



INTERNATIONAL  
SKYRUNNING FEDERATION  
STATUTES

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## **PREAMBLE**

Approved International Federation for Skyrunning (running at altitude), has been founded in 2008 following transformation of the Federation for Sport at Altitude (FSA), founded in 1995.

The International Skyrunning Federation, hereinafter ISF, was created to promote, govern and administer the sport of skyrunning and similar multisports activities. Skyrunning is defined as running in the mountains above 2,000m altitude where the climbing difficulty does not exceed II° grade and the incline is over 30%.

Skyrunning and SkySports disciplines are divided into different categories: SkyMarathon®, SkyRace®, SkyRaid® and Vertical Kilometer® (registered trade marks). Also SkySpeed, Vertical Running, SkyTrail and Ultra SkyMarathon®.

Skyrunner® (registered trade mark) is the term defining those who participate in running competitions up to or above 2,000m altitude. The Skyrunner® trade mark is incorporated in the ISF logo.

The IFS undertakes to diffuse the practice of skyrunning with respect for the environment, to promote private and public sports events, to develop training schools and to foster the medical-physical welfare of competitors.

The IFS aims to administer the sport of skyrunning, competitions and events as an independent International Federation with its own legal entity.

The name of the independent International Federation from July 2008, is the **International Skyrunning Federation (ISF)**.

These statutes are an adaptation of the previous existing FSA statutes.

## **I. BASIS**

### **Article 1**

The International Skyrunning Federation (ISF) is responsible for all aspects of international skyrunning and associated multisports (course and raid competitions) at altitude.

The principal purposes of the ISF are the direction, regulation, promotion, development and furtherance of the sport of skyrunning and multisports on a world-wide basis.

The ISF fosters links, networks, and friendly relations among its members, their athletes and officials.

The ISF is the final authority for all matters concerning Skyrunning and SkySports competitions.

## **II. LEGAL FORM OF ASSOCIATION, HEADQUARTERS AND LANGUAGES**

### **Article 2**

The ISF is a non-governmental international association with a non-profit-making purpose of international interest, having legal personality pursuant to Art. 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code.

a) The ISF will have its seat in Switzerland with costs and location decided by the Management Committee.

b) The ISF headquarters and relative outsourcing may be located in a country other than Switzerland upon the decision of the Management Committee.

### **Article 3**

The official language of the ISF is English.

## **III. OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES**

### **Article 4**

All activities of the ISF are independent of any political or governmental influence.

The ISF does not allow any discrimination for political, racial or religious reasons.

The ISF promotes and supports with all means gender equality in its activities.

The ISF is in particular responsible for and undertakes:

- a) to establish and maintain rules and standards for competitions, in accordance with the general principles described in the Statutes and Regulations
- b) to establish and maintain rules for international competitions, and for the participation in such competitions, in accordance with the Regulations;
- c) to decide which international skyrunning competitions are officially recognised;
- d) to award licences and contracts to members and other organisations that seek authorisation to organise official international competitions and associated activities;
- e) to promote and control good sporting practice;
- f) to combat doping and all other processes and procedures that might undermine sporting equality; it applies the IOC Medical Code and anti doping regulation;
- g) to respect the Olympic Charter and to develop the sport towards possible programme status in the Olympic Games

#### **IV. MEMBERS**

##### **Article 5**

Membership in the ISF is open to associations being actively involved in skyrunning competition.

