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Balkan
Athletic
Federations**

(ABAF)

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STATUTES

I. AIMS

The main aims of the Association of the Balkan Athletic Federations are :

The organisation of the Balkan Athletic Championships in the spirit of the principles of amateur sport.

The improvement of the health and the physical condition of the youth of the Balkan Countries.

The promotion of sports and cultural activities the promotion of the relationship between the Balkan Countries, the mutual understanding, the exchanging of ideas and finally the preservation of Peace and Stability in the area. The 2004 Olympic Games constitute the perfect environment for the above ends to be achieved.

II. GENERAL RULES

Article 1.

Representatives of the Balkan Countries who acknowledge the present Statutes, set up an International Athletic Organisation called "**Association of the Balkan Athletic Federations**" herein called **ABAF**.

Article 2.

The ABAF in a non-political organisation decisively rejecting all forms of racial, religious or political discrimination within its members.

This is a Balkan non-governmental, non- profit organisation of unlimited duration in the form of a registered Area Association of the European Athletic Association (EAA).

Article 3.

The National Balkan Athletic Federations, members of the International Associations of Athletics Federation (IAAF) are eligible to become ABAF members. Any new affiliations must be approved by the Congress.

The members may depart from the Association, following a decision of their Federation's General Assembly, which must be brought to the ABAF's knowledge. As to the expulsion of a member, the relevant decision must be based on very serious reasons and can be taken only by the ABAF Congress, with a majority of at least $\frac{3}{4}$.

Article 4.

The ABAF and it's members shall apply, where relevant the current version of constitutional and technical rules of the EAA and the IAAF, including any amendments thereto and the present Statutes.

Article 5.

The domicile of the ABAF is located in Athens, Greece.

Article 6.

The official language of the BAA is English and all written material must be edited in English.

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III. STRUCTURE OF THE ABAF

Article 7.

The ABAF managing bodies are :

- a) the Congress
- b) the Council will be elected for a period of two (2) years, during the annual Ordinary Congress and consists of the following five (5) members:

The President :

- He will be proposed by the Federation of the ABAFs' Headquarters hosting Country and approved by the Congress.
- He must be approved by the Congress.
- He has a voting right.

The Secretary General :

- He will be of the same Nationality as the Presidents'.
- He must always be proposed by the President.
- He must be approved by the Congress,
- He has a voting right.
- Three (3) Council Members are nominated by the annual Ordinary Congress for a period of two (2) years and -preferably- represent Federations that will host next year's Balkan athletic events during their operation period.

c) The Committees :

The Congress has the right to appoint various Committees such as Competition Com., Development Com. and Marketing Com. These committees will be formed according to the needs.

IV. THE CONGRESS

Article 8.

The Congress of the member Federations is the supreme managing body of the ABAF. The Ordinary Congress takes place every year during the EAA and the World Calendar Conference.

A brief report shall follow every Congress and shall be duly signed in by each representative.

Article 9.

The Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses may be attended by a maximum of three representatives of each National Athletic Member - Federation.

The presence of delegates from at least half of the ABAF Member Federations, is required, so as to have a quorum. In case of a voting procedure, only one delegate per country is allowed to vote, while the decisions are taken by majority.

Article 10.

Observers are allowed to be presented at the Congresses, after invitation or application.

V. THE COUNCIL

- a. prepares and coordinates the organisation of the Balkan Championships
- b. prepares the agenda of the forthcoming Congress
- c. organises other activities (such as seminars, training camps etc.)

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prepares the year-end financial report and submits it to the Congress for approval

VI. CONVOCACTION OF ORDINARY OR EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

Article 11.

The Ordinary Congresses have to be convoked by the President. The Extraordinary Congress will be convoked either by the President or by a minimum number of 4 Federations.

Article 12.

The appropriate invitation, preliminary agenda and all documentation shall be sent to the Secretariat of each member Federation, one month before the date of the Congress.

Article 13.

The Congress is chaired by the President. In case of his absence (for reasons beyond his will) it is chaired by the Secretary General.

VII. VOTING AND ELECTIONS

Article 14.

Each Balkan Federation shall have the same voting rights as at EAA Congress, i.e 1 Federation = 1 vote.

Article 15.

In case of a tie, the procedure shall be repeated for a maximum of three times.

Article 16.

The congress approves the decisions for changes in the Statutes and the Technical Regulations made by a majority of at least the 2/3 of all the members.

VIII. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Article 17.

The ordinary Congress :

- a) supervises the fulfillment of the aims given by the present Statutes
- b) approves, adds or changes the ABAF Statutes and the Technical Regulations of the competitions according to the rules of the IAAF
- c) elaborates the programs of the competitions venue, dates etc. and takes decisions for including new competitions
- d) approves reports of already held competitions
- e) approves the nomination of the President and the Secretary General as well as of the Council Members
- f) elects all committees (Chairman and Members)

Article 18.

The President :

- a) represents and manages the Association according to the Statutes and the decisions of the Congress and the Council

- b) is responsible for managing the Association in the right way and representing it at all official events in public. Also signs all the correspondence and all the legal and financial documents of the Association.
- c) is responsible for the implementation of the budget and the Congress and Council decisions

Article 19.

The General Secretary

- a) is the executive of the Council responsible for the ABAF office
- b) manages the ABAF activities in the period between two councils and coordinates all activities
- c) keeps the whole information of the Balkan competitions
- d) sends to the EAA and to the IAAF the Congress reports as well as the Balkan competitions' results
- e) publishes the official records of the Balkan competitions, through the magazine and the Annual book of the ABAF

NOTE : All Balkan Athletic Federations, members of the ABAF have to send any material useful for the editions without limitation.

IX. PROPERTIES

Article 20.

The ABAF may acquire or own properties for the realization of this aims, including facilities and equipment according to the laws of the country in which the offices are located.

X. FINANCE

Article 21.

The income of the ABAF is formed by marketing and sponsorships, subsidies, donations and other sources, allowed by law.

An account bank number will be provided for this purpose. The President and the Secretary General have to manage the above bank account both and together.

Article 22.

The ABAF budget is approved and supervised by the Congress.

XI. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 23.

All matters not settled by the present Statutes will be arranged by the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress.

Article 24.

The ABAF has got its own stamp, logo, letter form, flag and other symbol, approved by the Congress.

Article 25.

The present Statutes were approved by the ABAF Congress held in Florence on October 25th 2002