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## **PREAMBLE**

The World Muaythai Federation (W.M.F.) is a non-profit making organization which is subject to the International Sports Laws and Regulations. Its functioning is regulated by these Statutes (Bylaw's).

The Statutes are approved and modified by vote of the W.M.F. Congress. These modifications will become the object of a detailed report submitted for the approval of the next Executive Committee meeting.

## **CHAPTER I - BASIC PRINCIPLES**

### **1.1 AIMS**

The Aims of the W.M.F. are:

- a) To promote the development of the Sport of Muaythai throughout the world, to tighten the ties of friendship which unite Boxer of all countries, by setting up lasting relations between representative groups, and to nurture the improvement of the practice of our sport in every way.
- b) To see that international competitions open to member federations are organized in accordance with W.M.F. Rules.
- c) To establish Rules according to which international competitions must be organized.
- d) To organize the World Championships, as well as Youth, and Cadet World Championships
- e) To authorize and supervise the other official W.M.F. competitions
- f) To insure that in international competitions the bans, suspensions, expulsions, disqualification's and all other penalties issued by one of the member federations are respected
- g) To study and legislate on all matters pertaining to Sport of Muaythai in international relations;
- h) To promote and develop the struggle against doping and drugs in Sport
- i) To promote Muay to be organized at the Olympic Games as per the OCA guidelines.

### **1.2. MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE AIMS**

1.2.1 The W.M.F. will only acknowledge one sport authority in each country (the "National Federation") to regulate the Sport. For the definition of "country", the W.M.F. will adopt the interpretation of the International Olympic Committee.

1.2.2 The W.M.F. must not interfere in the purely internal functioning of its constituent members.

1.2.3 The W.M.F. grants an international license to compete in its official competitions (cf. chapter 9).

1.2.4 The W.M.F. requires each member national Federation to apply the principle of political, racial and religious non-discrimination. In particular, no competitor from a member national Federation may take part in an official competition of the W.M.F. or in any other international competition if he refuses to fight against any other competitor correctly entered, unless his refusal is authorized by the Statutes or the Rules. In case of violation of this rule, the competitor will immediately be disqualified, and the Executive Committee will investigate if, and on what charges, a request for a penalty against the member national Federation to which the disqualified competitor belongs should be submitted to the Disciplinary Commission.

1.2.5 The member Federation which applies as a candidate to organize congresses, official competitions, or any other W.M.F. international events, must be solemnly bound to make the maximum effort to enable all the member Federations to take part in those events, without any discrimination whatever.

1.2.6 a) No team or competitor of a member federation has the right to take part in any competition organized by a non-member country or by a "confederation" which is not recognized by the W.M.F. and the converse. Nevertheless, competitors of countries which are not members of the W.M.F. may be registered for competitions organized by member federations, provided that they are in possession of W.M.F. license. They fight under the banner of the W.M.F.

b) All members of member federations are forbidden from taking part in competitions or events organized by an individual or entity which is not recognized by the national federation of their country, unless these competitions or events have been specially authorized by that same federation. International competitions which are not organized by a member federation and in which there are more than five nationalities must have the approval of the W.M.F. and must appear on the International Calendar.

c) The competition entries are only valid if sent by their member federation, except as permitted in the 2nd paragraph a) above.

d) As an exceptional measure, and in order to develop international Muaythai or Muay in countries where a National Federation which is a member of the W.M.F. does not yet exist, the member Federations, with the agreement of the W.M.F. Central Office, may accept boxer from non-member countries, specifying in advance the venue and date of the envisaged events. The permission thus granted will have to stress each time that it applies to a match between boxer of one single member Federation and those of one single non-member country.

1.2.7 That all bans, suspensions, expulsions, disqualifications or other penalties issued by a member federation should be made known to the Office of the W.M.F. and to all member federations of the W.M.F.

### **1.3 CENTRAL OFFICE**

The current office of the W.M.F. is located in Bangkok, Thailand.

### **1.4 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The financial year is a twelve month period from January 1st to December 31th.

### **1.5 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND WORKING LANGUAGES**

1.5.1 English is the official language of the W.M.F.

1.5.2. The working language of the W.M.F. is English. All the business of the W.M.F. must be conducted in English.

1.5.3 All the official texts of the W.M.F. are rendered in English.

1.5.4 All communications of the W.M.F. will be available in English. Each federation must advise the Office of the W.M.F. in English.

1.5.5 It is desirable that, as far as possible, proposals for changes to the Rules, Statutes and annexed texts be made in English.

1.5.6 At the Congress, votes on decisions will be conducted on the basis of the English text only.

1.5.7 The prize giving ceremonies of official W.M.F. competitions, announcements must be made in both English and the local language, as appropriate.

1.5.8 Proceeding will always be conducted in English.

## **1.6 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

The financial resources of the W.M.F. consist of:

- 1) Federations' subscriptions (membership fee's)
- 2) Entry fees for the World Championships
- 3) Fees for World Cups organization
- 4) Television rights
- 5) Such other resources as may be developed

## **CHAPTER II - MEMBERS OF THE W.M.F.**

The members of the W.M.F. consist of national Federations, Members of Honor and Patrons.

### **2.1 CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP**

2.1.1 Conditions of membership of National Federations.

The W.M.F. is composed of national Federations (Federations, Unions, Muaythai Sections, National Sports Organizations etc.) officially recognized by the Olympic Committee or Sports Bodies of their country as the only representative of the Sport in their country.

#### a) Qualification

In order to qualify as a member of the W.M.F. a National Federation must have a sufficient number of attached boxer (the minimum number being defined in the Administrative Rules) and prove that its Statutes do not clash with the Fundamental Rules of the W.M.F. Statutes - being chapters 1-7 of these Statutes -(except with respect to official and working languages). The W.M.F. recognizes that the National Federation may include boxer masters. These latter may nevertheless not hold the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary general or Treasurer or any equivalent position. By Boxing master is meant a person whose principal activity is the teaching of boxer in return for payment

#### b) Application for membership

A National Federation which wishes to be made a member of the W.M.F. can present an application to the Executive Committee of the W.M.F. This application must be accompanied by a declaration from the National Olympic Committee or any other Sports Organizing Body, certifying that this group is the only one officially recognized to govern Muaythai in their country. In a case of dispute between two or more groups each desiring to represent their country as a member of the W.M.F., the Executive Committee of the W.M.F. will be called upon to decide, which to recognize, after consulting the National Olympic Committee concerned.

#### c) Enrolment

At each of its meetings the Congress rules on applications for membership. The Executive Committee has the right to accept provisionally, until the next Congress, a National Federation which has applied. When a National Federation is a provisional member it benefits from the same rights and has the same obligations as any other member federation. A refusal for permanent membership by the Congress does not allow any grounds for compensation.

#### d) Loss of membership

The member federations may lose their membership of the W.M.F.:

- by resignation
- by expulsion on violation of sports law or code of conduct

### 2.1.2 Conditions of membership of Members of Honor

#### a) Nomination

Besides the Member Federations the W.M.F. may also include Members of Honor. The title of Member of Honor may be granted by the Congress to any person who, through a long and loyal service to international Muaythai has proved his or her constant commitment to the W.M.F. This is granted as a mark of appreciation towards this person and also in order to secure for the W.M.F., in all its activities, the enlightened advice of that person.

#### b) Procedure

Before each Congress, the Central Office may single out one or more persons with the intention of proposing their nomination as Members of Honour. The Central Office must seek the approval of the Executive Committee before presenting its proposals to the Honors Commission. The Honors Commission is made up of:

- The members of the Central Office
- 4 representatives of member federations present at the Congress, designated by proposition of the President and EB Board members at the beginning of the Congress.
- The Members of Honour present at the Congress. The Commission meets between two of the Congress sessions and decides, by a secret vote, whether or not to present the candidate(s) to the Congress.