The following categories of members are available:

1. MEMBERS of the ISF will be Associations which act as the national representatives of the sport of skyrunning competition in their countries.
  - a) Only one association from each country can be affiliated as a full member of the ISF
  - b) The admission fee for members is fixed by the Plenary Assembly of ISF
2. ASPIRANT MEMBERS of the ISF may be admitted under special circumstances. The ISF may accept associations from countries where no IFS member exists as Aspirant members.
  - a) Aspirant members are entitled to participate in all skyrunning competitions organized by the ISF, according to the relevant regulations and fee system
  - b) Special fee conditions may be applied to Aspirant members
3. NON VOTING ASSOCIATES of the ISF will be Associations who are affiliated with the sport of skyrunning competition, or associations in countries where an ISF member already exists. These organizations may be admitted by the Plenary Assembly.
  - a) Associates admission fee is fixed by the Plenary Assembly.
  - b) Associates are entitled to organize ISF approved events, provided they are approved by the relevant ISF national Member
  - c) Associates are also entitled to propose members for all ISF Commissions, provided they are approved by the relevant ISF national Member

#### **ADMISSION CRITERIA**

##### **Article 6**

Applicant associations shall send to the ISF Office all required information in the official language and in the format required by the Management Committee as required by the relevant regulations.

## **OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS**

### **Article 7**

- a) All Members and Aspirant Members should be members of their National Olympic Committee or actively seeking such membership.
- b) All Members, Aspirant Members and Associate Members shall comply with the Statutes and Regulations of the ISF and with any resolutions adopted by the ISF. All Members, Aspirant Members and Associate Members will undertake to request the same of their individual members participating in activities of the ISF.
- c) All Members, Aspirant Members and Associate Members agree to respect each other's mutual autonomy and shall in no way harm the development of other members.
- d) All Members, Aspirant Members and Associate Members, shall pay membership fees as fixed by the Plenary Assembly

### **Article 8**

Any member wishing to terminate membership at the end of the year shall inform the ISF Office in writing before the end of June of that year. Fees for the current year remain payable in full.

## **SUSPENSION OF A MEMBER**

### **Article 9**

A member may be suspended from membership and/or from participating in ISF approved International Skyrunning Competitions by the Plenary Assembly, for the following reasons:

- a) non-payment of any liabilities to the ISF;
- b) failure to comply with these Statutes or other Regulations of the ISF

This decision requires at least half of the members of the ISF having the right to vote be present or represented.

To be adopted, such item must receive the approval of the majority of votes cast.

## **EXCLUSION OF A MEMBER**

### **Article 10**

A member may be excluded from the ISF by the Plenary Assembly for failure to comply with these Statutes or other regulations of the ISF. This decision requires at least half of the members of ISF having the right to vote be present or represented. To be adopted, such items must receive the approval of two thirds of the votes cast.

## **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER AWARDS**

### **Article 11**

The Plenary Assembly may confer the title of Honorary President of the ISF; as well as conferring the title of Honorary Member. Other awards may be conferred by the Management Committee.

## **V. BODIES**

### **Article 12**

The ISF functions through eight bodies, each with separately defined powers and duties:

Plenary Assembly  
Management Committee  
Executive Board  
Continental Councils  
Technical Commissions  
Anti-doping, Disciplinary  
Appeals Commissions  
Athletes' Commission  
Auditors

### **PLENARY ASSEMBLY**

#### **Article 13**

The Plenary Assembly is the highest body of the ISF and has ultimate authority for all activities of the ISF. It convenes every year.

Organisation of the Plenary Assembly shall be entrusted alternately to one of its members. The date and venue for the assembly shall be agreed at the Plenary Assembly meeting one year prior as a minimum

The calling notice must be sent to all members at least 3 months prior to the date set for the Assembly.

### **POWERS OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY**

#### **Article 14**

The Plenary Assembly has the following duties and powers:

- a) to elect the Management Committee
- b) to appoint members to the Anti-doping, Disciplinary and Appeals Commissions, and to appoint the Auditor;
- b) to fix admission, membership and other fees;
- c) to approve of plans for future activities;
- d) to adopt and amend these Statutes, such decisions needing a quorum and majority as described in Art. 18;
- e) to adopt and amend all regulations; the Plenary Assembly can, however, authorise other bodies to independently establish technical rules where this seems appropriate;
- f) to decide the suspension or expulsion of members which do not comply with the obligations as stated in these Statutes;
- g) to approve the Minutes of meetings;
- h) to receive, discuss and approve the report of the Management Committee;
- i) to review and approve the annual accounts after having heard the report of the auditors and to give discharge to the Treasurer and to the other members of the Management Committee;
- k) to approve the budget;
- l) to approve the ISF logo, and other items of image and identity, upon the recommendation of the Management Committee
- m) to decide all matters which no other body is competent to decide or which other bodies refer to the Plenary Assembly for final decision.

