

ASIAN BOULES SPORT CONFEDERATION - STATUTES

Constitution Statutes and General Provisions

Article 1

The National Asian Petanque or Boules Sport Federations regularly affiliated to the Fédération Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal (FIPJP) hereby Constitute, for an unlimited term, a Non-Governmental Organization, “NGO”, called “Asian Boules Sport Confederation, or ABSC.

Article 2

To become a member of the Confederation a national federation must belong to a geographically recognized Asian country.

Continental subdivisions may be established, but they must be approved by the ABSC General Assembly and correspond to entities recognized by the political or sports authorities of the Asian continent. Any federation that takes the initiative to create an unrecognized subdivision or to join it would be excluded from the Confederation.

Article 3

The Confederation operates autonomously but it has its specific powers in the field of Boules Sport from the FIPJP and the CMSB. In case of non compliance with its rules and regulations the FIPJP can withdraw its approval.

Article 4

The registered office of the ABSC shall be the address of the General Secretary or other address, including an Asian Nation, as the Executive Committee shall decide.

Article 5

The official languages of the ABSC are French and English. All official documents shall be written in both languages.

English will be the official language of the ABSC. The GA will decide on other languages to be used by the ABSC from time to time and in special occasions.

Article 6

The official logo of the ABSC will be adopted by the General Assembly. Upon endorsement, the logo shall be added in these statutes.

Article 7

The ABSC draws its values from those of the International Olympic Movement, and accepts the regulations and provisions, implemented by the International Olympic Committee.

It must comply with the rules laid down by the FIPJP, to which all its members must also belong, and by the CMSB, the umbrella organization comprising all the international federations of Boules Sport and only recognized by the IOC.

The ABSC and all its members must respect the International Anti-Doping Code of WADA.

Article 8

All official statutes, rules, reports and minutes shall be held at the address of the General Secretary of the ABSC.

Copies of the statutes and rules will also be made available on the official ABSC website.

Article 9

The ABSC is committed to the principles of affording equity, equality of opportunity and fair treatment to all current and future members, at all levels and in all roles, in all aspects of its activities and to ensure that no individual is discriminated against.

Objectives and Activities

Article 10

The objectives of the ABSC shall be to:

- Promote, develop and monitor Boules Sport in Asian in a spirit of peace, understanding and fair play, without any discrimination on account of politics, gender, religion, origin or any other reason
- Promote integrity and ethics with a view to preventing all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardise the integrity of matches, competitions, players, officials and members or give rise to abuse of Boule Sport in Asia
- Organise and conduct international Petanque competitions and tournaments at Asian level
- Organise and conduct international Petanque Umpiring qualifications at Asian level

These two last aims will be pursued for the other Boules sports members of the CMSB as soon as they'll be sufficiently developed in Asia

- Ensure that sporting values always prevail over commercial interests
- Promote unity among member Federations in matters relating to Asian and World Boules Sport so that mutual aid and support may result
- Safeguard the overall interests of member Federations
- Act as a representative voice for Boules Sport in Asia as a whole and maintaining good relations and cooperation with FIPJP and the other continental confederations recognised by FIPJP
- Respect the interests of member Federations and assist them in any matter upon request.

The ABSC shall seek to achieve its objectives by implementing all measures it deems appropriate, such as setting down rules, entering into agreements or conventions, taking decisions or adopting programmes. To do so, the ABSC will carry out the following actions:

- the holding of periodic meetings
- assistance for member Federations
- the publication of documents meant to promote the practice of boules sports
- the organisation of Asian competitions
- the training and the qualification of Asian Umpires.

Members

Article 11

The ABSC consists of those Asian Federations affiliated with the FIPJP or/and with FIB and CBI, and all recently created Asian Federations, which apply for membership and are accepted by the ABSC Board.

This organization may accept as members some Asian federations affiliated only to the FIB International Federation of Lyonnaise) or to the CBI (International Federation of Raffa).

ABSC may also admit as associated members federations from other continents but these will not have the right to vote in General Assembly and will not be able to participate in the qualifying championships to a world championships or to a multi-sport world competitions.

The Executive Committee may only accept one Federation per country for each discipline, but it'll work to unify the three disciplines in all the countries.

