

STATUTE OF

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION of

BOOMERANG ASSOCIATIONS

sporting amateur association

GUIDELINES

Article 1 - Name and constitution. The International Federation of Boomerang Associations (IFBA) is an amateur sporting association, having no aim of profit and of open-ended duration.

It consists of:

1. the National Associations which are recognized by the Association itself as associations superintendents all the activities of boomerang in the respective nations;
2. other recognized members.

Article 2 - Purpose and object. The purpose of the IFBA is:

1. to endeavor for the promotion, development and organization of the sporting boomerang to world level;
2. to promote the acceptance of boomerang throwing as a legitimate international sport by establishing standard rules and rules of competition for the recognition of the world records and national records;
3. to select the sites where to hold the World Championships;
4. to assist the organizers of the World Championships;
5. to cooperate with the Associations of Sporting Promotion, the International Federations and the International Olympic Committee for the recognition of the sporting boomerang;
6. to provide leadership and guidance to the international boomerang community as an international sanctioning body;
7. to promote cultural initiatives to go thoroughly into all the aspects of the boomerang, in a far-reaching manner, e.g. its historical, artistic, scientific and educational aspects.

Article 3 - Registered office. The registered office of the IFBA is decided by the meeting and of this decision a written communication to all the Associates shall be given.

Article 4 – Neutrality. Are entitled to adhere to the IFBA all the National Associations which share its statutory purpose, without any distinction of nationality and political ideas.

The IFBA adopts all the provisions that it deems necessary and suitable in order to prevent every discrimination against a nation or a single individual for racial, sexual, religious or political grounds.

Article 5 – Drugs. IFBA declares itself to be against the use of substances which alter the natural performances of the athletes in the sporting activities.

Article 6 – Publications. In order to generally inform his own associates about the activities of the association and the practice of the boomerang IFBA can create own means of communication.

In order to accomplish this task, the Directive Committee shall define a Communication Committee.

Article 7- Official Language. The official language of IFBA is English. English is the standard language for the protocols, the official correspondence and communications. Every national association is responsible for the translation of the statutes of IFBA into their national language, if necessary.

The books of the Association must be compiled in English and in the language of the country where the federation has elected its registered office.

Article 8 – Association' s Year. The Association's Year goes from the 1st of January to the 31 of December of each year.

Article 9 - Extinction of the IFBA. In the case of extinction, the outstanding account shall be resolved by a committee of liquidators for this purpose elected. In the event of an active remainder residues, it shall be destined to legal entities of general utility. A division of the assets of the association among the members is prohibited.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 10 - Adhesion of IFBA to other associations. In order to reach its institutional purposes, IFBA may adhere to the Organizations, Federations or international Associations, to which it deems opportune.

Article 11 - Adhesions to IFBA. The adhesion to IFBA may be granted to all the National Associations (only one per nation) that have as principal purpose the diffusion and the guardianship of sporting boomerang.

The Associates of IFBA shall not adhere to others International Organizations which have institutional purposes similar to those of the IFBA.

Article 12 – Associates. The associates of IFBA are either Ordinary Associates or Honorary Associates.

Article 13 - Ordinary Associates. Are Ordinary Associates the National Associations that adhere to IFBA.

Only one National Association for each country may adhere to IFBA on behalf of the country.

IFBA does not interfere with the life and activities of the National Association associated or of other National Associations of boomerang.

Persons which practice the discipline of boomerang in a country have the duty to decide which association shall represent their own country within IFBA.

In the event that several National Associations of the same country apply for adhesion to IFBA, IFBA is obliged to refuse them all.

Article 14 - Application for adhesion to the IFBA. A National Association which intends to adhere to IFBA shall file a written application (all the documents have to be compiled in English) addressed to the Directive Committee.