#### c) Loss of membership

The Members of Honour may lose their membership of the W.M.F.:

- by resignation,
- by expulsion for violating the code of conduct

### 2.1.3 Patrons

The W.M.F. may include Patrons. The title "Patron" is bestowed by the Congress, in response to a petition of the Honors Commission, to any very high ranking personality outside the world of Muaythai proper, who has shown a great interest in the W.M.F. or who has enhanced the splendor of its events by his or her personal prestige.

## 2.2 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

### 2.2.1 Rights and duties of member Federations

- a) Each member Federation has the right to vote in the General Assemblies and Congresses of the W.M.F.
- b) Each member Federation has the right to present its candidates for the different bodies of the W.M.F. (see chapter 4). They also have the right to draw up proposals which may be submitted to the Congress (see chapter 3).
- c) The Presidents of all the member federations are recognized as delegates of the W.M.F. in their respective countries. They represent the President of the W.M.F. in all international events of their respective federation every time that the President himself or his delegate is unable to attend.
- d) Each member federation is under an obligation to ensure on its territory respect for the rules of the W.M.F. when events are organized under its auspices.
- e) Furthermore each member federation must ensure that its own Statutes do not clash with the Fundamental Rules in these Statutes (cf.2.1.1).

### 2.2.2 Rights and duties of Members of Honour

- a) The Members of Honour of the W.M.F. are present by right at the Congresses and General Assemblies of the W.M.F. If they are not delegated by their national federations, they can make proposals, but they only have an advisory (non-voting, non-executive) role.

b) They also have the right to be present at the meetings of all the Commissions of the W.M.F., but in an advisory capacity only.

2.2.3 Rights and duties of Patrons. This title is purely honorary.

### **2.3 ZONAL CONFEDERATIONS**

2.3.1 The W.M.F. will allow some member federations to group themselves according to geographic areas into "Confederations" in order to control relationships which they think they can usefully establish among themselves:

(1) Footnote: Zonal Confederations compose of 5 zonal confederations which are America, Asia, Austral/Oceania, Europe and Africa.

2.3.2 These Zonal Confederations may only include member federations. The Zonal Confederations are themselves, members of the W.M.F.

2.3.3 They may have no rules or statutes contrary to those of the W.M.F. In the case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Statutes and Rules of the W.M.F. and those of a Zonal Confederation, those of the W.M.F. have priority.

2.3.4 They may ask to be recognized by the first W.M.F. Congress that follows their formation, after submission of their Statutes.

2.3.5 Zonal Confederations may choose whatever language they like as official language for their internal relations.

## **CHAPTER III - THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONGRESS**

### **3.1 MEETINGS**

3.1.1 The General Assemblies of the W.M.F. are held at the venue of the World Championships on date(s) decided by the W.M.F. Executive Committee.

3.1.2

a) Congresses, for their part, are held in the odd-numbered years.

b) The Elective Congress is held during the Olympic year.

c) An Extraordinary Congress may be convened if the Executive Committee so proposes, or at the request of at least one fifth of the member federations.

d) The place and the date of a congress are established by the Executive Committee in a city offering convenient air and rail links as well as lodging opportunities.

### **3.2 ROLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OF THE CONGRESS**

3.2.1 Each year the General Assembly receives the reports on the management of the Executive Committee and on the operational and financial situation of the Federation. It approves the accounts for the financial year that has ended and votes on the provisional budget. It approves the report of the auditors.

3.2.2 The Congress alone is competent to rule on acquisitions, exchanges and sale of real estate, on undertaking mortgages, long term leases (more than 9 years) and loans which are intended to underwrite the W.M.F.

3.2.3 The Congress establishes controls and steers the general policy of the W.M.F. It determines the modifications to be made to the Statutes, the Rules for the competitions. It has the power to pronounce the dissolution of the W.M.F.



### 3.3 COMPOSITION AND REPRESENTATION

3.3.1 The Member Federations may be represented at W.M.F. Congress or General Assembly by a delegation made up of one or more of their members and their names must be made known to the W.M.F. administrative office before the Congress or the General Assembly. Each delegation is limited to two persons, plus their members of Commissions and of the Executive Committee, as well as any candidates for roles within the W.M.F. The authority to vote for a Member Federations is limited to its President and the list of persons designated by him in writing.

3.3.2 When a Member Federation has not fulfilled its financial obligations towards the W.M.F. one month before the opening day of the Congress or General Assembly, such Member Federation will be prohibited from being represented at the said Congress or General Assembly and from voting, unless exception has been made for a valid reason and accepted by the Executive Committee.

#### 3.3.3 Proxies and mandates

a) The right to vote at a General Assembly or Congress can be delegated to another federation or a Member of Honour. This proxy must be signed by the President of the member federation, and the mandate can be imperative for all statutory modifications. In no instance may a proxy agent have more than one mandate for another member federation.

b) The only valid proxies are those forwarded directly to the W.M.F. and received at its administrative office eight days before the opening of the Congress, or, alternatively, received by the W.M.F. administrative office at the Congress premises by the day before the opening. When a Member Federation or Member of Honour has already received a proxy, and now receives another proxy from another Member Federation, it must inform the latter that it cannot accept the proxy. Every proxy may identify one or several other Member Federations or Members of Honour who could receive that proxy, in order of preference, should the Member Federation or Member of Honour receiving the proxy be prevented from taking it.

### 3.4 AGENDA

3.4.1 All proposals must reach the administrative office of the W.M.F. four months before the date established for the next Congress. Any proposal reaching the administrative office after this date cannot be put on the agenda.

3.4.2 A proposal can be presented by the President, the Executive Committee, the member Federations and the commissions (even for proposals which concern other commissions).

3.4.3 The President of the W.M.F. must send the agenda to all the Member Federations, with any necessary clarification annexed, at least one month before the Congress.

3.4.4 At the end of the discussion on each item of the agenda, a member of the W.M.F. Central Office or any other person given the responsibility will either:

- announce the precise text which will be voted upon;
- announce the general sense of the proposal for which the precise text has not been established which is to be voted upon; After the vote, the definitive text, if available, or the general sense will be confirmed and recorded.

3.4.5 The urgent summary of Congress decisions must be prepared with the help of this recording and sent to the Member Federations within a month. This urgent summary must include the final wording of the articles for which the new texts were approved by the Congress.

3.4.6 Those new texts for which the final wording was established after the Congress by the Executive Committee must be sent to the Member Federations within a month from the Congress.

3.4.7 Every important change to articles of the Rules for Competitions, following a study by the

appropriate commission, a Congress debate, and a positive vote, must be tested for a year by the Member Federations and proposed again to the following Congress in order to be finally accepted.

### 3.5 DECISIONS

#### 3.5.1 Required majorities

The decisions of both the General Assembly and the Congress are reached by a simple majority vote of votes cast. If in exceptional cases a Congress must decide on matters which are not on the agenda and not provided for by the Statutes, the decisions can only be made by a majority of 3/4 of votes effectively represented at the Congress, and may never involve a modification of the Statutes.

#### 3.5.2 Quorums

The General Assembly can only reach valid decisions if more than half of all the members of the W.M.F. are present or represented. If this proportion is not achieved, the administrative office will establish a written ballot, the majority of votes cast being decisive. The deliberations of the Congress are only valid if more than half of all the members of the W.M.F. are present or represented. If this proportion is not achieved, the Congress is dissolved and it will be convened again within a period of six months at most. On this occasion it will deliberate validly whatever the number of votes represented.

