an individual may be subject to suspension of its EWUF membership or status for any of the following:
- a. Acting in gross violation or repeated violations of the EWUF Constitution, Competition Rules, or other EWUF rules or regulations or defamation of the EWUF by the officials/representatives of a Member (*a **defamation** is a false and unprivileged public statement of fact that is harmful to the EWUF and its governing structures and/or officials' reputation*);
  - b. Pursuant to a recommendation of the EWUF Congress for poor governance, a failure of governance or a clear and unjustifiable lack of representation; or failure to participate in any of the regular EWUF activities and events for a period of one year or more. Related activities and level of participation shall be considered as valid with the participation of at least a minimum team of 3 athletes, one judge and one official attending congress (if applicable to the event).  
The events that team participation shall relate to shall be every EWUF official competition, namely:-
    - European Championships for "modern" Wushu (Taolu/Sanda),
    - European Championships for Traditional Wushu/Kungfu (Taolu, Qinda, Tuishou), Wingchun (Taolu, Wingchun/Sanda)
    - European Taijiquan and Internal styles);
    - EWUF Cup (Taolu, Sanda,).
  - c. A member or individual may be suspended on a preliminary basis if a reasonable allegation of any of the above is created.
  - d. Suspended members or individuals shall no longer be able to attend official meetings, such as Congress, nor will they be able to participate in any official events of the EWUF.
  - e. For Suspended Members the EWUF may, at its discretion, and in coordination with the pertinent NOC and/or governmental organization if appropriate, designate an interim body in order to ensure that athletes and officials of the Suspended Member are able to participate in EWUF official events as independent athletes/officials.



- f. Suspended Members are not required to pay annual membership fees for the period of their suspension. Suspension can be removed by decision of the Congress on recommendation of the Executive Council (EC).

6.13 Revocation:

A Suspended Member who fails to remedy the cause of the suspension following due notice and a reasonable period specified by the EWUF may have its membership revoked by a vote of the EC on recommendation of the President. A NF that ceases to conduct business or is in a situation that is otherwise determined to be incurable by the EB may have its membership revoked by a vote of the Congress on recommendation of the EC.

## Article 7: Induction Formalities

- 7.1 Membership acceptance by the IWUF is not an automatic acceptance into membership of the EWUF. Membership of the EWUF has to be formally applied for in the prescribed manner as specified by the EB and accepted by Congress.
- 7.2 Organisations applying for membership of the EWUF shall submit to the EWUF EB the following documents when applying for membership:-
- Application in written form;
  - Duly completed questionnaire;
  - Two sets of its Constitution, one of which must be in English;
  - A report on Wushu activities carried out over the previous two years;
  - An application fee of three hundred EURO (300 EURO)
  - When applying for the National Member status, a federation must submit a letter of recommendation or certificate endorsed by the NOC or sports authority of its nation or region.
- 7.3 Once an application has been approved by the EWUF EB and ratified by Congress, the applicant federation shall become a *provisional member* of the EWUF.
- 7.4 A Provisional Member shall become a National/Regional Member upon receiving the approval of the EWUF Congress after a probationary period of two years, which is subject to conformity with any conditions imposed at the time of their acceptance and the necessary membership criteria and participation requirements having been met. Failure to meet these requirements may result in the Provisional period being extended or the membership suspended or otherwise as Congress may decide in its absolute right.

## Article 8: Rights of National/Regional Federations:

### Members have the right to:-

- Apply for the recognition as the only Wushu/Kungfu governing body of the relevant nation.
- Be represented at Congress by an accredited delegate(s) or proxy and thereby may have its representatives be elected, vote and elect on behalf of the member as stipulated by the Constitution.
- Apply to host Continental competitions and activities organised or approved by the EWUF, as stipulated by the Constitution.
- Apply to host the Continental judges' and coaches' training courses organised by the EWUF.
- Participate in Continental competitions and activities organised or approved by the EWUF.
- Send its representatives to participate in Continental judges' and coaches' training courses organised by the EWUF and to obtain the relevant qualifications and certification.
- Recommend its national/regional EWUF certified judges to officiate at competitions and activities organised and approved by the EWUF.
- Organise national Wushu/Kungfu competitions using EWUF Rules and Regulations.
- Have priority in obtaining teaching materials and information from the EWUF.



- 8.10 Organise national judges' and coaches' training courses in accordance with using the EWUF Rules and teaching materials.
- 8.11 Conduct training for Wushu/Kungfu practitioners using teaching materials authorised by the EWUF and to confer relevant credentials to the participants.
- 8.12 Utilise other services provided by the EWUF.
- 8.13 Provisional Members cannot enjoy the rights described in articles 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4.

