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INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONAL KARATE FEDERATION

Article 1

Title, Purpose and General Matters

1.1 Title

This organization shall be called the International Traditional Karate Federation, hereafter referred to as "ITKF".

1.2 Purpose

The ITKF intends, by popularizing and developing Traditional Karate in the proper direction and by promoting and strengthening friendly relations among its Member Organizations and their members in all countries, to achieve the advancement of world sports spirit and thereby to contribute to the perfection of human character.

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1.3 Definition of Traditional Karate

Victory itself is not the ultimate goal of Traditional Karate. Traditional Karate is an art of self-defense which uses only the human body itself, in the most effective way. It uses mainly blocking, punching, striking and kicking techniques in combination with other related movements. A Traditional Karate competition conducted under the rules of the ITKF must conform to this definition of Traditional Karate. All rules enacted by the ITKF must always be considered from the standpoint of helping and motivation the participant toward the perfection of human character through unlimited physical and mental seeking.

The major element of Traditional Karate is the "finishing blow" or Todome, which is a single technique sufficiently powerful to incapacitate an opponent. The Todome is delivered either by punching (Tsuki), striking (Uchi), smashing (Ate) or kicking (Keri) or other related techniques such as body shifting (Waza) and blocking (Uke).

All training methods must incorporate the respect for the training partner and is seen as a means by which to further and develop the best or human qualities as the individual strives toward perfection of character.

1.4 Official Languages

The official language of ITKF is English as the primary language. However, the Japanese language shall be used for competition and judging therein. In case of any disagreement as to interpretation to these articles or any rules or documents initiated hereunder, the English text shall prevail.

Article 2

Activities

2.1 List of Activities

The ITKF, in order to achieve the above mentioned purposes, shall carry on the following activities:

1. Hold the World Traditional Karate Championship and related activities.
2. Hold the Traditional Karate World Cup.
3. Hold and support regional tournaments, inter-country friendship tournaments and other related events.
4. Establish, conduct and supervise various rules and regulations for Traditional Karate.

5. Establish, conduct and supervise various standards pertaining to the techniques of Traditional Karate.
6. Establish, conduct and supervise various standards pertaining to the qualifications of instructors and judges.
7. Establish, conduct and supervise various standards pertaining to the athlete status.
8. Hold and support lectures and seminars pertaining to Traditional Karate.
9. Establish various educational and research institutions for the development of Traditional Karate.
10. Publish and distribute official publications related to the activities of the organization and Traditional Karate in general.
11. Exchange information to provide useful material for Member Organizations.
12. Carry on necessary activities for the achievement of the aims of this organization.

Article 3

Organization

3.1 Composition

ITKF shall be composed of Member Organizations which are established voluntarily and democratically in their own countries.

3.2 Participating Organizations

It is necessary that each Member Organization in ITKF have satisfied the following qualifications set out in paragraphs (1) to (6) below:

1. Member Organization is a governing body of Traditional Karate in their respective country.

2. Respective countries' National Sports or Education or Culture Ministry and/or National Olympic Committee have registered Member Organization as a Traditional Karate governing body.
3. A Traditional Karate governing body of its nation is completely devoid of commercial elements, which permits membership on an equal and open basis regardless of, or in spite of, any intra-group or jurisdictional machinations or influences.
4. The Member Organization mentioned above in this article number 1, 2, or 3 must be completely free from any political, religious or racial influences.
5. Must have at least one technical official (trainer, examiner, judge) who have current ITKF technical qualifications.
6. Must be recognized by the ITKF General Meeting.

The Member Organization is the sole representative from its respective country in all matters related to the organization to the ITKF. All matters concerning Traditional Karate affairs in a particular country must first be channeled through the ITKF Member Organization in that country.

In the event that a country has two or more organizations which fulfill the criteria set above in 1-5, it shall be obligation of the General Meeting, based on Directors Meeting recommendation, to decide which ITKF membership statuses they will receive (Article 10).