#### 3.5.3 Right to vote

Every Member Federation is entitled to one vote for all voting.

#### 3.5.4 Secret voting

At the Congress the vote is secret on any point which concerns an individual person or a member federation in particular or if it is requested by a Member Federation.

### 3.6 SPECIAL RULES FOR THE ELECTIVE CONGRESS

The purpose of the elective congress is to elect the president, the Executive committee and the permanent commissions.

3.6.1 The President, the Executive Committee and the members of the permanent commissions are elected at the Elective Congress which is called at the initiative of the Executive Committee of the W.M.F. during the Olympic year. They are elected for four years.

3.6.2 The President, the Executive Committee and the permanent commissions take office on the first day of the month following the closing day of the Olympic Games or of the Elective Congress, whichever is the latter. The Elective Congress elects professional auditors as auditors for a period of four years.

3.6.3 In extraordinary circumstances when a Congress could not be convene, a candidate for the Presidency could not be found or accepted by the electoral commission, the Congress and the General Assembly will be postponed and reconvened the next year; or alternatively not less than 6 months, again. The President will continue as Interim while all executive duties will be passed provisionally to the Executive Committee.

## **CHAPTER IV - PROCESS FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE COMMISSIONS**

### **4.1 GENERAL RULES**

4.1.1 The President of the W.M.F., the nine other members of the Executive Committee and the members of the commissions (other than the Athletes Commission) are elected by the Elective Congress while Secretary Treasurer are appointed by the President of W.M.F.

4.1.2 Candidates for any elective post may be proposed either by a W.M.F. Member Federation or by a Member of Honour, subject to the following conditions:

- only one candidate may be proposed by each Member Federation for each post.
- only one candidate may be proposed by each Member of Honour for each post.
- a candidate for the Executive Committee or for a Commission can be presented by either the Member Federation of the candidate or other Member Federation, or by each Member of Honour.

4.1.3 Should the number of candidates be inferior to the number of positions available in a Commission, the agreement of the Member Federation to a candidate proposed by a Member of Honour is not necessary.

4.1.4 All candidatures for each of the positions for which the candidate wishes to be elected must reach the administrative office of the W.M.F., in writing, at least two months before the Elective Congress. The candidature may be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae (one page A4 maximum). The administrative office of the W.M.F. will include the list of all the candidates, as well as the CVs that have

### **4.2 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT**

4.2.1 To be candidate for the presidency, a person is at least 25 years of age on the date of the elections and enjoys the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs.

4.2.2 If a candidate for the Presidency withdraws before an election, new candidates can be presented up to the moment of the election, subject to the general conditions of election enumerated in 4.1.1 to 4.1.2 above.

4.2.3 To be elected at the first ballot a majority of the votes cast is required.

4.2.4 If in the first round of voting no candidate receives the majority of the votes cast, new candidatures can be proposed after the result is announced. In this event, at the next vote, a majority of the votes cast is again required for the election of the president. If after the first ballot or the following ballot(s) where new candidates are presented and an absolute majority is not obtained by a candidate, supplementary rounds will be held and the election will require only a relative majority. Should there be a tie between two candidates for two rounds of voting, an additional candidate may be presented.

### **4.3 ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

4.3.1 To be candidate to the Executive Committee a person is at least 21 years of age on the date of the elections and enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs.

4.3.2 If a candidate for the Executive Committee withdraws before an election, only his Member Federation may present another candidate.

4.3.3 For the election to the Executive Committee, the 9 members of the Executive committee are elected. The 8 members of Executive committee consist of 2 members who got the most vote in each zonal confederations which are America, Africa, Asia, Austral/Oceania, and Europe.

The last one member of Executive committee is of any nationality who got the most vote among the rest candidates.

4.3.4 If the 9 members who have obtained the most votes do not include a woman, the Executive Committee will consist of the first 8 members elected and the woman candidate for the Executive Committee who has obtained the greatest number of votes. If no woman has offered herself as candidate, the 9 men with the greatest number of votes are elected.

4.3.5 Should there be a tie between several candidates; (up to) two additional rounds of voting will take place. Should there still be a tie after the two additional rounds of voting, the younger (est.) of the candidates is elected.

4.3.6 Should a member die or resign, the following Congress will elect a new member to fill the vacant office until the end of the four year mandate. However, if the Central Office learns of the death or resignation less than three months before the date of the Congress, the election is postponed until the following Congress.

### **4.4 ELECTION OF COMMISSIONS (OTHER THAN THE ATHLETES COMMISSION)**

4.4.1 The member may be candidate for more than one permanent commission.

4.4.2 To be candidate for a permanent commission a person is at least 21 years of age on the date of the elections and enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs. If a candidate for a permanent Commission withdraws before an election, only his Member Federation may present another candidate.

4.4.3 For the elections to the permanent commissions, the 10 candidates with the most votes are elected and can come from the same nationality.

4.4.4 If the 6 members elected do not include a woman, the Commission will consist of the first 5 members elected and the woman candidate for the commission who has obtained the greatest number of votes. If no woman has offered herself as candidate, the 10 men with the greatest number of votes are elected.

4.4.5 Should there be a tie between several candidates; (up to) two additional rounds of voting will take place. Should there still be a tie after the two additional rounds of voting, the younger (est.) of the candidates is elected.

4.4.6 The elections to other, non-permanent, Commissions may take place, upon a Congress decision, with the same voting procedures. But in this case the duration of these Commissions must be determined by that Congress and may not extend beyond the next Elective Congress.

#### **4.5 ELECTION OF THE ATHLETES COMMISSION.**

4.5.1 The elections for the Athletes Commission are held at the Open World Championships in the year following the Olympic Games.

4.5.2 All athletes who, have been entered to compete in at least one of the Open World Championships held over the last 5 years can be a candidate for the Athletes Commission.

4.5.3 Each member federation shall indicate to the W.M.F. the names of their candidates two months before the first day of the Open World Championships in the year following the Olympic Games.

4.5.4 One month before the World Championships, the W.M.F. shall send to each member federation the list of the candidates.

4.5.5 Each boxer shall have one vote.

4.5.6 He will enter only one candidate's name on the ballot (or ballots if he fights in several weight categories).

4.5.7 Each athlete will receive, when they are at the championships, a ballot placed inside a first envelope which shall be completely blank.

4.5.8 This envelope shall be placed into a second envelope which shall show his name and nationality.

4.5.9 The envelopes will be given to the chiefs of delegation of each country for distribution to the boxer involved.

4.5.10 Then, after having first filled in their ballot(s) and having replaced them in the first envelope(s), the athletes will personally go to the office of the W.M.F. at the competition site to deposit their envelope(s) in the box, after having verified their identity by presenting their license and having signed the attendance sheet.

4.5.11 Up to 12 candidates who have received the greatest number of votes will be elected, for a four year term, it being noted that each country can only have one representative on the Athletes Commission and that the five zones - Europe, America, Africa and Asia, Austral/Ocean - must be represented.

4.5.12 the federations will be informed of the result of the athletes' votes at the closing ceremony of the Open World Championships and the complete list of names will be provided by the Executive Committee with as little delay as possible.

### **CHAPTER V - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **5.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The management of the W.M.F. in between Congresses is entrusted to an Executive Committee.

#### **5.2 STRUCTURE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

5.2.1 The Executive Committee consists of the President on the one hand and nine elected members on the other.

5.2.2 Two members of the Executive Committee, fulfilling the roles of Secretary General and Secretary - Treasurer, are permanent members of the W.M.F.