### **Article 9: Responsibilities of Members**

- 9.1 To abide by the principles of the Olympic Charter and the principles of the International Olympic Committee, Olympic Ethics' Code and carry forward the Olympic Spirit.
- 9.2 To support the EWUF in its efforts to achieve its objectives and agree with the final decisions of the EWUF Tribunal for Arbitration in case of any dispute and/or disciplinary issues.
- 9.3 To observe and comply with the EWUF Constitution, Rules and decisions and ensure that its own Constitution and Rules do not conflict with those of the EWUF.
- 9.4 In accordance with IWUF Constitution, recognise its continental member the EWUF as the only Wushu/Kungfu governing body within the European Continent and shall not allow its judges, athletes and officers to participate in, hold any official positions in, or support in anyway directly or indirectly other Continental and/or international Wushu/Kungfu organisations including their associated national members (constituent members/branches), or take part in their activities.
- 9.5 Based on the IWUF and EWUF Constitutions – the only recognised federations are the IWUF and its 5 Continental Federations (CF), of which the EWUF is the European element. The IWUF Constitution is clear inasmuch as the EWUF as the recognised CF for Europe is responsible for the organisation and management of Wushu in Europe. Therefore as deemed by the EB no other conflicting federations comprising of two or more federation shall be recognised by the EWUF.
  - a) Any EWUF Member that joins or participates in any such conflicting federation shall be considered in breach of the EWUF Constitution and can be suspended by the decision of the EB pending a review of the situation and a report to Congress who shall decide on the matter and any action if appropriate, which may include removal of the suspension, extension of the suspension, expelling the Member(s) from membership of the EWUF.
  - b) If an EWUF or IWUF Members want to become associated with conflicting federations outside the IWUF or named CF's Constitutions then the EWUF shall allow them to do so, however the same Member if involved with such none recognised conflicting federation and subsequently wants to participate in EWUF events they shall not be allowed to take part in EWUF events until they have ceased all association with any other none EWUF recognised conflicting federation. The EB shall in its absolute discretion decide on what constitutes such a breach of the EWUF constitution, or other rules or the intent of this clause and initiate what the EB considers to be appropriate measures and report back to Congress on any actions taken. Congress may then reverse such decisions without consequence to the EB. The decision of Congress shall be final in all such matters.
  - c) The EWUF appreciates that each case needs to be considered on merit as there are different levels of alien associations. In principle if a Member relinquished their association that would be the end of the matter, however if they would subsequently repeat this action the matter would be considered more serious and the EB shall be empowered to take action to suspect them pending the matter being investigated by a dedicated ad hoc committee appointed by the EB and this committee's report being given to Congress for a final decision.
- 9.6 To implement and abide by the resolutions of the EWUF, EB, TC, EC and Congress.
- 9.7 To implement the Anti-Doping rules and regulations of the IOC, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and implement the ADAMS rules to conduct anti-doping procedures.
- 9.8 To receive EWUF's regular inspection on membership qualification.
- 9.9 To continuously endeavour to unite other Wushu/Kungfu organisations within their nations or regions.
- 9.10 To regularly organise national (regional) Wushu/Kungfu championships.
- 9.11 To send national/regional teams and judges to all EWUF official events.
- 9.12 To pay the annual membership fee on time.





- 9.13 To only take part in Continental and International events that are within the scope of the official EWUF certified activities that have been approved by the EWUF that apply to Wushu Kungfu related activities. Participation of EWUF Members, officials and athlete's in none approved activities shall be subject to disciplinary action, which may include but not be limited to warnings, fines, suspension or bans.
- 9.14 If any member or class of member of the EWUF changes their constitution statutes they must inform the EWUF President with a copy within 28 days of the decision.

### **Article 10: Autonomy of Members**

- 10.1 Members are required to protect and maintain their autonomy and independently manage all internal affairs without any pressure or interference from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
- 10.2 Members 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 EWUF/IWUF Constitution. Bribes and inducements are not permitted.
- 10.3 Members must ensure that their constitutions make provisions for an election or internal appointment system that ensures a complete independence of the National/Regional Federation vis-à-vis from governments and other public authorities.
- 10.4 The EWUF will not recognise any election or appointment that has been made in contrast to articles herein.
- 10.5 The EWUF reserves the right to investigate the membership status and qualification from time to time and specifically but not limited to cases where their membership status changes for whatever reason.

### **Article 11: Membership Fees**

- 11.1 It is obligatory for Members to pay the membership fee of 600 euros in full cleared funds received into the EWUF bank account by the due date.
- 11.2 Payment and proof of payment is the responsibility of the Member.
- 11.3 Membership shall be on the basis of payment in advance for a period of 12 month commencing on the 6 April and expiring on the 5 April of the following year.
- 11.4 It is obligatory for Members to pay the membership fee to the EWUF on or before **April 5th** of each calendar year. Membership shall automatically renew if the Membership fee is paid on time unless the Member fails to comply with its other Membership obligations.
- 11.5 Payment shall be made by bank transfer to the EWUF designated bank account. In exceptional circumstances of economic restrictions affecting the Member the EB can agree as an exception to defer payment until the next opportunity for payment to be made in cash without penalty to that member. The payment under this circumstance shall be 600 euro up until the day before Congress. If payment is not received before Congress the normal payment rules shall apply thereafter. No membership payments shall be accepted on the day of Congress.
- 11.6 (a) The annual membership fee of each Member if paid in advance on or before **December 31<sup>st</sup>** of the previous year shall be reduced to five hundred Euro (500 Euro).  
(b) If paid between 1 January and 5<sup>th</sup> April the membership fee shall be six hundred Euro (600 Euro).  
(c) If paid on or after 6<sup>th</sup> April the full fee of 600 Euro is payable plus a late payment penalty of 100 Euro (making a total due of 700 Euro).  
(d) Payment which is not made by or received after the 1<sup>st</sup> August shall mean the Members shall be demoted and incur a penalty of an additional 100 Euro making a total payment fee of eight hundred (800) Euro.  
(e) In the event that a Member must pay in cash the EWUF will consider this as cleared funds up to the date before Congress. However no payment will be accepted in the form of cash or bank transfer on the day of Congress.  
(h)The EB have the authority in exceptional circumstances to grant reduced fees outside the aforementioned time line.
- 11.7 A new Member is required to pay its membership fee for the current calendar year within 30 days following its approval as a Provisional Member by the Congress.



