

1.1 STATUTES OF THE WORLD MINIGOLF SPORT FEDERATION



Part 1: GENERAL REGULATIONS

Art. 1: Name and form

- 1.1 The World Minigolf Sport Federation (WMF), herein after referred to also as the Federation, is the international umbrella organisation of all minigolf-players.
- 1.2 Members of the WMF are national minigolf associations or, in the case of countries where a national association does not yet exist, a club or sports institution.

Art. 2: Aims of the WMF

- 2.1 To govern the sport of minigolf worldwide on international level as the sole organisation responsible for the structure of Continental Federations, National Federations, sport organisations and clubs.
- 2.2 To take all necessary and appropriate measures to promote minigolf internationally.
- 2.3 To represent the interests of its members at the international level with regard to the authorities, other sport associations, the mass media, and the public, beyond the defined responsibility of the members.
- 2.4 To work towards official recognition of minigolf sport on all national and international levels.
- 2.5 To promote sporting contact between all minigolf-players and to organise all World Championships.
- 2.6 To monitor and ensure the keeping of the existing system-specific rules, develop a set of technically-appropriate course-standard rules, and to draw up an international sporting calendar.
- 2.7 To combat doping by all available means and to acknowledge and incorporate within its organisation the WADA-Code and its provisions. WMF hereby fights for equality of opportunity in competitions, for the protection of the healthiness of all athletes as well as maintaining the image of the sport.
- 2.8 To promote the values of the Olympic Movement as set out in the Olympic Charter and actively support the principles of the Olympic Agenda 2020.

Art. 3: Legal seat and Duration

- 3.1 The legal seat of the WMF is in Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 3.2. Place of jurisdiction is Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 3.3. Applicable law is Swedish law.
- 3.4 The duration of the WMF is unlimited.

Art. 4: Principles

- 4.1 The WMF stands for freedom in sport, its voluntary nature, and the community of sport.
- 4.2 The WMF makes no distinction of race or religion and is politically neutral.
- 4.3 The WMF accepts the IOC Charter as drafted in its valid version.
- 4.4 The aims of the WMF are purely non-profit-making.
- 4.5 The bodies and functionaries of the WMF work on an honorary basis. Travel costs and expenses are reimbursed strictly in accordance with the relevant regulations covering expenses.

Art. 5: General provisions

- 5.1 Both genders should be represented in committees of WMF.
- 5.2 Individuals below the age of 18 may not be elected in any committee.
- 5.3 The name of the WMF, the logos, trademarks, flags, motto, anthem and other brands used by the WMF are protected. The active members may only use the logos, trademarks, flags, motto, anthem and other brands within the framework of their non-profit-making activities, provided such use contributes to the development of minigolf sport and does not detract from its dignity, and provided the active member concerned has obtained the prior approval of the Executive Committee based on a single decision or a regulation issued by the Executive Committee.

Part 2: MEMBERSHIP**Art. 6: Membership**

There are the following kinds of members:

- 6.1 Active members
(Nations / Clubs / Sports Institutions)
- 6.2 Honorary members

Art. 7: Admission regulations for active members

- 7.1 Only one association may represent each nation as an active member. In countries where a national minigolf association does not yet exist, clubs or sports institutions may apply to join the WMF.
- 7.2 The admission of active members can only take place following a written application by the prospective member to the WMF. This must contain a legally binding signature. The constitution of the association/club must be enclosed.
If a national minigolf association does not yet exist, this fact must be noted. The details of the affiliation process are drawn up in a rule issued by the Delegates Conference.
After examination of the application document, admission may be granted by the WMF Executive Committee. The decision of WMF Executive Committee is a fully valid admission 60 days after the WMF

Executive Committee minutes have been sent, assuming no more than two active members declare their objection in writing to the Executive Committee. If more than two active members declare their objection in writing, the admission is subject to formal ratification by the next Delegates Conference.

7.3 By joining the WMF, active members accept the Federation's Statutes, rules and regulations. Active members also accept the terms of the transfer of rights to license minigolf balls as well as the terms of the transfer of all media and marketing rights at WMF International Championships to WMF according to the rules stipulated in WMF Rulebook 2.11 Part 2 Article 11. Active members are obliged to make sure that these precepts are also respected by its member clubs/sports institutions and players.

7.4 The active members are bound by the rules of the Delegates Conference with respect of fees, charges and taxes. Active members have until April 30 of each year to pay these monies.

Newly admitted active members of the WMF do not have to pay membership fees for the year of their admission and the year thereafter.

7.5 Newly admitted active members have all rights resulting from the Statutes immediately after their admission is ratified by the Delegates Conference.

Notwithstanding the above, newly admitted active members may only receive reimbursements from licensing and rights agreements once the period of time during which they pay no membership fees has expired. The support of development projects is not impacted by this restriction.

