

# INF

INTERNATIONAL  
NANBUDO FEDERATION

# STATUTES

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**(INF)**

## **I IDENTITY OF THE INF**

### Article 1

In accordance with Article 60 ff of the Swiss Civil Code, an association called INTERNATIONAL NANBUDO FEDERATION (INF) is founded and established for an unlimited period of time.

#### Article 2

INF is a non profit association composed of national nanbudo federations, associations or organizations, and other national and international organizations that are contributing to the development of nanbudo sport and martial art internationally. INF and its members reject all forms and means of discrimination against individuals, groups of people, organisations or countries on grounds of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion or politics.

INF supports a fair representation of women in sporting activities and in the management of sport.

#### Article 3

The General Assembly determines the location of the headquarters of INF which is currently located in Geneva, Switzerland.

#### Article 4

Official language of INF is English.

## **II OBJECTIVES OF THE INF**

#### Article 5

The INF's main objective is to promote and develop nanbudo sport and martial art internationally. The disciplines of nanbudo which develop body through physical activity, should be harmoniously complemented to the mental training that will enable athletes of better understanding nanbudo as a martial art and sport, and their everyday environment. INF safeguards the identity of nanbudo sport and martial art internationally in order to preserve the original ideas, martial art technique and sport competition rules.

#### Article 6

The INF takes care of the standards of development of nanbudo sport and martial art, as well as of activities of its members, and helps them in promoting and developing at all levels nanbudo sport and martial art as well as organizing training courses for trainers, competitors and referees.

#### Article 7

The INF provides cooperation among its member federations, coordinates their activities, protects their interests and recognizes unconditionally the autonomy of its members and their authority within nanbudo sport and martial art.

#### Article 8

The INF provides information for all its members about all its activities, and particularly about international competitions and their organization.

#### Article 9

The INF authorizes, helps in organization or organizes itself - world, continental and international events and competitions in nanbudo sport.

### **III MEMBERS**

#### Article 10

The INF accepts these categories of members:

- regular members
- associate members
- honorary members

#### Article 11

Regular members of INF are only organizations officially registered as national federations or associations according to the laws of the respective country, which are associating national clubs practicing nanbudo as a martial art and competing in nanbudo sport in that country.

Regular members have the right to vote at the General Assembly.

The status of a regular member is decided by the General Assembly of INF upon proposal of the Executive Committee.

#### Article 12

Associate members can be other national or international organizations who contribute to the development of nanbudo martial art and sport internationally, or those who are developing in the way to become a national federation and therefore a regular member of INF.

Associate members can attend but not vote at the General Assembly.

Associate membership is decided by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Executive Committee.

#### Article 13

Honorary members are organizations or individuals who have had a special contribution to nanbudo development internationally. Honorary membership is decided by the Gen.

Assembly upon proposal of the Executive Committee.

#### Article 14

If there is more than one organization who is claiming to be the official and legally registered national nanbudo federation/association in one country, General Assembly is the one to decide which one will be accepted as a member of INF.

Members can be expelled only by General Assembly for the reasons of:

- not paying membership fees or any other liabilities to INF for more than 2 years
- not respecting the Statutes or rules brought by the INF
- seriously and repeatedly damaging the image of INF or nanbudo sport and martial art

Executive Committee is deciding upon membership fees for INF members, annual licenses, budo passports, and benefits that follow different membership status and obligations.

## **IV THE GOVERNING ORGANS OF THE INF**

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### Article 15

The main governing organ of the INF is the General Assembly (GA).  
The GA meets in principle once a year, and delegates of all paid-up regular and associate members can attend it. Regular members only have the right to vote.  
Assembly is called up with a note to its members at least 30 days in advance.

#### Article 16

If at least 1/5 of the members submit a request for an extraordinary session of the Assembly in a written form and submit it to the President and General Secretary - an Extraordinary Assembly will be called up within 30 days with a note to members at least 20 days before the Assembly.

#### Article 17

The General Assembly is legally deciding if more than ½ of the regular paid-up members are present.  
In the case of changing statutes or dissolution of the organization, more than 2/3 of paid-up members must be present.

#### Article 18

Every regular member has one vote through the delegate it delegates to General Assembly. The mandate of the delegate lasts as long as he is withdrawn from the GA by his national federation. Members of Executive Committee have also one vote each.

#### Article 19

Voting is always by showing hands except of voting for elections which is done by secret ballot if there is more than one candidate.

#### Article 20

General Assembly decides in voting by simple majority.

