



**Statutes
&
Rules of Governance**

INTERNATIONAL PARKOUR FEDERATION

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Article I Name and Purpose

Section # 1 Name

The organization shall operate under the name of the International Parkour Federation. The standard abbreviated form will be the “IPF”. The business will be a not-for-profit, non-governmental and unaffiliated sports organization established for the purpose of managing, directing, promoting, organizing and assisting in every way, the many activities, events, programs and disciplines associated with Parkour / Freerunning world-wide.

The IPF will have as its membership the respective National Federations of Parkour from its affiliated countries.

The actual memberships will be constituted by the respective national federations of Parkour that are located in the countries of the world under the jurisdiction of their respective National Olympic Committees. Members, through their association with their National Olympic Committee, and upon full payment of their annual dues*, and by their status, “in good standing” will constitute the membership and thus be formally identified as the General Assembly of National Federations. The entire membership will have the title of the “General Assembly”. The business operation will be in a location identified by the organization’s President and approved by the General Assembly. All the membership information as well as the business records and financial accounts shall be located at the principal offices, so designated by the President and so approved by the General Assembly. There will be other officers elected by the membership.

Section # 2 Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. To perpetuate and improve Parkour world-wide
2. To encourage the growth and development world wide of Parkour programs and offerings to the world’s youth.
3. To encourage the creation of national teams for the purpose of representation of their respective countries for the opportunity to conduct and organize worldwide competition.

4. To coordinate efforts with all other agencies promoting Parkour by stipulating its collective opinions through its elected officials and executives in the various mediums that are available through world sport.
5. To work with companies, manufactures, agencies and all other commercial and public entities that have the ability to assist in the growth, development and promotion of Parkour
6. To give concrete recognition for outstanding contributions to Parkour by groups, individuals and events
7. To provide coaches, teachers and educators tools for the research of trends, technology, ideas, safety, other issues and solutions to problems, associated with Parkour and its many teaching and learning environments
8. To provide and create the resources and activities that allow the members the opportunities to discuss, enhance and evaluate changes in Parkour with implications at levels from beginner through Olympic caliber athletes
9. To communicate with and support the interest of new federations and countries that may be interested in starting programs, activities and events in Parkour
10. To encourage and promote the good moral standards that are enhanced through the sports experience and through a sports education and to help steward that responsibility at all levels of Parkour participation.
11. To follow and promote the laws of international sport, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) as they apply to the use of drugs, banned substances and other agents that destroy the integrity of sports participation and competition.
12. To create new events, properties, activities, publications, literature, materials, promotions and other such enhancements that will aid in the marketing, promotions and growth of Parkour
13. To establish rules and regulations for all the competitive events and programs under the jurisdiction of the IPF and to identify, train and educate the technical experts, officials and other required personnel to help guarantee fairness, accuracy of evaluation and objectivity in all of the Parkour competitive programs and events.

14. To establish the rules of eligibility, none of which will be more restrictive than those established by the IOC and to work with the respective National Federations to assist them in such governance that will allow for maximum participation by Parkour athletes and everyone interested worldwide.
15. To create, promote, disseminate and have jurisdiction over the rules of conduct for international competitions including international contests and exchanges, World Championships, World Cups and the Olympic Games. Also, to assist in the conduct of the Olympic Games, working with Sportaccord/GAISF and the IOC, as well as the respective Local Organizing Committee that is responsible for the conduct of the Games, as assigned and awarded by the IOC. The IPF must also support the procedures of honesty and integrity of sport, and as they apply to the enforcement and systems of fair play. The IPF thus recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and endorses and accepts their rules and regulations, policies and mandates.
16. To protect and prevent the involvement of government or political organizations as well as religious groups or other groups, including commercial entities that may not have the best interests of the athletes, the events or Parkour
17. The IPF recognizes and supports the purposes of the important international organizations such as Sportaccord/GAISF, as well as the reverence for their rules, protocols and structure.
18. Other purposes, so designated and assigned by the Executive Council and the General Assembly, or in accordance with the rules of Sportaccord and the IOC.

