



# **STATUTES AND INTERNAL REGULATIONS**

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# **FISU STATUTES**







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# **FISU STATUTES**

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## **TITLE I: NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE, OBJECTS AND MEMBERSHIP**

### **Article 1: Name and registered office**

The « Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire » (FISU) (International University Sports Federation) hereafter “FISU” is an international, non-governmental, non-profit organisation, of unlimited duration, in the form of an association with the status of a legal person in accordance with Articles 60 seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

The registered office of the FISU is established at its General Secretariat office in Lausanne, Switzerland.

### **Article 2: Object**

In compliance with its Code of Ethics, FISU is dedicated to:

- contributing to the sustainable development and promotion of university sport and students' physical and sports education worldwide.
- awarding the organisation, and ensuring the promotion and supervision of international sports competitions and sporting, educational and cultural events for students, in particular the World University Games, the World University Championships, University World Cups, the FISU World Forums and FISU World Conferences.
- working to bring together students of all countries in co-operation to build the unity of international university sport, the components of which are the national, regional and continental university sport organisations, associations and federations.
- undertaking in close co-operation with the national, regional, and continental university sport organisations, associations and federations, and respecting their prerogatives, any activity of common interest likely to encourage the development of physical and sports education at all levels and in all parts of the world.

The objectives of FISU shall be pursued without political, religious, ethnic or social considerations.



FISU has a mission to act:

- for the health and well-being of students,
- for fair play and integrity,
- against any forms of corruption, cheating and doping in sport, manipulation, violence; and.
- for a safe environment by actively opposing discrimination of all kinds, including intolerance, racism, sexism and gender inequality.

### **Article 3: Membership**

**3.1** Membership of FISU is open to national university sports organisations. Such organisations shall have the status of **active member** conferred on them by the FISU General Assembly, on receipt of the full and actual payment of the annual membership fee.

**3.2** The status of **associate member** may be conferred by the FISU General Assembly to continental organisations.

**3.3** The FISU General Assembly may confer the title of **honorary member** or **emeritus honorary member** on organisations or individuals, on the proposal of the Executive Committee.

#### Rights and responsibilities of active members:

Organisations with the status of active member shall at least every four years:

- update their membership records, in particular check that their Statutes and Internal Regulations are still in accordance with the Statutes and Internal Regulations of FISU, especially with regards to their aims and objects.
- undertake to collaborate in the realisation of FISU's objectives and agree to abide by the FISU Statutes and Internal Regulations.
- pay an annual membership fee, which shall be determined for a two-year period by the General Assembly.

The organisations with the status of active member are entitled to full participation in the governance, activities and services of FISU as conferred on them by the FISU Statutes and Internal Regulations.

#### Loss of active member status:

Only member organisations which remain paid up with their membership fees shall be considered to be active members; those which do not pay their membership fee for four consecutive years shall be automatically excluded from membership of FISU.

Organisations with the status of active members which do not abide by the provisions of FISU, which do not fulfil the conditions required for membership,



or which behave in a manner unworthy of university sport (Article 2 of the present Statutes and FISU Code of Ethics may be suspended from membership or excluded from FISU.

Suspension is a provisional measure with immediate effect as a precautionary purpose to preserve the higher interests of FISU that the identified shortcomings of one of its members are likely to compromise. Suspension shall be decided by the FISU Executive Committee (which is alone empowered to examine possible remedies) and placed on the agenda of the next FISU General Assembly.

At least fifty one per cent (51%) of the organisations with the status of active member must be present for the exclusion of a member. The exclusion shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

## **TITLE II: DELIBERATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANS**

The FISU organs of governance and administration are:

1. The General Assembly
2. The Executive Committee
3. The Steering Committee
4. The General Secretariat, through delegation by the Executive Committee.

### **SECTION 1: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **Article 4: Attributions**

The General Assembly is the supreme governing body of FISU.

The General Assembly has authority to:

- determine and control the general policy of FISU, in compliance with the goals and objectives defined in Article 2 of the present Statutes,
- receive, examine and approve, at its regular meetings, the management report on FISU's activities for the past two years,
- receive and approve, following a report from the External Auditor, the financial statements for each financial year, covering the past two fiscal years,
- approve the budget through a formal vote for the forthcoming two years.
- fix the amount of the membership fee,
- decide on the admission of new active members, decide on the exclusion of organisations with the status of active member, as well as on the admission and exclusion of the associate members of FISU, and terminate the suspension of FISU active members and associate members,
- elect the members of the Executive Committee,
- decide on the adoption of a strategic plan for the years to come, and on



- a biennial action plan,
- decide on the amendment of the Statutes and the Internal Regulations, and, if appropriate, decide on the dissolution of FISU and manage the liquidation and allocation of FISU's assets in case of dissolution,
- decide on any questions submitted by the organisations with the status of active members, or by the Executive Committee.

## **Article 5: Convening, agenda, deliberations and decisions**

The ordinary General Assembly is held every two (2) years and shall hold elections every four (4) years. The General Assembly shall be convened by the FISU President at least four (4) months before the date fixed for the meeting.

The President of FISU, at the request of at least one fifth (1/5) of FISU's active member organisations or on the decision of the Executive Committee, may convene an extraordinary General Assembly.

The agenda of the General Assembly is set by the Executive Committee, and shall include the items detailed in Article 4 of the present Statutes. The deliberations of the General Assembly may only relate to the issues listed in the agenda.

Voting shall take place by secret ballot whenever it concerns individuals, or upon request of at least fifteen per cent (15%) of the active members present at the General Assembly.

All decisions shall be taken by an absolute majority of the votes cast, except in cases clearly provided for in the present Statutes and the Internal Regulations.

A valid vote cast shall be « yes », « no » or « blank ». "Blank" is considered equivalent to an "abstention". The ballots that are overloaded, unreadable or non-compliant will be declared "invalid", and will not be counted.

## **Article 6: Composition and voting rights**

### **6-1 Active members**

The General Assembly is composed of the organisations with the status of active members, as set out in Article 3.

Organisations with the status of active members shall be represented by their President, or a delegate specially mandated for this purpose by their Executive Committee. The representative of an organisation with the status of active member shall hold current citizenship of the country of the organisation represented.

Each organisation with the status of active member has only one vote. Only delegates mandated by organisations with the status of active member and physically present in the General Assembly may take part in votes. Proxy



voting, postal voting or voting by Internet is not allowed.

Active members may only exercise the right to vote if they are up to date with their membership fee and they have paid off any debt to FISU at the time of the opening of the General Assembly.

## **6-2 Participants, observers and guests**

Members of the Executive Committee, the FISU Secretary General (CEO), the Chairpersons of permanent FISU Committees and the External Auditor are convened to, and may participate in the General Assembly without voting rights.

Representatives of national or supra-national organisations and individuals may attend the General Assembly as observers or as FISU's guests.

## **SECTION 2: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Article 7: Composition of the Executive Committee**

**7-1** The Executive Committee consists of twenty-three (23) members elected for four (4) years by the electoral General Assembly, and the Presidents of the organisations with the status of associate member of FISU.

**7-2** The 23 Executive Committee members elected by the General Assembly are:

1. The President;
2. The first Vice-President;
3. The four (4) Vice-Presidents;
4. The Treasurer;
5. The FISU Senior Executive Committee Member
6. The fifteen (15) FISU Executive Committee Members

The election takes place in the order of precedence above.

**7-3** The 23 members of the Executive Committee elected by the General Assembly sit in a personal capacity with a voting right; they have a voting right in the Executive Committee.

**7-4** The Presidents of the organisations having the status of associate member of FISU sit as representatives of their organisations; they have the status of participating members in the Executive Committee, with the right to speak but no voting right.

Only the President of the continental organisation with the status of associate member of FISU shall be appointed by the governing body of the continental organisation to represent it within the FISU Executive Committee.

**7-5** Members of the Executive Committee can be elected one last time until



and including the year he/she turns 70.

**7-6** Any member of the Executive Committee may only serve three consecutive terms in the same position and a maximum of five terms in total.

### **Article 8: Conduct of the Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall be convened on the request of the FISU President, according to needs, and in any case at least twice (2) a year.

In addition, the convocation is obligatory if it is requested by at least twelve (12) voting members of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary General (CEO) and the chairperson of the Legal Committee, or his/her representative, shall attend the meetings of the Executive Committee, as non-voting participants thereof.

The External Auditor or any other person that might be needed may attend the Executive Committee meetings on the invitation of the President.

The Executive Committee may not validly deliberate unless it achieves a quorum of at least twelve (12) voting members.

Voting shall take place by secret ballot whenever it concerns individuals, or when a minimum of three (3) voting members of the Executive Committee request it.

Decisions shall be taken by an absolute majority of the voting members present. In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote. However, for convening an extraordinary General Assembly or for an amendment to the Regulations, the majority required is at least twelve (12) votes.

Minutes of the sessions shall be taken. The minutes shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval at its next meeting, and signed by the President.