#### Article 21

General Assembly decides on the statutes and its changes and can approve different, official documents and rules, as well as it can form different committees according to its needs, who are reporting to GA once a year.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### Article 22

The President, the General Secretary, and the third member of the Executive committee (Excom) are the positions within the Excom, and are elected by General Assembly.

#### Article 23

Excom can appoint its members to different directing positions depending on the needs of its activities.

#### Article 24

The mandate of the members of Excom is 4 years, and same members can be reelected. The mandate of a member can be shortened by Excom itself if the member does not accomplish his tasks regularly.

#### Article 25

The nominees must be over 18 years old and in full possession of civil rights.

#### Article 26

The Excom meets at least 2 times a year.

#### Article 27

The Excom carries out all the executive functions and tasks given to it by General Assembly. It particularly decides on membership fees and benefits for the members. It takes its decisions by simple majority. It is legally deciding if at least 2 members are present.

### PRESIDENT

#### Article 28

President is representing the INF in law and in all civil acts, and by his function he is presiding the General Assembly.

#### Article 29

He calls up the meetings of Excom and leads its sessions. He is signing all the administrative and financial documentation of the INF. He is elected by the GA with a mandate of 4 years.

### GENERAL SECRETARY

#### Article 30

General Secretary is an executive organ of the Excom, elected by General Assembly with a mandate of 4 years.

#### Article 31

General Secretary is a connection of the Excom to all members worldwide. He keeps an update of the members list and list of internationally registered athletes; gives out athletes passports; keeps track and record of all the events in connection with the INF; represents INF when President is not present, and also signs all the administrative and financial documentation and gives orders for financial actions.

## ACCOUNTS AUDITING COMMITTEE

### Article 32

Accounts auditing committee is elected by the GA and it consists of 2 members with a mandate of 4 years.

### Article 33

Accounts auditing committee meets at least once a year, and examines details of financial documents and status of INF. It gives a report to the GA about Excom report and financial documents.

## V

### REFEREE'S COMMITTEE

### Article 34

Excom nominates Referee's Committee of 3 members with a mandate of 4 years. Members of the Committee can be re nominated.

### Article 35

Referee's Committee is proposing to Excom the rules for organizing competitions as well as Rules of competition itself. Committee organizes courses, examinations, licensing and delegating of international referees for international competitions in agreement with Technical director.

It reports regularly to Excom and gives report to GA once a year.

## VI

### GRADING COMMITTEE

### Article 36

Grading Committee of 3 members is nominated by the Excom with a mandate of 4 years. Members can be re nominated. Grading committee organizes examination from 4 Dan grade up, on the international level. Examinations up to 3 Dan are organized within and under responsibility of national federations.

## VII

### FINANCES

### Article 37

The General Assembly approves the budget within the limits of expected income based on membership fees, sponsorship and merchandizing of promotion materials (badges, books, DVDs, etc).

### Article 38

The Excom is responsible for the realization and application of the budget items, during the financial year that lasts from Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> annual.

## **VIII AMENDMENTS OF STATUTES**

### Article 39

Proposals to amend these Statutes may be put forward by the Excom. The Excom shall call the relevant Extraordinary Assembly in compliance with the terms and procedures as set forth herein.

### Article 40

Proposals to amend these Statutes must be approved by at least 2/3 (two thirds) of the members having voting rights that are present at the Assembly.

### Article 41

Changes in these Statutes become provisionally effective upon approval of the Excom and finally upon ratification by the Assembly.

## **IX DISSOLUTION**

### Article 42

The proposal to dissolve the INF must be decided by the Assembly with a majority of at least 4/5 (four-fifths) of the votes of the members having voting rights.

### Article 43

If a decision on dissolution of organization is brought up at the Extraordinary Assembly called up for that reason, the remains of the property, after satisfaction of all debts or liabilities will not be distributed among the members of association but will be applied to any furtherance of any objects of the association as may be determined by the GA at the time of dissolution, or to some charitable organizations.

## **X FINAL CLAUSES**

### Article 44

The original text of the statutes is in English. In case of any doubts for the interpretation when reading a translated version, the English text prevails and should be referred to.

### Article 45

The authority of interpreting any problems arising from this Statutes, resides in the President, Excom or the General Assembly, before any final decision making.

### Article 46

In the case of dispute, the Court of the seat of the INF will have jurisdiction.

***This Statutes were approved by the General Assembly Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 2010  
It came into force immediately.***

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