Art. 8: Changes of constitution

Active members shall submit to the WMF all changes of their constitution.

Art. 9: Right of appeal of active members

An appeal against refusal of admission or an imposed sanction can be submitted to the Legal Committee within 60 (sixty) days of the announcement.

Art. 10: Termination of active membership

10.1 The membership of an active member expires with resignation, exclusion or disbanding of the national association or the club/sports institution.

10.2 The resignation of an active member must have been decided by its highest body. The minutes recording such decision must be sent by registered letter to the WMF within **3** (three) months.

Membership fees must be paid until the end of the business year in which the resignation is received.

10.3 If an active member violates the interests of the Federation, damages its reputation, either internally or externally, or disregards or violates the Statutes, rules or regulations, the WMF Executive Committee may take sanctions against the active member concerned.

The Delegates Conference makes the final decision on an expulsion.

Art. 11: Honorary members

- 11.1** On the suggestion of the Executive Committee or on application of an active member, the Delegates Conference can appoint honorary members individuals who have made a great personal contribution to the world-wide sport of minigolf.
- 11.2** Honorary members have no voting rights. They pay no fees. Otherwise they are treated as equal to active members.

Art. 12: Members' rights

Members have the right:

- 12.1** To participate in international championships organised by the WMF, provided that they meet with the obligations towards the WMF;
- 12.2** To receive in advance the agenda of the Delegates Conference, to be called in the meeting within the prescribed time, to take part to the meeting, and to exercise their right to vote;
- 12.3** To be informed of the state of the WMF;
- 12.4** To participate in voting and in elections;
- 12.5** To draw up proposals regarding the agenda of the Delegates Conference;
- 12.6** To nominate candidates to the committees of the WMF;
- 12.7** To exercise any other rights arising from the Statutes, rules, regulations and decisions of the WMF.

Part 3: ORGANISATION**1. THE DELEGATES CONFERENCE****Art. 13: Powers and duties**

- 13.1** The Delegates Conference is the highest decision-making authority in the WMF. It makes decisions on all important questions and issues arising in world-wide international minigolf sport, except in cases where such right is reserved for the members. The Delegates Conference lays down the guidelines for the running of the Federation.
- 13.2** The Delegates Conference is authorised, amongst other things, to carry out the following functions:
- 13.2.1** Election of members of Executive Committee
 - 13.2.2** Election of members of the Technical Committee, Youth Committee, Legal Committee and Auditors
 - 13.2.3** Approval of the annual accounts and budget estimates
 - 13.2.4** Relieving Executive Committee members of their duties
 - 13.2.5** Setting of membership fees and tournament fees
 - 13.2.6** Passing resolutions on the establishment or dissolution of permanent special committees
 - 13.2.7** Passing resolutions on motions put forward by the Executive Committee, the Technical Committee, other committees or their members, or the Auditors, where applicable
 - 13.2.8** Considering and approving changes in Statutes and rules

- 13.2.9 Determining organisers and venues of international competitions beyond the responsibilities of the Continental Federations. In cases where the championships have not been awarded at least **4** (four) years before the event, the right to decide the venue transfers to the Executive Committee.
- 13.2.10 Expulsion of members
- 13.2.11 Dissolution of the Federation

Art. 14: Structure and voting rights

- 14.1 The Delegates Conference consists of:
 - 14.1.1 The members of the Executive Committee (with voting rights).
 - 14.1.2 The delegates of the active members (with voting rights).
 - 14.1.3 Honorary members (without voting rights).
- 14.2 General voting rights:
 - 14.2.1 Each Executive Committee member has one personal vote, which is not transferable.
 - 14.2.2 Active members with up to and including **300 active** players have **2** (two) votes, active members with **more than 300** active players and up to and **including 2500** active players have **3** (three) votes, Active members with **more than 2500** active players have **4** (four) votes. An active member's right to vote is not transferable. The number of active players is based on the membership statistics report submitted by each active member for the current year.
 - 14.2.3 Delegates of Active Members cannot use an additional personal right to vote as a member of the Executive Committee.
 - 14.2.4 A delegate can make use of all votes of the active member.
- 14.3 Voting rights at elections:
 - 14.3.1 At a Delegates Conference which has elections on the agenda, the pre-election active members and current Executive Committee members are eligible to vote.
 - 14.3.2 Only the active members are eligible to vote on elections.
 - 14.3.3 After new elections active members and the newly elected members of the Executive Committee are eligible to vote.
 - 14.3.4 Proof of voting rights:

The right to vote of the delegates must be confirmed in writing by the national association or the club/the sports institution of the active member concerned.