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## Article 12: Termination, Withdrawal, Suspension, Discipline and Reclassification of Memberships

- 12.1 The EB, following due process, may propose to terminate or suspend the membership of a member should it refuse to comply with the EWUF Constitution, Congress' decisions, Rules and Regulations, and/or commit serious violations which severely jeopardize the fame or interests of the EWUF. In such cases, a member will be expelled/suspended upon approval by a vote of more than two-thirds from the delegates attending the following EWUF Congress. The suspension can be of any length decided by the EWUF Congress, until the measures set by Congress are taken to comply with EWUF's Constitution, Congress' decisions, Rules and Regulations.
- 12.2 The following circumstances shall be considered a voluntary withdrawal from EWUF membership:
- If the Member no longer exists.
  - If the Member withdraws its affiliation, it should notify the EB in writing. A withdrawing member should not make any claims against the EWUF including but not limited to financial or property; and the withdrawing member must fulfil its financial and other outstanding obligations to the EWUF. Withdrawal will be effective at a date decided by the EB.
  - If a Member fails to pay its annual membership fee for two consecutive years it shall automatically cease to be a member.
- 12.3 Following the withdrawal or termination of membership of a Member, the EWUF has the right to admit a new Member from that country.
- 12.4 If a withdrawn Member wishes to resume its EWUF affiliation and there is no new Member from its nation or region, it is required to pay double the current admission fee as well as any **past annual membership fees** accrued during its period of absence, resubmit all relevant documents and a report of activity for the period of the withdrawal.
- 12.5 In the event of exceptional circumstances that have affected a Member causing them to lapse out of Active Membership for a period of more than 3 years due to difficulties at a national level, the EB has the power to consider their case and negotiate a settlement figure for back membership fees and fines when they apply to become Active Members again.
- 12.6 If there are good reasons for failing to comply with the Duties of Members they must be made known to the EB prior to the activity concerned. In an exceptional circumstance a Member may be excused for an exceptional reason but repeated absence will be cause for the EWUF to investigate the suitability of the Member in question to be a Member or to reclassify their membership status.
- 12.7 Failure to abide by the conditions of Membership can be reason for disciplinary action by the Congress, EB or Tribunal for Arbitration.
- 12.8 If a Member participates in or actively associates with conflicting federations the EWUF can take action against them as specified in item 9.5.

## CHAPTER 3: EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### Article 13: Types of Competitions and Activities

- 13.1 The following competitions are organized by the EWUF and hosted by its Members. The competition rules stipulated by the EWUF shall be adopted in competitions.
- 13.2 The European Wushu/Kungfu Championships (including Taolu and Sanda) shall be held once every two years.
- 13.3 The European Junior Wushu/Kungfu Championships (including Taolu and Sanda) shall be held once every two years jointly with the European Wushu Championships.
- 13.4 The European Traditional Wushu/Kungfu Championships shall be held once every two years, generally in the year between the European Wushu/Kungfu Championships. The EWUF Traditional Wushu/Kungfu Competition Rules are applicable.



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- 13.5 The European Taijiquan and Wushu/Kungfu internal Arts Championships shall be held every two years jointly with the European Wushu/Kungfu Championships. It shall be organised by the EWUF and hosted by the Members. The EWUF Taijiquan and Wushu/Kungfu internal Arts Competition Rules are applicable. Each Member may send one or more teams to participate. If there is no officially recognised EWUF member in a nation or region the EWUF may at the discretion of the EB accept teams from that nation or region.
  - 13.6 EWUF Members organising international or continental competitions should implement competition rules and regulations stipulated by the IWUF and EWUF only.
  - 13.7 Any other international Wushu/Kungfu competitions and activities, which from time to time are certified and approved by the EWUF Congress.
  - 13.8 The EWUF shall allow only those activities, which have been certified and approved to show the “**EWUF CERTIFIED**” logo according to the criteria of the “EWUF events certification” as set by the TC and confirmed by the EB. All other activities are not approved or recognised by the EWUF.

#### **Article 14: Rules Relating to Eligibility for Participation**

- 14.1 The flags, anthems and logos of all Members participating in championships and competitions shall be utilised in accordance with the rules and regulations of the International Olympic Committee.
- 14.2 Athletes participating in competitions and activities organised or approved by the EWUF must be citizens/legal residents of the nation/region that they will represent and members of the respective EWUF/IWUF recognised Wushu/Kungfu federations. In cases where athletes have changed their citizenship, such athletes are required to have resided in the nation/region that they are representing for at least two years prior to the opening day of the competition or activity, during which time they should not have represented any other nation/region in such events.
- 14.3 Pursuant to the provisions of the Olympic Charter the TC shall deal with all disputes relating to the athlete’s eligibility for participation and report to the EB for the final decision.

#### **Article 15: Applying to Host Competitions and Activities**

- 15.1 All candidate members applying to host EWUF competitions and activities are required to observe all the relevant EWUF regulations and submit all their bidding documents.
- 15.2 Bidding documents for hosting the European Wushu/Kungfu Championships shall be sent to the EB six months prior to the convening of the upcoming EWUF Congress.
- 15.3 The bidding documents shall include but not be limited to the following:
- 15.4 Host City Name and information:  
Profile of the city (population, size and characteristics); detailed local maps showing the location of competition area, hotels and airports etc.
- 15.5 Competition and Training Venues:  
Name and exact location of the venue, competition area (15.000sq.ft. minimum) and seating capacity etc.
- 15.6 Transportation Information:  
Name(s) of airport(s), local means of transportation, transportation arrangement for participating teams on arrival and departure etc.
- 15.7 Accommodation Information:  
Number of hotels, names and locations; hotel accommodation capacity; number and capacity of conference facilities; accommodation arrangements and expenses for participants (athletes, officials and judges, etc.); distance between hotel(s) and the competition venue.
- 15.8 Letter of Support: Letter of support from the national sports authority or NOC or local government.
- 15.9 Delegates of the bidding federation applying to host the Championships shall make a presentation at the Congress.