- The President can fulfill the duties of the Treasurer but he will be casting always just one vote in all matters

- Three vice presidents are chosen by the President of the W.M.F. from nine elected members during its first session.

- The President, the General Secretary, Secretary-Treasurer and three vice presidents form the Office.

5.2.3 The former Presidents of the W.M.F. have the right to be present at all the Executive Committee sessions in an advisory capacity.

5.2.4 In addition, the President of each of the five geographic zones may attend the meetings of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity. The five zones are the following: Africa, America, Asia, Austral/Oceania., and Europe.

#### **5.3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TENURE**

5.3.1 The President of the W.M.F. and the nine members of the Executive Committee are elected for four years.

5.3.2 The Executive Committee, at the time of the election, continues to exercise its functions until the new President takes office.

5.3.3 In the event of death or resignation of the President, the Executive Committee performs the President's duties provisionally; a delegate Member can be appointed provisionally by the Executive Committee to act provisionally, until the next Congress.

5.3.4 In the case of death or absenteeism of a member of the Executive Committee of the W.M.F. for two consecutive meetings, except through unavoidable circumstances, of which the Executive Committee will be sole arbiter, the party in question will be regarded as having resigned. In this case, he will be replaced by the candidate not elected who received the greatest number of votes at the Electoral Congress, always taking account of the electoral rules of nationality etc., in article 4.3 - Executive.

5.3.5 In the event that an Elective Congress cannot be held during an elective year, the President becomes Interim and all President duties will be performed in Interim by the Executive Committee of W.M.F.

#### **5.4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND DECISIONS**

5.4.1 The Executive Committee of the W.M.F. meets in plenary session two times a year. Special meetings may be requested by the President, Secretary General or the majority of the Central Office, or the majority of the Executive Committee.

- The expenses of attending one time of these meetings are the responsibility of the W.M.F. if they are not scheduled more than 15 days in advance.

- The agenda of the Executive Committee meeting shall reach each member of the Executive Committee at least 10 days before the meeting.

5.4.2 The Executive Committee can only deliberate if more than one half of its members are present.

5.4.3 One member cannot give proxy to another. However, if a member cannot attend, he may vote by correspondence, electronically voting or via video conferencing on matters placed on the agenda of an Executive Committee meeting.

5.4.4 The Executive Committee's decisions are passed by simple majority and the President has a decisive vote in case of a tie.

5.4.5 In a matter of urgency, the Secretary General may consult in writing with the Executive Committee. The decision will be made by a majority of its members by vote.

#### **5.5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS**

5.5.1 The Executive Committee ensures the management of the W.M.F. between congresses in accordance with the Statutes and takes the most suitable

measures for the development of the Sport worldwide.

5.5.2 In an emergency the Executive Committee can take decisions that are immediately binding. These decisions will be submitted to the next meeting of the relevant Commission for their report, if necessary, and to the next Congress for confirmation. This procedure may not be followed for a modification of the Statutes.

5.5.3 The Executive Committee prepares the work of the Commissions and the Congresses. To this end, it has to gather information by every possible means on the views, tendencies, and desires of the affiliated groups. It decides the date of General Assemblies and the date and the location of Congresses. It may convene an Extraordinary Congress. It establishes and approves the agendas of the General Assembly, and Congress.

5.5.4 The Executive Committee will delegate one of its members to be responsible to liaise with each commission.

5.5.5 In the event of uncertainty or doubt, the Executive Committee is solely competent to interpret the articles of the Statutes and the Rules of the W.M.F.

5.5.6 In exceptional circumstances which prevent the Director Technique from ensuring the smooth running of an official competition of the W.M.F. and which call for a provisional change of the Rules, those members of the Executive Committee present may take all the steps necessary for the smooth running of the competition. If no member of the Executive Committee is present at this competition, the observer makes the decision after consulting with the Director technique, if necessary.

5.5.7 The Executive Committee is responsible for approves the drafting of the texts prepared by the Rules Commission, the Legal Commission and the Special Rules for World Championships, either for submission to the Congress or in their final version in the case of proposals modified by the Congress without approving a precise text.

5.5.8 The Executive Committee receives the applications from national federations which wish to be made members of the W.M.F. It has the right to accept provisionally a national federation which has so applied subject to the fulfillment of conditions specified in chapter 2.

5.5.9 The Executive Committee approves the Central Office's proposals for new Members of Honour before they are presented to the Honors Commission.

5.5.10 The Executive Committee must examine the nominations for the organization of World Championships and the Youth and Cadet World Championships and, when necessary, other official competitions of the W.M.F. It must then present a report on these nominations to the Congress.

5.5.11 The Executive Committee appoints the Director Technique and its president, technical officials and referees World Championships, and the observers for World Cup Competitions.

5.5.12 The Executive Committee approves the calendar of official W.M.F. competitions

5.5.13 The Executive Committee approves all designs and colors of the Muaythai clothing of member Federations.

5.5.14 The Executive Committee presents the detailed annual report of the activity of the W.M.F. This report is submitted for approval by the annual Congress.

## **5.6 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

5.6.1 The President, assisted by the Secretary General and the Secretary-Treasurer, attends to all the current matters and subsequently obtains the Executive Committee's ratification of decisions taken.

5.6.2 The President represents the W.M.F. in a court of law. If the President is prevented from attending personally, the Secretary General automatically takes his place.

5.6.3 The President may employ, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the personnel necessary to run the W.M.F. efficiently.

5.6.4 The President have no power to dismiss or suspend the Executive Committee or any of its members without prior approval from the Congress or the Executive Committee in case of its members.

5.6.5 The President has the power to open and operate an account in a banking establishment on his sole signature, and to carry out current transactions. The President may give the Secretary General or Secretary-Treasurer power of attorney for these current transactions. He can make no deposit into this account nor make any commitment to third parties, unless previously agreed to, in each case, by the Executive Committee.

5.6.6 The President may also give a power of attorney to the Administrative and Financial Director for dealing below an upper limit which the Executive Committee will establish.

## **5.7 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE (BUREAU)**

5.7.1 In the course of the financial year the Office informs the Member Federations of urgent measures which may concern them, by way of newsletters and by articles appearing in the official publications of the W.M.F.

5.7.2 Because of the official duties entrusted to them, the President, the Secretary General and the Secretary-Treasurer may not fill any other posts in the official competitions of the W.M.F., with the exception of protocol supervision.

## **5.8 BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURER**

5.8.1

a) The treasurer establishes a very detailed and precise budget, with additional explanations if necessary. This budget is intended for the management of the W.M.F., President, Central Office, Executive Committee and auditors.

b) The treasurer establishes a simplified budget, showing the main expenses and receipts, intended for the approval of the General Assembly.

c) The expenses provided for in the budget must be countersigned by the treasurer. Expenses which are not provided for in the budget must be approved by the Executive Committee.

d) A 'management' account, meant for the payment of current and recurring expenses, is operated under the sole signature of the President, the Treasurer or the Secretary General. The Administrative and Financial Director can be given power of signature up to a sum determined by the Executive Committee. The limit of the management account is determined by the Executive Committee, according to the foreseeable expenses and is routinely topped as funds are depleted, under the dual signatures of two of the President, the Treasurer, or the Secretary General.

e) Payments of the management account can be made with the sole signature of the President, with the prior approval of the Treasurer, with the sole signature of the Treasurer, with the prior approval of the President, or with the signature of the Secretary General with the prior approval of the President or

the Treasurer (who advises the President). The prior agreement can be made by fax.

f) All the other accounts are managed under the joint signatures of two of the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary General, advising the President and the Treasurer if they are not signatories.

g) At least three times a year the Treasurer must establish a statement of finances and a comparison table of the budget, the receipts and the expenses incurred. He must add to this a forecast of expenses and receipts for the coming months and a statement of the assets. These documents must be sent to the President and the members of the Executive Committee at least ten days before each meeting.