### **Article 9: Duties and responsibilities of the Executive Committee**

**9-1** The FISU President shall organise and directs the work of the Executive Committee and report to the General Assembly. S/he shall ensure the proper functioning of the Federation and in particular ensure that the members of the Executive Committee are in a position to fulfil their mission.



**9-2** The Executive Committee shall:

- take decisions on any matters which are not clearly assigned to a specific body by the FISU Statutes or Internal Regulations;
- make proposals to the General Assembly on the affiliation of new active members and the admission of associate members;
- decide the suspension of active members, and recommend exclusion to be placed on the agenda of the next General Assembly;
- decide to terminate the suspension of active members;
- appoint and dismiss the Chairpersons and members of the Permanent Committees;
- appoint and dismiss the FISU Secretary General (CEO);
- take decisions on any disciplinary measure proposed by the Disciplinary Committee, applicable to the organisations with the status of active members and to natural or legal persons under the authority of FISU, against whom a breach of university sports ethics, in the provisions of the present Statutes or of the FISU Internal Regulations might be held;
- examine the questions of general interest submitted to it by the President and by the Steering Committee;
- rule on the direction of FISU's general policy; for this purpose, it may decide to create working groups or groups of experts and propose amendments to the Statutes and the Internal Regulations, to be submitted to the General Assembly for approval; it has direct authority to adopt and amend the FISU Code of Ethics, and ensure compliance;
- attribute the organisation of World University Games, World University Championships and other sports, educational or cultural events organised under the auspices of FISU;
- remains permanently informed of the decisions taken by the Steering Committee;
- supervise the General Secretariat of FISU.

**9-3** The Executive Committee has authority to accept gifts and bequests in favour of FISU.

**9-4** The Executive Committee makes recommendations relating to acts of dissolution, liquidation and assignment referred to in Article 4 of the present Statutes, and presents them to the General Assembly for approval.

### **SECTION 3: THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

#### **Article 10: The Steering Committee**

A Steering Committee shall be constituted within the Executive Committee; it shall be composed of eight (8) members: the President, the first Vice-President, the four Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer and the FISU Senior Executive Committee Member.



The Steering Committee shall be convened by the FISU President as necessary.

The Secretary General (CEO) may attend the Steering Committee meetings.

The Steering Committee has the authority to act in case of necessity and/or urgency in the name of the FISU and shall consequently inform the Executive Committee and, if necessary, the General Assembly of the decisions taken as soon as possible.

## **SECTION 4: THE FISU GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

### **Article 11: Direction, representation, administration**

The Federation's general direction and representation shall be assumed by the FISU President.

On the proposal of the President and the Steering committee, the Executive Committee appoints a Secretary General (CEO), whose duties and responsibilities include the management of the administration, the day-to-day implementation of the FISU policies and any other responsibilities related to the functioning of FISU.

The Executive Committee has sole authority to set the objectives of this position and to appoint the Secretary General (CEO), with the FISU Finance Committee deciding on his/her remuneration.

Appointed by the Executive Committee, the Secretary General (CEO) may be dismissed at any time by the Executive Committee, under the same conditions subject to disciplinary and grievance procedures laid down by FISU, and extant in Swiss law, according to Article 319 ff. of the Swiss Code of Obligations.

### **Article 12: Annual auditing of the accounts and External Auditor**

The FISU financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December.

In accordance with article 69b para. 4 of the Swiss Civil Code, all accounts of FISU are reviewed annually by an external independent and qualified auditing company to be appointed for a period of four (4) years by the FISU Executive Committee on the proposal of the FISU President and FISU Steering Committee.

It produces a review report and reviewed accounts which are presented every two (2) years to the General Assembly.

### **Article 13: Liability and insurance**

FISU shall only be financially liable for its own property. No member organisation can be held liable for the commitments undertaken by FISU.



On the proposal of the President and the Steering Committee, the Executive Committee may authorise to take an insurance covering the liability incurred by the persons mentioned in Articles 7 and 8, or appointed for missions by FISU, and/or the compensation for any damage they might suffer while exercising their duties or missions.

### **TITLE III: AMENDMENT TO THE STATUTES AND DISSOLUTION**

#### **Article 14: Proposals to amend the Statutes**

The General Assembly may discuss an amendment to the Statutes at the request of at least fifteen (15) organisations with the status of active members, or of the Executive Committee.

Proposals for amendment shall be published in their final form in the detailed agenda of the General Assembly at least two (2) months before the General Assembly.

#### **Article 15: Voting on amendments to the Statutes**

At least forty per cent (40%) of the organisations with the status of active member shall be present for any amendment to the Statutes.

An amendment shall only be accepted by a majority of two thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

A valid vote cast shall be « yes », « no » or « blank ».

#### **Article 16: Dissolution of FISU**

At least two thirds (2/3) of the active members shall be present at the General Assembly to vote the dissolution of FISU.

Dissolution can only be pronounced by a majority of three fourths (3/4) of the votes cast. A valid vote cast shall be « yes », « no » or « blank ».

The association shall be dissolved by force of law if it is insolvent or if the Executive Committee can no longer be appointed in conformity with the articles of association.

#### **Article 17: Liquidation**

In the event of dissolution, the General Assembly shall appoint one or several commissioners responsible for the liquidation and the distribution of FISU's properties and assets.

In the event of dissolution, any remaining assets shall be transferred to a Swiss institution which has a tax-exempt status due to public purpose activities. Such



assets may also be transferred to the Confederation, to the cantons, to the municipalities and to their institutions.

#### **TITLE IV: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **Article 18: Official and working languages**

FISU's official languages are English, French, Russian and Spanish.

FISU's working languages are English and French. For statutory acts with member organisations, Russian and Spanish may also be used as working languages.

##### **Article 19: Reference language**

In case of dispute about the interpretation of the text of the Statutes or the Internal Regulations, the English text shall prevail.

##### **Article 20: Online Meetings**

When considered necessary, the FISU President can convene a Steering Committee meeting, an Executive Committee meeting and a General Assembly using an online platform.

To satisfy the legal requirements for an online meeting, participants must be able to participate in the meeting as if they were attending in person. They must be able to: Hear the proceedings, Speak and be heard at the meeting, and Vote in real time

Subject to the foregoing, the online FISU Steering Committee meeting, the Executive Committee meeting and the General Assembly shall be conducted online as if they were conducted onsite.

##### **Article 21: Reference to the Internal Regulations**

The procedure for implementing the present Statutes, as well as all cases not provided for in them, shall be determined by the Internal Regulations.

##### **Article 22: Signatories**

The President, the first Vice-President and the Secretary General (CEO), the Deputy Secretaries General and Chief of Staff shall have a joint power of signature by two.

##### **Article 23: Implementation**

Any statutory changes are applicable upon adoption by the General Assembly, unless special motion.



**Article 24: Resolution of Disputes**

Any dispute arising from or related to these Statutes and Internal Regulations will be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) and resolved definitively in accordance with the Code of sports-related arbitration.

Equally, and in the event of breach of contract or agreements by stakeholders, FISU members or related parties concerning the organisation of FISU events, FISU shall present a request for arbitration before CAS.

The Panel will consist of three (3) arbitrators and the language of the arbitration will be English or French.





## **Part II**

# **FISU INTERNAL REGULATIONS**







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# **FISU INTERNAL REGULATIONS**

## **DENOMINATION AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

### **Article 1**

The “Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire” – “International University Sport Federation” (FISU) is ruled by Statutes, completed by the present Internal Regulations according to Article 1 of the Statutes and Articles 60 seq of the Swiss Civil Code.

### **Article 2**

The registered office of FISU is established in Lausanne, Switzerland.

## **MISSION**

### **Article 3**

Within the framework of its mission, the International University Sport Federation (FISU) shall, among other things, act against the use of substances or conduct prohibited by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and by the international sports federations (ISF), in conformity with the anti-doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION –ADMISSION – UPDATING – SUSPENSION – EXCLUSION**

### **Article 4**

**Active members** - The organisations that wish to be affiliated to FISU as active members shall be invited by the FISU General Secretariat to compile a dossier entitled “membership application”.

### **Article 5**

The membership application shall contain the following items:

- a) the official form comprising:
  - the official denomination of the organisation;
  - the address of the registered office of the organisation;
  - the names of the President and the General Secretary (or officer in charge of the administration) of the organisation;
  - the list and exact denomination of universities, the number of students, the number of students practising sport in the country, the number of individual members of the organisation;



- a short report on the relations of the organisation with:
  - o public authorities
  - o the National Olympic Committee
  - o National Sports Federations
  - o the National Union of Students
  - o the Continental organisations recognised by FISU
- b) the statutes of the organisation,
- c) a short history and a report on the activities of the organisation,
- d) a certificate issued by the governmental authorities certifying that the organisation is the authentic and officially recognised representative of university sports in the country,
- e) a certificate issued by the National Olympic Committee certifying that the organisation is the authentic and officially recognised representative of university sport in the country.