Art. 15: Quorum and passing of resolutions

- 15.1 A Delegates Conference, which has been convened in accordance with the Statutes, always has a quorum.
- 15.2 Resolutions passed by the Delegates Conference are affected by simple majority, with the exception of such instances as are listed in the Statutes.
- 15.3 A tied vote will result in rejection.
- 15.4 Record of proceedings
 - 15.4.1 Minutes must be taken of the resolutions passed at the Delegates Conference, and signed by both the Executive Committee member responsible for the minutes and by the

- person taking the minutes. The minutes must be distributed to all members not later than **60** (sixty) days after the conference.
- 15.4.2** The minutes are regarded as approved, if after **60** (sixty) days of distribution no written objections have been raised. Objections raised will be discussed at the next meeting. Until then the minutes are considered approved only in the points where no objections were raised.
- 15.5** In the event of questions and matters arising that require immediate attention, a postal vote is possible. Postal voting shall include voting by post, email and fax. A simple majority of the votes validly cast is needed, with the exception of such instances as are listed in the Statutes. A postal vote carries the same force as a resolution passed by the Delegates Conference. This type of voting can also be used by the other bodies of the WMF.

Art. 16: Elections

- 16.1** Save any indication to the contrary in these Statutes, elections are held on the basis of the simple majority.
- 16.2** Election of the members of the Executive Committee are held on the basis of the absolute majority (>**50%**) of the votes validly cast. In the event the absolute majority is not reached in the first round, a second round will be organised, under the rule of the relative majority (the highest number of votes). In the event of a tie, a third round shall take place after the elimination of the candidate who has obtained the least number of votes in the second round; this procedure shall continue until only one candidate remains. In case of persisting equality between candidates, they shall be separated by drawing lots.
- 16.3** Illegible, void, blank or improper votes, and abstentions shall not be included in the count of validly cast votes.
- 16.4** Voting for elections shall always be carried out by secret ballot whenever there is more than **1** (one) candidate for the office up for election. Voting machines may be used provided they allow secrecy in voting.
- 16.5** In the event there is only one candidate for the position being filled, the election will be carried out by acclamation, unless an election by secret ballot is requested by at least **2** (two) active members having voting rights.
- 16.6** Voting by proxy or letter is not allowed.
- 16.7** Transfer of voting rights to other delegates or WMF committee members is not allowed.

Art. 17: President and committee members in office

- 17.1** During the election of the President, the out-going President shall, if seeking re-election, surrender the chair to a "chairman pro-tempore", elected by the Delegates Conference, who will then conduct the election.
- 17.2** Subject to a contrary decision by the Delegates Conference the re-elected or newly elected President continues to chair the Delegates Conference.
- 17.3** The newly elected members of the Executive Committee take office immediately after the election.

Art. 18: Ordinary and Extraordinary Delegates Conference

- 18.1** Ordinary Delegates Conferences are held every **2** (two) years.
- 18.2** The Executive Committee or at least one-fifth of the active members can arrange or call for an Extraordinary Delegates Conference to be convened, as long as there are appropriate and urgent reasons for this.

Art. 19: The act of convening

- 19.1** In order for an Ordinary Delegates Conference to be convened, all members must be informed in writing and the agenda made known at least **90** (ninety) days before the date of the conference. The conference is convened by the Executive Committee member responsible for this. The exact venue and time of the conference can be announced at a later date.
- 19.2** An Extraordinary Delegates Conference can be convened at as little as **30** (thirty) days notice.

Art. 20: Motions

- 20.1** Motions can be proposed for the Delegates Conference by the following:
- 20.1.1** The active members
 - 20.1.2** The Executive Committee
 - 20.1.3** The Technical Committee
 - 20.1.4** The Legal Committee
 - 20.1.5** The Special Committees
 - 20.1.6** The honorary members
 - 20.1.7** The Auditors
 - 20.1.8** The Continental Federations
- 20.2** Motions must be submitted with an explanation to the WMF not later than **60** (sixty) days before the Delegates Conference is to be held. A compilation of the motions is distributed by the Secretary General to all members at least **30** (thirty) days before the conference. Motions submitted after the deadline are subject to priority and will only be placed on the agenda if a **2/3** (two-thirds) majority of those present agree. These deadlines do not apply to motions proposed by the Executive Committee and the Technical Committee.
- 20.3** In the event of an Extraordinary Delegates Conference being convened, the deadline for putting forward motions is reduced to **14** (fourteen) days before the conference.

2. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Art. 21: Structure

21.1 The Executive Committee consists of

- 21.1.1 The President
- 21.1.2 The Secretary General
- 21.1.3 The Finance Manager
- 21.1.4 The Sport Director
- 21.1.5 The Media Manager
- 21.1.6 The Chairperson of the Athletes' Committee
- 21.1.7 The Chairperson of the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee
- 21.1.6 One representative of each Continental Federation. The continental representatives are nominated by the respective Continental Federations.