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3.3 Region Organizations

1. General

ITKF established its regions as follows:

Asia-Oceania, Africa, Europe and Western Hemisphere (Pan-America)

Member Organizations within each of above mentioned regions may voluntarily and democratically organize a Region Organization for their respective regions. Region Organizations may also be organized between two or three regions upon conferring voluntarily and democratically. The

Region Organization shall consist of ITKF Member Organizations within its respective region (or regions), and must have two-thirds (2/3), minimum participation from all Member Organizations therein. All ITKF Member Organizations within a region shall have the absolute right to join such Region Organization.

2. Formation

When a Region Organization is to be formed, the Member Organizations within the respective region should establish its purpose, rules and regulations at a proper conference in accordance with the established policies, procedures and purposes of ITKF. They should then present these together with a list of officials to the Chairman of the ITKF, after which the Chairman will present the information to the ITKF General Meeting for approval.

3. Titles

A Region Organization may be named "_____ Traditional Karate Union or Federation" or ITKF _____ using its respective regional name stipulated in Article 3.3.1., and shall register a Trademark of its name to be held in the corporate name of ITKF. However, Region Organization composed of two or three regions shall have the name which geographically covers all corresponding regions. Under no circumstances may the terms "world" or "international" be used.

4. Limiting Local Rules

The Region Organization shall not establish any rules, regulations or related provisions which will violate directly or indirectly, the basic rights of the ITKF Member Organizations within the region or which require membership in a Region Organization as a prerequisite to membership in ITKF.

The ITKF rules and regulations, and related provisions supersede and have priority over any of those established by the Region Organizations.

A country may not have more than 1/3 of the total number of seats (including Chairman), on their regional Board of Directors

5. Local Rules Changes

Should there be any change in the information contained in the application after approval, such change must be sent within three months to the ITKF Chairman and approval of such change must be obtained at the ITKF Directors Meeting. However, if the change in the information contained in the application differs fundamentally from the original information contained therein, the Chairman must present it to the ITKF General Meeting and obtain the decision of the ITKF General Meeting.

6. Annual Business Plan

Each Region Organization must present its annual business plan and report to the ITKF Chairman and obtain the approval at the ITKF Directors Meeting. If a Region Organization violated any ITKF rules and regulations or related provisions based thereon the ITKF Chairman has the power to dissolve such Region Organization upon conferring with ITKF General Meeting.

7. Regional Associate Member

A Region Organization may accept the participation of an organization as a Regional Associate Member, without the power to vote, from countries that have no ITKF Member Organizations. A Regional Associate Member must be a Traditional Karate Governing Body organization.

3.4 Other formal forms of cooperation

ITKF Member Organizations may organize a Championship Confederation for the purpose of controlling regularly held championship to be held with regional areas and may be held in conjunction with other sporting events. The name of such Championship Confederation must use either the Regional Organization

area´s name or incorporate other sporting events name within the title of such event.

The confederation shall follow the procedures as set down in Articles 3.3 (2, 3, 4, 5 & 7), as applies, but if such Confederation falls entirely within a region then the rules of such regional shall govern all activities.

The jurisdiction of a Championship Confederation´s control is limited to only the respective area of the championship.

Article 4

Officials

4.1 Titles

ITKF shall have the following Officials:

1. President (1 person)
2. Vice President (1-4 people)
3. Chairman (1 person)
4. Board of Directors (5-9 people)
5. General Secretary (1 person)
6. Treasurer (1 person)
7. General Director (1 person)
8. Comptroller (1-2 people)

4.2 Term-of-Office

The term-of-office for all ITKF Officials shall be four (4) years. All Officials may be re-elected.

4.3 Duties and Method of Officer Election or Selection

The duties of the various Officials are as follows:

1. President

   President is recommended by the Chairman and confirmed by the General Meeting. The president is a honorary position and may be the representative of the ITKF at official ceremonies and shall have no other responsibilities to the ITKF. The President may attend Directors Meeting and General Meetings to assist the Chairman but only as a non-voting participant.

2. Vice President(s)

   If a region has ten (10) or more Full Members, it sends one (1), Vice President. The Vice President(s) shall assist the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the case of his absence or disability. In case of multiple Vice Presidents, Chairman requests consent of Directors.