## **Article 6**

FISU can accept only one representative organisation per country as an active member, the notion of « country » corresponding to that accepted by the International Olympic Committee. The organisations listed below, when they represent a country, may affiliate to FISU:

- the national university sports organisation, provided it actually groups together all the university student sportsmen and sportswomen of the country.
- the national union of students, in the absence of a national university sports organisation.

When there is neither a national university sports organisation nor a national union of students, a coordinating body set up by the university sports bodies of the country, or, failing this, by all the student groups in the country, may affiliate to FISU, provided that it is officially recognised by the governmental authorities and the NOC of the country.

## **Article 7**

**7.1** When the “membership application” dossier is complete, it shall be submitted to the Executive Committee. The documents shall be examined and the Executive Committee shall assess whether the organisation fulfils the statutory and regulatory conditions.

**7.2** Each active member shall ensure the compliance and updating of its membership records every four years, mentioning to FISU all the changes that may have occurred in the NUSF as well as in its university and sports environment, updating the composition of its executive board, and presenting the list of activities, achievements, participations and organisations that it has actually carried out over the period under consideration (particularly in the framework of FISU). The membership record update shall be submitted to FISU and examined by the EC at least four months before the meeting of the General Assembly, which shall confirm accreditation.



## **Article 8**

**8.1 Admission** - The admission of new member organisations as active members of FISU shall be proposed by the Executive Committee; it shall be ratified by the next General Assembly to become effective. In any case, the General Assembly shall have the power, in its discretion, to accept or refuse an application for membership or a confirmation of the accreditation of those active members who, completing their four-year accreditation period, have not submitted a membership record update, or submitted a document that was not considered satisfactory by the Executive Committee.

A summary of the dossier, as well as the result of the investigations made by the Executive Committee, shall be on the detailed agenda of the General Assembly.

In exceptional and justifiable cases, the Executive Committee may decide to take into consideration other membership applications, at the very latest on the day preceding the General Assembly.

**8.2 Suspension and exclusion** - Suspension shall be decided by the FISU Executive Committee and placed on the agenda of the next General Assembly. Exclusion can only be decided by the General Assembly.

Suspension is effective immediately upon notification to the active member organisation of the decision of the Executive Committee. The notification shall indicate the reasons for the suspension, and the shortcomings which need to be remedied for the suspension to be removed by the Executive Committee or the General Assembly. The suspension entails loss of all benefits related to membership of FISU and the prohibition for the relevant organisation to invoke its membership of FISU, for the duration of the suspension.

**8.3** The suspension ends either by its removal following the finding by the Executive Committee or the General Assembly that the causes that led to the suspension have disappeared, or by its transformation into exclusion, which can be pronounced only by the General Assembly at the qualified majority provided for in Article 3.3 of the Statutes. In the event that such a majority could not be achieved the suspension ceases to have effect.

## **Article 9**

**Associate members** - The FISU General Assembly may award affiliation as associate members to legally constituted supranational continental organisations, which are recognised contributors to the promotion and management of University Sport at the continental level. The admission of new organisations with the status of associate member of FISU shall be proposed by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the President and the Steering Committee; it shall be ratified by the next General Assembly to become effective.



In any case, the General Assembly shall have the power, in its discretion, to accept or refuse an application for membership.

## **Article 10**

To be granted the status of associate member of FISU, supranational continental organisations shall:

- accept the mission of FISU as stated in Article 2 of the FISU Statutes and have a governance structure, statutes and regulations in accordance with those of FISU,
- consist of a majority of national organisations from countries which belong to the same continent, of which two thirds at least must be active members of FISU,
- have been formally in existence for a minimum of two years, with a minimum of two General Assemblies held,
- stage regular university sports events and activities at intervals of minimum two years,
- invite the FISU President, or one FISU Executive Committee member appointed by the FISU President, to their continental General Assemblies as an observer.

Associate members who no longer fulfil these conditions may be suspended or excluded under the procedure laid down in Article 3 of the FISU Statutes.

Suspension shall be decided by the FISU Executive Committee and placed on the agenda of the next General Assembly. Exclusion can only be decided by the General Assembly.

## **Article 11**

**Honorary members** - The FISU General Assembly may award the status of honorary President, honorary member or emeritus member of FISU to individuals or organisations, on the proposal of the Executive Committee in accordance with the “Guidelines for the award of FISU honorary titles, distinctions and trophies”.

The status of honorary member may be awarded to former members of the Executive Committee that have served for at least four (4) terms.

The status of emeritus member may be awarded to former members of the Executive Committee who have served at least four (4) terms. It may also be awarded, exceptionally, on the proposal of the FISU President and the Steering Committee, to individuals who give or who have given distinguished services to university sport, or have devoted themselves to the cause and the objectives of FISU, including former members of the Executive Committee or former Chairpersons of FISU Permanent Committees independently of the number of terms.



## **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **SUMMONS**

#### **Article 12**

The FISU General Secretariat shall give notice of the ordinary General Assembly and the electoral General Assembly to all organisations with the status of active members, at least four (4) months before the date of the General Assembly.

The electoral General Assembly shall be held every four years, outside the period of the second Summer World University Games staged during the four-year term of the Executive Committee, and within four (4) months after the conclusion of the second Summer World University Games.

#### **Article 13**

Any proposals which organisations with the status of active member wish to submit to the ordinary General Assembly, as well as the candidates' names for the positions of Executive Committee members (in case of a General Assembly holding elections) shall be sent to the FISU General Secretariat at least three (3) months before the date of the General Assembly.

Candidates for a position in the Executive Committee or the Permanent Committees of the FISU must have signed a declaration committing them to respect the FISU Code of Ethics for their application to be validated; such declaration shall be appended to the candidature letter sent to the FISU Secretary General by the NUSF at the latest three (3) months before the date of the General Assembly.

#### **Article 14**

The FISU General Secretariat shall send the detailed agenda, as well as the final list of candidates (in case of a General Assembly holding elections) and the list of seniority as stated in Article 43 of the Internal Regulations, to the organisations with the status of active members, at least two (2) months before the date of the General Assembly.

#### **Article 15**

For an extraordinary General Assembly, the deadlines provided for in Articles 12, 13 and 14 of the present Regulations shall be reduced by half.



## **PARTICIPATION**

### **Article 16**

The organisations with the status of active members may nominate one (1) to three (3) representatives for the General Assembly.

### **Article 17**

Each organisation with the status of active member has only one vote.

### **Article 18**

Each organisation with the status of active member shall, by written mandate, appoint by name the delegate with a voting right.

In addition, each organisation may appoint by name a substitute delegate who shall exercise the voting right if the principal delegate is unable to do so.

### **Article 19**

Any mandate giving a voting right at the General Assembly shall be presented in writing on letterhead of the organisation with the status of active member. Moreover, it shall be signed by the President and the Secretary General (CEO) (or officer in charge of the administration) of the organisation, and bear the official stamp of the organisation.

### **Article 20**

The organisation, the membership application of which has been examined by the Executive Committee, shall be invited to delegate a maximum of two observers to the General Assembly during which its membership application will be examined.

### **Article 21**

A newly admitted member organisation may vote at the General Assembly which has decided on its affiliation only after paying its full annual membership fee to the Treasurer. However, the new member organisation may not vote on the motion to discharge the Executive Committee for the previous term of office.

### **Article 22**

In order to exercise their voting right, the delegates of the new member organisations shall be in possession of a mandate as defined in Articles 18 and 19 of the present Regulations.



### **Article 23**

No changes in the mandates shall be allowed after their verification and registration by the commission for the checking of mandates (Article 29 of the present Regulations).

### **Article 24**

The General Assembly is open only to accredited persons, invited guests and observers.

Honorary presidents, honorary members and emeritus members may attend the General Assembly as guests.

The following may attend the General Assembly as observers:

- maximum two (2) representatives of each supranational continental organisation with the status of FISU associate member.
- two (2) delegates of organisations seeking FISU active membership.
- any other person on the proposal of the FISU Executive Committee, and with the approval of the General Assembly.

### **Article 25**

Delegates or substitute delegates with a voting right from the organisations with the status of active members may address the General Assembly.

### **Article 26**

Members of the Executive Committee, the External Auditor and the Chairpersons of Permanent Committees may address the General Assembly.

### **Article 27**

Observers and invited guests may address the General Assembly only if they have obtained prior agreement from the Chairperson of the Assembly.

## **MEETING**

### **Article 28**

The agenda of the ordinary General Assembly shall include at least the following items:

- a) report of the commission for the checking of mandates ;
- b) roll-call of delegates;
- c) nomination of scrutineers;
- d) approval of the agenda;
- e) reports of the President, the Secretary General (CEO) and the Treasurer;



- f) reports of the External Auditor;
- g) admission of new member organisations;
- h) election of the Executive Committee, if it is an electoral General Assembly or if some members have to be replaced;
- i) discharge of the Executive Committee;
- j) fixing of the membership fee;
- k) adoption of the action plan for the ensuing period;
- l) adoption of the budget;
- m) any other business.