Art. 22: Election and length of office

- 22.1 The Executive Committee members are elected by the Delegates Conference for a period of **2** (two) years and can be re-elected repeatedly.
- 22.2 The Chairperson of the Athletes' Committee is elected according to the procedure in Article 34.
- 22.3 The Chairperson of the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee is elected according to the procedure in Article 34.

Art. 23: Eligibility for the Presidency

- 23.1 Eligibility: the following individuals are eligible
 - 23.1.1 The President elected during the last Delegates Conference, provided he declared himself to be a candidate to the position latest **45** days prior to the Delegates Conference;
 - 23.1.2 Individuals nominated by active members latest **45** days prior to the Delegates Conference;
 - 23.1.3 Other individuals are only eligible if no candidate has been nominated within the deadline or if all announced nominees are no longer candidates on the day of the Delegates Conference. If so, candidates may be nominated at the Delegates Conference. If there is no candidate, or none of the candidates is elected the newly elected Executive Committee shall elect one of its members to act as President until the next Delegates Conference.
- 23.2 Nominations, as designated in 23.1.2, by Active Members must be submitted to the WMF. A short curriculum vitae of the candidate must be added. WMF confirms each nomination by email reply within 1 working week. Additional lost nominations may be approved at the beginning of the Delegates Conference if the sender can credibly report the loss.

- 23.3** In case of resignation or demise of the President during the term of office, the Executive Committee shall elect one of its members to act as President until the next Delegates Conference.

Art. 24: Eligibility for the position as member of the Executive Committee

- 24.1** Eligibility: the following individuals are eligible
- 24.1.1** The members elected during the last Delegates Conference, provided they declared themselves to be candidates to any particular position or positions (Art. 21.1.2-5) latest **45** days prior to the Delegates Conference;
 - 24.1.2** Individuals nominated by active members to any particular position or positions (Art. 21.1.2-5) latest **45** days prior to the Delegates Conference;
 - 24.1.3** Other individuals are only eligible if no candidate has been nominated to any particular position (Art. 21.1.2-5) within the deadline or if all announced nominees to any particular position (Art. 21.1.2-5) are no longer candidates on the day of the Delegates Conference. If so, candidates may be nominated at the Delegates Conference. If there is no candidate, or none of the candidates is elected the newly elected Executive Committee is empowered to appoint an individual to serve as member of the Executive Committee for the open position until the next Delegates Conference. Candidates which have been rejected by the Delegates Conference for any particular position may not be appointed by the Executive Committee for said position.
- 24.2** Nominations, as designated in 23.1.2, by active members must be submitted to the WMF. A short curriculum vitae of the candidate must be added. WMF confirms each nomination by email reply within 1 working week. Additional lost nominations may be approved at the beginning of the Delegates Conference if the sender can credibly report the loss.
- 24.3** In case of resignation or demise of an elected member (Art. 21.1.2-5) of the Executive Committee during the term of office the Executive Committee may appoint an individual to act as member until the next Delegates Conference.

Art. 25: Quorum and the convening of the Executive Committee

- 25.1** The Executive Committee meets as required or at the request of **4** (four) of its members.
- 25.2** The Executive Committee has a quorum if at least **4** (four) members are present. Each member has a personal vote which is not transferable. Art. 15.2 and 15.3 likewise apply with regard to the taking of decisions.
- 25.3** The shortest period of time in which a meeting can be convened is **30** (thirty) days.
- 25.4** Regarding decisions of the Executive Committee, a record must be produced and signed by the member of the Executive Committee responsible for its drafting. This record must be delivered to all active members, the members of all WMF-committees and all Executive

Committee members not later than **60** (sixty) days after the meeting. Art. 15.4.2 also applies.

Art. 26: Areas of responsibility and duties

- 26.1** The Executive Committee is competent in all matters not belonging to any other body of WMF. In particular the following areas of responsibility and duties, are allocated to the Executive Committee:
- 26.1.1** Administration of the Federation.
 - 26.1.2** Conclusion of all budget and financial matters.
 - 26.1.3** Drafting and releasing of periodic reports and accounts.
 - 26.1.4** Preparation for the Delegates Conference and drawing-up of the agenda.
 - 26.1.5** Implementation of all resolutions passed at the Delegates Conference.
 - 26.1.6** Protection of the Federation's interests internally and externally.
 - 26.1.7** Admission of Active Members following article 7.2 of these Statutes.
 - 26.1.8** Passing of resolutions on the establishment or dissolution of ad-hoc special committees.
 - 26.1.9** Nomination of members on all special committees for a period of 2 (two) years with the exception of such instances defined in Article 34.
 - 26.1.10** Drawing-up of the budget.
 - 26.1.11** Preparing changes in the Statutes and Rules.
 - 26.1.12** Supervision of the activities of all Committees, but not activities of the Legal Committee.
 - 26.1.13** Supervision of the WMF's sports events.
 - 26.1.14** Designation of organisers and venues for international competitions where such awards have not been made by the Delegates Conference at least **4** (four) years in advance.
 - 26.1.15** Appointment of the WMF anti-doping officer for implementation of the WMF anti-doping regulations. The anti-doping officer is supported by all areas of the WMF organisation, works independent of and reports regularly to the Executive Committee.
 - 26.1.16** Drafting and releasing of the anti-doping regulations.
- 26.2** The Executive Committee draws up a programme of functions and duties for its members.