## **CHAPTER VI - COMMISSIONS**

### **6.1 THE COMMISSIONS**

6.1.1 The permanent commissions of the W.M.F. are the following:

- Legal Commission - Rules Commission
- Judge/Refereeing Commission
- Disciplinary Commission
- Equipment and Installations Commission
- Promotion, Publicity and Marketing Commission
- Medical Commission
- The Advisory Commission of Athletes (Athletes Commission)

6.1.2 The Congress may also create special Temporary Commissions whenever it deems it necessary to do so.

### **6.2 STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSIONS**

6.2.1 Permanent commissions, except the Athletes Commission.

a) Each permanent commission, except the Athletes Commission, is made up of 4 voting members elected by the Congress.

b) When, among the 4 elected Members of a commission, there is not included a national from every geographic zone, that commission will co-opt the national, if any, of each geographic zone not represented who obtained the largest number of votes among the candidates for that commission; the latter sit on the Commission in a non-voting advisory capacity.

6.2.2 The elected members of the Commissions elect their President at their first meeting.

6.2.3 The Executive Committee will delegate one of its members to be responsible to liaise with each commission (cf. 5.5.7).

6.2.4 The Advisory Athletes Commission. The Athletes Commission is made up of 5 athletes of different nationalities. The Commission elects its own President.

6.2.5 The Commissions may, for the study of special issues, invite one or more experts as temporary experts.

### **6.3 DURATION OF MANDATES**

6.3.1 Members of each permanent commission, except the Athletes Commission are elected for the duration of the Olympiad. In the event of a member's death, or resignation or absenteeism for two years, even if excused, he will be replaced by the candidate not elected who received the greatest number of votes at the Electoral Congress, always taking account of the electoral rules of nationality etc in article 4.4 - Commissions. Members thus appointed will only stay in office for the remaining period of the mandate. In the case of absenteeism of a member of a commission of the W.M.F. for two consecutive meetings, except through unavoidable circumstances, of which the Executive Committee will be sole arbiter, the party in question will be regarded as having resigned.

6.3.2 Members of the Athletes Commission are elected for a period of 4 years, their mandate terminating at the Open World Championships four years after their election.

### **6.4 MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS**

6.4.1 As a general rule, the Commissions meet twice a year.

6.4.2 A Commission's meeting is valid only when the majority of members are present. Otherwise, the proposals taken will be submitted by correspondence to absent members who must express their opinion within 8 days; if they fail to do this, their silence will be interpreted as an agreement with the submitted proposal.

6.4.3 Commissions must admit to their meetings the persons, or their representatives, responsible for the proposals submitted to the Congress and placed on its agenda by the Executive Committee of the W.M.F. The attendance of such a person, or his representative, is restricted to when the proposal in question is being discussed.

### **6.5 FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONS**

#### 6.5.1 The Legal Commission.

- a) The Legal Commission presents to the Congress a report on all motions for modification of the Statutes.
- b) This Commission prepares the texts of all proposals concerning the Statutes for the approval of the Executive Committee before submission to the Congress. If the Congress modifies a proposal without approving a precise text, this Commission prepares a modified text for the definitive approval of the Executive committee.
- c) This Commission is also the competent authority for the textual preparation of all the annexes to the Statutes, except the Rules for Competitions and its annexes.

#### 6.5.2 The Rules Commission

- a) The Rules Commission presents a report to the Congress on any proposal concerning the organization and running of competitions, equipment and material, the way to fight an opponent, the rules for fighting a bout, behavior on and around the ring, and the penalties relating to these proposals. The Commission is also the competent authority for all the annexes to the Rules relating to the organization and running of competitions.
- b) This Commission prepares the texts of all proposals concerning the Rules for competitions for the approval of the Executive Committee before submission to the Congress. If the Congress modifies a proposal without approving a precise text, this Commission prepares a modified text for the definitive approval of the Executive committee.
- c) To this end, a member of Equipment and Installations Commission, appointed as its representative, may attend all the meetings but without right of vote.
- d) Any proposal studied by the Rules Commission relating to the electrical apparatus must be submitted to the representative of the Equipment and Installations Commission.
- e) The Commission appoints to each of Equipment and Installations Commission and Refereeing Commissions one of its members, who is free to attend their meetings at any time during their discussions on the rules or their application (but without the right to vote).

#### 6.5.3 The Judge/Refereeing Commission

- a) The duties of the Judge/Refereeing Commission are:
  - To encourage the training of good referees in the various countries;
  - To monitor the functioning of refereeing in the major competitions of the W.M.F.
  - To propose to the Rules Commission any necessary modifications of the Rules relating to refereeing;
- To ensure that the Rules for Competitions are properly applied by referees.
- b) This Commission establishes the list of A, B, C grade referees approved by the W.M.F. as submitted by Member Federations.
  - It presents to the Executive Committee statistics enabling it to assess the competence of referees who have officiated in the course of the Sport season
  - The grade attributed to each referee at each competition, will be awarded by the official observer of the W.M.F. after consulting the Refereeing Commission delegates, if they are present, or after taking advice from the Director Technique.
  - The Refereeing Commission provides the Executive Committee with a list of proposed referees for the World Championships. This list must have more names on it than the number of referees to be selected.
- c) Members of the Refereeing Commission may not be used as referees in official competitions of the W.M.F. and the regional games.

#### 6.5.4 The Disciplinary Commission.

The Disciplinary Commission is responsible for handling all offences against the Rules, discipline or sportsmanship within the purview of the W.M.F., in conformity with the Disciplinary Code of the W.M.F. (cf. chapter 7), except the specific dispositions with respect to discipline at the sites of the competitions to be found in the Rules for Competitions of the W.M.F. It presents a report to the Congress on its activities and its suggestions concerning the disciplinary rules of the W.M.F.

#### 6.5.5 Equipment and Installations Commission; the duties of the Commission are:

- a) To be responsible at all times for any studies on the safety of the equipment;
- b) To examine any suggestions or proposals relating to the equipment;
- c) To submit a report to the Congress on these proposals, or on proposals which they may make themselves. The drafting of the Congress decisions, in their official and final form, will have to be submitted to the Rules Commission;
- d) To supervise the control of the Boxing's equipment;
- e) To approve all of the Boxing's equipment to be used at for official competitions and to lay down the testing procedure for such equipment.
- f) To advise the Rules Commission on the preparation of any texts for proposals which relate to apparatus and equipment. To this end, it appoints one of its members as its representative, who is free to attend the meetings of the Rules Commission but without right of vote.

#### 6.5.6 The Promotion, Publicity and Marketing Commission

The duty of this commission is to motivate and coordinate the activities of the member Federations for the promotion and development of Muaythai; to advise the Congress on the way in which the patronage of the W.M.F. will be bestowed on international competitions; to propose the rules for the World Cup competitions and to supervise their application; and to maintain contact between the W.M.F. and the Muaythai masters. It is responsible for promoting public relations activities for our sport. It proposes any changes relating to the media and advertising aspects of Muaythai. It presents a report to the Congress on the proposals that it has examined. The definitive formulation of texts for the decisions taken by the Congress must be entrusted to the Rules Commission or the Legal Commission as applicable.

6.5.7 The Medical Commission This Commission's task is to examine all medical, dietetic or climatic matters relating to Muaythai and Sport. It proposes all measures that may be useful in the struggle against drug abuse. It presents its suggestions or recommendations on all these issues in a report for the Congress.