The application form, signed by its legal representative, shall contain:

1. name and address of the head office of the National Association;
2. the acceptance of statute of IFBA;
3. names and addresses of the members of the organs of the National association;
4. copy of the Statute;
5. the national rulebook translated in English, if existing;
6. if existing, a list of national records (if possible divided among men and women, under 18 and over 50);
7. if existing, the recognition by the Nationals Authorities and/or by the National Sporting Confederations;
8. number of members of National Association;
9. curriculum of activities.

Article 15 - International Boomerang Team. The throwers of those countries in which a National Association does not exist, or in which, although a National Association exists, it is not a member of IFBA, are entitled to ask IFBA to be enrolled in the list of the throwers of the International Boomerang Team.

The application for registration in the list of the International Boomerang Team, shall be addressed to the Directive Committee and it shall contain:

1. last name, name, birth date, address and nationality of the thrower.

The registration of a thrower in the list of the International Boomerang Team is defined by the General Meeting, which fix the amount of fee for each person enrolled.

The International Boomerang Team, when gathering in the meeting, elects, only with the vote of persons which have reached the legal age, one representative, who participates in the General Meeting of IFBA having right to vote. The representative of International Boomerang Team shall have reached the legal age according to the legislation of his/ hers own country.

In the General Meeting, the International Boomerang Team has right to vote as an Ordinary Associate.

Persons enrolled in the International Boomerang Team have to pay, as well, a membership fee fixed by the General Meeting.

Article 16 - Rights of the Ordinary Associates. All Associates have equal rights within IFBA.

Ordinary Associates, provided that their duties towards IFBA are met:

1. may use any forum of IFBA to openly express their thoughts and freely exchange ideas;
2. have the right to the complete co-management of all the activities IFBA within the limits of competence established by the statute;
3. may participate in the General Meeting with right to vote;
4. may propose nominations and motions in the General Meeting;
5. may participate in the continental and world championships organized by IFBA with their own teams and throwers;
6. may propose changes to the Regulations and to the Statute;
7. may participate with their own teams in games and tournaments approved by IFBA according to the rules of competition of the IFBA.

Article 17 - Duties of the Ordinary Associates. Ordinary Associates:

1. shall be acknowledged of the statute, of the Regulations, of the decisions and of the other directives of IFBA and its organs;
2. shall act according to the statute or to any other rules or regulations of the association;
3. shall show respect and camaraderie towards all other associates.
4. shall inform and keep up to date their own associates of the activities of the IFBA;
5. shall avoid every activity that may be in general harmful to the interest and the image of IFBA and of the boomerang;
6. shall pay the membership fee.

Article 18 - Loss of the qualification of associate. The qualification of associate ceases due to:

1. resignation or receding;
2. exclusion;
3. dissolution;
4. death, for honorary associates.

An Associate may be excluded from IFBA by the Directive Committee:

1. if it has violated its duties (compare: Article 15 - Duties of the Ordinary Associates) in a clear manner;
2. if it failed to meet the purposes of IFBA (compare: Article 2 - Purpose and object) in a clear manner;
3. because of extreme the extreme unsporty behavior;
4. because of contemptible actions.

The Associate shall be given the opportunity to defend its actions.

More details regarding the exclusion may be found in the disciplinary rulebook.

When an associate loses its qualification as an associate, it is automatically deprived of its rights. In particular it has no right on the assets of IFBA.

Article 19 – Resignations. The resignations from IFBA must be sent in written to the official address of IFBA within 30 days before the end of the association's year.

Article 20 – Dissolution. In case of dissolution of a National Association the qualification of associate ceases from the day of the decision of dissolution.

Article 21 - Honorary Associates. The General Meeting may grant the qualification of Honorary Associate to every natural person who has rendered meritorious service to IFBA, or who committed himself/herself to periodically pay some contributions to IFBA.

The Directive Committee shall submit the names of the candidates to the approval of the General Meeting.

The Honorary Associates are invited to the General Meeting and they have the right to speak, if requested to do so.

The Honorary Associates are enrolled in the list of International Boomerang Team and must pay the fee fixed by General Meeting for the Honorary Associates.