Art. 27: Legal validity

The Executive Committee itself determines whose signatures are legally binding and it establishes their responsibilities and type of signature.

Art. 28: Administration

Appointment of a Director and other staff:

The Executive Committee may appoint a Director and other administrative staff. It determines the remuneration and the tasks of the Director and the staff. The

Executive Committee determines the responsibilities for supervision of the Director and staff.

3. THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Art. 29: Structure

The Technical Committee consists of:

- 29.1** The Sport Director (chairman)
- 29.2** The Youth Officer who is elected by the Ordinary Delegates Conference for a period of **2** (two) years. Re-election is possible.
- 29.3** One representative of each Continental Federation, none of whom are members of the WMF Executive Committee. The continental representatives are nominated by the respective Continental Federations.
- 29.4** One additional member, who is elected by the Ordinary Delegates Conference for a period of **2** (two) years. Re-election is possible.

Art.30: Areas of responsibility and duties

- 30.1** The Technical Committee is an advisory body of the Executive Committee.
The Technical Committee can pass resolutions for inviting entries to competitions organised by the WMF.
- 30.2** Responsibilities of the Technical Committee include the following:
 - 30.2.1** An advisory role in general questions relating to international minigolf.
 - 30.2.2** Technical supervision of championships and other tournaments organised by the WMF.
 - 30.2.3** The passing of resolutions on proposals for general rules and regulations in international minigolf; and the presentation of these to the Delegates Conference and/or the Executive Committee.
 - 30.2.4** The right to propose venues for minigolf Championships and other competitions organised by the WMF, for introduction and passing to the Executive Committee.

Art. 31: The act of convening, quorum and motions

- 31.1** The Technical Committee meets once a year (January - February) before the annual meeting of the Executive Committee.
Beyond that, the Technical Committee may convene with the agreement of the President, if especially important matters arise which cannot be postponed.
- 31.2** The Technical Committee is convened by the Sport Director in accordance with Art. 19.
- 31.3** The Technical Committee has a quorum if at least **4** (four) of its members are present. Each member has a personal vote which is not transferable. Art. 15.2 and 15.3 likewise apply with regard to the taking of decisions.
- 31.4** Motions can be put forward to the Technical Committee by:

- 31.4.1** The active members
 - 31.4.2** The Executive Committee
 - 31.4.3** The Committees
 - 31.4.4** The members of the Technical Committee
- 31.5** Minutes must be taken of all resolutions passed by the Technical Committee. These must be distributed to all TC-members, to the Executive Committee and to the active members not later than **60** (sixty) days after passing of the aforementioned resolutions.
- The Executive Committee has the right to raise a protest against decisions of the TC within **60** (sixty) days of the distribution of the minutes. In such cases, the matter in question must be considered at the following meeting of the TC. Art. 15.4.2 also applies here.

4. THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Art. 32: Structure

The Youth Committee consists of:

- 32.1** The Youth Officer (chairman)
- 32.2** A further **4** (four) members who must not be members of the Executive Committee.
- 32.3** These **4** (four) members of the Youth Committee are elected by the Ordinary Delegate's Conference for a period of **2** (two) years. They must not belong to the same active member, but they can be re-elected unrestrictedly.

Art. 33: Areas of responsibility and duties

- 33.1** Advice on youth related matters in the WMF.
- 33.2** The technical supervision of junior tournaments organised by the WMF.
- 33.3** Development of international youth work.
- 33.4** Advice and passing of resolutions on all necessary issues of a technical sports nature, which are required for the organisation of junior tournaments mentioned in 33.2.
- 33.5** The right to propose venues for the World- and Continental junior minigolf championships.
- 33.6** The Youth Committee is an advisory body. It presents its recommendations and proposals in the form of motions to the Technical Committee, which passes them on to the Delegate's Conference or the Executive Committee.
- 33.7** The Youth Committee is convened by the chairman as required.
- 33.8** The chairman or **2** (two) members of the Youth Committee decide on the necessity to convene (maximum once a year).
- 33.9** The Youth Committee has a quorum if at least **3** (three) members are present. Art. 15.2 and 15.3 likewise apply with regard to the taking of decisions.
- 33.10** Minutes must be taken down on resolution passed by the Youth Committee and distributed to all Youth Committee members, the Executive Committee, the Technical Committee and the active members not later than **60** (sixty) days after the passing of the resolutions. Art. 15.4.2 also applies here.