#### 6.5.8 The Special Rules for World Championships

- a) This Commission is responsible for examining and co-ordination the texts of proposals submitted to the Legal Commission, the Rules Commission and the Promotion, Publicity and Marketing Commission relating to the organization and running of World Championships. It presents a written report on these proposals to the Congress.
- b) This Commission may prepare the texts of all proposals concerning the organization and running of World Championships, either for the approval of the Executive Committee before submission to the Congress or, if the Congress modifies a proposal without approving a precise text, for the

definitive approval of the Executive Committee.

6.5.9 The Advisory Athletes Commission The mission of the Advisory Commission of Athletes is to examine all questions of interest to the athletes and to present suggestions or recommendations but it may not present proposals to the Congress. On the other hand it may present proposals to the other commissions of the W.M.F. and for this reason it has the right to assign one of its members to represent it in each of the other commissions.

## CHAPTER VII - DISCIPLINE

### 7.1 DISCIPLINARY CODE

7.1.1 Jurisdiction The Disciplinary Commission elected by the Congress has sole jurisdiction to rule on all offences against discipline or sportsmanship within the purview of the World Muaythai Federation (W.M.F.), except the specific dispositions with respect to discipline at the sites of the competitions to be found in the Rules for Competitions of the W.M.F. The executive committee will assure the respect for and the execution of the decisions of the Commission.

7.1.2 Disciplinary jurisdiction; person's subject all individual or entities are subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Commission of the W.M.F. for example who:

- are members of the W.M.F.; - are licensees of the W.M.F.;
- are licensees of or affiliated to members of the W.M.F.; or
- are members of national delegations. These persons will hereinafter be called the defendant. The offences which are committed in the context of matters internal to a federation are subject to their rules and jurisdiction except if they are especially serious, if they have international consequences or if they affect individual defendants who originate from another federation. In that case the Disciplinary Commission of the W.M.F. may be used by the federations or persons concerned.

7.1.3 Disciplinary code for competitions; the present rules take priority over the rules figuring in the Rules for Competitions of the W.M.F. and in Disciplinary Code for Competitions.

7.1.4 Penalties The penalties which can be pronounced by the Disciplinary Tribunal of the W.M.F. are the following:

a) Warning

b) Censure

c) Disqualification (this means elimination of all classification from the tournament concerned and the loss of all awards).

d) Suspension, which deprives the defendant of all participation in the activities, sporting or other, organized under the aegis of the W.M.F., of the zonal confederations or the member federations, as well as their various affiliated authorities and entities. The Disciplinary Commission will fix the date the suspension will take effect, and its duration. In case of suspension of a non-individual (federation, club, association, etc.) all of the licensees who are members or who are attached in one means or another to such

organization, are equally suspended, except when the authorization of the Disciplinary Commission of the W.M.F. permits them, according to conditions which will be defined, to exercise their individual activities. The suspension will include the withdrawal of the license for the duration of the suspension. In case of the violation of the suspension, the duration of it will be automatically doubled, without prejudice to other penalties which may be taken by the Disciplinary Commission. The W.M.F. Central Office will assure that the suspension be brought to the attention of all of the member federations at the time it takes effect.

e) Expulsion. This penalty will only be used in serious cases or where there is repetition of offences. This penalty includes the permanent suspension of the defendant from all activity which is in the Sport domain.

f) Fines. This penalty can be pronounced against all defendants, its level cannot be less than 100 US \$ nor more than 5000 US \$, the thresholds being 200 US \$ minimum and 10000 US \$ maximum for entities. The level of the fine can be more than 5000 US \$ in the case where multiple sentences of a fine are pronounced simultaneously, in which case they are additive.

g) Accessory penalties. Accessory penalties can be pronounced in addition to the principal penalty. This can be:

- prohibition of presenting oneself in certain places for a defined term; In the case where a similar or more serious offence is committed within the two- year period, the suspension will be automatically revoked, unless the Commission specifically rules otherwise, and the sentence incurred will be added to the sentence pronounced for the repetition of an offence.

7.1.6 Repetition of an offence; The defendant is considered to have repeated an offence when he has definitively been penalized for an offence and he commits a new offence of the same or greater severity within two years of the definitive decision penalizing him.

7.1.7 Offences; The offences submitted to the assessment of the Disciplinary Commission of the W.M.F. are the following:

- Violation of the Statutes or the Rules of the W.M.F.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Brutal behavior
- Aggressive behavior - verbal, physical or sexual abuse
- Corruption
- Embezzlement
- False declarations when entering a competition or as a candidate for an election
- Violations of the Publicity Code
- Taking of drugs (banned substances)
- Attack on sporting morals or ethics
- Provocation or disorder

7.1.8 Multiple offences In the case of several penalties being awarded corresponding to several offences, other than in the case of repetition, the Disciplinary Panel will decide whether only the most severe of the penalties is imposed or if all of the penalties are to be imposed.

7.1.9 Complicity; Complicity, by help or assistance, instigation or the furnishing of means by a person aware that his support is of use to the offence, is punished in the same manner as is the offence itself.

7.1.10 Attempt; An attempted offence, which is only interrupted by an intervention or by circumstances not within the control of the defendant, is punished in the same manner as is the offence itself.

7.1.11 Proof; Proof of the guilt or innocence of any defendant can be presented by any means. The statements of the Director Technique of a competition, properly constituted, or of the W.M.F. observers are deemed true unless proven otherwise.

## 7.2 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

### 7.2.1 The complaint

a) Author of the complaint Any person, individual or entity, whether or not they are a licensee of the W.M.F., if they are personally the victim of one of the offences enumerated above in Article 7.1.7 can present a complaint before the Disciplinary Commission. Additionally, the members of the Executive Committee, the W.M.F. observers, at international competitions, the Directories Technique, or the presidents of the member federations can state the existence of an offence susceptible of being pursued by the Disciplinary Commission, and inform the latter of it.

b) Form of the complaint the complaint must be addressed to the administrative office of the W.M.F. within 20 days following the incriminating acts or the date of their discovery. The postmark of the envelope or the reception stamp of the fax establishes the time. The Complaint must note:

- The full name of the individual or entity, marital status, the nationality, address and title of the complainant(s);
- The full name of the individual or entity, marital status and nationality of the person being prosecuted or the indication that their address is unknown;
- A summary of the facts, the objectives of the complaint, with an indication of the rule or principle infringed; and
- The signature of the complainant. The complaint can, moreover, be accompanied by documents necessary for the investigative file. Supplementary or new information can be communicated up to the 20th day following the date of the complaint.

### 7.2.2 The disciplinary panel - composition, powers, obligations

The administrative office of the W.M.F. shall send to the President of the

Disciplinary Commission within 15 days the complaint, which was sent to him. In the 15 days which follow the transmission of the complaint, the president shall designate 3 members of the Disciplinary Commission to adjudicate the matter. The 3 members of the Disciplinary Commission designated by the president compose the Disciplinary Panel. The president of the Panel is named by the president of the Disciplinary Commission. It is incumbent upon the President to designate these three members so that they are neutral to the controversy and in particular he cannot designate members of the Commission of the same nationality as the organizer of the competition where the act occurred, the complainant or the defendant. He cannot designate any members of the Disciplinary Commission who took part in the organization of the competition or the event concerned, or who had been a witness or a participant in the incriminating facts. The Disciplinary Panel must be able to communicate in the official language of the W.M.F. During the same 15-day period, the president of the Commission will transmit a copy of the complaint to the person(s) designated therein. A copy of the complaint is also sent to the president(s) of the federation(s) to which the parties belong if the case arises, the Disciplinary Panel can, on its own motion, decide that there is no ground to prosecute the complaint which has been submitted to them. The Disciplinary Panel has all of the powers for investigating the complaint, and pronouncing, if the case arises, a penalty. It must, in all circumstances, respect and ensure respect of the rights of the defense.

