

ARTICLES
of
INTERNATIONAL CATCH'N SERVE BALL SPORTS FEDERATION (ICSBF)

Articles adopted on the 7th of November 2023, through a video-conference meeting by the founding members. Amendments to the Articles of Association adopted at the first General Assembly on the 2nd of February 2024.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1: Name

- 1.1 The International Catch'n Serve Ball Sports Federation is a non-profit association, composed of National Catch'n Serve Ball Sports Federations and any sports associations practicing it, whose primary objects are the promotion and development of Catch'n Serve Ball sport discipline, as well as the access to team sports, in particular the sport of Catch'n Serve Ball (an easy access team sport in which the ball is caught and thrown over the net), and whose purpose is also to primarily promote equality in sport.
- 1.1 The official abbreviation of the association is "ICSBF". It is an umbrella association of Catch'n Serve Ball Sports Federations.
- 1.2 ICSBF is constituted according to articles 60 ff of the Swiss Civil Code and is governed by Swiss law.

Art. 2: Foundation and duration

- 2.1 ICSBF was founded on the 7th of November 2023, by the members listed at the bottom of the Articles.
- 2.2 ICSBF has legal personality.
- 2.3 ICSBF is formed for an unlimited period of time.

Art. 3: Place of registration

- 3.1 The registered office of ICSBF is located c/o Panathlon International, Maison du Sport International, Avenue de Rhodanie 54, in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Art. 4: Objects

4.1 The objects of ICSBF are to:

- Coordinate and defend the common interests of its members regarding Catch'n Serve Ball Sports as sport as well as the association's primary objects (art. 1 here above);
- Ensure cooperation between its members, within the defence of their common interests, and with international sport authorities and international sport federations or organizations;
- Represent its members and Catch'n Serve Ball sport in matters related to the governance of sport at international and national levels;
- Ensure the widest possible participation in programs and projects of the Olympic movement and/or international organizations;
- Promote physical activity and health awareness, and social networking, for women and mothers any participant;
- Acceptance and compliance with the WADA anti-doping code, as well with national/international anti-doping regulations, which shall be incorporated in the association and members regulations accordingly;
- To create the best possible equal framework conditions for all, in the sense of gender mainstreaming;
- Promote relationship through sport, physical activity and health issues, notably including educational aspects such as fair-play values;
- Develop community aspects such as help and assistance between families within the scope of sport, physical activity and health issues;
- Promote community spirit, to contribute to meaningful sporting and health-promoting leisure activities and to the preservation of our natural resources;
- Commit to a society based on the fundamental values of freedom, equality, justice, non-violence and solidarity and to support the living development and constant renewal of democracy and equal treatment in all spheres of life;
- Support the role model effect within the family with regard to sports, health promotion, social aspects and prevention of violence;
- Counteract the drop out in sports activities of mothers after starting a family;
- Support the integration of people of different cultures, religious or ethnic origins into the life of the association and the reduction of related prejudices;
- Promote women networks;
- Establishing a competition structure taking into account the needs of participants;
- Pursue such other aims and objectives as may, from time to time, be defined by the General Assembly.

Art. 5: Official languages

5.1 Official languages of ICSBF are English.

5.2 English only shall be used by ICSBF and its members within their relation with ICSBF.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Art. 6: Membership

6.1 ICSBF is composed of different types of members:

- Full Members;
- Associate Members.

Art. 7: Full Members and application procedure

- 7.1 Full Members are National Catch'n Serve Ball Sports Federations, whose objectives are in line with those pursued by ICSBF.
- 7.2 To become a Full Member, such entities must submit a written application to the ICSBF Executive Board (see art. 19 ff hereafter). The ICSBF Executive Board will then review the application regarding the objects of ICSBF, as well as examining the values and objectives of the applicant.
- 7.3 If the Executive Board considers, at its sole discretion, that the applicant complies with all requirements, it may at any time grant temporary membership without voting right and shall then issue a positive recommendation to the attention of the General Assembly, which has the power to admit a new member (see art. 15). If not, it may subsidiarily recommend the applicant as an Associate Member.
- 7.4 An applicant formally becomes a member once the membership subscription is paid.
- 7.5 The founders are automatically Full Members of ICSBF.