3. Chairman

   The Chairman shall be elected by ITKF Directors at the Directors´ Meeting. The Chairman is elected from among the Board of Directors members. The Chairman can be re-elected. When a Director is elected as Chairman the Regional Organization can elect a new Director to take his place. The Chairman, in addition to taking action on the matter authorized by ITKF Articles, shall be responsible for carrying out all administrative tasks concerning the ITKF.

4. Board of Directors

   The Board of Directors shall be elected by each respective ITKF region.

   a. Region Organization which has ten (10) or more Full Members has two (2) Board of Directors members.
   b. If nine (9) or less Full Members, then one (1) Board of Directors member.
   c. If three (3) or less Full Members, then no (0) Board of Directors member.
   d. The Chairman of the ITKF Technical Committee shall be a Board of Directors member.

5. General Secretary

The General Secretary is selected by the Directors and confirmed by General Meeting. The General Secretary shall maintain the records of the ITKF official meetings and the legal documents of the ITKF. The General Secretary may attend General Meetings to assist the Chairman but only as a non-voting participant.

6. Treasurer

The Treasurer is selected by the Directors and confirmed by the General Meeting. The Treasurer receives all ITKF money, deposits money into the ITKF account and pays all bills approved by the Chairman. The Treasurer may attend General Meetings to assist the Chairman but only as a non-voting participant.

7. General Director

Appointed by the Chairman and endorsed by the Directors at the Directors Meeting. General Director manages ITKF International Office under the supervision of the Chairman.

8. Comptroller

The Comptroller shall be elected by the General Meeting. The Comptroller shall not hold any additional office in the ITKF. The Comptroller as stipulated by the ITKF Articles shall inspect the books of accounting and review business activities of the ITKF.

9. Advisors

The Chairman may appoint advisor(s) from among worthy and prominent individuals with the approval of the ITKF Directors Meeting. The Advisors shall provide advice and suggestions as requested by the Chairman and Directors Meeting and can attend the Directors' Meeting and express their own opinion.

10. Honorary Officials

The President with the approval of the General Meeting can appoint an Honorary Official. The Honorary Official has no actual responsibility in the ITKF.

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4.4 Vacancies

In case of resignation or death of an ITKF Official, the ITKF shall elect a substitute whose term shall not exceed the remaining term of the vacated office.

4.5 Disqualification

If any ITKF Official or the Chairman of the Technical Committee loses his qualifications as such, he shall there by automatically lose his qualification for any other ITKF Official position he may hold.

4.6 Unworthy Conduct

In case any ITKF Official is found guilty of unworthy conduct he can be expelled from his office by an ITKF General Meeting vote before his term of office expires.

Article 5

Meetings

5.1 General Meeting

General Meeting is the highest decision-making body of the ITKF. Except for these articles, General Meeting decides all fundamental matters.

Composition of General Meeting is as follows:

1. ITKF Officials (Article 4.1)
2. Two Representatives from each ITKF Member Organization.

Regular General Meetings are held once every two years. Extraordinary Meetings are determined by Director´s Meeting decision.

Both meetings are called by the Chairman.

5.2 Directors Meeting

Directors Meeting is composed of ITKF Officials (Article 4.1).

Except for these articles, Directors Meetings decide details and execution of matters from the General Meeting.

Regular Directors Meeting is held once a year. Extraordinary Directors Meeting is held when Chairman deems it necessary or upon request of three or more members of the Directors.

Directors Meeting is called by the Chairman.

5.3 Site and Time

The date and location of the official meeting shall be decided by the Chairman. General Meeting and Directors Meeting may be held by electronic means, respecting the foreseen rights of participation and manifestation provided for in this Article 5.

5.4 Notices

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The notices for the official meetings must be mailed at least one (1) month prior thereto to all the appropriate officials along with a list of items to be discussed at the meeting. However, the Chairman may shorten the above mentioned notice time in case of emergency.

5.5 Chairperson

The Chairman shall be Chair of the meeting. An Executive Official shall assume the Chair by the appointment of the Chairman, should the Chairman not be available. If not appointed, the attending executive officials will elect the Chairperson.