## **Article 29**

The Commission for the checking of mandates consists of maximum five (5) members, at least three (3) of whom are members of the Legal Committee, nominated by the Executive Committee. The Chairperson of this Commission shall be a member of the Legal Committee.

## **Article 30**

The Treasurer shall inform the Commission for the checking of mandates of the list of the organisations with the status of active members that have duly paid their membership fee and paid off any debt to FISU.

## **Article 31**

The Commission for the checking of mandates may meet and check a mandate at any time during the General Assembly.

## **Article 32**

The commission for the checking of mandates shall inform the General Assembly of the list of delegates with a voting right. In any doubtful case, the commission for the checking of mandates shall submit a special report to the General Assembly, which shall then decide on the validity of the mandate.

## **Article 33**

The FISU President shall preside at the General Assembly.

## **Article 34**

The FISU Secretary General (CEO) is responsible for the organisation of the General Assembly.



### **Article 35**

On the question of voting and elections, a Committee of scrutineers, consisting of a Chairperson and two members of the Legal Committee shall be constituted by the General Assembly; mandated delegates and candidates for elections shall not be involved in this Committee.

### **Article 36**

The Chairperson of the Committee of scrutineers shall act as the Chairperson of the General Assembly during the election of the FISU President. The FISU President, as soon as he/she is elected, shall take the Chair of the General Assembly.

### **Article 37**

Voting shall take place by a roll-call of delegates.

### **Article 38**

Voting shall be carried out by secret ballot:

- a) for all elections except in the cases provided for in Articles 44 and 46 of the present Regulations.
- b) on the request of minimum fifteen percent (15%) of delegates in attendance (in accordance with Article 5 of the Statutes).

### **Article 39**

All decisions shall be made by an absolute majority, except in cases wherein a special majority is specifically required.

An absolute majority means more than fifty percent (50%) of the total votes cast.

A valid vote cast shall be “yes”, “no” and “blank”, in accordance with Article 3 of the Statutes.

### **Article 40**

Before each vote, the Chairperson of the General Assembly shall indicate the quorum.

### **Article 41**

In the event of a tied vote, further ballots shall be held until a majority is obtained.



## **Article 42**

Unless stated otherwise by the General Assembly, all the decisions of the General Assembly shall come into force upon adoption by the General Assembly.

In accordance with article 24 of the Statutes, any challenge to a decision of the General Assembly shall be notified to the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which has exclusive jurisdiction to settle the dispute. The request shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date when the disputed decision is disclosed.

## **ELECTIONS**

### **Article 43**

To be elected on the first ballot, candidates shall obtain the absolute majority of the votes cast.

A valid vote cast shall be "yes", "no" and "blank".

If no candidate achieves the absolute majority on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be undertaken.

The list of candidates for this ballot shall be made up of the candidates who have received the most votes on the first ballot. The number of candidates shall not exceed twice the number of seats to be filled.

If several candidates obtain the same number of votes on the first or second ballot, a special eliminating vote shall determine whose candidature shall be retained for the next ballot. This special eliminating vote shall be based on a simple majority.

If necessary, a third ballot shall be held, based on the list of candidates who qualified for the second ballot. In this case, however, the candidate shall be elected by a simple majority.

In the event of a tied vote, the candidate with the greatest seniority (years of service) in the FISU Executive Committee shall be considered elected. In case of a tied vote and the same seniority in the FISU Executive Committee, the candidate with the greatest seniority in a FISU Permanent committee shall be considered elected.

### **Article 44**

Separate elections shall be held for each of the positions of President, first Vice-President, Treasurer and FISU Senior Executive Committee Member, in compliance with the conditions laid down in Article 43 of the present Regulations.



If the number of candidates is equal to the number of positions to be filled, the election shall be held by acclamation (particular case of Article 38 of the present Regulations).

#### **Article 45**

The elections for the positions of the four Vice-Presidents (other than the first Vice-President) shall be held simultaneously, in compliance with the conditions laid down in Article 43 of the present Regulations.

Four (4) names of candidates shall appear on the ballot paper; ballot papers with more or less than four (4) names shall be invalid.

#### **Article 46**

For the fifteen (15) FISU Executive Committee Members, the election shall take place simultaneously for the fifteen (15) posts.

Participants shall vote for fifteen (15) candidates, otherwise their vote shall be declared invalid.

Fifteen (15) names of candidates shall appear on the ballot paper; ballot papers with more or less than fifteen (15) names shall be invalid.

In the event of a tied vote, there may be eliminating ballot, in accordance with Article 43 of the present Regulations.

If the number of candidates is equal to the number of positions to be filled, the election shall be held by acclamation (particular case of Article 38 of the present Regulations).

#### **Article 47**

The terms of office of the members of the Executive Committee shall be four (4) years, according to Articles 7 and 11 of the Statutes. The newly elected members shall take up their duties at the conclusion of the electoral General Assembly.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Article 48**

The reports of the President, the Secretary General (CEO), the Treasurer and the External Auditor shall be submitted in writing to the General Assembly.



## **Article 49**

Speeches at the General Assembly shall be limited to ten minutes for speakers who introduce a proposal, or who raise a new point, and to five minutes for any other speech.

## **Article 50**

No delegate may speak more than once on the same subject, except in the following cases:

- a) a speaker who introduces a proposal shall have the right to sum up at the end of the discussion before the vote is taken;
- b) a speaker who raises a point of order or submits a request for information;
- c) a speaker who has been granted special permission by the Chairperson or by a vote of the General Assembly.

Any delegate may speak for a point of order. The intervention, lasting less than one (1) minute, shall give the exact reference of the point concerned.

## **Article 51**

The deliberations in the General Assembly shall be recorded in the form of minutes, which shall be kept by the FISU General Secretariat and sent to all member organisations no later than two (2) months after the General Assembly.

## **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **ELIGIBILITY AND ELECTION**

## **Article 52**

Any candidature for the Executive Committee shall be presented by an organisation with the status of active member which has paid its annual membership fee to FISU, received in cash, cheque credited in the bank account, proven electronic transfer and which has paid off any debt to FISU.

The candidature letter must be sent by the NUSF under its seal (not by the candidate).

## **Article 53**

The candidate shall have the citizenship or official resident status of the country of the organisation with the status of active member which proposes him. Each organisation may present only one candidate. A candidate may be presented only for a maximum of two posts and may be elected only to one post.



#### **Article 54**

To avoid involvement in a conflict of interest, and in compliance with the FISU Code of Ethics, the elected members of the Executive Committee shall sit in a personal capacity; their mandate shall not consist in representing the national organisation which has presented their candidacy, but in working for the best of the FISU interests.

FISU shall pay for the travel expenses incurred for the Executive Committee members, in attending meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee, during their terms of office, i.e. four (4) years.

#### **Article 55**

With the exception of the daily allowances and the reimbursement of expenses defined in the Articles 88, 89, 90, 91 and 92 of the present Internal Regulations, the members of the Executive Committee shall not receive a remuneration of any kind or a salary from FISU or related parties, take out loans from FISU in whatever form, have FISU allow an overdraft on a current account or otherwise, and have FISU guarantee or endorse commitments made to third parties. The same prohibition shall apply to their spouses, relatives in the ascending or descending line as well as any intermediary.

Any other convention between FISU and a member of the Executive Committee, or a company in which a member of the Executive Committee has a direct or indirect interest shall be subject to the prior authorisation of the Executive Committee. Failing this authorisation, those members of the Executive Committee involved may be held responsible for the consequences of such a convention prejudicial to FISU.

#### **Article 56**

The terms of office of the elected members of the Executive Committee is four (4) years.

The members of the Executive Committee shall take up their duties at the conclusion of the General Assembly which elected them.

The duties of the members of the Executive Committee shall end:

- at the expiry of the terms of office of the Executive Committee which shall be renewed every four years, i.e. at the conclusion of the electoral General Assembly to be convened within four (4) months after the second Summer World University Games of the terms of office.
- in case of resignation,
- in case of exclusion for serious reasons pronounced by the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Disciplinary Committee and the Executive Committee before which the member concerned is requested to give explanations,
- in case of death.