Art. 8: Full Members' rights and obligations

8.1 Full Members have the right to:

- Participate in voting and in elections, by being represented by 1 (one) person;
- Be informed of ICSBF activities and accounts;
- Exercise any other right arising from the Articles, regulations and decisions of ICSBF.

8.2 Full Members have the obligation to:

- Comply with and respect the Articles and objects of ICSBF;
- Inform ICSBF Executive Board of any internal changes that would affect the conditions of admission (modifications of articles per example);
- Pay their membership subscription in due time.

Art. 9: Associate Members

9.1 Associate Members are international, national and regional sports organisations, sports clubs and associations, which are pursuing the same objectives and values as ICSBF.

- 9.2 Regarding the application procedure, art. 7.2 to 7.4 are applicable.
- 9.3 The Associate Members must acknowledge and observe the Articles, regulations, resolutions and decisions of ICSBF. They are also obliged to pay the relevant membership fees and the other ICSBF contributions fixed by the ICSBF Executive Board at the designated time.
- 9.4 An Associate Member does not have the right to vote nor are its representatives eligible to stand for any offices.

Art. 10: Resignation, suspension and exclusion

- 10.1 Any member can resign at any time. The resignation take effect immediately upon receipt of a notice of resignation sent by e-mail and post to the Executive Board. It shall be reported to the next General Assembly. The membership subscription paid for the current year shall not be repaid.
- 10.2 Any member who has caused serious prejudice to the objects and Articles of ICSBF can be suspended until the next General Assembly or even excluded from the Association by registered letter from the Executive Board. The suspended or excluded member can challenge the decision of the Executive Board within 30 (thirty) days by a registered letter sent to the Executive Board, which will then convene a meeting of the General Assembly to decide on appeal on the exclusion. The decision of the General Assembly is final.

Art. 11: Notices

- 11.1 A notice or notification to any member shall be deemed to have been properly received provided it was sent by regular mail or by e-mail.
- 11.2 In case of suspension or exclusion of a member or in case of dissolution of ICSBF, notification shall be sent by registered mail.

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III. ORGANIZATION

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Art. 12: Bodies

- 12.1 The bodies of the association are:
- A. The General Assembly;
 - B. The Executive Board;
 - C. The Auditors.

A. General Assembly

Art. 13: Composition

- 13.1 The General Assembly (general meeting of Full Members) is the supreme governing body of the association.
- 13.2 Its decisions are mandatory for all members (Full and Associate Members), even for those who do not attend.

Art. 14: Calling and form of meetings

- 14.1 General Assembly can be called into session by the Executive Board or more than the half of the Full Members.
- 14.2 The sessions can be held virtually (through video-conferencing) if the facilities are available.
- 14.3 The General Assembly must have at least one meeting per year, within 6 (six) months after the accounts' closing.
- 14.4 The session is called by the Executive Board at least 30 (thirty) days before its date and by regular mail or by e-mail. The convening must contain the agenda's issues.

Art. 15: Powers

- 15.1 The powers of the General Assembly are:
 - Approval and modification of the Articles;
 - To modify ICSBF place of registration within Switzerland;
 - Approval of the minutes of the last meeting;
 - Admission, suspension and exclusion of a member (Full and Associate Member);
 - To decide on appeals from members who have been suspended or excluded;
 - Election of the President of the association;
 - To appoint the members of the Executive Board;
 - To appoint the Auditors;
 - To set the amount of the subscription for Full and Associate Members;
 - Approval of the budgets, the audited accounts and the activity report;
 - To grant discharge to the members of the Executive Board;
 - To exercise any other competence specifically attributed by the Articles and regulations of ICSBF;
 - Dissolution of the association.

Art. 16: Delegates

- 16.1 Each Full Member's delegation is limited to 1 (one) delegate and 1 (one) counsellor. Only the delegate is entitled to vote.
- 16.2 Associate Members may attend but have no right to vote (one delegate and one counsellor).