Article 12

Each member Federation recognises the authority of the ABSC and its Board. Member Federations shall enforce the ABSC's Statutes and its Rules and Regulations throughout their territory.

They commit to participating in the ABSC's development and to protecting its unity.

Article 13

Applications for membership shall be forwarded to the General Secretary for approval by the ABSC Executive Committee, which may accept them provisionally, until a final decision is reached at the following General Assembly.

All new Federations shall have a one-year “probationary” status in the ABSC, which will provide them with the possibility of participating in all ABSC activities including full voting rights at the General Assembly.

Article 14

By adhering to these Statutes, each member Federation of the ABSC commits to refrain from any act or omission which might prove prejudicial to the objectives of the ABSC, or which may damage the respect and personal honor of members of its Board or the ABSC's reputation.

Article 15

A Federation which ceases to be a member of the ABSC, whether through resignation or exclusion, shall lose any claim to the latter's assets and shall not be entitled to any reimbursement of previous payments.

Article 16

Should a Federation be excluded from an international federation member of CMSB, for whatever reason, it would automatically be excluded from the ABSC

Article 17

Any potential reinstatement shall be conditional upon payment of all contributions which would have been payable during the previous period of affiliation and of all other outstanding debts towards the FIPJP and ABSC.

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Article 18

Each member Federation shall retain its full and absolute administrative, financial and sporting liberty as per its own rules and regulations.

Administration and Operation

Article 19

The ABSC's authorities are:

- The General Assembly of member Federations
- The Executive Committee (Board)
- The Commissions
- The Auditors.

General Assembly

Article 20

The General Assembly, which consists of the representatives of the members Federations and of the members of the ABSC Executive Committee, is the ABSC's supreme authority.

There shall be one General Assembly held each year and this will be prior to the beginning of an Asian Championship.

Article 21

For the General Assembly to be considered "quorate" over half the number of the member Federations must be in attendance.

The decisions agreed by the General Assembly are final and without appeal.

A decision adopted by a General Assembly where the quorum was not reached will not be applicable. It will have to be ratified by a subsequent General Assembly or, within three months, by two-thirds of the member federations by sending a letter or an email to the President and the Secretary General. Otherwise it'll be void.

Article 22

The President shall convene the General Assembly at least two months in advance; the notice shall be sent by e-mail and shall include the agenda, which shall be prepared by the Executive Committee in accordance with statutory obligations, the decisions of the ABSC Executive Committee and possible requests from member Federations.

Indeed, the member Federations may request that some matters, which lie within the competence of the General Assembly, be placed in the agenda. These proposals must reach the General Secretary one month prior to the date of the General Assembly. All proposals must be fully supported with detailed evidence about the nature of the matter to be debated.

Should the request for inclusion of the proposal into the agenda be rejected, the member Federation concerned may ask that the request is taken into consideration by a vote immediately after the President's opening speech.

Article 23

The General Assembly is the supreme authority when deciding whether to include an item in the agenda due to an urgent or current relevant matter. If required then a decision shall be taken by vote at the beginning of the meeting.

Article 24

As a minimum, the annual agenda must include the following:

- The President's speech
- The Policy and Activity Reports, which the General Secretary send to the member Federations at least one month prior to the General Assembly
- The Financial Statements presented by the Treasurer, which the General Secretary send to the member Federations at least 1 month prior to the General Assembly
- The Auditors' report
- The Budget Forecast for the following year
- The election of members to the Executive Committee on even numbered years
- An "Other Business" point allowing debate on particular issues, but during which no vote may be taken.

Article 25

The President of the ABSC shall chair the proceedings. In the event of any impediment, a Vice President or one of the members of the Executive Committee chosen among its members, shall replace the President.

Article 26

The General Assembly is the sole competent authority that may debate the issues included in the agenda and any modification to the Statutes and Rules and Regulations, which might be proposed by the Executive Committee.

Article 27

Modifications to the Statutes, Rules and Regulations and the decisions taken by the ABSC Executive Committee and by its official Commissions, once approved by the Executive Committee, bind and commit all member Federations and by this act, all their clubs and their members.

Article 28

One or more people may represent each member Federation in the General Assembly, but only the President, or their official delegate duly mandated for this purpose, may vote.