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ATTRIBUTIONS**

### **Article 57**

The administration of FISU shall be carried out by the Executive Committee. In particular, the Executive Committee's responsibilities are:

- a) to recruit and to dismiss the FISU Secretary General (CEO).
- b) to supervise the management of the FISU General Secretariat,
- c) to ratify the decisions taken by the Steering Committee, according to Article 10 of the Statutes,
- d) to nominate and supervise the FISU committees,
- e) to make preparations for the General Assembly, decide on the venue, the dates and the agenda, nominate the Commission for the checking of mandates and approve the reports to be presented by the Executive Committee to the General Assembly.
- f) to implement the decisions of the General Assembly,
- g) to represent FISU before the IOC, International Sports Federations and the AISBL FIDSU,
- h) to supervise the preparation of the World University Games, the World University Championships, the FISU World Forum and FISU World Conferences, and any event organised under the auspices of FISU,
- i) to assign the organisation and supervise the running of the World University Games, and the World University Championships, its powers and activities on these occasions being defined in the regulations for the sporting events of FISU,
- j) to determine the organising fees for events held under the auspices of FISU,
- k) to maintain contact between the FISU active member organisations,
- l) to initiate the redaction, and approve the technical regulations and guidance drawn up by the FISU working groups or committees, including the FISU Code of Ethics,
- m) to summon an extraordinary General Assembly, should two-thirds of the Executive Committee resign,
- n) to award the FISU honours, titles and medals,
- o) to establish the budget and approve the balance sheet to be submitted to the General Assembly.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **Article 58**

The first meeting of the Executive Committee shall take place immediately after the electoral General Assembly.

### **Article 59**

The Executive Committee shall be summoned by the President, or at the request of at least twelve (12) of its voting members.



## **Article 60**

The summons and the agenda shall reach members, except in cases of force majeure, at least one (1) month before the meeting.

## **Article 61**

The Executive Committee may not be deemed quorate unless at least twelve (12) voting members are present.

## **Article 62**

All decisions shall be made by a simple majority. In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have a casting vote. However, the summoning of an extraordinary General Assembly or a change in the Regulations may be made only if twelve (12) voting members agree thereto.

## **Article 63**

The meetings of the Executive Committee are private and the deliberations are confidential.

Representatives of organisations with the status of active members or associate members bearing a written mandate from their organisation, honorary members, emeritus members and the Chairpersons of the Permanent Committees may attend the meetings as observers.

Observers shall not take the floor except with prior agreement of the Executive Committee.

## **Article 64**

On the request of a third (1/3) of the voting members of the Executive Committee, a meeting or any part thereof may be held in camera; in this case only the members of the Executive Committee shall remain in the meeting.

## **Article 65**

Within two (2) months after each meeting, the minutes thereon shall be sent to the members of the Executive Committee, to the organisations with the status of active members and to the Chairpersons of the Permanent Committees.

The original minutes shall be signed by the President and the General Secretary (CEO); they will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval at the next meeting.



## **Article 66**

At the end of each meeting, the date of the next meeting shall be fixed.

## **Article 67**

A member who, during his/her terms of office, is absent without apology from two (2) meetings of the Executive Committee, shall be considered by the Executive Committee as having resigned and shall no longer be eligible for office.

## **THE FISU PRESIDENT**

### **Article 68**

The President represents FISU and presides over all its activities.

He/She shall be responsible for the administration of FISU. His/her specific duties shall include in particular:

- a) summoning the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Steering Committee;
- b) chairing over the meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Steering Committee;
- c) maintaining contact between members of the Executive Committee;
- d) signing documents committing FISU in accordance with Article 21 of the FISU Statutes.
- e) referring to the Executive Committee a written report on FISU activities, to be submitted to the General Assembly.

In case of emergency, the President shall be competent to take decisions regarding issues which are assigned to the Executive Committee, provided that there is no time for a decision by the Executive Committee. The President has to inform the Executive Committee about his decision in due course.

The Executive Committee shall confirm, or as the case may be, take a new decision.

### **Article 69**

Where the President is prevented from fulfilling his/her duties, they shall be exercised by the first Vice-President.

In the event of resignation or death of the President, s/he shall be succeeded by the first Vice-President for the remainder of the terms of office of the Executive Committee with the position of Acting President. The vacant position of first Vice-President shall then be filled by the most senior Vice-President, with the position of acting first Vice-President, for the remainder of the terms of office of the Executive Committee.



If the acting President is elected President of FISU at the end of the interim period, s/he then may serve two terms as elected President of FISU.

The first Vice-President and the Secretary General (CEO) shall sign jointly only in case of impediment of the President.

The power of signature is exercised in accordance with the set budget, and additionally by the signature of the Treasurer for documents of financial significance in accordance with Article 94 of the Internal Regulations.

## **THE FISU GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

### **Article 70**

The Secretary General (CEO) shall organise and supervise the work of the FISU General Secretariat.

The Secretary General (CEO) shall in particular:

- a) implement the decisions of the General Assembly, the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee.
- b) organise the administration, establish basic administrative procedures for managing the staff and properties, and for the overall operations of the FISU General Secretariat;
- c) cooperate closely with the President, the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee in the conducting of all FISU business;
- d) organise all FISU meetings;
- e) coordinate all regular activities and special projects of FISU;
- f) retain easily accessible files of annual reports, minutes of meetings, statement of accounts and other important records;
- g) maintain close contact with the active member organisations and the associate member organisations;
- h) present a report at all meetings of the Executive Committee on the ongoing work of the General Secretariat;
- i) present a report to the General Assembly on the overall operations of the General Secretariat;
- j) act as the Chairperson of the Sports Management Committee (CGS).

### **Article 71**

The Secretary General (CEO) shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for the good running of the General Secretariat.

### **Article 72**

The expenses of the General Secretariat shall be paid by FISU.



## **THE FISU TREASURER**

### **Article 73**

An *ex officio* member of the Finance Committee, the Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial administration of FISU.

The Treasurer shall, in particular:

- a) keep the FISU accounts;
- b) collect membership fees and all other income;
- c) pay all expenses;
- d) complete a detailed account and balance sheet of the last financial period of FISU, for consideration by the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, the External Auditor and the General Assembly;
- e) present a report at the meetings of the Executive Committee;
- f) draw up a draft budget for consideration by the Executive Committee.
- g) recommend internationally reputable accounting firms to the Executive Committee for appointment as External Auditors to audit the financial statements of FISU.

### **Article 74**

The Treasurer shall be responsible to manage the funds and assets which are entrusted to him/her within the framework of his/her mandate and responsibilities, and in accordance with the decisions passed by the Finance Committee, as described in Article 133 of the present Internal Regulations.

### **Article 75**

The Treasurer shall immediately transfer account books and all documents relating to the financial management of FISU to his/her successor.

## **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

### **Article 76**

The FISU account books and all the supporting documents are maintained in accordance with the acknowledged principles of bookkeeping in Switzerland, where FISU has its registered office.

### **Article 77**

The Treasurer shall present the detailed accounts and the balance sheet of the previous financial period to the General Assembly, on behalf of the Executive Committee.



## **Article 78**

*(repealed)*

## **Article 79**

The Executive Committee shall submit a draft budget to the General Assembly for approval, as stipulated in Article 57 of the present Internal Regulations.

## **INCOME**

### **Article 80**

The income of FISU is as follows:

- a) membership fees as provided for in Article 3 of the Statutes;
- b) income from the FISU sports events as provided for in the regulations for sports activities of FISU;
- c) donations, subsidies and sponsorships accepted by the Executive Committee;
- d) the revenues generated by World University Games,, World University Championships, educational events and any other FISU events;
- e) more generally, any other resource authorised by Swiss law;

## **EXPENDITURE**

### **Article 81**

FISU shall be responsible for:

- a) the expenses of the FISU General Secretariat;
- b) the expenses of the Steering Committee (travelling, functioning, daily allowances);
- c) the administrative expenses of the Treasurer and the Chairpersons of the Permanent committees;
- d) expenses for which FISU is held accountable in accordance with the FISU event attribution agreements.

### **Article 82**

The expenses incurred in attending meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee for the Executive Committee members shall be the responsibility of FISU.

The expenses incurred in attending meetings of FISU for the delegates of the organisations with the status of active members or associate members shall be the responsibility of those organisations.

FISU may occasionally pay for the travel expenses of honorary members or emeritus members invited to participate in FISU meetings.

FISU shall pay for the travel and subsistence expenses of emeritus members



invited to participate in the World University Games,, according to the “Guidelines for the award of FISU honorary titles, distinctions and trophies”.

### **Article 83**

The travel expenses within the framework of FISU activities of all the members of the Permanent Committees officially appointed for the World University Games,, the World University Championships, the FISU World Forum, FISU World Conferences and other FISU events or meetings shall be the responsibility of FISU and/or the local Organising Committee in accordance with the FISU event attribution agreements.

The President and the Secretary General (CEO) shall decide on a case-by-case basis concerning the payment of the expenses incurred for the meetings of the non-permanent working groups.

### **Article 84**

On the proposal of the President and the Steering Committee, the Executive Committee may grant daily allowances to the members of the Executive Committee and to the members of the Permanent Committees for their participation in the statutory Executive Committee meetings and/or General Assembly of FISU. The amount of the daily allowances shall be determined for a four-year (4) period by the Executive Committee, on the proposal of the President.

### **Article 85**

On the proposal of the President and the Steering Committee, the Executive Committee shall decide on a case-by-case basis, on the financial responsibility and payment by FISU for the expenses incurred for special tasks or missions carried out by officially designated persons in the interests of FISU. These expenses shall be in accordance with the approved budget.