FINANCES

Article 22 – Revenues. The entrances of the IFBA consist in:

1. membership fees;
2. fines;
3. public and private contributions;
4. donations;
5. incomes deriving from rights of image;
6. other revenues.

Article 23 - Membership fees. The amount of the membership fee is defined by the General Meeting.

Article 24 – Responsibility. IFBA is entirely responsible for its activities within the limits of its own assets and has no right to apply to the National Associations.

BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 25 Organs. The organs of the IFBA are:

1. the General Meeting;
2. the President;
3. the Directive Committee;
4. the Auditor of the Accounts.

GENERAL MEETING

Article 26 - Ordinary Meeting. The General Meeting is the supreme organ of IFBA.

The convocation of the General Meeting must be sent, after having listen to the Directive Committee, by the President to the Associates, at least 90 days before the date of the meeting. The convocation shall contain the place, the date and the time when the General Meeting takes place.

The President shall send to the Associates at least 30 days before the General Meeting:

1. the agenda;
2. the relationships of the Directive Committee;
3. the preventive budget and balance sheet;
4. the nominations;
5. the list of associates having right to vote;
6. the motions and proposals of the Associates.

In exceptional circumstances, Ordinary Associates are entitled to ask the President to call a General Meeting. The request shall be in written, made by at least 2/5 of the Ordinary Associates, and it shall contain the indication of the matters to treat.

The President shall convene the meeting within 60 days from the application.

Article 27 - Nominations, motions and proposals. The candidacies for the elections to any charge in the IFBA must be sent by mean of letter addressed to the President, at least 60 days before the General Meeting. All the proposals and motions by Associates or members of the Directive Committee shall be expeditiously sent to the President, at the registered office of the IFBA, at least 60 days before the General Meeting.

Article 28 - Management of the meeting. The General Meeting elects the President and the Secretary of the General Meeting. The President presides the meeting, the Secretary compiles the protocol.

Article 29 – Competence of the Meeting. The meeting has the followings assignments:

1. election of the President and the Secretary of the meeting;
2. recognition of the present associations and validation of the list of the voters;
3. approval of the protocol of the previous Meeting;
4. approval of the report of the Directive Committee;

5. approval of the balance sheet and of the surveys of the Treasurer and of the Auditor;
6. ratification on the decisions of the Directive Committee;
7. definition of the exact amount of the membership fee per year or of any other falling dues;
8. approval of the budget and of the job plan for the following two years;
9. resignation and election of the President of IFBA and of the other members of the Directive Committee for the subsequent two years;
10. resignation and election of the Auditor of IFBA for the subsequent two years;
11. election of any members of any committee established according to the statutes;
12. choice of the organizers, setting, date/point of time and any other decisions and modalities regarding the next World Championship;
13. acceptance of any other options – provided that it is not binding - for further/future World Championships in years to come;
14. examination of and decision on the motions and proposals of the Associates;
15. final decision regarding any appeal against exclusion from IFBA according to the statute;
16. approval of the regulations and of the changes to the regulations and confirmation of any decision made by the regulations committees;
17. decision on all the matters reserved to the meeting by the statute or by law;
18. nomination of the Honorary Associates;
19. amendments to the Statute;
20. admission and expulsion of Associates;
21. registration or cancellation of throwers from the list of the International Boomerang Team;
22. decision regarding the place of convocation of the subsequent Meeting;
23. dissolution of IFBA.

Article 30 – Quorum. The meeting is declared valid 50 percent of the Ordinary Associates being present.

The meeting may deliberate amendments to the Statute or the dissolution of IFBA, provided that three quarters of people having right to vote are present.

In order to approve amendments to the statute or the dissolution of IFBA two thirds of the votes of the Ordinary Associates present to the meeting are required.

Article 31 – Right to vote. The International Boomerang Team and every Ordinary Associate are entitled to participate to the General Meeting by means of two natural persons.

The International Boomerang Team and every Ordinary Associate who has accomplished its obligations towards IFBA participates to the voting of the meeting with one vote.