Article 29

Each member Federation, in regulation with the ABSC shall be entitled to one vote.

A federation may delegate its vote to another federation but it can no longer involve one of its representatives in the debate or vote.

Article 30

Votes shall be held by the show of hands, ballot card or by roll call, except in the case of the election of ABSC Executive Committee, where a vote by secret ballot is obligatory. In all other cases, a vote by secret ballot shall be held if at least one third of the Federations in attendance or the ABSC Executive Committee request it.

All votes shall be carried by a simple majority of the ballots validly cast.

Article 31

Minutes of each General Assembly shall be recorded. They shall be prepared by the General Secretary and sent by e-mail or by mail to all member Federations. If they have proposals of amendments, they shall transmit them to the Secretary General. In case of disagreement, the next General Assembly will decide whether to vote on this report.

After this vote a copy shall be retained for the archives.

Extraordinary General Assembly

Article 32

A request for an Extraordinary General Assembly must be sent to the ABSC President. Then it must be convened within two months of receipt of the request.

Such a Congress may be requested by:

- a majority of the members of the Executive Committee

- one third of the member Federations in regulation with the ABSC. In either case, the notice must state in detail the reasons for the request; the agenda may include other matters for debate.

It may be requested to consider a motion of no confidence against the Executive Committee signed by at least one third of the members of the Confederation.

If this motion is adopted, a provisional bureau is established to deal with routine matters and convene a new General Assembly within two months.

Article 33

To be considered, a request for the dissolution of the ABSC must be proposed by more than half the number of member Federations in regulation with the ABSC. In such a case, only the request for dissolution shall be included in the agenda.

The Extraordinary General Assembly convened to decide such a proposal must have at least two thirds of the member Federations in attendance, which are not in default of any of their contributions at the time of the notice. Only these Federations shall have the right to vote.

Should the vote be for dissolution, the General Assembly shall determine the liquidation of the ABSC's assets and holdings.

Executive Committee

Article 34

The President is directly elected by the General Assembly. To be elected in the first round, a candidate must receive half of the valid votes cast, with the exception of blank ballots and invalid ballots. For the second round, only the two candidates with the most votes in the first round may be represented. The one who gets the most votes is declared elected.

Article 35

The ABSC Executive Committee is **comprised** of 9 to 11 members elected by the General Assembly and coming from different national federations, except for the General Secretary and the General Treasurer proposed by the President. This number is chosen by the General Assembly.

Except for the president, elected directly by the General Assembly, the other functions are chosen by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is responsible for the day to day activities of the ABSC and comprises at least:

- The President elected by the General Assembly,
- The General Secretary and the General Treasurer on the proposal of the President submitted to the vote of the General Assembly,

- 6 to 8 persons elected by the General Assembly, from different nations and not belonging to the President's nation.

Following the distribution by areas chosen par OCA, ABSC has five regions: East Asia, Central Asia, South Asia, South East Asia, and West Asia, with the same countries. If it possible it'll be a representative of each zone in the Executive Committee.

Any candidate for the Presidency and any person presumed to be General Secretary or General Treasurer who has not been elected is entitled to join his candidacy for those received within the deadline to become a Member of the Executive Committee.

Article 36

All candidates for election to the Executive Committee must be proposed by their Federation, this includes those existing members standing for re-election. The proposal must clearly state that the Federation will support the candidate with respect to the financial commitments of being a member of Executive Committee.

Only one candidate per Federation is permitted and the proposal is to be submitted to the General Secretary at least 3 months prior to the date of the General Assembly.

Article 37

All candidates shall be adults, of good character and shall enjoy the full civil rights to which their nationality entitles them. They must hold a license or a member card with the Federation they represent and attend the General Assembly at which they seek election.

Article 38

The Executive Committee can include only one member of the FIPJP Executive Committee. However, an Asian member of the FIPJP Executive Committee may be invited to participate in Executive Committee meetings in a consultative capacity.

Article 39

The term of the mandate of the members shall be four years. However, to ensure continuity, Executive Committee renewed every two years on the following basis.