### **Article 86**

A budget line shall cover the expenses incurred for the representation of FISU

### **Article 87**

Requests for reimbursement shall be sent to the FISU General Secretariat for approval by the Treasurer.



## **Article 88**

Any modification in the allocation of funds planned in the budget, as well as any exceptional expenditure shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

Off-budget spending and / or expenses in excess of 100,000 euros, shall be validated by the joint signature of the President and the Secretary General (CEO), and additionally by the Treasurer's signature.

## **WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES**

### **GENERAL**

## **Article 89**

### **Non permanent working groups**

Whenever necessary, working groups may be constituted by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the President and the Steering Committee, for special duties limited in time.

The members of the working groups shall be appointed for a limited duration by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the President and the Steering Committee.

Terms of reference shall be drawn up for each working group, on the basis of a predefined format, and be revised as necessary by the President, the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee, in coordination with the Chairperson of the working group.

Each working group shall be allocated a specific budget defined by the President, the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee.

The President shall be an *ex officio* member of all working groups, and shall have precedence whenever s/he attends one of their meetings.

## **Article 90**

### **Permanent Committees**

Specific Permanent Committees may be constituted within FISU by decision of the General Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Committee.

The newly elected Executive Committee shall determine, within six (6) months after the electoral General Assembly, barring unforeseen circumstances, the composition of each Permanent Committee– with the exception of the International Technical Committee (CTI) whose members are nominated and appointed during the year of the non-elective general Assembly - on the proposal of the President and the Steering Committee (cf. Art. 93). Members of Permanent committees are appointed for a maximum term of four years.



Terms of reference (TOR) shall be drawn up for each Permanent Committee, on the basis of a predefined format, and may be revised as necessary by the Executive Committee, on the proposal of the President and the Steering Committee, in cooperation with the Chairperson of each Permanent Committee.

Each Permanent Committee shall be allocated a biennial budget to meet the needs of its biennial action plan. This budget shall be defined by the President and the Finance Committee, in consultation with the Chairperson of each Permanent Committee, and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

The President shall be an *ex officio* member of all Permanent Committees and shall have precedence whenever he/she attends one of their meetings.

Permanent Committees' meetings may be convened by their Chairs according to their internal procedures.

## **Article 91**

There are fourteen (14) Permanent Committees:

- a) International Control Committee (CIC);
- b) International Technical Committee (ITC);
- c) Education Committee (EduC);
- d) Sports Management Committee (CGS);
- e) International Medical Committee (CMI);
- f) Media and Communication Committee (CMC);
- g) Committee for the Development of University Sports (CDSU);
- h) Finance Committee (CF);
- i) Committee for Gender Equality (CEG);
- j) Student Committee (CdE);
- k) Legal Committee (CJ);
- l) Disciplinary Committee (CD).

## **Article 92**

The General Secretariat shall invite the organisations with the status of active members to propose candidates for the different Permanent Committees and provide the Executive Committee with the list of candidates.

The members of the Permanent Committees may be chosen by the Executive Committee, on proposal of the President and the Steering Committee, from among the candidates proposed by the organisations with the status of active members of FISU and/or from among candidates proposed by other organisations, in particular those International Sports Federations (ISF) that have established official partnership relations with FISU.



The experts (delegates) nominated for each sports within the CTI Sub-Committees will be chosen after consultation with the International Sports Federations, in particular those ISFs that have established official partnership relations with FISU.

### **Article 93**

On the proposal of the President and the Steering Committee, the Executive Committee shall nominate the Chairperson and at least one Vice-Chairperson (except for specific derogation – cf. article 126) for each Permanent Committee, for a period of maximum four (4) years.

The members of the Permanent Committees shall be nominated on the proposal of the President and the Steering Committee by the Executive Committee, after consultation with the Chairpersons that have been nominated for each of the Committees concerned.

### **Article 94**

The Chairpersons of the Permanent Committees shall:

- a) guide the work of their Committee;
- b) draft the minutes of their Committee meetings;
- c) present annually the written progress report on the activities of their Committee.

The Chairperson shall represent his/her Committee and be responsible for its good running to the FISU Executive Committee.

The Chairperson of a Permanent Committee shall set the dates of meetings with the Secretary General (CEO) and he/she shall make regular reports on the work of the Committee to the Executive Committee.

The mission of the Vice-Chairperson(s) shall consist in assisting the Chairperson in all his/her duties, and officially representing him/her when the Chairperson is not available for his/her mission.

### **Article 95**

Whenever required, the Executive Committee may change the composition of a Permanent Committee at any time.

### **Article 96**

An individual shall be the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson of only one Permanent Committee, and can be a member of no more than two Permanent Committees (except for the FISU President and FISU Treasurer who may participate in all Permanent Committees).



### **Article 97**

The quorum for each Permanent Committee shall be one half of its members plus one, except where this is contrary to the regulations for the sporting activities of FISU.

### **Article 98**

Decisions taken by Permanent Committees shall be made by a simple majority.

### **Article 99**

A member who, during his/her terms of office, is absent without advanced notice from more than two meetings, or who is unable to fulfil two (2) nominations at FISU events shall be dismissed.

In case of prolonged unavailability of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall take over his/her responsibilities. Consequently and in accordance with Article 101, the Executive Committee may nominate a new Vice-Chairperson.

### **Article 100**

A report drawn up after each meeting shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. The FISU General Secretariat shall send a copy of this report to the organisations with the status of active members of FISU, and to the members of the Executive Committee.

### **Article 101**

All proposals submitted by the Permanent Committees and the working groups shall be approved by the Executive Committee for validation.

### **Article 102**

Members of the Executive Committee may be entitled on a case-by-case basis, with the approval of the FISU President and the Chairperson of the Committee, to attend the meetings of the Permanent Committees in an advisory capacity. The Executive Committee shall decide for each case on the financial responsibility and payment by FISU for the expenses incurred for this attendance.



### **Article 103**

Permanent Committees meetings shall be summoned by their Chairperson, with the approval of the FISU President after consultation with the Secretary General (CEO). The number of meetings should be limited and such meetings shall, as far as possible, be subject to prior preparation by mail, Skype conferences and Internet communication.

### **Article 104**

Summons for meetings of the Permanent Committees shall be sent out at least two (2) months before the meeting date, except for exceptional cases of urgency, with approval of the President of FISU.

### **Article 105**

Permanent Committees may meet only after their composition has been ratified by the Executive Committee.

## **INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (CIC)**

### **Article 106**

The CIC shall be responsible for controlling the eligibility of athletes and accreditation of delegations, officials and competitors at the World University Games, World University Championships, and other FISU sports events, and for proposing measures aiming at improving the system of control.

The CIC shall hold at least one plenary meeting every four (4) years.

### **Article 107**

#### **107.1 Composition**

The number of members of the CIC shall not exceed 25 in total, including the Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons.

A specific CIC sub-Committee shall be constituted for each World University Games (Winter and Summer). The number of CIC members needed for each World University Games shall be determined by the Chairperson of the CIC in collaboration with the FISU General Secretariat after consultation with the Organising Committee of each World University Games.

One member of the CIC may be mandated by the FISU Executive Committee, on recommendation of the Chairperson of the CIC and the Sports Management Committee to the supervision of some specific World University Championships.



## **107.2 Mission statement**

The CIC shall be in charge of the verification and validation of the documents submitted by the delegations to justify, in particular, the nationality, age and academic status of participants.

The CIC shall provide delegations with supporting documents confirming their accreditation, and receive the corresponding financial contributions.

## **Article 108**

Members of the CIC that have been mandated by the FISU Executive Committee, on recommendation of the Chairperson of the CIC and the Sports Management Committee, to supervise a specific FISU sporting event shall confirm their acceptance of office to the CIC Chairperson at least sixty (60) days before the opening of the sporting event.

## **Article 109**

No member of the CIC may sit when the qualifications of a competitor from his/her own country are being examined. For the World University Championships, a member of CISCA appointed by FISU may confirm the qualifications of the competitors coming from the same country as the CIC delegate in duties.

## **Article 110**

If, at the commencement of its work, the composition of the CIC sub-Committee for the World University Games is incomplete, the chairperson of the CIC, in agreement with the General Secretariat and/or the Executive Committee, may complete it by appointing individuals who must have the approval of the head of delegation of the organisation with the status of active member to which they belong.

## **Article 111**

Except in exceptional circumstances, the composition of the CIC sub-Committee shall not be changed during the World University Games.

## **Article 112**

The chairperson of the CIC shall submit a report in writing to the Executive Committee at the conclusion of each World University Games.

A member of the CIC (secretary) shall be specially appointed to keep this report as well as all records of the CIC. These records shall be given to the FISU General Secretariat at the end of the term.



This final report shall contain, in particular:

- a) the report on the activities of the Committee;
- b) special cases detected while controlling the World University Games, the World University Championships and other sports events.
- c) any proposal aiming at improving the system of control.