5.6 Order of Business

All meetings are basically in the following order:

1. Roll Call
2. Greetings by Chairman
3. Selecting Official Recorder (s)
4. Discussions and decisions determined by Agenda
5. Proposed Agenda
6. Adjournment

5.7 Quorum

All ITKF official meetings, in order to conduct business, require a simple majority of respective meeting´s total voting officials.

Proxy folders are recognized as attendance.

5.8 Voting

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1. During the General Meeting each ITKF Full Member (as in Article 10) Organization have one vote. ITKF Officials and other members may voice their opinions but have no voting rights.

   Proxy folder must have citizenship from country with Full Membership.

   Anyone who wishes to express an opinion must have Chairperson´s approval to speak.

   Except for these articles, a simple majority makes decisions.

The voting is done by a show of hands. If the Chairperson deems it necessary, voting is done by secret ballot.

The Chairperson has no voting right, but in case of a tie, the Chairperson may cast the deciding vote.

2. During the Directors Meeting, all qualified ITKF Officials have one vote each. The Chairperson has no voting right, but in case of a tie, may cast the deciding vote.

   Procedures of voting are the same as the General Meeting.

5.9 Minutes

The minutes of the ITKF official meeting are to be written by the Chairperson and signed by at least two (2) attending officials. Copies of the minutes are to be mailed out to all the appropriate officials within one (1) month after the close of the meeting. The original of the minutes is to be kept by the Chairman.

5.10 Items Not Covered

Items pertaining to the ITKF official meetings which are not stipulated in the ITKF Articles are to be decided by the officials in attendance of each particular meeting.

Article 6

Special Committees

6.1 Appointment

Special Committees may be appointed by the Directors Meeting whenever it is deemed necessary to carry out the function and business of the ITKF. However, the following committees are to be established permanently:

1. Membership Committee (process applications and inspects Member Organizations);
2. Technical Committee (establishes and supervises the technical standards of ITKF).

6.2 Rules

Establishment of the rules and regulations and the number of members of the Special Committees shall be decided by resolution of the Directors Meeting.

6.3 Changes

The ITKF General Meeting can request the Directors Meeting to make changes pertaining to the rules, regulations and the number of Special Committees.

Article 7

Administrative Office

7.1 Administration

The ITKF shall set up Administrative Office in order to manage its functions and business.

7.2 Responsibility

The General Director shall carry out Chairman´s duty of managing the Administrative Office.

7.3 Location

. The Administrative office will be established at the location of Chairman's recommendation and confirmed by General Meeting. All procedures to open and maintain the Administrative Office will be executed on the official language of the Country where it will operate, including Bank Account and Financial Report. The Administrative Office during each Chairman mandate will also be considered as ITKF International Office.

Article 8

Official Events

8.1 Rules

The world regional championships and other international competitions shall be held only under the rules of the ITKF.

8.2 Official Sanction

All championships, competitions or tournaments must have written approval by the regional and/or international body governing the respective type of event.

Such approval shall be requested at least 3 months in advance to the proposed date along with the date, place and type of competition and prospective participants.

For a world scale event, an official sanction must be given by a decision of an ITKF General Meeting. For a regional event, an official sanction must be given by the respective Region Organizations General Meeting.

8.3 World Championship

The World Traditional Karate Championship (abbreviation "World Championship") shall be held once every two (2) years unless there are special circumstances. It shall be a championship of justice and equality, gathering all

the Traditional Karate athletes of the world. There shall be no discrimination against any nation or individual on racial, religious or political grounds.

11. Numbering

The World Championship shall de numbered starting from the First ITKF World Championship which took place in Los Angeles, U.S.A. in 1975.

12. Authority

A. The authority to control the World Championship belongs to the ITKF. The ITKF General Meeting shall have the highest authority to make decisions.