## **VOTING RIGHTS**

### **Article 15**

Each Member of the ISF has one vote. Associates and Aspirant members have no voting rights.

### **Article 16**

At any Plenary Assembly, each Member shall be represented by one delegate who may be assisted by one or two advisors.

- a) A Member which has not paid its dues in full prior to the Plenary Assembly is not entitled to vote.
- b) Any Member having voting rights may be represented by the delegate of another Member being duly entitled to vote by means of a written proxy. One delegate may not represent more than two other Members at the same time.

## **QUORUM**

### **Article 17**

Changes and amendments of these Statutes may only be considered if at least half of the Members of ISF having the right to vote are present or represented. To be adopted, such items must receive the approval of two thirds of the votes cast.

For all other decisions of the Plenary Assembly there is no quorum. Decisions are taken with the majority of votes cast.

## **TAKING OF DECISIONS**

### **Article 18**

Voting at the Plenary Assembly is conducted by show of hands. Upon the request of any delegate entitled to vote, supported by at least one other delegate, any vote must be taken by secret written ballot.

Elections shall always be decided by secret written ballot.

## **AGENDA AND THE RIGHT TO INTRODUCE PROPOSALS**

### **Article 19**

Items for inclusion in the Agenda of any Plenary Assembly may be presented by:

- a) the Management Committee
- b) any Member

Items presented by ISF Members are to be sent to the ISF Management Committee at least six weeks before the Plenary Assembly.

Associate and Aspirant Members are entitled to speak, but not to present motions to the Plenary Assembly, in accordance to the relevant regulations.

### **Article 20**

The full Agenda of a Plenary Assembly shall be sent to the all Members of ISF at least 4 weeks before the Plenary Assembly.

Upon affirmative vote of no less than 2/3 of the Members being present and having voting rights, the Plenary Assembly itself may add items to the Agenda of any meeting.

## **EXTRAORDINARY PLENARY ASSEMBLY**

### **Article 21**

The Management Committee may at any time call an extraordinary Plenary Assembly.

At the written request of the majority of the Members entitled to vote, the Management Committee shall convene an extraordinary Plenary Assembly within 3 months of receipt of such request. The request must be substantiated and accompanied by a proposal for the Agenda.

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Article 22**

The Management Committee of ISF consists of the following officers:

- President
- Vice President – Sports / Events
- Vice President – Treasurer / Finances
- Vice President – International Relations and Marketing
- Secretary General

as well as of:

- three representatives from Member associations entitled to vote who have organised one or more ISF approved competition in the two calendar years prior to the date of election
- one representative from each approved Continental Council
- one representative from the Athletes' Commission.

### **Article 23**

Candidates standing for election to any post in the Management Committee (with the exception of the representatives of the Continental Councils) shall be presented by the Member association of the country where he/she holds citizenship.

The members of the Management Committee (with the exception of the representatives of the Continental Councils) are elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of four years. Management Committee members are re-eligible at will.