Art. 17: Voting, decisions and quorums

- 17.1 Each Full Member is entitled to 1 (one) vote. Decisions can only be passed on the agenda mentioned in the convening of the meeting.
- 17.2 Save any indication to the contrary in the Articles (cf. art. 30 and 32), all decisions shall be made by more than half of the votes validly cast.
- 17.3 In order for the General Assembly to be validly formed, more than half of the Full Members (having voting rights) must be present. At least 2/3 (two-thirds) of the Full Members are requested in case of decisions regarding the dissolution of the association or amendments to the Articles.
- 17.4 In the absence of a quorum, a second General Assembly shall be held 24 (twenty-four) hours after the first was due to convene, with the same agenda. In that second General Assembly, no quorum is required, unless an item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the Articles, the election of the President, the exclusion of a member or the dissolution of the association.

Art. 18: Presidency

- 18.1 The meetings of the General Assembly are chaired by the President of the Executive Board or, failing him, a member of the Executive Board.
- 18.2 The President appoints the secretary of the General Assembly. They shall both sign the minutes of the meeting.

B. The Executive Board

Art. 19: Composition and election of Executive Board and ICSBF President

- 19.1 The Executive Board is the executive body of ICSBF. It is entitled and obliged as defined under the Articles to manage and represent the association.
- 19.2 The Executive Board consists of 3 (three) persons at least, each belonging to a different Full Member of the ICSBF. It defines its proper organization; its President is the President of the association.
- 19.3 The members of the Executive Board and ICSBF President are appointed by the General Assembly for a 1 (one) year period until the next ordinary General Assembly. They may be re-elected.

Art 20: Calling

- 20.1 Meetings are held as often as required, and upon request of each member of the Executive Board. The session is called by the President at least 10 (ten) days before its date and by regular mail or by e-mail.
- 20.2 Meetings can be real or virtual (telephone conference, video-conferencing, e-mail, etc).
- 20.3 Offices assumed upon election or appointment are voluntary posts and as such are unpaid.

Art. 21: Powers

21.1 The Executive Board has the following powers to:

- Act within the objects of ICSBF;
- Appoint the persons who will be authorized to sign on behalf of the association and to determine their mode of signature (but at least two persons may duly represent ICSBF);
- Represent and commit ICSBF with regard to third parties;
- Prepare and convene ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies, and execute its resolutions;
- Appoint any commission it deems necessary;
- Prepare and enforce internal rules and regulations;
- Review membership applications (see art. 7 and 9 here above);
- Suspend or exclude a member of the association (see art. 10 here above);
- Propose the amount of the membership subscription to the General Assembly;
- Hold the accounts of the association.
- Co-opt extraordinary members to fulfil special tasks, without right to vote, but to take part in the Executive Board meetings.
- Install Working Groups to fulfil its duties.

21.2 The Executive Board is also competent in all matters that are not reserved to other bodies by the Articles.

Art. 22: Decisions

- 22.1 Resolutions of the Executive Board are taken by a simple majority of members who vote, and only when a majority of its members are attending.
- 22.2 In case of a tie, the President or the Chair of the meeting has a casting vote.

Art. 23: Minutes of the meeting

- 23.1 The proceedings and resolutions of the Executive Board must be recorded in the minutes.
- 23.2 The minutes of the meeting are signed by the President and another member of the Executive Board (generally the secretary).

C. Auditors

Art. 24: Election

- 24.1 They are 2 (two) Auditors, appointed by the General Assembly for a 1 (one) year period; re-election is permissible.
- 24.2 The Auditors are different and independent from the Executive Board.

Art. 25: Report

- 25.1 The Auditors provide the General Assembly with a yearly report regarding the annual accounts (from January 1st to December 31st) of the association.

IV. FINANCES AND ACCOUNTING YEAR

Art. 26: Resources

- 26.1 The association's resources come from annual membership subscriptions. Resources can also include sponsorships, competition licence fees and such other legal sources in accordance with the objectives.