B. Each World Championship shall have a Tournament Committee (T.C.) consisting of the Chairman, and one (1) representative from each participating member of the Championship and all ITKF Officials except the comptroller. A Tournament Organizing Committee (T.O.C.) shall be established by the hosting organization which shall take care of administrative matters and report to the T.C. A Tournament Judging Committee (T.J.C.) shall be established by ITKF Technical Committee. This committee shall be responsible for all competition and judging matter and report to the ITKF Chairman. In the event of a discrepancy between T.O.C. and T.J.C., they may appeal such action to the T.C. for resolution. Either the T.O.C. or T.J.C., may appeal once to ITKF General Meeting but not regarding any Championship results. General Meeting decision shall not change the results of such Championship.

13. Duties of Hosting Organization

The duty of hosting the World Championship is to be entrusted to the ITKF Member Organization of the host country by the vote of the ITKF General Meeting. The authorization to select the city which is to be site of the Championship is entrusted to the hosting organization. The host shall be responsible for all related activities and shall take care of any necessary matters pertaining to the event. It shall be responsible for requesting the necessary information pertaining to the event. It shall be responsible for requesting the necessary information from the Chairman and the Technical

Committee. Also, the host shall establish a T.O.C to handle pre-championship preparations and post-championship activities required by the rules.

14. Program

The program of the World Championship must include the following items:

A. Team Matches:
   1. Kumite
   2. Kata
   3. Enbu

B. Individual Matches:
   a. Kumite
   b. Kata
   c. Fukugo

For Individual and Team Matches, the number of participants is determined by the ITKF Technical Committee and approved by ITKF Directors Meeting.

15. Eligibility

In the World Championship only citizens of a nation can represent that particular nation to participate in the Championship. Only ITKF Member Organizations have the right to apply for participation in the World Championship. Any nation which has no ITKF Member Organization, in order to be permitted to participate in the World Championship, must first form an organization and obtain the recognition of the ITKF General Meeting. In any case, however, the organization which wishes to apply for participation has the duty to give an equal opportunity to all Traditional Karate athletes in that country. In order to be permitted to enter, all participants must be stipulated under the ITKF Articles and Technical Rules.

Representatives eligible are from Full, Associate, Independent or Provisional ITKF members (not Regional Associate Members)

16. Financial Responsibility

The ITKF Member Organization which holds the World Championship is responsible for all the profits or losses derived from the World Championship.

17. Others

Items pertaining to the World Championship will be separately discussed and decided by the ITKF General Meeting.

8.4 National Title

A team shall not be called by the title of a country unless the competitors of such team have been selected by the Member Organization of their country.

8.5 Regional Tournaments

Competitions and tournaments shall not be arranged between such units of different Member Organizations without the written sanction of their respective regional or area organizations.

Regional/Area Championships follow the same guidelines as the World Championship.

8.6 Chairman's approval

World scale international and inter-regional competitions, courses and seminars shall not be arranged without the sanction of the ITKF Chairman.

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Article 9

Fiscal and Legal

9.1 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the ITKF begins January 1st and ends on December 31st of each year.

9.2 Budget

The budget of the ITKF, together with the business plan is to be compiled by the Directors Meeting in the year of the Regular ITKF General Meeting. Composite budget is for the next two (2) years starting from the next year. The approval of the ITKF General Meeting is required.

9.3 Budget Changes and Loan Approvals

When the assumption of new duties or the abandonment of old rights besides those already stipulated in the budget are necessary, the approval of the Directors Meeting and the General Meeting is required. The same is required in the case of a loan.

9.4 Payment of Funds

Expenses of the ITKF shall be paid with the following items:

1. Allotted shares of contributions and dues from the ITKF Member Organizations.
2. Interest from the capital of the ITKF.
3. Income from ITKF activities.
4. Contributions.

5. Other Income.

9.5 Financial Report

The Financial Report (Balance Sheet and Statement of Income) of the ITKF is to be prepared by a Certified Public Accountant – CPA approved by the ITKF General Meeting and presented by the Chairman within three (3) months after each two (2) fiscal year period. The Financial Report shall receive the auditing of the Comptrollers together with the property inventory and business report.