### 7.2.3 Procedure before the Disciplinary Panel

The Disciplinary Panel itself chooses a reporter who will be charged with investigating the file, collecting the proofs for and against defendant(s). It can interrogate all witnesses and obtain all useful documents from everyone concerned, if need be by injunction. In case of a refusal to testify or to communicate documents, the Panel refers the matter to the president of the Disciplinary Commission who has the power to penalize the persons withholding material with a fine of 100 to 5000 US \$ after having summoned them to receive an explanation. The Disciplinary Panel rules on the complaint(s) which have been submitted to it within 2 months following the submission by the president of the Commission. Within this time, it summons the defendant(s) informing them that they have the right to have the assistance of a defender of their choice. The summons must be addressed by certified or registered mail to the defendant(s) at least 20 days before the hearing date fixed by the Disciplinary Panel. It will indicate that the defendant will be able to be assisted or represented by the person of their choice. This summons will be accompanied by a new copy of the complaint as well as a copy of all the items in the file. If it is impossible or difficult to make such copies, the contents of the file will be held at the disposition of the defendant at the administrative office of the W.M.F. or at another place designated by the President of the Panel. No later than eight days before the hearing, the defendant must communicate to the Disciplinary Panel all of the documents and the testimony on which he intends to base his defiance as well as the identity of the witnesses whom he would like to be heard stating the reason why their evidence will be useful to reaching the truth. The day of the hearing, the president will designate a person to ensure that there is a secretary for the hearing and to keep a record of the various statements under his control. He will verify the identity of the complainant, the defendant and the witnesses. He will invite the reporter to present his report. He then listens to the declarations of the complainant(s) and the defendant(s). He then proceeds to any examination of the witness (es) who will be kept out of the hearing until their turn to testify. The president can hear all persons or ask for all documents useful to discovering the truth. In general, the president alone controls the proceedings, and has the power, if the case arises, to exclude any persons creating a disturbance, to examine or not the witnesses, to order additional investigation, to decide to make a submission to the Disciplinary Commission to pensile the behavior of the parties. At the end of the discussion, the president gives the defendant, his representative, or if the case arises, his defense counsel, the right to speak last. The matter is then considered by the panel. The Disciplinary Panel reaches its decision by a majority vote. In case of difficulty, the president of the Disciplinary Panel can ask the president of the Disciplinary Commission for an additional maximum period of not more than 3 months to gather supplementary information. The supplementary information will be communicated to the defendant and the complainant for them to respond within the time fixed in the cover letter. A new hearing can, if necessary, be called. It will be held according to the same terms and under the same conditions as the first hearing.

### 7.2.4 Notification of the decision

The decision with justification as well as the penalty are forwarded to the President of the Disciplinary Commission. The President of the Disciplinary Commission will notify the defendant, the complainant and their federations of the sentence. This notification is made by certified mail, with acknowledgement of receipt requested.

### 7.2.5 Place and attendance at the hearing

a) Place The hearings of the Disciplinary Panel will be held at the administrative office of the W.M.F. or in another place chosen by the president of the Panel for reasons of convenience.

b) Attendance at the hearing



## 1. The Complainant

The Complainant is not obliged to appear personally. He can express himself to the Commission by any means of communication as well as by sending a memorandum of explanation and supporting documents.

## 2. The Defendant

The presence of the defendant at the hearings is not obligatory. He can be represented by a defender specifically empowered by a written power of attorney or he can attend telephonically by calling at the date and hour indicated in the summons to the place designated by the Panel. The defendant will be responsible for the cost of his transportation and stay as well as those of his defender and any witnesses he may call. In the case of a frivolous complaint, the Disciplinary Commission may charge the complainant for all or part of the expenses of the defendant.

## 3. The Witnesses

The witnesses are only obliged to appear on the special request of the Disciplinary Panel in which case their traveling expenses will be paid by the W.M.F. If the defendant wishes the physical presence of a witness, he is responsible for asking him to attend and for paying his expenses. Written testimony is permitted. It must be written, dated and signed in the handwriting of the witness. His signature must be certified according to the applicable laws of the country where he resides. Telephonic testimony is permitted. Before his examination, the president of the Panel will verify his identity by any suitable means.

## 7.2.6 Form of proceedings

The transcripts of the meetings are taken by the secretary of the meeting and signed by the President and the Secretary. The initial judgments are signed by the president of the Panel.

## 7.2.7 Rights of the defiance

Any irregularities of the procedure of the Disciplinary Panel may annul its decision if they negatively affect the rights of the defense. The meetings of the Disciplinary Panel are public. The legal proceedings must in all circumstances respect the rights of the defense.

## 7.2.8 Power of judgment by the Central Office of the W.M.F.

In case of emergency, the Central Office of the W.M.F. can take, within the framework of its power to judge, administrative measures suspending the license of the defendant when it has referred the case to the Disciplinary Commission. It can only do this in cases where the severity of the offence or its consequences require it. As a precondition to all such decisions, the president of the W.M.F. shall summon the defendant and the Complainant(s) before the Central Office of the W.M.F. by certified mail, acknowledgement of receipt requested, one week before the meeting, specifying that the defendant can be aided or represented by a person of his choosing. At the time of the meeting, the Central Office shall assure itself that the summons has been properly presented to the defendant. At the close of the meeting, the Central Office announces its decision to the defendant and the complainant by certified mail, acknowledgement of receipt requested. Its decision is binding and subject to appeal pursuant to Article 7.2.7. The duration of any suspension handed down is established by the Central Office. It cannot exceed the date on which the Disciplinary Commission rules. If the Disciplinary Commission orders a certain period of suspension, the administrative suspension ordered by the Central Office of the W.M.F. shall be included in such time. The Central Office will make a report of this suspension at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

## CHAPTER VIII - ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITIONS

## 8.1.1 Eligibility for competitions

## a) A boxer may not

- i) wear on his clothing or his person advertising other than the manufacturer's markings of his/her equipment as permitted by the I.O.C. and the W.M.F.
- ii) accept, without the knowledge of the W.M.F., his National Federation, or his National Olympic Committee, some material or financial benefits for his preparation or his participation in a sporting event;
- iii) have obviously contravened according to the I.O.C. or the W.M.F. the rules of "Fair Play" when practicing the sport (especially by the use of drugs, by violence or incorrect behavior towards his opponents or the judges.);
- iv) contravene the medical rules as listed below in section 8.1.2 below;
- v) participate without an international license

## 8.1.2 Medical Rules

- a) Doping is forbidden. The list of prohibited products is compiled by the Medical Commission of the W.M.F. in liaison with the Medical Commission of the I.O.C.
- b) Each boxer participating in official competitions of the W.M.F. must submit himself to the medical checks and examinations performed according to the Rules of the Medical Commission of the W.M.F.
- c) Any boxer refusing to submit himself to these checks or tests, or found guilty of doping will be excluded from the competition.
- d) A medal may be withdrawn upon the decision of the Executive Committee at the instigation of a motion from the Medical Committee of the official competitions of the W.M.F., upon a decision of the Executive Committee of the W.M.F.

## CHAPTER IX - LICENSES

### 9.1 LICENCES

9.1.1 Statutory Character of License; a license is granted by the W.M.F. in accordance with Article 1.2.3 bearing the following: The bearer promises not to engage in doping and to submit to all medical checks".