Article II
Fiscal Year

Section # 1 Calendar Year / Fiscal Year

The IPF will function on a fiscal year that will begin on the first day of January and conclude on the last day of December. All basic programs and budgets will be based upon the fiscal year / Calendar year. Thus the fiscal year and the calendar year will be treated the same.

The reporting of annual budgets and other such matters will be done at the annual meeting and will be based upon the Calendar year.

Article III
Membership

Membership will be aggressively encouraged. The success of the IPF will be determined by the worldwide participation in Parkour. Therefore, membership will not be restricted in any way and the IPF will assist member countries, federations and regions in every way possible to create the opportunities for participation.

Section # 1 Membership Categories

There shall be four (4) categories of membership. These are accompanied with the respective privileges and restrictions, as listed:

1. National Federations -

- i. National Federations who are in good standing, are current with their fiscal responsibilities and who are so designated by their respective National Olympic Committees. Each has one vote as a member of the General Assembly. One federation will be admitted representing each country.

2. Regional Groupings / Alliances -

- i. Members who may include provinces, republics, islands and other geographic locales, including unions and national and / or international alliances. These members may attend meetings, they may be given voice, if deemed appropriate by the Executive Council or, upon approval of a majority of the General Assembly.
- ii. Such international alliances may have a specific level of authority assigned by the General Assembly. Just as the IOC has regional groupings should the IPF choose, it may deem this appropriate and such a structure may be reviewed and ultimately approved and included in the IPF voting structure.

3. Honorary Members -

- i. That any individual, based upon extraordinary accomplishments or contributions can be nominated for an Honorary Membership. Such recognition must be voted on by a two-thirds majority of the voting membership of the General Assembly. Nominations may be made by the Executive Council, the General Assembly or an active National Federation.

4. Industry / Commercial Members -

- i. This is a no-voice, no vote membership that may either be by individual or by company or business. These individuals / groups / representative(s) may attend the meetings, except when the General Assembly goes to “Executive Session”. They may be permitted to have a voice at such meetings, with either approval of the Executive Council or by a majority vote of the General Assembly. In order to attend meetings, they must be in “good standing” and current in all obligations and responsibilities to the IPF.

Section #2 Membership Dues

As long as a National Federation has paid its dues and is “current”, it will be allowed to vote and have voice at the annual meetings of the General Assembly. This includes being allowed to make payment and being “current” up to the start of the meeting of the General Assembly.

National Federations - for the privilege of voice and vote, active members shall pay an annual fee as follows:

For each National Federation, an amount equal to Three Hundred (300) American Dollars (or the equivalent in Swiss Francs) per Year.

There will be a late fee of fifty (\$50) American Dollars (or the equivalent in Swiss Francs) if the annual dues are not paid by March 31, of each new calendar year.
Pay per discipline.

The IPF will report in each of its quarterly publications the status of all members and notices will be sent to announce and inform the respective federations that their annual dues is requested. Second and third notices will be sent after each 30-day period without receipt. Lack of payment may cause the IPF to suspend rights of the National Federation, including but not limited to, the right to vote and the right to participate in meetings of the General Assembly or on designated committees.

Regional Groupings / Alliances -

For the privilege of associate membership, Alliances or regional groups will pay Five Hundred (500) American Dollars (or the equivalent in Swiss Francs) and groups or alliances with less than five (5) countries will pay Two Hundred and Fifty (250) American Dollars (or the equivalent in Swiss Francs).

Honorary Members -

Honorary Members will pay no fees or dues to the IPF. They will pay no annual membership fee.

Industry / Commercial Members -

For the privilege of an industry or commercial membership, these companies will pay Five Hundred and Fifty (500) American Dollars (or the equivalent in Swiss Francs)

Section # 3 Membership fees

Current membership fees must be paid prior to the convening of the annual meeting as the first item on the official Agenda for members to be entitled to vote. Others present will not have the right to vote. Honorary members shall not be assessed any fee. The fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December of that year. If memberships fees are not paid by March 31 of that fiscal year, a late fee of 50 American Dollars (or the equivalent in Swiss Francs) will be assessed.

Only members in good standing (whose dues are paid for the current year) are entitled to receive any of the services of the organization i.e., statistical services, communications, minutes, etc.