9.6 Auditor and Audit Report

After completing the audit, the Comptrollers prepare and submit their joint report to the Directors Meeting. The Directors Meeting recommend the approval to the next Ordinary General Meeting. Such report shall be available for review by any Full Member Organization upon request.

Article 10

Membership

10.1 ITKF Membership statuses

There are four possible statuses a Member Organization could receive:

- Provisional Member
  - temporary status after application until the General Meeting decision on the one of the statuses above, no voting rights
- Full Member
  - fulfilling all the criteria (1-5) in Article 3.2, full voting rights,
- Associate Member

- fulfilling most of the criteria (1-5) in Article 3.2, but not a national traditional karate governing body, no voting rights, with a potential to become a Full Member

- Independent Member
  - ITKF recognizes only one Full Member Organization for each country. However, other traditional karate schools in that country may be recognized as Independent Member Organization, with no voting rights, upon recognition by the General Meeting of the ITKF.

10.2 Application

Upon receiving an application for ITKF membership, the ITKF Chairman shall submit the application to the Membership Committee.

10.3 Acceptance

If the Member Organization´s application criteria meet ITKF requirements, the Directors Meeting will, based on the analysis of Membership Committee, grant Provisional Membership to that Member Organization.

Provisional Members have the right to participate at ITKF events but have no voting rights.

The General Meeting will, based on recommendations from Directors Meeting, make the decision, in accordance with membership criteria, for Full, Associate or Independent Member status.

ITKF recognizes only one Member Organization per country with Full Member status. If two or more Organizations claim/apply for membership, they must merge and form one unified Member Organization. If they cannot unify ITKF reserves the option, at is sole discretion, to choose which Member Organization

will become recognized as the ITKF Member Organization with Full Member status. The other could apply for one of other statuses without voting rights.

If a country, region, or territory is not recognized as an independent country by the United Nations, as such country, region, or territory has no National Olympic Committee recognized by the International Olympic Committee, it may apply for Associate Member Status:

A. If mother country of a particular region or territory does not have an ITKF Member Organization, or,

B. If mother country has an ITKF Member Organization, but agrees to allow said region or territory, as separate entity, to become as Associate Member.

If the mother country´s ITKF Member Organization disallows its region´s or territory´s organization, said region or territory shall lose its Associate status. If Associated Member organization does not join larger national organization which has become the official Member Organization of ITKF, then Associate Member loses membership status.

10.4 Duties

Member Organizations, in addition to their duty of paying the dues stipulated by the ITKF, must abide by the rules and regulations of the ITKF, and the decisions based thereon.

10.5 Loss of Status

A Member Organization may lose its status for the following reasons:

1. Withdrawal (voluntarily)
2. Loss of qualification as a Member Organization in the ITKF as stipulated in Article 3.2.
3. Dissolution of the Member Organization.
4. Expulsion by ITKF.

10.6 Withdrawal

A Member Organization which wishes to withdraw from the ITKF must present the notice of withdrawal with the reason to the Chairman of the ITKF. Full member's status can be accepted or withdrawn by authority of General Meeting; in regards to Associate Member and Provisional Members the authority is by the Directors Meeting.

10.7 Suspension or Expulsion

In the following cases the Chairman may suspend a Member Organization's membership status with approval by the Directors Meeting.

1. Two years or more of unpaid membership fees.
2. When a split within the Member Organization results in the loss of control within the Organization or, when either side cannot control 30% or more of the Traditional Karate athletes in their country.
3. Serious violation of ITKF Rules and Regulations.

In serious cases, the Chairman may, after suspension, make a motion for expulsion. The decision is to be determined by the next General Meeting.

Suspended members lose all of their ITKF rights until the Directors Meeting lifts the suspension. However, suspended members still have to fulfill their duties and obligations to the ITKF.

Expelled members lose all rights to the ITKF but still have the obligation to pay for any liabilities incurred during their membership time.

10.8 Appeals, Pardoning and Reinstatement

An organization which loses its qualification as a Member Organization in the ITKF shall have no right to claim against the ITKF. An organization wishing to

appeal must present in writing such request to the Chairman who may present such appeal to the Directors Meeting. The Directors Meeting decision shall be final in all cases except those that have to refer to an interpretation of the ITKF Constitution where upon an appeal must be referred to the General Meeting. A simple majority vote of those present shall be final, refers to both Directors Meeting and General Meeting.

