

Articles of Association of Asian Ski-mountaineering Federation (ASMF)

I. BASICS

Article 1

The Asian Ski-mountaineering Federation, which is abbreviated in all languages as ASMF (hereinafter "The ASMF"), is responsible for all aspects of ski-mountaineering competitions in Asia, and is in compliance with the Articles of Association of ISMF and under the auspices of ISMF.

The ASMF has the supreme authority for all matters concerning ski-mountaineering competitions in Asia which are in accordance with the IOC definition; and ASMF is the unique representative of Asia that participates in ISMF.

II. LEGAL FORM OF FEDERATION, HEADQUARTERS AND LANGUAGE

Article 2

The Federation is established as a non-governmental and non-profit association and is the continental representative of ISMF. The Federation is named The Asian Ski-mountaineering Federation, abbreviated as ASMF.

The headquarters of the ASMF is to be located in the same country where the president is elected and will manage the branches and all related activities. The ASMF branches may be located in any membership countries and will be established through the ASMF President and committee resolutions.

Article 3

The official language of the ASMF is English.

III. OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES

Article 4

All activities of the ASMF are independent of any political or governmental influences. The ASMF does not allow any discrimination for political, racial or religious reasons. The ASMF promotes and supports with all means gender equality in its activities. Its principal purposes are to promote, develop, and supervise ski-mountaineering in the Asia continent. The ASMF fosters friendly relations among its member countries and regions, competition participants and administrators.

The ASMF is furthermore responsible and undertakes in association with ISMF and its Articles of Association the following:

- a. to establish and maintain rules and standards for competitions which only apply to Asia.
- b. to maintain the racer registration and racer ranking in the region within the ISMF registration and ranking framework.
- c. to encourage, promote, develop and supervise ski-mountaineering competitions in Asia;
- d. to promote ski-mountaineering as a healthy and educational activity for youth; and
- e. to consider protection of the environment when organizing and promoting its activities.

- f. to control the registration of the athletes in the region who wish to participate in competitions in the continent.
- g. to maintain and promote the doping control regulations in accordance with ISMF and WADA.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

Article 5

Membership in the ASMF is open to any Asian countries and regions actively involved in ski-mountaineering competitions.

Associations that meet the following criteria will be considered members:

1. MEMBERS of the ASMF will be Associations which act as the national representatives of ski-mountaineering competitions in their countries.
 - a) Only one association from each country can be designated as a regular member of the ASMF.
 - b) The membership fee for members is determined by the ASMF's General Assembly.
2. The ASSOCIATE MEMBERS of the ASMF will be Associations who are affiliated with the ASMF, or other associations in countries where an official ASMF member already exists. In the event an official ASMF member is already established, approval from the relevant ASMF office is required. These organizations may be admitted by the ASMF General Assembly.
 - a) The associate membership fee is determined by the ASMF General Assembly.
 - b) Associate members are entitled to organize ASMF approved events, provided they are approved by the ASMF beforehand.
 - c) Associate members are also entitled to propose additional members for all ASMF Commissions, provided they are approved by the ASMF.

Article 6

1. Application process

Membership applications should be filed through the Secretary General or through the ASMF office. Applications should include the following:

- Information about the applicant - name, address, email, website, key contacts.
- Latest annual report of activities of the organization.

2. Approval process

Membership applications will be approved by the ASMF Management Committee.

3. The registration fee and annual subscription fee structures are as follows:

- 1) Registration Fee – USD 500.00
- 2) Annual Membership Fee – USD 500.00
- 3) Council Member Annual Fee – USD 1,500.00

RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Article 7

Each Member has the right:

- 1) To take part in the Assembly, to make proposals to the General Assembly and the Management Committee, and to vote;
- 2) To appeal and to be consulted in all matters specifically concerning the Member;
- 3) To enter its athletes in all competitions approved by the ASMF and in accordance with the entry rules for these competitions;

Each Associate Member has the right:

- 1) To take part in the Assembly, to make proposals to the General Assembly and the Management Committee;
- 2) To appeal and to be consulted in all matters specifically concerning the Associate Member;

Article 8

A Member or Associate Member may be disqualified from the ASMF by the General Assembly:

- For non-compliance with any liabilities to the ASMF;
- For infringement of these articles or other regulations of the ASMF.

The decision requires at least half of the members of ASMF having the right to vote, be present or represented. To be adopted, approval of two thirds of the votes is required. Re-entry into the ASMF membership is only possible if the Member or Associate Member has fulfilled its financial and/or other obligations towards the ASMF.