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- 15.10 The EWUF President will appoint representatives to make inspection visits of the candidate cities three months prior to the convening of the Congress. The representatives shall submit a report to the Congress. All costs associated with the inspection visits shall be borne by the bidding federation, or city.
  - 15.11 The federation awarded the hosting rights for the Championships must enter into a written agreement with the EWUF.
  - 15.12 Should the Congress fail to reach a decision regarding the host of the upcoming championships during its session, the EB has the right to make the final decision.
  - 15.13 The EWUF EB has the right to confer the awarding of hosting rights for competitions and activities other than the European Wushu/Kungfu Championships to EWUF Member federations.

### **Article 16: The Organisation of Competitions and Activities**

- 16.1 The competitions and activities organised or approved by the EWUF shall be conducted under the guidance and supervision of the EB and TC.
- 16.2 The Member hosting the competition and activity shall be responsible for all relevant organisational work, logistics and costs.
- 16.3 The TC is responsible for technical matters of the competitions.
- 16.4 Members participating in competitions or activities are required to observe and conform to the respective event's rules and regulations.
- 16.5 All participants at EWUF certified events shall stay at the officially appointed hotel(s) unless otherwise specified in the regulations.

### **Article 17: Intellectual Property Rights**

- 17.1 The EWUF organised and/or approved competitions and activities are the exclusive property of the EWUF, which owns all rights and data relating thereto, in particular and without limitation, all rights relating to their organisation, 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.
- 17.2 The EWUF may transfer the above mentioned rights to its Members through entering into a written agreement with them.
- 17.3 The personnel who participate in the competitions and activities organised by the EWUF (hereafter referred to as participants, including but not limited to, officials, judges, coaches, team leaders and athletes) must consent to and agree that the EWUF is entitled to use any pictures, audio recordings and written materials of the participants or other individuals who may be present and are photographed, recorded, filmed or televised live during the event or at any other time associated with the event whether during the competition or otherwise. The participants must not for any reason or at any time pursue reimbursement or compensation from the EWUF the hosting Member and/or its service providers directly or indirectly for their use of the above described materials.



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## CHAPTER 4: ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

### Article 18: Organisational Structure

The leadership and administrative entities of the EWUF are:

- 18.1 Congress
- 18.2 Executive Board
- 18.3 Executive Council
- 18.4 President
- 18.5 Technical Committee (on technical matters)
- 18.6 Tribunal of Arbitration

### Article 19: Congress

- 19.1 The Congress shall be defined as the constituted meeting of the members of the EWUF who are entitled to attend as herein prescribed. The Congress is the highest authority of the EWUF. All decisions made by the Congress are final and binding.
- 19.2 The Congress shall be convened every two years, generally in conjunction with the European Championships. An Extraordinary Congress may be convened upon the initiative of at least half + 1 of the Members. The President shall inform all Members, no later than 30 days in advance, as to the date and place of its convening.
- 19.3 Each Member may send two delegates to attend the Congress. Each delegate's correctly completed registration accreditation form must be sent to the Secretariat 30 days prior to the convening of the Congress. Each Member shall have one vote. Voting by proxy is permitted however no valid member may hold more than one proxy vote. Proxy votes shall count towards the quorum of the meeting. In order for a proxy vote to be valid, full details of the proxy vote must be presented by official written notice stamped and signed by the respective federation and sent to the President by e-mail no later than 5 days immediately prior to the Congress.
- 19.4 Each Provisional Member may send two non-voting delegates to observe the Congress.
- 19.5 No amendments to accreditation may be permitted after the accreditation deadline without the approval of the President who at their sole discretion can permit a non accredited delegate to be admitted as an observer only.
- 19.6 Member proposals must be sent to the President at least 6 months before the Congress unless otherwise stated herein. The number of items tabled as proposals is limited to a maximum of 5 items per Active Member. For clarity that means 5 single proposals any proposal with multiple points will be taken to read as each point of the proposal is a separate proposal.
- 19.7 Proposals from members shall be sent out to the EWUF Members 4 weeks prior to Congress. However the EB may present last minute proposals if necessary to the benefit of the EWUF.
- 19.8 Any amendments to the Constitution shall be published as soon as possible after due diligence.
- 19.9 The President of the EWUF shall preside over the Congress. In the absence of the President, the President shall appoint a Vice-President to chair the Congress. If this is not possible the Congress shall elect a chairperson.
- 19.10 The quorum required for a Congress is one-third of the total membership of the EWUF. A resolution shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Members present and voting at the Congress. Voting will normally be done by show of hands, however a secret ballot shall be used for all elections of officers and whenever more than 50% of voting delegates request it.
- 19.11 The amount of the EWUF's compulsory annual membership fee will be set by Congress.
- 19.12 The amendment of the Constitution, termination of membership of a member and dissolution of the EWUF shall unless others prescribed herein be approved by a two-third majority vote of the Members present at the Congress. Abstentions shall be recorded and count towards the vote required for the quorum needed for the vote to be binding.
- 19.13 In the event of a tie in votes, the Chair of the Congress shall cast the deciding vote.