Article 11

Fees and Dues

11.1 Entrance Fee and Annual Dues

The entrance fee payable by each Member Organization on applying for affiliation shall be determined by the General Meeting. The Directors Meeting shall have the power at its discretion to reduce the payments of the above prescribed amounts in cases where full payment would cause a hardship to an affiliated organization or necessitate its withdrawal from ITKF. But an organization which has paid the full amounts laid down by this article shall not be entitled to be represented at or vote at any meeting of function of the ITKF, except on payment in full of any amounts which have been in arrears. In the event a budget overrun is anticipated, the General Meeting will be notified and it shall decide if such overrun is approved.

ITKF membership dues are payable February 1st. If dues are not received by December 31st, the delinquent country will be suspended and lose all voting and participations rights. To remove the suspension, the delinquent country must pay its dues in full, including a 20% late payment fee. If delinquent for three years, the country will be expelled from ITKF.

11.2 Unpaid Dues

Member Organizations not having paid their current dues as required shall not be permitted to be present in any General Meeting or other meetings of functions of the ITKF.

Article 12

Reporting

12.1 Tournament Results

Copies of the official records for all ITKF Competition shall be delivered to International Office of the ITKF within 30 days after the close of such competition.

12.2 Minutes

Each regional or area organization must submit to ITKF General Secretary a copy of the minutes of said meeting within 30 days after each meeting.

12.3 Annual Reports

The Secretary of each regional or area organization must submit to the ITKF General Secretary a copy of the complete report of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the organization within 30 days after annual meeting.

Article 13

Television and Film Rights

13.1 Rights

The World television and film rights are the property of the ITKF. The right to televise or film the World Championship or other events organized by the ITKF shall be the property of the ITKF which may delegate such rights in the case of continental or regional events to the organizations concerned. Subject to any specific arrangements made in connection with particular events, 30% of the receipts for such delegation of rights shall be paid to the ITKF.

Article 14

Disciplinary Action

14.1 Disciplinary Action

Any breach of these rules by a Member Organization shall render organization liable to suspension by the Directors Meeting and shall be deprived of membership in the ITKF. At next succeeding General Meeting such disciplinary action shall be approved by no less than a simple majority of those voting.

The Directors Meeting shall have the power at any time to disqualify or suspend for a period of time they think appropriate any ITKF Official who conducts himself in a manner considered by the Directors Meeting to be unworthy or detrimental to the credit or best interest of the ITKF. If the suspended Official wishes to appeal he must present such appeal to the Chairman who will present to the Ethics and Compliance Committee for review. If the Ethics and Compliance Committee review the case and maintains the suspension, then the suspended Official can be expelled from his office according to Article 4.6 – Unworthy Conduct.

Article 15

Alteration of Articles, Rules or Dissolution

15.1 Alteration

Any alteration, addition, deletion or amendment to the Articles or Rules of the ITKF shall only be made by a simple majority vote in the Directors Meeting and the General Meeting is required to make a change in the ITKF Articles.

15.2 Minor Procedural Changes

Any by-laws or minor regulations necessary for the execution of the ITKF Articles are to be decided separately by the Directors Meeting. However, those which are defined to be under the authorization of the General Meeting require the approval of the General Meeting.

15.3 Dissolution

A three-quarters (3/4) vote respectively in the Directors Meeting and the General Meeting is required for the dissolution of the ITKF. The residual assets, upon the dissolution of the ITKF are to be donated to some public welfare organization which has a similar purpose as the ITKF with the unanimous approval of the Directors Meeting and representatives.

15.4 Effective validity

1. These articles shall take effect starting October 22th, 2021

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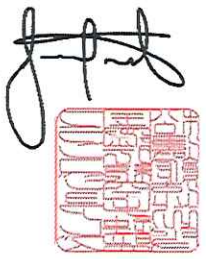

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