Art. 34: THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES**34.1** In general

Special Committees are convened by the chairman for a specific purpose.

Meetings and decisions can be done by personal meetings, postal services, skype or emails. In case of personal meetings the expenses are required to be budgeted.

A meeting has a quorum if at least 50% of the members take part.

Each member has a personal vote which is not transferable.

Minutes must be distributed to all members of the Committee and the WMF Executive Committee.

Art. 15.2, 15.3 and 15.4 apply with regard to the taking of decisions.

34.2 Athletes' Committee

The creation of the Athletes' Committee follows always the IOC Guidelines related to the creation of an IF Athletes' Commission.

The Athletes' Committee consists of five members with at least one female Member. At least three members are nominated by WMF Active Members and elected by the Athletes during the World Championships each odd year.

If no female candidate finishes in the top-three in voting, the selected female representative will be the one who gets the most votes of all participating female candidates.

The Chairperson is nominated between these committee members themselves who are elected by the Athletes.

Up to two members can be nominated by the Executive Committee if needed.

All members should be at least 18 years old and must be older than 16 years of age.

The Executive Committee could coopt additional associated members without voting rights to have all Continental Federations represented.

The Athletes' Committee should meet at least once a year and regularly during the World Championships and reports periodically to the Executive Committee and the Delegates Conference.

The purpose of the Committee and basic duties are:

- To examine the WMF Strategic Plan and report to the Executive Committee on areas of improvement and concerns from the athletes
- To assist the Executive Committee as a non-political group with matters and issues of relevance to all athletes by regular reports
- To bring the athletes point of view to the Medical & Anti-Doping Committee on issues concerning athletes health and anti-doping issues
- To represent international active athletes with their ideas and concerns
- To promote high standards of sportsmanship and ethical performance when athletes are competing/participating at the international level

- To participate in ad hoc task groups and related activities on the recommendation of the Executive Committee
- To promote the minigolf sport towards sponsors, the media and the general public

34.3 Medical and Anti-Doping Committee

The Medical & Anti-Doping Committee consists of 3 members with at least one female Member. If no female candidate finishes in the top-three in voting, the selected female representative will be the one who gets the most votes of all participating female candidates.

The Chair Person is nominated between these three committee members by the members themselves.

The Chairperson has a seat and voting rights within the Executive Committee.

The purpose of the Committee and basic duties are:

- To advise the Executive Committee on Medical and Anti-Doping issues
- To coordinate and approve the Anti-Doping test distribution plan
- To establish medical standards for WMF competitions
- To represent medical expertise in WMF decision making
- To supervise the safeguarding of athletes' health and welfare
- To conduct research into medical questions related to minigolf
- To act as medical supervisors for WMF competitions

34.4 Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee

The Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee consists of 3 members who shall be doctors.

The purpose of the Committee and basic duties are:

- To supervise and control the WMF TUE process
- To coordinate and approve TUEs as outlined by WMF regulations
- To retain the records of TUE decisions

34.5 Entourage Committee

The Entourage Committee consists of 5 members consisting of a doctor, a physiotherapist, a coach, a team manager and a journalist.

The purpose of the Committee and basic duties are:

- To advise the WMF Executive Committee on questions related to the Athletes' Entourage and provide recommendations
- To promote WMF rules, regulations and guidelines for the Conduct of the Athletes' Entourage
- To ensure representation of the Entourage within the WMF governance structures
- To develop ideas and initiatives to make sure that the Entourage serves in the best interest of athletes

34.6 Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee consists of 3 members who are completely independent from the WMF.

The purpose of the Committee and basic duties are:

- To advise the Executive Committee on questions related to Ethics in Sport
- To assume responsibilities and duties as defined in the WMF Code of Ethics
- To assume responsibilities and duties as defined in the WMF Conflict of Interest policy
- To monitor and develop the WMF Code of Ethics and the WMF Conflict of Interest policy and make recommendations to the Executive Committee
- To ensure the presence of ethical principles within the WMF governance structures

34.7 Women in Sport Committee

The Women in Sport Committee consists of 5 female members.