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- 19.14 In exceptional circumstances the President can call for a postal vote, which shall be conducted by e-mail. Non receipt of any notice served pursuant to this clause shall not invalidate the vote taken. The result of any such postal vote shall be notified to all Active Members by e-mail as soon as possible and the result published on the EWUF website. The method of postal voting shall be defined by the EB.
  - 19.15 Officers of the EWUF have no vote of their own as officers, they may however exercise the vote of their national federation if so appointed as the prescribed delegate to do so.
  - 19.16 All documents for the Congress shall be prepared by the EB. The agenda of the Congress shall include the following items:
    - 19.17 Roll call and announcement of quorum.
    - 19.18 Address by the EWUF President.
    - 19.19 Approval of the minutes of the previous Congress.
    - 19.20 Matter arising from the pervious Congress minutes.
    - 19.21 EWUF work reports presented by a member of the Executive Board.
      - Presidents report
      - Vice President – Technical Matters Report
      - Vice President – Financial Matters Report. Examination and approval of the budget and financial report.
      - Other Officers Reports.
    - 19.22 Other agenda items shall include;
      - Approval of Amendments to the Constitution and Competition Rules.
      - Proposals.
      - Election of the leading organ (once every four years).
      - Determination of date and place of the next Championships and Congress.
      - Admission, Withdrawal and Termination of membership.
      - Other matters

## Article 20: Executive Board (EB)

- 20.1 The EB assumes the general overall responsibility for the administration of the EWUF and the management of its affairs. Between the Congress sessions, the EB has the authority to deal with and decide on all matters related to the EWUF, including the formulation and revision of regulations in accordance with the Constitution. The EB, in the form it deems most appropriate, ensures the proper implementation of the EWUF Constitution and organisation of European Continental Wushu/Kungfu competitions and activities.
- 20.2 The EB shall be composed of 6 members: 1 President, 1 Executive Vice President and 1 Vice President, or 2 Vice President if an Executive Vice President is not appointed and 3 members. According to the work requirements, and being approved by the Congress, the total number of EB members can be increased. However, the maximum number may not exceed 7.
- 20.3 The EB members are elected by the Congress and serve terms of four years and are eligible for re-election. The transfer of power shall occur during the period between the end of the election and the end of the European Wushu/Kungfu Championships at which the elections took place. The newly elected EB shall begin performing its duties after the conclusion of the European Wushu/Kungfu Championships. The period of election shall follow that of the IOC, the year following the Olympic Games.
- 20.4 The EB shall meet in person at least once every year. An Extraordinary Meeting may be called by the President or at the request of more than one-third of the EB members. Otherwise meetings can be conducted by conference call.
- 20.5 The President shall preside over the EB meeting. In their absence, the President may appoint a Vice President to chair the meeting.
- 20.6 The EB meeting is valid only when more than half of its members are present. A resolution shall be adopted with the approval of a simple majority present. In the event of a tie vote, the Chair of the meeting shall cast the deciding vote. In cases of special or urgent matters, the EB may adopt other suitable methods to vote.
- 20.7 If all or 2/3 of the EB members resign, an extraordinary Congress should be convened to elect new leadership.
- 20.8 The EB has the power to approve the establishment and dismissal of permanent or ad hoc committees and



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working groups and set their terms of reference and conditions of operation as and when it sees fit. Said terms of reference and conditioned may be varied by the EB.

- 20.9 The EB can by simple majority vote remove and if necessary replace any Committee or Commission Member that in their opinion fails to carry out their duties and or responsibilities as defined in the terms and conditions assigned to them for any given task. Any such action shall be reported to the next Congress to be ratified.
- 20.10 An EB member is deemed to have resigned and thus forfeit membership if he or she fails to attend the EB meetings for two consecutive years without prior approval.
- 20.11 The EB members are not permitted to hold any positions in any other international Wushu/Kungfu and other Martial Arts organisations other than the IWUF providing the IWUF position has been sanctioned by the EWUF Congress.
- 20.12 Having duties approved by the EB, they shall each be respectively and or jointly responsible for the daily work and the financial management of the EWUF.
- 20.13 The EB shall receive and examine all proposals for Congress and make recommendations to the Congress.
- 20.14 The EB can by simple majority vote set up and determine the operation of any Non Profit Organisation or Company with limited liability for the purpose of conducting the business of the EWUF.
- 20.15 In consultation with the TC the EB shall appoint members to the European Wushu Grading System (EWGS) – European Grading Commission. This commission shall administer the EWGS.
- 20.16 The EB shall have the right to make proposals to Congress.
- 20.17 The EB shall have the right to construct its own operating practices.

### **Article 21: Executive Council (EC)**

- 21.1 The EWUF **Executive Council (EC)** is an advisory body elected by the Congress for a term of 4 years comprising of named individuals. The number of the Executive Council members is a maximum of 18 Members. The EB members are automatically included in the EC once elected to the EB. The balance (13) of the EC members are elected by Congress.
- 21.2 The EC shall meet once a year, normally in-conjunction with the European Championship, or otherwise communicate as and when required at the request of the EB. Conduct of meetings of the EC shall be the same protocol of operation for EB meetings, insomuch as one third of the members must be present.
- 21.3 The EC shall have the right to discuss and vote in the standard EWUF way on issues presented by the EB for implementation within the structure of the EWUF.
- 21.4 Proxy vote is allowed but only one proxy can be held by another Council member.
- 21.5 Meetings will be chaired by the President or in his absence an appointed deputy, any voting shall be by simple majority and in the event of a tie the chairperson shall have a second casting vote. Otherwise opinions and suggestions may be sought by email or other means.
- 21.6 Members of the EC shall be responsible for their own costs.

### **Article 22: President and Executive Vice President**

- 22.1 The President is elected by the Congress and serves a term of four (4) years and is eligible for re-election.
- 22.2 The President represents the EWUF at all times and presides over all of its activities.
- 22.3 The President is responsible for the implementation of all resolutions made by the Congress and EB meetings in the period of their recess. The President has the right to address and resolve any urgent issues, following which a report will be presented to the EB.
- 22.4 Should the President be unable to perform his duties, he has the right to appoint a Vice-President to act on his behalf until such a time that he is able to resume his duties. Should the President resign or be unable to permanently perform his duties for any reason, the EB will elect a Vice-President to perform the President's duties until the following Congress where a new President will be formally elected.