1. Special Fees, Assessments and Gifts

The IPF is hereby empowered to levy upon its members or applicants for membership such special fees and assessments as may be necessary to maintain a sound financial condition, or as may be relevant to the respective service or penalty.

The IPF is also hereby empowered to accept gifts to its treasury, and said acceptance to be subject to approval by two-thirds majority of active members present at the first meeting following the offering of such gift(s).

Section # 4 Rules of Participation

Each national federation will comply with the laws of the IPF. There will be no rules that are unreasonable, unduly restrictive or more controlling or restrictive than the basic rules set forth by the IOC. It is expected that the rules for each respective National Federation will not conflict or be in opposition to the rules of the IPF. Should such a case exist, then the rules of the

IPF, specific to one's right to participate in international sport, including events like the World Championships or the Olympic Games, shall prevail.

Section # 5 Application for Membership

Each application for membership shall be sent directly to the IPF for its review and evaluation for consideration. Such final approval will be made by the Executive Committee and the General Assembly. A provisional acceptance may be made by the Membership Committee with temporary approval from the President and at least two other members of the Executive Committee. Notification will be made of such an application to all member federations. Approval will be granted after the review and a majority approval by the members of the General Assembly.

Upon application, details and information will need to be filled out completely and in detail to allow for proper evaluation and review. A variety of information will be required including the following:

List of name, country, officers, addresses and phone contacts, all other communication details, explanation of memberships, programs conducted and programs explained, names and contact information of all officers and elected officials, documents that verify the non-for-profit or other official governmental status of the organization.

Each application will be handled individually and consideration will be given to unique and extenuating circumstances. It is always the intent of the IPF to increase and promote membership, not restrict it.

Section # 6 Suspension of a Federation.

There are a number of ways that a federation can be suspended. Federations, in the case of a grave offense, may also be expelled. Suspensions or probations may be extended for the following reasons:

Non-payment of dues

Non-compliance of the rules and statutes

Disregard for the policies of the International Olympic Committee

Unethical conduct of business or business dealings

The unfair treatment of athletes

Conduct unbecoming a national federation given the responsibility to manage and conduct its respective sport

Article IV
Business Year and Annual Meetings

Section # 1 Meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee

There shall be an annual meeting of the General Assembly. It shall be called the Congress of the IPF. There shall be at least two meetings of the Executive Committee, one of which may take place during the annual meeting of the General Assembly.

The annual meeting shall take place at a time and place so designated by the President with approval by the Executive Committee and notification of the member federations and General Assembly. This meeting will not be held in conjunction or associated with any major event or competition unless approved by the General Assembly one year previous to the next scheduled annual meeting.

At this meeting, the summary of the business year will be reviewed and the new business year will commence with a start date the beginning of the new calendar year.

The election of new officers may take place at this meeting, in accordance with these statutes and the new officers will immediately begin their respective terms.

Elections shall be held as the last item of “Old Business” at the annual meeting. Officers will assume the duties of their new offices at the conclusion of their respective elections.

The President or the Executive Committee has the right to call a special meeting with the approval of the General Assembly by a two-thirds majority vote.

Electronic and others meetings, can be called by the President or the Executive Committee, with a two-thirds majority vote of that group. Such meetings can be held by teleconference, electronic or other forms commensurate, such as “SKYPE” with the business that needs to be discussed.

The right to assemble and hold meetings shall not be denied or the ability to create any other type of meeting environments so long as the approval of the Executive Committee or General Assembly is rightfully granted and that such a meeting in no way violates any other written rules in accordance with these statutes or restricts any individuals or groups from gathering or participating.

Article V
General Assembly and Elected Officers

Section # 1 General Assembly

The governance of the IPF will be held in the power and authority of the General Assembly, or the organized members of the IPF. The General Assembly will ultimately control the federation and will have the authority to write its rules and manage its business. The business will be managed on a daily basis by the President, the Secretary General and the paid staff. The respective assignments and job descriptions are contained in separate documents.

Section # 2 Election Process

Elections will take place at the Annual meeting and candidates may be brought forth in the following manner:

1. The Nominating Committee may present a slate of at least one nominee for each or any office. The Nominating Committee must send their list of candidates to the IPF Membership no less than thirty (30) days prior to the start date of the annual meeting.
2. Nominations may be made from the floor after the Nominating Committee makes known their nominee(s).
3. Any Member Federation may also send to the IPF Secretary General the name(s) of their proposed candidates. Such nominations should be received by the Office of the Secretary General no less than thirty (30) days prior to the start date of the annual meeting.