#### **Article 24**

The Management Committee is responsible for implementing all the policy directives and decisions made by the Plenary Assembly. This includes in particular:

- a) to prepare the agenda of the Plenary Assembly meetings;
- b) to prepare the annual accounts (consisting of the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet)
- c) to make recommendations to the Plenary Assembly about:
  - the long-term strategies of the ISF;
  - regulations and rules to be decided by the Plenary Assembly;
  - the candidates to be appointed by the Plenary Assembly as members of Antidoping, Disciplinary and Appeals Commissions;
  - the admission and expulsion of Member associations
- d) to decide about the creation and dissolution of Technical Commissions and appoint a Director for each Technical Commission;
- e) to set up the calendar of ISF approved competitions and to coordinate schedules of International and Continental competitions;
- f) to decide the terms and conditions of contracts between the ISF and organisers of ISF approved competitions and special events;
- g) to recommend any proposed changes to the ISF Statutes
- h) to appoint and remove persons (employees) entrusted with the management of ISF's day-to-day operations;
- i) to make recommendations on the terms and conditions of contracts to be concluded with third parties outside ISF.
- j) to decide on membership issues between Plenary Assembly meetings
- k) to decide the official means of information of the ISF.

#### **Article 25**

The Management Committee will meet at least twice every year, upon the Executive Board's call. The organisation of its meetings shall be entrusted alternately to one of the member associations being represented in the Management Committee.

The Management Committee will meet also upon the request of the majority of its members.

#### **Article 26**

The Agenda for the Management Committee meetings is prepared by the Executive Board. However, any member of the Management Committee is entitled to present proposals for the agenda. Such proposals must be submitted, with relevant documentation, at least one month before the date set for any Management Committee meeting. The full agenda shall be sent by the Executive Board to the Management Committee members at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

#### **Article 27**

Every member of the Management Committee has one vote. All decisions of the Management Committee are taken by majority of the members present, and no voting rights may be exercised by proxy. The quorum of the Management Committee consists of a majority of its members.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Article 28**

The five officers of the ISF as mentioned in Article 22 form the Executive Board of the Management Committee.

The Executive Board is responsible for carrying out all those routine duties and specific tasks that have to be fulfilled between meetings of the Management Committee. This includes in particular:

- a) to undertake administrative duties and tasks;
- b) to supervise ISF approved competitions;
- c) to decide the composition of the jury and of the course setting team at IFSA approved competitions;
- d) to supervise and co-ordinate the work of the Technical Commissions;
- e) to control ISF finances;
- f) to appoint an ISF delegate for ISF events as necessary
- g) to initiate and undertake negotiations with third parties.

All statements and contracts which bind the ISF must be signed by the President and one other member of the Executive Board. In case of absence and on request of the President, the President may be replaced by another member of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board is responsible for the functioning of the administrative office of the ISF. All permanent employees are hired by the Executive Board and employed in accordance with the annual budget.

### **Article 29**

The Executive Board meets as often as business requires. Decisions are taken by a simple majority, the President having the casting vote in the event of a tie.

The Executive Board may take decisions by correspondence and/or by any other means of communication. To be valid, decisions taken in this way have to be approved by a minimum of three officers.

## **THE PRESIDENT**

### **Article 30**

The President chairs all meetings of the Plenary Assembly, the Management Committee and the Executive Board. He represents skyrunning competition in all important matters, especially those pertaining to the IOC and other International organisations.

The President may, from time to time, delegate various aspects of ISF management to other members of the Management Committee.

The President, or a Board member designated by the President, is entitled to attend and participate in all Commission meetings, but without vote.

### **Article 31**

If the President is prevented from attending a meeting of the Management Committee or a Plenary Assembly, the Management Committee will appoint one of the Vice Presidents to chair those meetings.

In case of death or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the President's duties until the next Plenary Assembly. Should the Vice-President in turn be unable to fulfil his/her obligations, the Treasurer/Vice President and/or the member of the Management Committee who has served on the Management Committee the longest shall assume his/her duties and convene an Extraordinary Plenary Assembly in order to elect appropriate replacements.

## **CONTINENTAL COUNCILS**

### **Article 32**

Continental Councils are responsible for the administration, development and furtherance of skyrunning competition in a specific continent or geographic area. The Continental Councils shall comply with and enforce the rules and regulations of the ISF and co-operate with ISF bodies. They organise continental championships and other competitions in their area.