- 22.5 At the discretion of the President the automatic position of IWUF Vice President may be appointed to an EWUF Vice President. If this happens the President may appoint the title of “Executive Vice President”. This title shall only be used if the President has appointed a Vice President to represent the EWUF in their place on the IWUF EB. Such an appointment shall be made at the sole discretion of the President and ratified at the next Congress by simple majority vote. The appointment shall be in accordance with the standard term of office of the IWUF even if this does not correspond with the term of office of the EWUF officers. Once appointed Congress can amend the appointment by a two third majority vote subject to the IWUF Constitution.

### **Article 23: Technical Committee**

- 23.1 Appointed by the EB it shall consist of 4 separate Technical Commissions. One for each of:-
- IWUF rules Taolu.
  - IWUF rules Sanda.
  - EWUF rules Traditional Taolu.
  - EWUF rules Qingda (light contact) and Pushing Hands

Each candidate shall have the minimum of an EWUF Judges qualification, which they have held for more than 4 years and must have judged in EWUF event(s) to a satisfactory level as decided by the Judges Commission.

- 23.2 The structure of a TC consisting of named individuals shall be appointed based on recommendation by the Vice President with responsibility for technical matters to the EB who shall consider the recommendation and make the final approval.
- 23.3 In principle the appointment of the TC shall be for a term of 4 years, however the EB can vary this term.
- 23.4 The TC members shall be the chairs of the 4 Technical Commissions and consist of a balance of experience and representation and not more than one of the four Commission Chairpersons shall be from the same country.
- 23.5 The chair of the TC shall be the Vice President responsible for technical matters
- 23.6 The TC shall be responsible to the EB.
- 23.7 Voting in TC meetings shall be by simple majority. Each member shall have one vote and in the event of a tied vote the Chair of the meeting shall have a second casting vote.
- 23.8 The TC may co-opt nonvoting members and nonvoting technical advisers to assist them. These co-opted individuals may be from any country including those of existing committee members.
- 23.9 Each of the TC members shall be responsible for managing their respective Technical Commissions and may recommend assistants they may require to help them to the TC Chairperson who at their sole discretion may agree any such appointments or dismissals.

### **Article 24: Athletes Representative**

- 24.1 The Athlete Representative responsibility shall be as defined by the IOC from time to time unless otherwise specified by Congress. They shall be elected in the same way as defined in the IWUF Constitution. No additional funding shall be made available for the post holders unless specifically budgeted for. The elected Representative shall be the EWUF representative to the IWUF Athlete Representative body.

### **Article 25: Committees and Working Groups**

- 25.1 According to their necessity, with the proposal by the President or the EC and after the approval by the EB, permanent or temporary committees and ad-hoc working groups may be established.
- 25.2 The various committee and working group members are nominated by the EWUF EB. The President may also appoint other candidates to serve in such committees and working groups at his own discretion.
- 25.3 Standing Committees permanent or ad-hoc may include, but are not limited to: Technical Committee; Medical Committee; Disciplinary Committee; Athletes’ Committee; Tribunal for Arbitration and Audit Commission.
- 25.4 Committees and Working Groups shall develop working guidelines, which will be implemented following the approval by the Executive Board.





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## Article 26: Nomination, Appointment and Dismissal

- 26.1 EWUF National/regional Members may nominate candidates for positions in the EB. The nomination letters and resumes of the candidate(s) shall be sent to the EB 6 months prior to the election and informed to the Members 4 weeks prior to the Congress. In case of extraordinary election, the candidates can be nominated during the Congress.
- 26.2 The President, Vice Presidents, EB and EC are elected by the Congress.
- 26.3 Should a national/regional federation no longer support its recommended candidate who is currently holding an official position within the EWUF, the EB shall investigate and discuss the matter after it receives the official letter from the national (regional) federation and make its decision.
- a. EWUF Officers of the Board, Committees and Commissions must be neutral and therefore cannot be competitors or team officials at competitions. They must remain neutral, with the exception of the Athlete Representatives.
  - b. All Members of EWUF Committees and Commissions shall be required to
    - b1. Provide a letter of accreditation from their national federation when first nominated for any post. However any qualifying candidate for the EWUF EB, EC or TC can be independently nominated by any 3 Members who are entitled to do so.
    - b2. Have no criminal record. A person applying to hold any post in the EWUF must declare if they have any current, past or subsequently acquired criminal record. Such a declaration means the EB shall review the application and at their sole discretion decide if the candidate can stand or subsequently remain in post.
    - b3. If a post holder's accreditation is withdrawn by the national federation, the post holder will forfeit all their position(s) in the EWUF, however the EB may require them to remain in post for operational reasons and may hold them in post for a maximum of 6 months from the date the withdrawal notice is received by the EB. Honour Members are an exception to this rule.
    - b4. The EWUF can accept a nomination from an individual candidate for election to any EWUF post if they have previously been nominated by their federation and have served more than 10 years of service to the EWUF they can be a candidate without the need for federation approval if their nomination is supported by a minimum of 2 EWUF members.
    - b5. All Board Members, Committee and Commission Chairpersons shall provide a written report on the work they have done for the EWUF during their period between Congresses or when asked to do so by the EB.
- 26.5 In accordance with the IWUF Constitution the CF's shall elect the delegates that they decide shall represent them in the IWUF EB. The current quota allocated to the EWUF is 4 places on the IWUF EB. The position of IWUF Vice President is automatically attributed to the President of the EWUF, or the person they nominate in their place. The second and third places shall be attributed to the two EWUF Vice Presidents, or if they decline to accept these positions the Congress shall determine a replacement. The remaining fourth place shall be elected by Congress.
- 26.6 To reflect on the intricate nature of Wushu post holders within the EWUF candidates shall have worked their way up to a responsible position over a sustained period of time and be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of Wushu. This will be judged by their level within the EWGS together with any other suitable qualifications either academic or technical. The following shall apply:-
- A) The members of the TC are required to have at least a 3th Duan EWGS to be elected to a position of a member within the EWUF TC, at least 5th Duan EWGS to be a Commission chairman and at least 6th Duan EWGS to be the TC chairman.
  - B) Chairman of Judges Commission. Candidates shall have at least "A" Degree EWUF Judge and 5th Duan EWGS to be elected to a position of a Chairman of the judges commission.
  - C) EWUF EC Members shall have outstanding qualities in management of Wushu having demonstrated their ability in their own national federation with more than 6 years experience at national level. They shall also be known to the EWUF and contributed to EWUF activities over at least a 6 year period (these periods of national and EWUF work can be counted as concurrent).