## 9.1.2 Compulsory Character of License

- a) This license is compulsory for all Boxer taking part in any official competition of the W.M.F. No entry will be valid if a competitor's name is not accompanied by the number of his W.M.F. license.
- b) This license is also compulsory for the following persons:
  - Members of the Executive Committee and of the commissions of the W.M.F.
  - All officials designated for the World Championships

- All A, B, referees of the official competitions of the W.M.F. (cf.10.1.1)

9.1.3 Duration of Validity The license is valid for the current of 12 months.

9.1.4 Annual Fee; Every application for a license or license renewal must be handed in with a fee which is set for the following year by each Congress or General Assembly.

#### 9.1.5 Application and Issue

a) Every license is supplied by the W.M.F. administrative office; it is issued to those entitled who qualify through their member national federation. Each member federation must note on the license issued to boxers the name of the club to which they belong.

b) The Boxer books are supplied to the boxers by their member national federation. The Boxer books supplied by each member federation have to follow the W.M.F. format.

c) For those countries which do not yet have a national federation which is a member of the W.M.F. applications are made through the Olympic Committee of the country.

d) When a boxer lives in a country other than his own, he must apply for his license to the member federation of the country in which he lives. It is strictly forbidden for a boxer to possess more than one international license. A second license applied for from another member federation may only be granted after the cancellation of the first license.

e) When a boxer is only visiting another country, he must apply for his license to the member federation of his own country (or to the country where he resides, if he resides in a different country from the country of his nationality).

f) The Central Office may grant an international license to a Boxer who lives in a country where there is neither a national federation which is a member of the W.M.F. nor an Olympic Committee affiliated to the I.O.C. However, if there is a national federation which is a member of the W.M.F. in the country of the boxer's nationality, then the Central Office of the W.M.F. must consult with this member federation before granting the license.

#### 9.1.6 Procedure for Issue

The procedure for delivery and control of licenses are the responsibility of the Executive Committee.

#### 9.1.7 Refusal to Grant a License by a member federation

Should a member federation refuse to issue an international license, it should inform the W.M.F. Central Office in order to prevent a boxer living in a foreign country from applying again through a different channel. Should a boxer appeal against the decision of the member federation of his country refusing to grant him an international license, the appeal may be sent to the W.M.F. Central Office for investigation and for a Congress decision. When the matter is urgent the Executive Committee makes the decision provisionally, until a decision is reached by the Congress.

## 9.2 BOXER'S NATIONALITY

9.2.1 When a question of nationality is raised in the application of the Statutes and Rules (Boxer, granting licenses, etc.), a boxer residing in a country other than his own must be considered as belonging to both countries.

9.2.2 For official competitions of the W.M.F., competitors must be strictly of the nationality of the country which they are representing:

a) The Boxer who enjoys multiple nationalities must choose which country he wishes to represent. The fact that he has Boxes for one of the countries implies that he has made a choice. If he wishes to represent another country of which he enjoys nationality, he must so advise the Office of the W.M.F. and he may only represent this other country after an interval of three years from when he advised the Central Office of the W.M.F., during which he can no longer represent the other country.

b) A boxer who has already represented a country and acquires a new nationality (from being stateless or through naturalization) can only represent his new country after an interval of three years from his last participation in a competition for his previous country.

c) The boxer who acquires a new nationality as a result of marriage may box for that new country immediately, without waiting three years.

d) The Executive Committee of the W.M.F., with the agreement of the member federations concerned, and only for just reasons, may reduce or dispense with the interval of three years.

e) The boxer who has never participated in an official competition of the W.M.F. or in a Regional Championships is not constrained by these limitations concerning change of nationality and may box for his new country immediately.

f) Any change in country which a boxer represents is definitive; no further change can be authorized.

g) In cases of dispute the Executive Committee of the W.M.F. will make a ruling, which is not subject to appeal.

9.2.4 In the case of other international competitions, the W.M.F., although still in favor of the same ruling, is more tolerant in the matter of countries represented as long as foreigners have actually been residing for five consecutive years in the country which they are invited to represent, and have not represented their own country for five years. For these same competitions boxers who are legally stateless may compete as long as they are registered by the member federation of the country in which they live.

## CHAPTER X - COMPETITIONS

### 10.1 OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS OF THE W.M.F.

10.1.1 The Official Competitions of the W.M.F. include, the Senior, Youth, and Cadet World Championships as well as the Senior World Cups, the Youth World Cups, and any other competitions designated by the Congress of the W.M.F.

10.1.2 Of these official events the Senior, Youth and Cadet World Championships take priority. No other official W.M.F. competitions in the same age category may coincide with them or be organized on dates which prevent a boxer from taking part in these World Championships.

## **10.2 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALL CATEGORIES**

### 10.2.1 Candidatures for a World Championship

- a) Each year, requests to undertake the organization of the World Championships for the following years, accompanied by a file describing the technical and financial circumstances of the candidature, must reach the administrative office of the W.M.F. two years before the organizing of the competition. These requests are to be placed on the agenda of the Congress or General Assembly and must arrive within the time limit laid down by the W.M.F. Statutes for inclusion there on.
- b) When it puts forward its candidature, a federation must present a full dossier which complies with the WMF instructions, and make a commitment before the Congress or General Assembly to comply with the specifications set down by the WMF and to respect its financial obligations.
- c) When the Congress or the General Assembly has awarded the World Championships to a Member Federation, the President of the organizing Federation and, if the case arises, the organizer himself shall sign a protocol detailing their complete awareness of the specifications set down by the WMF and of their financial obligations.
- f) The Executive Committee of the W.M.F. will have the same powers should the member federation to whom the organization was entrusted by the Congress withdraw and in the event of any discriminatory act by the organizing federation.

### 10.2.2 Directories Technique at a World Championship

- a) The technical organization of a World Championships is undertaken by a Directories Technique of 6 members of different Nationalities, one of whom must represent the organizing country.
- b) The Director Technique consists of one member of the Legal Commission, one member of the Rules Commission, one member of the Promotion Commission, each of whom having been proposed by their own commission, two persons nominated because of their organizing abilities, and the representative of the organizing country. They are appointed by the Executive Committee of the W.M.F.
- c) The President of the Director Technique is appointed from among its members, also by the Executive Committee of the W.M.F.
- d) Should there be equal votes among the members of the Director Technique; the President of the Director technique has the casting vote.

### 10.2.3 Supervision by the W.M.F. of a World Championship

The President and one member of the Central Office of the W.M.F. have the right to attend all meetings of the Director Technique in order to ensure that the Rules are observed; The Director Technique is obliged to give them notice of such meetings.

### 10.2.4 Participation in a World Championship

The World Championships are open to all national federations affiliated with the W.M.F.

### 10.2.5 Entries for World Championship

- a) The member federations who wish to send their boxer to participate in a World Championships, must so advise the national federation which undertakes the organization of the Championships, three before they are due to begin. At least one month before the World Championships, the organizers will have to inform the administrative office of the W.M.F. which countries are taking part in each event.
- b) Eight days before the Championships begin, each member federation must advise the organizers of the number and names of competitors in each event; the organizer shall provide this information to the administrative office of the WMF Changes of names by countries due to reasons beyond their control/injury can only be made up to 24 hours before each event.

10.2.6 Order of events the organizers must submit the program of events to the Executive Committee for its approval.

## **10.3 THE OPEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

10.3.1 General Rules The official championships called "World Championships" are held annually under the auspices of the W.M.F.

## **10.4 YOUTH AND CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

10.4.1 The World Youth and World Cadet Championships are to be held together annually.