Section # 3 Election of the Officers of the IPF

The officers of the IPF shall be presented by active members and shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the voting members present. These elections will be conducted as the very last item after “Old Business” at the Annual meeting and elections will be managed and under the direction of the current President of the IPF. The Vice President will conduct the elections for the President.

Section # 4 Officers of the IPF: The IPF Executive Council

The elected officers of the IPF will be constituted as follows:

The President (1)

The Vice Presidents (8)

The Treasurer (1)

The members of the Executive Council as so designated:

One representative from each of the major continental unions / regions:

Africa (1)

Asia (1)

Europe (1)

Latin America (1)

MENA (1)
(Middle East and North Africa)

North America (1)

Oceania (1)
(Australia, New Zealand, all
pacific rim and island countries)

South Asia (1)

Athletes Representative (3)

Athlete representatives may be elected from geographic or continental unions as identified above.

Industry Representatives (no-voice / no vote) (2)

These individuals are appointed by the Parkour industry and they are allowed to attend the meetings of the IPF. They may be allowed to participate in an active manner in the meetings, with approval of the President. The industry may designate whomever it wishes to attend the meetings

of the IPF. The Industry will determine the selection process.

Legal Counsel (no voice / no vote)	(1)
Secretary-General (voice, no vote-paid staff)	(1)
Total:	(25)

The office of President shall be the first order of business for the election of new officers. The President will serve a four (4) year term that will follow the Olympic cycle, elected in the year of the Summer Olympics. The IPF and the General Assembly may appropriate an annual stipend for the IPF President to partially compensate the individual for the time required to assume the responsibilities of the position. Such compensation will be determined based upon the financial condition of the organization.

1. The President shall be elected first during the Summer Olympic year and will serve a four-year term. The President may be re-elected to successive terms.
2. The office of Vice President, of which there shall be eight, one for each of the continental regions that are under the jurisdiction of the IPF, shall also be elected in the Olympic year and will also follow the Olympic cycle with four-year terms. Vice Presidents will represent the various populations, cultures and diversities of world Parkour. Should a new discipline be added, the General Assembly and the Executive Council will have the right to add additional Vice Presidents, in accordance with these statutes. Vice Presidents may be re-elected to also successive terms.
3. After the Vice Presidents have been elected, the nominees for the office of Treasurer shall be considered. This election will also take place during the Summer Olympic year and the term will follow the Olympic cycle.
4. After the Treasurer is elected, the nominees for the office of representatives of the Continental Unions will be presented. The Continental Unions will conduct their own elections and therefore they will submit one candidate, which will be presented to the General Assembly for approval. Elections must be democratic and meet the statutes of the IPF.
5. The Athlete representatives will also be presented as individuals approved by the Athletes of the Continental Unions. This slate of candidates will be presented to the General Assembly for approval.
6. The Industry representatives will not be voted upon as the Industry will have the right to send their respective individual to the meetings of the IPF, at their own choosing.

Section # 5 Rules and Protocols of the Officers of the IPF

1. Officers of the IPF must sign a Conflict-of-Interest document that provides the Membership the guarantee that their conduct and association with the IPF is transparent and does not create any potential controversy or legal implications with IPF partners, business associates, sponsors, licensees and any and all other related associations.
2. No officer of the IPF can or may hold any other executive or elected position within or associated with any other International Federation.
3. No officer of the IPF can or may hold any other elected executive position within the National Governing Body or Organization within the country that they represent.
4. Officers of the IPF may be assigned as an honorary member of any standing IPF committee or board, “Ex Officio,” based on their position held, previous credentials, or stature.

Article VI
Responsibilities and Duties of the Officers of the IPF

Section # 1 Responsibilities and duties of the Officers of the IPF

The officers and elected officials of the IPF shall have specific responsibilities, obligations and duties associated with their positions. Their titles, duties, obligations and other responsibilities, will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. President

The President shall be elected to a four-year term during the Annual meeting during the Olympic Year by a majority of the voting members present. The President shall have the responsibility to supervise and manage the organization's business and conduct such business as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Executive Council.