- D) EWUF EB Members shall have the following minimum levels of experience within the management of the EWUF:
- a. For Committee/Commissions other than the EB, EC and TC. Have suitable qualifications and be approved by their respective national federation. Have demonstrated a willingness to work with the EWUF in administrative or technical fields. If technical they should have a judges qualification of not less than 6 years. To be the chairperson of such a group they shall have more than 6 years working within the EWUF.
  - b. Special ad-hoc committees/commissions with appointments of less than 12 months may from time be needed for specialist work. In which case the EB shall specify the qualifications and experience levels or countervailing experience needed for this type of short term appointment.
  - c. Executive Members shall have worked for the EWUF for at least 6 years to be an EB member and are required to have at least a 4th Duan EWGS to be elected.
  - d. Vice President – Shall have worked for the EWUF for at least 6 years to become a Vice-President and are required to have at least a 5th Duan EWGS to be elected
  - e. President – Shall have at least 8 years of working for the EWUF (in any position) and is required to have at least a 6th Duan EWGS, before applying for presidency.
  - f. To ensure the neutrality and independence of the President of the EWUF, the candidate elected to the position of EWUF President shall for the duration of their period in office resign from and shall not accept any position or title honorary or real in their national federation.
- 26.7 In line with IOC Age Limit protocol (IOC Charter Article: 16.3.3.3) any individual ceases to be a member at the end of the calendar year during which they reach the age of 70.

## **Article 27: Honorary Titles**

- 27.1 The EWUF may award the title of Honorary President to Presidents, who have retired after serving the EWUF. Honorary Presidents are entitled to attend and address the EWUF Congress and EB meetings, and may be members of the EWUF EB with a right to vote.
- 27.2 The EWUF may award honorary titles to those individuals whom have performed invaluable service or made outstanding contributions to the promotion and development of Wushu.

## **CHAPTER 5: OTHER MATTERS**

### **Article 28: Financial Regulations**

- 28.1 Sources of funds include the following: Membership fees/marketing income/grants and donations/sponsorship etc.
- 28.2 The financial affairs of the EWUF will be dealt with under the principle of operating within its financial means. All budgets will be formulated and implemented with this principle as a guide.
- 28.3 The Congress may appoint an internal auditor to audit accounts.
- 28.4 The EB formulates and implements all financial regulations and will therefore be held accountable by the Members for any financial discrepancies that may arise thereof.
- 28.5 The Vice President responsible for Secretarial and Financial Services (Treasurer) has responsibility for the Finances of the EWUF and for opening and running any required bank accounts. This Vice President shall keep a book of accounts, which will be audited annually and presented to Congress. This Vice President shall make available to the Congress the most current amounts of money and any liabilities that can be accounted for.
- 28.6 Between Congresses the EB may appoint paid officials, staff, individuals or companies to conduct any work that it deems necessary for the benefit of the EWUF providing the EB has made sufficient provision for the money to be available to cover the cost of such expenditure.



28.7 The EB reserves the right to reject any donations or sponsorship.

28.8 The EWUF can certify events as “EWUF Certified” and that a fee shall be paid to the EWUF for the granting of such certification. Since such events may vary in size it would be unrealistic to place a standard fee on an event. Therefore the EB in consultation with the TC shall identify what requirements and fees shall be paid to the EWUF before the granting of any certified event. The Congress shall award titles of Cups and the EB and TC awarding other certified events.

## **Article 29: Ethics, Arbitration and Discipline**

29.1 The EWUF promotes the spirit of sportsmanship through the implementation of its constitution in accordance with the ethical principles of the IOC.

29.2 The EWUF Tribunal for Arbitration shall be appointed and dismissed as required by the EB and shall consist of at least 3 and not more than 5 people. The EWUF Legal Commission comprising of lawyers or other suitably qualified people shall be appointed and dismissed as required by the EB as they see fit. They shall be consulted in any appropriate matters concerning the handling of any case put before the EWUF Tribunal for Arbitration.

29.3 All arising disciplinary and ethical matters and any other conflicts shall be investigated and dealt with by the EWUF Tribunal for Arbitration through relevant hearings. In the event that the president considers there to be any conflict of interest between any tribunal members associated with the case placed before them the president shall propose to the EB the replacement of any or all members of the tribunal solely for the purpose of the case at hand. All the related issues shall be referred to the EWUF Tribunal for Arbitration to deal with and report to both the Congress and EB with recommendations. All EWUF members shall abide by the decision(s) of the EWUF Tribunal for Arbitration which shall be final and binding in this instance on all.