- The president, the General Secretary, the General Treasure and 2 or 3 members
- 4 or 5 members

The basic election shall take place in the year of the summer Olympics Games and shall affect half of the members, but the President; two years later it shall involve the other members, the President, the General Secretary and the General Treasurer.

After the first election a random draw will determine the place of the elected representatives in each series

Article 40

In the event of a position in the Executive Committee becoming vacant, a by-election is held at the next General Assembly, but the term of office of the person elected will end at the normal term of the replaced person.

Article 41

The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year in Spring and just before an Asian Championship,. The place and date shall be specified in due time. However, the first meeting must take place within the first 4 months after the start of a new financial year.

Article 42

When decisions are required to be taken by the Executive Committee, each of its member entitled to a vote. A majority will suffice however, in the event of a tied vote, the ABSC President shall have a casting vote. There can be no proxy in the Executive Committee

Commissions

Article 43

The Executive Committee may decide to appoint Commissions to work on specific tasks. A minimum of one Executive Committee member will be appointed to a commission. The remaining Commission members may comprise of other Executive Committee members or? when identified, other individuals with the necessary knowledge and/or skills from member Federations, after their Federation's permission has been provided.

All Commissions shall be charged with making proposals but shall have no decision-making powers. The Commissions shall submit their outcomes and reports to the Executive Committee, which is the only decision making authority concerning any action to be taken.

The Executive Committee shall specify the Commission's terms and conditions.

There must be at least one medical committee, competent in the fight against doping in connection with the CMSB medical committee, and one technical commission

Finances

Article 44

The financial year shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st, of each year. The accounts for the previous year and the budget for the current year shall be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

Article 45

The ABSC will endeavour to financially support the Executive Committee whilst undertaking their duties. However, member Federations will financially support their Executive Committee member when required.

ABSC financial support will include but not be limited to:

- travel, hotel and living expenses for the Executive Committee only whilst undertaking ABSC duties
- for attending specific nominated events/competitions for Executive Committee members by a single payment. The amount of the single payment will be agreed by the Executive Committee and announced by the Treasurer at the first meeting of a financial year.

At the first meeting of a financial year the Executive Committee shall designate members of the Executive Committee to attend and carry out duties for the Asian Championships.

Article 46

The ABSC shall manage its finances in an autonomous fashion.

The ABSC annual income may comprise of some or all of the following:

- contributions from its member Federations
- grants and bequests

- subsidies from all sources
- revenues from the events it organises
- sales of products related to its image
- partnership agreements
- any receipt complying with the laws and regulations and authorised by the General Assembly.

Article 47

The ABSC shall allocate its revenues to actions consistent with its purpose or necessary to its operations, in accordance with the Budget Forecast submitted to the General Assembly each year. However, the Executive Committee may commit to certain specific actions deemed useful, subject to the General Assembly approval.

Article 48

The General Assembly shall appoint, for a two-year term, two Auditors chosen from the representatives of member Federations that are not represented on the Executive Committee, each year.

They shall submit to the Congress a report on the ABSC's maintenance of accounts and its financial condition.

They shall perform a detailed audit of the accounts at least once per year, in advance of the General Assembly.

Licenses and member cards - Insurances

Article 49

Any license or member card issued by a member Federation shall be deemed valid by all other member Federations of the ABSC and by all Associations of those Federations.

A player may hold only one license, and must be insured by their Federation, which must purchase coverage for civil liability for damages caused to a third-party during official, friendly, or practice matches.

Should a player have no insurance cover, then the Federation involved shall be liable for any damages caused by its license holder while playing Petanque.

Discipline

Article 50

The ABSC shall exercise its authority on those Asian competitions that fall under its responsibility.

Article 51

Should a member of a federation member violate the published Rules and Regulations, the ABSC may notify his or her Federation of their violation; the Federation shall then be responsible for imposing the sanctions, as called for in their Rules and Regulations.

Should a Federation violate the ABSC or FIPJP published Rules and Regulations, their President shall be called before the Executive Committee, which shall act as a Disciplinary Board in cases where one has not been appointed.

Doping

Article 52

The provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code shall apply fully to all persons and all Competitions placed under the ABSCs authority. The list of banned products may be obtained upon request to the General Secretary of the ABSC.

These statutes were adopted during the Constituent General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) on August 25th, 2017