## **INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (CTI)**

### **Article 113**

#### **113.1 Composition**

Each CTI sub-Committee shall be composed of:

- a Chairperson,
- a Vice-Chairperson,
- the Chairperson of the Medical Committee or his/her representative,
- two experts nominated for each sport included in the programme: one technical delegate and, possibly, one substitute technical delegate.

For each World University Championship (WUC) a specific committee called "CISCA" shall be formed as follow:

- one representative of the FISU Executive Committee, the chairperson of the CISCA,
- the technical delegate and/or the substitute technical delegate for the sport concerned, representing the CTI,
- one representative of the International Medical Committee (CMI),
- one representative of the International Control Committee (CIC), when necessary (Art. 110.1. of the IR),
- one representative of the concerned International Sport Federation (ISF),
- one representative of the local Organising Committee (OC).

The Chairperson of each CTI sub-Committee and the FISU Director for each CTI sub-committee shall define for each sport and for each event, according to the needs and in the best interest of FISU, the respective responsibilities of the technical delegate and/or the substitute technical delegate.



### **113.2 Mission statement**

Each CTI sub-Committee shall be responsible for:

- a) cooperating with the CGS in drawing up the technical regulations for the World University Games (CTI-Summer and CTI-Winter) and for the World University Championships (CTI-CMU);
- b) advising the Executive Committee concerning any general problem of a technical nature;
- c) supervising the technical aspects of the sports events of the World University Games and the World University Championships.
- d) working closely with the CMI for each Summer and Winter World University Games and for the World University Championships.
- e) working closely with the two concerned for each of the Summer and Winter World University Games.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE (EduC)**

### **Article 114**

The primary objective of EduC shall be to promote the scientific study of university sport through conferences, forums, reports, publications and all other appropriate educational and research means.

### **Article 115**

#### **Composition**

EduC shall consist of 10 members (equal number of women and men), including the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, and of at least two (2) students with the status of associate members of EduC, as members of the Student Committee (CdE).

The Chairperson of EduC may form one or more working sub-Committees, the composition of which shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

### **Article 116**

#### **Mission statement**

EduC shall:

- a) organise at least one international university sport conference every two years, and alternately every two years, at least one international forum allowing students and university representatives to work together on the subject of education and university sport;
- b) organise one international University Rectors' (Presidents – Vice-Chancellors) forum every 4 / 5 years allowing FISU and university representatives to work together on the subject of higher education and sports;



- c) cooperate with, and/or support other FISU Committees in educational matters, in particular CDSU and CMI;
- d) cooperate, after approval of the FISU Executive Committee, with external organisations which promote similar educational objectives to those of FISU;
- e) advise the FISU Executive Committee on the management and support of relationships contracted between FISU and other organisations (universities, foundations, external agencies) through which FISU aims to benefit its members through the education-culture and sport mix;
- f) take an active part in educational events (conferences, congress, forums, seminars,...) organised by national or international agencies in order to present and promote FISU's aims and goals.

### **Article 117**

EduC shall meet at least annually.

The Chairperson of EduC shall report regularly, at least annually, to the FISU Executive Committee on behalf of EduC; in his/her absence the Vice-Chair shall deputise for him/her.

### **Article 118**

Where EduC requires either to address new projects or needs additional resources at variance with its annual action plan and biennial budget, it shall seek the approval of the President, the Steering Committee, the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee.

### **Article 119**

The conditions of organisation, the list of invitations and the programme of the conferences and forums shall first be approved by the President, the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee.

### **Article 120**

EduC may request the assistance of the FISU General Secretariat and the cooperation of other FISU Permanent Committees, and all the organisations with the status of active or associate members of FISU in carrying out its work.

## **SPORTS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CGS)**

### **Article 121**

The FISU Sports Management Committee is directly responsible for any question related to sporting events organised under the auspices of FISU.

### **Article 122**



### **122.1 - Composition**

The Sports Management Committee is composed of at least seven (7) members:

- a Chairperson who is the FISU Secretary General/CEO;
- no Vice-Chairperson – derogation to article 93 of the IR;
- the Chairpersons of the three CTI sub- committees (Summer, Winter, WUC);
- the Directors of the three sports departments concerned;
- experts may be associated with the Committee on an ad hoc basis, in the framework of a specifically defined project and for a limited period of time.

### **122.2 – Mission statement**

The CGS shall prepare and supervise all the studies and work carried out by FISU's three (3) sports departments (Summer, Winter, WUC), in order to facilitate, promote and update the sports regulations, and carry out the planning, preparation, execution and follow-up of all the FISU sporting events: Summer and Winter World University Games, World University Championships, University Leagues and Special Events.

## **Article 123**

The CGS shall meet at least twice a year and report directly to the FISU President, Steering Committee and Executive Committee.

## **INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE (CMI)**

### **Article 124**

#### **Composition**

The Medical Committee shall consist of:

- a Chairperson, who may participate in Executive Committee meetings as a consultant;
- a Vice-Chairperson;
- five (5) coordinators, one in each of the following areas:
  - a) Summer World University Games
  - b) Winter World University Games
  - c) World University Championships & University World Cups
  - d) Doping control
  - e) Education
- at least twelve (12) other members.

All CMI members shall be medical doctors and specialists in sports medicine.



## **Article 125**

### **Mission statement**

The tasks of the CMI shall be the following:

- a) to ensure obedience to the technical rules, in force, of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the International Sports Federations in the medical field, for international sporting events (doping control, medical supervision of competitions, etc.).
- b) to cooperate especially with the Medical Committee of the IOC, the FIMS (International Sports Medicine Federation), the Medical Committee of the ISF and the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency).
- c) to help the organisers of sporting events of FISU to ensure the obedience to regulations concerning the appropriate medical controls.
- d) in cooperation with EduC, to promote the scientific study of university sport by all appropriate means and support mass physical and sports activity among students.
- e) to work closely with the FISU Executive Committee and other FISU Committees, in particular with CTI, CGS, EduC, CdE and CD.

## **MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE (CMC)**

### **Article 126**

#### **Composition**

The Media and Communication Committee shall be composed of five (5) members, including the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, and two (2) students with the status of associate members of CMC, elected biennially as members of the Student Committee (CdE).

### **Article 127**

#### **Mission statement**

CMC shall be responsible for:

- a) advising the FISU President, the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee, on all matters related to media coverage of the FISU activities;
- b) cooperating with other FISU Permanent Committees, in particular EduC, CdE and CEG, for educational events;
- c) cooperating with all the international media associations, especially with the International Sports Press Association (AIPS);
- d) collaborating with the Organising Committees to ensure the widest possible audience for the Summer and Winter World University Games, the World University Championships and other FISU events;
- e) ensuring that the organisers of FISU events provide the appropriate services for the media.



- f) advising the organisers on all matters concerning the media during FISU events and following up on the accreditation of media representatives.

## **COMMITTEE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNIVERSITY SPORT (CDSU)**

### **Article 128**

The Committee for the Development of University Sport (CDSU) shall be responsible for coordinating, supervising and monitoring the FISU Development Programmes.

CDSU shall present recommendations on the development areas for decision by the FISU Executive Committee. In the process of preparing these recommendations CDSU shall cooperate with other concerned committees and groups.

#### **128.1 – Composition**

The CDSU shall consist of:

- a Chairperson;
- a Vice-Chairperson;
- three (3) members.

To avoid any suspicion of conflict of interest, as defined in the FISU Code of Ethics, those persons shall not be members of the board of a continental organisation associate member of FISU.

The Chairperson shall report regularly to the FISU Executive Committee on behalf of the CDSU, and in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall deputise.

#### **128.2 – Mission statement**

The main objectives and responsibilities of CDSU shall be as follows:

- a) examine, and present to the President, the Finance Committee, the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee, policies and objectives to be implemented in the different Development activity/business areas;
- b) establish the appropriate tools and means to structure the administrative work and develop external and internal communication in the area of Development;
- c) analyse and set out recommendations to the FISU Executive Committee for:
  - projects submitted by Continental Federations (Associate members);
  - projects presented by National University Sports Federations (NUSFs) as reviewed and presented by Continental



- Organisations associate members of FISU;
  - special projects that FISU wishes to initiate in the development area.
- d) manage the allocation of the financial resources allocated to Development, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the projects and programmes approved by the FISU Executive Committee.

The CDSU shall meet at least annually.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE (CF)**

### **Article 129**

The Finance Committee shall assist the FISU Executive Committee in managing financial resources and in drafting budgets in order to ensure continuity and development of its activities.

#### **129.1 – Composition**

The CF shall consist of:

- a Chairperson: the FISU President
- a Vice-Chairperson: the FISU Treasurer ;
- two (2) members: the FISU first Vice-President and one FISU Vice-President.