29.4 The EWUF disciplinary action includes: issuing warnings, fines and penalties, the removal of office bearers, the termination of membership of Member Federations, the suspension of membership of Member Federations, a ban applied to the athletes, Judges and EWUF officers, a ban on the representatives of member federations and members of delegations of member federations. The removal of office bearers other than EB Members or the suspension of membership of Member Federations, the ban on the athletes, Judges and EWUF officers, the ban on the representatives of member federations and members of delegations of member federations shall be executed by the EB or the Congress. The removal of EB Members or the termination of membership of Member Federations shall be executed by the Congress.

29.5 Any dispute arising from the decisions made by the EWUF Tribunal for Arbitration 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.

Disciplinary action can be taken by the EB against persons or federations who are deemed to be in breach of the Constitution, Rules, Regulations or Procedures or being counterproductive and wasting the time of the EWUF, or misrepresenting Wushu, or bringing Wushu or the EWUF into disrepute.

If any actions by an individual or group of people or country are of an insulting, misleading, slanderous or liable nature, against the EWUF, its officers or personnel, or to national federations, or their officials, teams or others in anyway that is considered to be negative, or counterproductive and the offended body wishes to complain they must in the first place present their complaint in writing to the EWUF President. Only complaints sent by the President of an EWUF Member shall be received and considered. Such complaints may only apply to issues related directly to the complaining member federation their officials, teams or athletes. If the EB considers the matter warrants it, they will refer the matter the Tribunal for Arbitration who may deal directly with the matter or appoint a special ad-hoc committee, which shall be called the Disciplinary Committee who can be called on to determinate if the EWUF or their officials or members or others have suffered damage. Subject to the findings of the Disciplinary Committee the individual or group of people or country may face disciplinary action, which shall include, but not be limited to, a fine, disqualification or sanctions.

29.5.1 To make a complaint the complaining federation shall register their complain in the prescribed manner.

29.5.2 Written notice signed by the President of the complaining federation.

29.5.3 Details of the complaint that must be presented within 3 months of any issue having occurred.

29.5.4 All evidence related to the complaint.

29.5.5 A list of any people involved in the issue and a list of witnesses to the complaint.

29.5.6 Payment of the complaint fee as stated herein.



29.6 There shall be two levels of arbitration within the EWUF outside of the appeals related to technical matters in competition, which come under the rules of competition.

29.6.1 Minor appeals, which can be resolved by the EB by conference call and or email. This shall have an appeal fee of 500 euro, paid to the order of the EWUF. If the appeal is upheld the fee shall be refunded. If the appeal is lost the fee shall be forfeit to the EWUF and any additional costs incurred during the procedure shall become the liability of the appellant who shall pay these costs.

29.6.2 Major appeals, which require the EWUF Tribunal for Arbitration to meet or as may be required too involve a dedicated disciplinary committee or other advisory body as the EWUF Tribunal for Arbitration may decide in their absolute discretion shall have an appeal fee of 500 euro, paid to the order of the EWUF. If the appeal is upheld the fee shall be refunded. If the appeal is lost the fee shall be forfeit to the EWUF and any additional costs incurred during the procedure shall become the liability of the appellant who shall pay these costs.

29.7 The EWUF Tribunal of Arbitration shall be asked to give a guide of appropriate levels of disciplinary actions. For example, if some letters, emails or other communication methods are spreading slander, the EB can call for an investigation. If proven that this individual or group of people or organisation(s) or country(s) is guilty of the act or helped in this act the EB can consider and take appropriate action in line with the recommendations of the investigation body. Any complaint that may require disciplinary action must in the first place be presented in written form from an official EWUF member to the EWUF President. Only complaints sent by the President of an EWUF Member shall be received and considered.

### **Article 30 Independent Participation in EWUF Events.**

30.1 If a Member fails to take an active part in EWUF Championships over a two year period they will automatically have their Membership demoted and become “Passive Members”. In such circumstances the TC, with the consent of the EB, may at its sole discretion accept participation from independent athletes/judges without the consent of the national federation. Under such circumstance the EWUF shall not recognize the participation of the country only the individuals. They shall compete under the flag of the EWUF and the European anthem played during medal ceremonies.

30.2 There are 3 possibilities covering the availability of participation by independent athletes/judges in EWUF events. It covers

30.2.1 Active Member not sending a national team

30.2.2 Active Member that is demoted and re-classified as a “Passive Member” that is not sending a national team.

30.2.3 European nations that are not Members of the EWUF.

30.2.4 Executive Board Directive 16/1, 16/2 and 16/3 shall apply.

### **Article 31: Change of Headquarters and Dissolution**

31.1 In the event that the EWUF moves its headquarters, its properties shall be transferred to the new headquarters. In the event that the EWUF is dissolved, the properties of the EWUF shall be disposed of according to the resolution of the Congress.

31.1.1 The intended dissolution of the EWUF shall require an Extraordinary Meeting of the Congress, at which the proposed dissolution of the EWUF and disposal of any assets shall be the sole item on the agenda.

31.1.2 Dissolution requires a 2/3 majority of valid votes cast.

31.1.3 Any assets remaining after the dissolution of the EWUF, shall, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, be applied to the furtherance of any objective(s) of the EWUF as determined by the Congress at, or before, the time of dissolution. If effect cannot be given to the foregoing provisions, they shall be given to a charitable organisation. Under no circumstances shall they be paid to, or distributed among the Members of the EWUF.



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### **Article 32: Interpretation of the Constitution**

- 32.1 The right of interpretation of the Constitution is vested in the EB. Any matters not covered by the Constitution shall be resolved by the EB and reported to the next Congress.
- 32.2 The Constitution is written in English.
- 32.3 The law of England and Wales shall apply to the EWUF.

### **Article 33: Authority of Last Resort**

- 33.1 The authority of last resort on any question concerning the EWUF rests with the EWUF.

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