The purpose of the Committee and basic duties are:

- To advise the WMF Executive Committee on the development and promotion of projects for women in sport
- To develop ideas and coordinate efforts to promote the participation and the role of women in minigolf sport
- To ensure representation of women within WMF governance structures
- To stand for gender issues in minigolf sport
- To be active in raising awareness about gender equality in their respective domains

34.8 Sport for all Committee

The Sport for all Committee consists of 10 members, where all continents should be represented.

The purpose of the Committee and basic duties are:

- To advise the WMF Executive Committee on Sport for all and development issues
- To develop ideas and projects to promote the minigolf sport on all continents on a Sport for all level
- To provide key support for new members with programs to develop minigolf sport in their countries
- To coordinate initiatives that increase global participation in minigolf sport and exchange best practices between the members
- To ensure representation of the Continental Federations within WMF governance structures

34.9 Media & Marketing Committee

The Media & Marketing Committee consists of up to 5 members, where all continents should be represented.

The WMF Media Manager is automatically nominated as the Chairperson. The additional Members are nominated by the Executive Committee.

The purpose of the Committee and basic duties are:

- To advise the WMF Executive Committee on all media and marketing issues
- To develop ideas and projects to promote the minigolf sport worldwide
- To implement the most important media tools into the daily work of the WMF and all WMF Committees
- To develop a marketing strategy to enlarge the number of valuable cooperation partners and sponsors
- To ensure media representation of the Continental Federations and its Members within the WMF

5. THE LEGAL COMMITTEE

Art. 35: Structure, length of office and elections

- 35.1** The Legal Committee consists of a chairman, **2** (two) committee members, and **2** (two) substitute members. Those on the Legal Committee must not be members of another body; nor may they belong to the same active member as one another.
- 35.2** The members of the Legal Committee are elected by the ordinary Delegates Conference for a period of **2** (two) years and they can be re-elected unrestrictedly.
- 35.3** The members of the Legal Committee can not simultaneously belong to the Legal Committee and one of the following WMF bodies: Executive Committee, Technical Committee, Youth Committee, or Auditors.
- 35.4** In any case of a conflict of interest members are excluded from the participation in the deliberations and in the decision-making of the Legal Committee. This principle also applies to any case in which a member already was involved in the deliberations and decision-making as a member of a national legal committee or body in a previous instance of such case.

Art. 36: Areas of competency

The Legal Committee arbitrates and resolves all disputes between

- 36.1** The Active Members.
36.2 An Active Member and the WMF.
36.3 The Bodies of the WMF.

6. THE DOPING PANEL

Art. 37: Structure and nomination

- 37.1** The Doping Panel is the disciplinary legal body that applies the WADA code. It consists of a chairman who should be an attorney, **2** (two) medical educated members, **1** (one) additional member, and **1** (one) representatives of high international-level minigolf players. The members of the Doping Panel shall not be members of the bodies listed in 34.3.

The members of the Doping Panel cannot also be members of national legal bodies.

37.2 The members of the Panel are nominated by the Executive Committee.

Art. 38: Areas of competency

The Doping Panel arbitrates and resolves all disputes concerning doping issues.

Art. 39: Principles

39.1 The Doping panel acts on the base of the Statutes, rules and regulations of WMF and is bound to the legal regulations of substantive law.

39.2 Details are regulated by the WMF Anti-Doping Regulations.

39.3 Decision of the Doping panel may be appealed exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne,. Legal remedies to these appeals in ordinary courts are hereby excluded.

7. THE AUDITORS

Art. 40: Structure, length of office and elections

40.1 The Delegates Conference designates **2** (two) active members to be in charge of auditing for a period **2** (two) years.

40.2 If possible, both designated active members should announce immediately the representative who is instructed to carry out the actual auditing.

40.3 In addition, the Delegates Conference may appoint an external qualified professional auditor, totally independent from the WMF, to carry out the audit.

40.4 The duty of an external qualified professional auditor is limited to the review of the financial accounts, unless the Delegates Conference assigns other duties.

Art. 41: Duties

41.1 The auditors must make a yearly report to be presented to the Delegates Conference, by way of the Executive Committee, that checks the accounts and expenditures of the WMF.

41.2 The auditors may carry out an audit at any time, provided they inform both the Finance Manager and the President of the WMF in writing at least **14** days in advance.

41.3 A written audit must be carried out at the end of the calendar year, but additionally may be carried out at any other time.

Part 4: FINANCE

Art. 42: Revenue

The WMF primarily receives funds necessary for the fulfilment of its duties by the following means:

- 42.1 Membership fees
- 42.2 Receipts and hosting fees from events
- 42.3 From third parties
- 42.4 Donations and other fees
- 42.5 Fundraising
- 42.6 A record of contributions, to be updated by the respective Delegates Conference, is a component of the WMF finance-order.