The Statutes and Regulations of the Continental Councils must be submitted to the Management Committee for approval.

## **TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS**

### **Article 33**

The Management Committee appoints Technical Commissions for specific tasks, in particular it will form an Event Commission, a Rules Commission and a Commission for Education and Training. The mandate of each Commission is reviewed by the Management Committee to determine its future validity and effectiveness.

Members of these Commissions are proposed by Member associations. Their membership expires at end of the term of the Management Committee.

Each Commission is directed by one of its members (President), who is appointed by the Management Committee.

## **ANTI-DOPING, DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS COMMISSIONS AND RULES**

### **Article 34**

The function of the Anti-Doping Commission is to ensure that the ISF complies with the World Anti-Doping Code. Its rules will comply with the World Anti-Doping Code.

The function of the Disciplinary Commission is to investigate and take appropriate action following any complaint concerning breach of rules (including the ISF Anti-Doping Rules) or misconduct.

The function of the Appeals Commission is to decide appeals from decisions taken by the Disciplinary Commission.

Rules concerning these Commissions and their rules are set out in a regulation made by the Plenary Assembly.

Decisions of the Appeal Commission may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (in Lausanne, Switzerland). The procedure before the Court of Arbitration for Sport takes place according to its regulations. The decision of the International Court of Arbitration for Sport will be final and there will be no further appeal from it. If a member goes to civil court, he will be automatically excluded from ISF.

## **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

### **Article 35**

Disputes arising under the ISF Statutes or otherwise, will be dealt with under the procedure and rules set out in a regulation made by the Plenary Assembly.

The final determination of a dispute can be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (in Lausanne, Switzerland).

The procedure before the Court of Arbitration for Sport takes place according to its regulations. The decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport will be final and there will be no further appeal from it.

## **ATHLETES' COMMISSION**

### **Article 36**

The Athletes' Commission provides a permanent liaison between active athletes and the ISF. One representative appointed by the Athletes' Commission is elected by the Plenary Assembly as member of the Management Committee.

Composition and functioning of the Athletes' Commission are described in the relevant regulations as approved by the Plenary Assembly.

## **VI. FINANCES**

### **Article 37**

The FSA will finance its own activities through sources such as:

- a) Membership and subscription fees of its Members
- b) The organization and authorization of Competitions, competitor entry fees, and any other fees relating to official competitions;
- c) Any other sources that may be available (sponsorships, TV rights, donations, etc.).

### **Article 38**

The activities of all bodies of ISF are conducted without compensation to the individuals who serve thereon. The expenses of the Executive Board, the Management Committee and the Commissions are borne by the ISF according to regulations of the Management Committee.

Within approved budgets, the Plenary Assembly of the ISF and the Management Committee are empowered to authorise payment of fees and expenses to individuals and/or organisations to provide specific professional service or advice.

### **Article 39**

The financial year of the ISF shall run from the 1st January to the 31st December annually.

### **Article 40**

The Plenary Assembly of the ISF shall receive and approve annual budgets detailing the forecast income from all sources and the proposed annual expenditure and shall establish and maintain financial accounting system and produce annual accounts audited by the accredited Auditor, appointed by the Plenary Assembly of the ISF.

### **Article 41**

Only the assets of the ISF can be used to settle ISF liabilities and obligations. Any liability of the Member Associations is excluded.

### **Article 42**

The basic currency for annual accounting purposes will be the Euro.

## **VII. DISSOLUTION OF ISF**

### **Article 43**

A three quarter majority of the ISF members may propose an Extraordinary Assembly for the dissolution of the ISF. The dissolution becomes effective on approval of the proposal by a three quarter majority at the Plenary Assembly, providing that at least two third of the members entitled to vote are present or represented at the Plenary Assembly.

The disposal of the assets of the ISF shall be decided by the Plenary Assembly dissolving the ISF and shall be in keeping with the aims of the ISF and transferred to a tax exempt Swiss legal entity.