The Honorary Associates has no right to vote.

Guests may be invited to take part the Meeting. They have no right to vote. They may be given the right to speak, whenever requested to do so.

Article 32 - Elections and decisions. Elections and decisions must to be taken by means of voting by show of hands, except in the event that 10% of the having right to vote, present to the meeting, asks for a secret poll.

The proposals are deemed to be approved if they obtain a simple majority of valid votes of the having right to vote.

With regard to the votes concerning the election, are elected the persons or person that has obtained more votes. The voters may express preferences for a number of people equal to the number of the people to elect.

Article 33 – Protocols. A protocol containing all actions, results and decisions of any Meeting, signed by the President and by the Secretary of the meeting, shall be published.

The protocol of the General Meeting shall be sent to the Associates within 60 days from the date of the meeting.

The protocol of the General Meeting is deemed to be approved, except in the event a sound written opposition has been sent to the Directive Committee (at IFBA office) within 60 days from the reception.

In the case of opposition, which does not suspend the execution of the decisions, the subsequent Meeting decides with regard to the approval or to the *corrigenda*.

PRESIDENT

Article 34-The President. The President remains in office for two years and may be re-elected. He/ she represents IFBA and has the legal signature of IFBA.

He/ she receives any motion, nomination and proposal for the General Meeting.

DIRECTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 35 – Composition. The Directive Committee is composed of the President of IFBA, the Vice-President, the Treasurer and of four other Executives.

The seven members of the Directive Committee are elected by the General Meeting which chooses them among the people proposed by the Associates for each office (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and four Executives).

The Executives remain in office for two years and may be re-elected.

Article 36-Eligibility. The members of the Directive Committee shall have reached the legal age according to the legislation of their own country.

Article 37 – Organization. All decisions of the Directive Committee are taken provided that the simple majority is achieved.

In case of parity prevails the vote of the President.

If the President is absent as well, it prevails the vote of the Vice-President.

If both the President and Vice-President are absent, it prevails the vote of the Treasurer.

If the President, Vice-President and Treasurer are absent, no decisions can be taken by the Directive Committee.

Article 38 – Competence. The Directive Committee shall implement all the deliberations of the General Meeting.

The Directive Committee is responsible for the management and administration of IFBA and shall decide on all the matters which does not require a decision of the General Meeting.

The Directive Committee is entitled to decide on the questions of competence of the General Meeting, which are of such urgency that to submit them to the subsequent meeting, would be detrimental to the interest of the association. Nevertheless the Associates shall be informed of such decisions in the subsequent General Meeting.

The Directive Committee, when specific activities need suitable competence, may organize Committees. Those Committees may be composed by persons which do not belong to the Directive Committee.

The Directive Committee is in charge of compiling any regulation which is required for the life of the association. All regulations shall be approved by the General Meeting.

Any liability contracted on behalf of IFBA which has not been provided for in the budget approved by the General Meeting shall be approved by the Directive Committee unanimously.

AUDITOR OF THE ACCOUNT

Article 39 - Examination of the balance sheet/ auditor. The meeting appoints an auditor of the accounts who shall report to the Meeting on the regularity of the accounting records.

The Auditor, who may not be a member of the Directive Committee, remains in office for two years and may be re-elected.

INDEMNITIES

Article 40 - Indemnity and office. The amount of the indemnities related to the office of any member of the organs of IFBA shall be fixed by a special regulation.

TRANSITORY CLAUSE

Article 41 - Transitory Rules. Any decision of a body of IFBA is valid provided that it is not contrary to the present statute.

The Directive Committee, during the period which begins with the registration of the statute of IFBA and ends with the first assembly, may grant the membership to the National Associations which apply for it as specified in article 14.

Likewise it may enroll throwers, which apply for registration, in the list of International Boomerang Team.

The Directive Committee, during the period which begins with the registration of the statute of IFBA and ends with the first assembly, is in charge of compiling all the regulations which are required for the life of the association.