Art. 43: Membership and other fees

43.1 The setting of membership fees and WMF tournament fees is passed by resolution at the Delegates Conference. Active members are liable for payment of both membership and other fees noting the exception in Article 7.4.

If an active member has a debt (membership fees or other money) owing to the WMF for more than **12** months, it foregoes its rights as a member.

43.2 The WMF has the right to make agreements with broadcasting companies regarding the coverage of all WMF tournaments and may distribute the fees arising from such agreements. The same applies to all other media coverage.

The task of negotiating with the media rests with the Executive Committee, unless delegated to the national minigolf association organising the event.

Active members organising international Championships and - tournaments by the order of the WMF are allowed to seek their own commercial sponsorship for these events. However, existing sponsorship agreements made by the WMF must be respected.

Art. 44: Finances

44.1 Budgets showing a loss exceeding 20 percent of the annual membership fee must be approved with a **two-thirds** majority of the votes present in the Delegates Conference.

44.2 Losses effectively incurred exceeding 20 percent of the annual membership fee must be recovered within **3** (three) years by a profit.

Art. 45: Liability

45.1 If a board member is taken up as acting part by a contracting party of the WMF, they can require refunding of all costs which are connected to this demand, provided that the business has been operated in an "official capacity" as a board member in execution of their board tasks.

45.2 Nothing in these Statutes shall constitute Members of WMF as partners for any purpose. No Member, officer, agent, or employee of WMF shall be liable for the acts or failure to act on the part of any other Member, officer, agent or employee of the WMF. Nor shall any Member, officer, agent or employee be liable for his/her acts or failure to act under these

Statutes, except only acts or omissions to act arising out of his/her wilful misfeasance.

- 45.3** The Federation is liable to fulfil its financial commitments from its assets. An active member is also liable, if by intent or through gross negligence, that member is responsible for weakening the financial situation of the WMF.

Art. 46: Financial year

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

Part 5: FINAL CLAUSES

Art. 47: Dispute resolution

- 47.1** Any appeal against a final decision made by the WMF Legal Committee or the WMF Doping panel arising from or related to the Statutes, rules, regulations and decisions of WMF will be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in Lausanne, Switzerland and settled definitely in accordance with the CAS code of Sports-related Arbitration.
- 47.2** Legal remedies from any ordinary court of any country are hereby excluded.

Art. 48: Changes in the Statutes

Changes in the Statutes can only be passed by resolutions of the Delegates Conference. A two-thirds majority of the votes of those participants registered in the participants list is required.

Art. 49: Dissolution of the Federation

- 49.1** The WMF can be dissolved:
- 49.1.1** Pursuant to a merger with another sport association or associations
 - 49.1.2** By liquidation.
- 49.2** The dissolution of the Federation can only be passed by resolution in a specially convened Extraordinary Delegates Conference. A **three-quarters** majority of the votes of those participants registered in the participants list is required to pass the resolution.
- 49.3** The dissolution of the Federation should be carried out by the President, unless the Delegates Conference has appointed another person.
- 49.4** In the case of a merger, any remaining assets will be transferred to the amalgamated federation. In the case of liquidation, assets will be passed to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for non-profit-making sporting purposes.

Art. 50: Rules and regulations

- 50.1** The changing and repealing of rules is the responsibility of the Delegates Conference. Such decisions may be taken with a simple majority.
- 50.2** The Executive Committee is solely responsible to give direction as well as make, change, and repeal recommendations.

Art. 51: Official language:

The official language of the WMF is English.

Art. 52: Notices

- 52.1** A notice or notification to an active member shall be deemed to have been properly received provided it was sent to the last official address indicated by the active member to the WMF.
- 52.2** Notification regarding suspension, expulsion or dissolution shall always be sent by registered mail.

Art. 53: Coming into effect

These Statutes come into effect immediately.

St. Margrethen	(SUI)	19 th August 1980
Hannover	(GER)	13 th November 1982
Monza	(ITA)	19 th August 1985
Paderno	(ITA)	21 st August 1988
Oslo	(NOR)	20 th August 1991
Göteborg	(SWE)	16 th August 1993
Thessaloniki	(GRE)	26 th September 1994
Hard	(AUT)	21 st August 1995
Maggingen/Studen-Biel	(SUI)	18 th August 1997
Papendal	(NED)	22 nd August 1999
Vaasa	(FIN)	19 th August 2001
Bad Münden	(GER)	17 th August 2003
Steyr	(AUT)	21 st August 2005
Canegrate	(ITA)	19 th August 2007
Bern (postal vote)	(SUI)	15 th July 2008
Odense	(DEN)	16 th August 2009
Gothenburg (postal vote)	(SWE)	21 st May 2012
Bad Münden	(GER)	18 th August 2013
Lahti	(FIN)	16 th August 2015