V. BODIES

Article 9

The ASMF functions through one body, the General Assembly, with separately defined rights and responsibilities

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 10

The General Assembly is the highest body of the ASMF and has the ultimate rights for all activities of the ASMF. The General Assembly convenes every year.

Organization of the General Assembly shall be entrusted alternately to one of its Members and Associate Members. The date and venue for the Assembly shall be agreed at the Assembly meeting two years prior. The Assembly must be held no later than the end of June of any year.

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

RIGHTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 11

The General Assembly has the following rights and responsibilities:

- a. to elect the President and Management Committee;
- b. to determine registration, membership and other fees;
- c. to approve the plans for future activities;
- d. to adopt and amend the articles,
- e. to adopt and amend all regulations; the Assembly can, however, authorize other bodies to independently establish technical rules where it seems appropriate;
- f. to decide the admission of new Member Federations of any kind on the recommendation of the Management Committee;
- g. to decide the expulsion of Members and Associate Members which do not comply with the obligations as stated in these articles;
- h. to approve the Minutes of meetings;
- i. to review and approve the annual accounts after having heard the report of the auditors;
- j. to approve the budget; and
- k. to decide on all matters which no other body is competent to decide or which other bodies refer to the Assembly for final decision.

VOTING RIGHTS

Article 12

Each Member of the ASMF has one vote. Associate members have no voting rights.

QUORUM

Article 13

Changes and amendments of the articles may only be considered if at least half of the Members of ASMF having the right to vote are present or represented. To be adopted, approval of two thirds of the votes cast is required.

There is no quorum except dissolution of ASMF. Decisions are taken with half of the votes cast.

EXECUTION OF DECISIONS

Article 14

Voting at the Assembly is conducted by a 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 a secret written ballot. Elections shall always be decided by a secret written ballot.

Article 15

Any case submitted by ASMF Members is to be sent to the ASMF Management Committee at least six weeks prior to the Assembly.

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

Article 16

The final agenda of the Assembly shall be sent to all the Members of ASMF at least 4 weeks prior to Assembly.

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

Article 17

The Management Committee may at any time call for a special Assembly. At the written request of one fifth of the Members entitled to vote, the Management Committee shall convene a special Assembly within 3 months of receipt of such request. The request must be substantiated and accompanied by a proposal for the Agenda.

THE PRESIDENT

Article 18

The President chairs all meetings of the Assembly, the Management Committee and the Executive Board.

Article 19

If the President is unable to attend a meeting of the Management Committee or an Assembly, the Management Committee shall appoint one of the Vice Presidents to chair the meeting.

THE VICE PRESIDENT

Article 20

The Vice President shall assist and act on behalf of President during the President's absence. The senior Vice President will be an automatic President until the next General Assembly when the presidency is vacant.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Article 21

The Secretary General shall conduct the business of the ASMF and shall carry out the instruction of the General Assembly and the Council meeting. The Secretary General shall be responsible for conducting all correspondence among ASMF members. Clause 14.8: The Secretary General shall attend all meetings to record the minutes and circulate to all ASMF members. The Secretary General will compile a report and prepare the General Assembly agenda before circulating to ASMF members.

THE TERM OF OFFICE

Article 22

Although the term is finished, the Board Member shall be obliged to carry out his duties until his successor's term begins. The term of service of the Board Member elected due to a vacancy is the period left until the end of the predecessor's term.

THE COMMITTEE

Article 23

The ASMF may, if necessary, establish several Committees approved by the General Assembly. The regulations and rules for naming, organizing, and operating of each Committee are to be drafted separately by the Council.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Article 24

Disputes arising under the ASMF articles or otherwise will be dealt with under the procedure and rules set out in a regulation made by the General Assembly.

VI. FINANCES

Article 25

The ASMF will finance its own activities through sources including:

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

Article 26

The activities of all bodies of ASMF are conducted without compensation to the individuals who serve thereon. Within approved budgets, the General Assembly of the ASMF and the Management Committee are empowered to authorize payment of fees and expenses to individuals and/or organizations to provide specific professional service or advice.

Article 27

The fiscal year of the ASMF shall run from 1st January until 31st December.

Article 28

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

Article 29

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

Article 30

The basic currencies for annual accounting purposes will be the US dollar.

VII. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASMF

Article 31

Three fifths (3/5) of ASMF Members can suggest the dissolution of ASMF. The organization may be voluntarily dissolved by resolution of no less than three fourths (3/4) of the total voting members and requires at least two thirds (2/3) of the members of ASMF having the right to vote, be present or represented.

Article 32

Specific rules necessary for carrying out these articles are drawn up separately by the Council. For the issues unregulated by the articles or the specific rules, general set ups are applied.