Art. 27: Membership subscriptions

- 27.1 The amount of the annual membership subscription shall be fixed by the Ordinary General Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Board.
- 27.2 It shall be paid at the latest within 30 days of the decision of the General Assembly fixing the membership subscription.
- 27.3 The membership subscription is valid for the whole year, even in case of admission or resignation/suspension/exclusion during the year.

Art. 28: Finances

- 28.1 The accounting year of ICSBF runs from January 1st to December 31st, annually.
- 28.2 Exceptionally, the first year shall begin on the approval day of the Articles, to end of December 31st, 2023.

Art. 29: Liability

29.1 The assets of the association shall be solely responsible for the commitments of the association, to the exclusion of any liability of its members.

V. MODIFICATION OF THE ARTICLES

Art. 30: Competence

- 30.1 The General Assembly solely has the power to modify the Articles of the association.
- 30.2 To be valid, the amendment must be approved by 2/3 (two-thirds) of the votes of the Full Members attending the General Assembly, within respect of art. 17 about quorum.

VI. FINAL PROVISIONS – DISSOLUTION - LIQUIDATION

Art. 31: Dispute resolution and applicable law

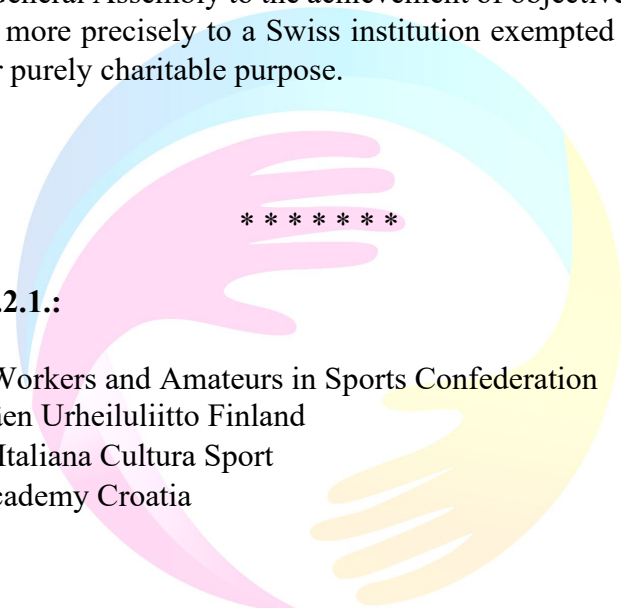
- 31.1 In the event of a dispute, controversy, interpretation or claim arising from or related to the Articles, regulations, directives and decisions of ICSBF, the members and the association shall use their best endeavours to immediately resolve the matter amicably, i.e. through an agreed mediation process and mediator. This disposition shall be applied before application of art. 31.2 hereunder.
- 31.2 Any dispute, controversy, interpretation or claim arising from or related to the Articles, regulations, directives and decisions of ICSBF shall be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, to the exclusion of any ordinary court or other tribunal. Where a dispute is so submitted to the CAS, the Code of Sport-related Arbitration shall be applicable, the language of the procedure will be English or French and the decision of the CAS shall be final.
- 31.3 Any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with the above matters and the Articles shall be exclusively governed and construed in accordance with Swiss law.

Art. 32: Competence

- 32.1 The General Assembly may decide at any time to dissolve the association.
- 32.2 The decision must be approved by 2/3 (two-thirds) of the votes of the Full Members attending the General Assembly, within respect of art. 17 about quorum.

Art. 33: Liquidation operations

- 33.1 The liquidation shall be carried out by the Executive Board, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.
- 33.2 The General Assembly retains the right to approve the liquidation accounts and to grant discharge.
- 33.3 After payment of the debts, the available assets shall be allocated in accordance with the decision of the General Assembly to the achievement of objectives similar to those of the association, and more precisely to a Swiss institution exempted from tax because of its public service or purely charitable purpose.



Founders acc. to Art.2.1.:

CSIT – International Workers and Amateurs in Sports Confederation
TUL – Suomen Työväen Urheiluliitto Finland
AiCS – Associazione Italiana Cultura Sport
HLA – Health Life Academy Croatia
Mamanet Austria
Mamanet Italia

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