#### **129.2 – Mission statement**

The main tasks of the Finance Committee shall be:

- to decide on the strategy (policies and procedures approved by the FISU Executive Committee) regarding the establishment and control of budgets available for FISU and its associate members;
- to decide on the strategies to be followed concerning financial investments and ensure on a regular basis and by all appropriate means that such strategies are followed or updated according to changing conditions in financial markets.
- to ensure that the accounting records of FISU and its associate members are kept according to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) ;
- to ensure that an external audit of the accounts of FISU and its associate members is conducted annually by a recognised and independent auditing company;
- to ensure that FISU and its associate members have an efficient and transparent budgeting and financial control process ;
- to ensure that the financial policies and procedures approved by the FISU Executive Committee are respected.



## **LEGAL COMMITTEE (CJ)**

### **Article 130**

The Legal Committee shall have a role both consultative and operational on juridical issues.

#### **130.1 – Composition**

The Legal Committee shall consist of at least five members, including:

- a Chairperson who participates in Executive Committee meetings as a consultant;
- two Vice-Chairpersons, of whom one shall be specialised in Swiss Law. Vice-Chairpersons may participate in Executive Committee meetings as consultants when requested by the President and the Steering Committee;
- two (2) members.

The FISU Legal Advisor may participate in the work and in the meetings of the Legal Committee when requested by the President and the Steering Committee.

#### **130.2 – Mission statement**

The responsibilities of the CJ shall include:

- providing, upon their request, legal opinions to the President, the Steering Committee, the Executive Committee and the General Assembly of FISU on issues relating to the exercise of their respective duties;
- providing preliminary opinions concerning draft amendments to the FISU Statutes and Internal Regulations;
- considering actions or defence concerning FISU;
- carrying out studies of a legal nature on issues which may affect the interests of FISU;
- performing any other tasks of a legal nature entrusted to it by the President, the Steering Committee, the Executive Committee or the General Assembly of the FISU .

The works of the Legal Committee shall be confidential.

### **Article 131**

The Legal Committee shall meet at least annually, and anytime on the request of the President, the Steering Committee or the Executive Committee.

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Legal Committee shall be invited to the FISU General Assembly.



The members of the Legal Committee may be invited to the FISU General Assembly.

After each meeting of the Legal Committee, a report shall be made and sent to the Executive Committee.

## **GENDER EQUALITY COMMITTEE (CEG)**

### **Article 132**

The Gender Equality Committee shall advise the FISU Executive Committee on suitable policies to be developed to encourage and support women in sport at all levels and in all structures, with a view to implementing the principle of equal opportunities between women and men, fully representing the values of university sport.

The Committee shall meet at least once a year.

#### **132.1 – Composition**

The Gender Equality Committee shall be composed of six (6) members (women and/or men), including:

- a Chairperson (female or male)
- a Vice-Chairperson (female or male)
- two (2) members (female and/or male)
- two (2) students (one female - one male) associate members of CEG, elected as members of the Student Committee (CdE).

#### **132.2 – Mission statement**

- Evaluate the situation of and progress made for women in the university sports movement;
- Identify existing programmes to reach gender equality in the university sport movement;
- Stimulate and support the development of effective policies, practices and strategies through new projects in the university sport movement;
- Increase the number of women in leadership positions in the university sport movement;
- Build relationships and networks supporting women's leadership in the university sport movement;
- Provide information about the FISU policies and activities in relation to the development of gender equality;
- Promote gender equality in the activities of FISU;
- Work closely with partners, decision makers and sport deliverers involved in gender equality matters in order to highlight the strategic importance of gender equality for the development of sport.



The general objective of the Committee shall be to:

- promote gender equality in the university sports field worldwide by raising awareness and providing training opportunities for all those involved in its management and the implementation of related activities,
- promote policies aiming at the application of the principle of equal opportunities in competitive, recreational, leisure and health sports activities.

## **STUDENT COMMITTEE (CdE)**

### **Article 133**

The Student Committee shall represent the student athletes or student managers involved in university sports organisations.

### **Article 134**

#### **Composition**

The Student Committee is composed of at least six (6) members.

Members of the CdE shall be students, presented by their NUSFs, aged maximum 28, who have already been involved in the management or activities of their federation, or have represented their federation at FISU sporting or educational events.

The nomination procedure for the CdE members should usually follow the same procedure and timing as for other permanent committees.

Students shall be appointed as associate members of other committees: 2 to EduC, 2 to GEC, 2 to CMC.

The Committee's work shall be coordinated by a member of the EduC.

### **Article 135**

#### **Mission statement**

The Student Committee shall aim to:

- support the rights and interests of the student athletes.
- provide liaison between the students and the International University Sport Federation (FISU), and promote the participation of students in university sports activities;
- inform the students about FISU and provide them with training opportunities on the life of a major sports federation by allowing them to be involved in FISU Committees.
- create, manage and promote platforms and structures for students which facilitate communication and the sharing of knowledge and experience amongst them;



- raise awareness and educate students on topics of direct concern;
- seek feedback from students and inform the FISU Executive Committee about the expectations of students in the fields of sport, education and communication;
- make recommendations to the FISU Executive Committee about the strategy to positively influence, support and enhance the practice of university sport at all levels and in all structures;
- propose and encourage, through new projects, the development of new policies and new strategies in the fields of sport, education, communication and gender equality;
- provide current and past students with the opportunity to contribute to the continuous development, evolvement and growth of the university sport.

### **Article 136**

The members of the Student Committee may participate in the work and shall be associated with the various Committees (EduC, CEG, CMC) and with some technical departments of FISU (IT, web design and video).

The Student Committee shall work in liaison with the Student Committees of the continental organisations with the status of associate members of FISU and the National University Sports Federations (NUSF) to enable the sharing of information and development of university sport.

The Committee shall meet at least once a year, preferably during FISU educational event such as FISU World Forum and/or FISU World Conference and their members might be involved in preparation and management of these events.

## **DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (CD)**

### **Article 137**

#### **Composition**

The CD shall consist of:

- a Chairperson, who shall not be a member of the FISU Executive Committee, nominated by the FISU Executive Committee on the proposal of the FISU President and the Steering Committee, after consultation of the Legal and Disciplinary Committees of the International Olympic Committee;
- four (4) members:
  - o one (1) member of the FISU Executive Committee nominated by the FISU Executive Committee on the proposal of the FISU President and the Steering Committee;
  - o the Chairperson of the FISU Legal Committee;
  - o two (2) external experts, non-members of FISU, nominated by the FISU Executive Committee on the proposal of the FISU President and the Steering Committee.



The CD shall meet at least once a year, or on request of the President and the Steering Committee.

## **Article 138**

### **Mission statement**

Participation in the activities of FISU is considered a privilege, not a right.

FISU Executive Committee members, FISU Permanent Committee members, FISU member organisations and student athletes participating in FISU events represent University Sport and, as such, are expected to conduct themselves with honesty, self-respect, sportsmanship and integrity, with reference to Article 2 of the FISU Statutes.

In compliance with the FISU Code of Ethics, the mission of CD shall be:

- To preserve the integrity and reputation of FISU and FISU events, and to contribute to ensure the security of the FISU student athletes;
- To take appropriate disciplinary actions in cases of incidents reported by the OC, the CTI or the referees during FISU events (World University Games, World University Championships and other activities organised under FISU responsibility).
- To review and report to the President, the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee on all major disciplinary cases that occurred in the framework of the FISU activities during the regular season.

Disciplinary measures include the following and can be modulated according to the nature or gravity of the violation:

1. Against individuals
  - a) Call for rules
  - b) Warning
  - c) Blame
  - d) Exclusion
2. Against legal persons
  - a) Warning
  - b) Suspension
  - c) Disaffiliation

The sanctions pronounced against legal persons such as suspension and disaffiliation (exclusion) shall become effective upon confirmation by the Executive Committee of FISU regarding the suspension, and the General Assembly of FISU regarding disaffiliation (exclusion).



## **REPRESENTATION AND HONORARY DISTINCTIONS**

### **Article 139**

The FISU President and the Secretary General (CEO) shall be authorised to make expenditures approved within the budget pertaining to representation within the limits of their statutory authority.

### **Article 140**

In this case, travel and subsistence expenses shall be reimbursed, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 91 and 92 of the present Regulations; the flights of the President of FISU shall be reimbursed on the basis of business-class airfare.

### **Article 141**

On the proposal of the President and the Steering Committee, the Executive Committee may propose the honorary distinctions or awards it considers appropriate.

### **Article 142**

A group of experts for the awarding of honorary distinctions shall be nominated by the Steering Committee on proposal of the President.

## **FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 143**

The present Internal Regulations shall come into force immediately after the General Assembly has approved them, unless special mentions are voted by the General Assembly.

### **Article 144**

The present Regulations may be amended only by the General Assembly.

### **Article 145**

Any proposed amendment to the present Regulations shall appear in their final form on the agenda of the General Assembly and respective FISU Executive Committee meeting.



**Article 146**

In the event of breach of contract by stakeholders concerning the organisation of FISU events, FISU shall present a request for arbitration to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne.

**Article 147**

Any situation not provided for in the present Regulations shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee after possible consultation of the Legal Committee.