2. Vice President(s)

The Vice Presidents (8) shall be elected to four-year terms during the Annual Meeting during the Summer Olympic Year by a majority of the voting members present. The Vice Presidents shall serve as members of the Executive Council. The duties of the Vice Presidents shall be to act in place of the President, in the event of the latter's absence, and to serve as members of the Executive Council. The Vice Presidents may serve as Committee Chairs and will perform duties assigned by the President, by the Executive Council, or assigned by the General Assembly.

3. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected to a four-year term during the Annual Meeting during the Olympic Year by a majority of the voting members present. He/she shall serve as a member of the Executive Council.

The Treasurer's duties shall consist of keeping financial accounts of all the organization business as well as preparing the annual budget to be approved at the annual meeting by the voting members present. The Treasurer also oversees the disbursement of funds to pay the accounts payable and assists in following up on collecting funds from the accounts receivable.

4. Representatives of the Continental Unions

The representatives of the Continental Unions shall be elected to four-year terms during the Annual Meeting during the Summer Olympic Year by a majority of the voting members present. They shall serve as members of the Executive Council. They will attend the meetings of said council and perform duties and assignments so prescribed by the President, or as contained within these statutes or so designated to them by either the council or the General Assembly.

5. Athlete Representatives of the Continental Unions

The Athlete representatives of the Continental Unions shall be elected to four-year terms during the Annual Meeting during the Summer Olympic Year by a majority of the voting members present. They shall serve as members of the Executive Council. They will attend the meetings of said council and perform duties and assignments so prescribed by the President, or as contained within these Statutes or so designated to them by either the council or the General Assembly. They represent the Athlete population in the sport and may also have additional meetings and activities that they may need to attend and participate in.

6. Executive Committee

The President, if he/she so desires, may establish an Executive Committee that will be comprised of the President, two or three of his selected and senior Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretary General and a selected legal counsel or advisor. This committee can be used at the President's discretion to advise, consult and prepare agendas and work programs for the Executive Council or the specific standing committees. The actual work of this committee can be determined by the President and the committees members themselves.

Article VII
Standing Committees of the General Assembly

Section # 1 Executive Council / Finance Committee

The Executive Council will be chaired by the President of the IPF.

This committee will review and conduct all organization business between the meetings and it will act on behalf of the National Federations and the General Assembly.

It will consist of the following members: Immediate past President, President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Continental Union Representatives, Athlete representatives, Industry representatives (non-voting) and the Secretary General (non-voting).

The President may, at his/her discretion, add the host organization representative(s) of the next Olympic Games or their designee to the Executive Council in a non-voting position, specific to business and issues that concerns such Championships. The President, at his/her discretion, and with the approval of the counsel, may also add other individuals that are necessary and needed to support the work of the IPF.

A member of any committee may be removed for cause and done so at the discretion of the President with the approval of the Executive Council.
The Executive Council also functions as the Finance Committee

Four (4) persons shall be proposed by the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Council for the financial subcommittees: Budgeting, Banking, Income and Financial Statements.

Section # 2 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consists of eight (8) members, selected by the President and approved by the Executive Council. It will be suggested, but not required, that members represent the eight geographic regions of the world. The chair of the committee will be a member of the Executive Council, assigned by the President. Each member will have one vote and the chair will only vote in the case of a tie.

The Nominating Committee will bring forth the respective slate of candidates during the election year and propose these candidates to the General Assembly for their evaluation and consideration. The nominating committee will also prepare the qualification, in accordance with these Statutes, in their selection and identification of prospective candidates.

Section #3 Statutes Committee

The President has the authority, with approval of the Executive Council, to appoint a minimum of three members to the Statutes Committee. The Statutes Committee will make recommendations at the annual meeting to the General Assembly to make necessary and appropriate changes to the Statutes that govern and help the operations of the IPF and aid in the efficient running and management of the business.

The Statutes Committee will present a report at every annual meeting regardless if there are any proposed changes to the Statutes.

Section #4 Awards Committee

The President will select a chairperson, with approval by the Executive Council. Once again, there will be eight (8) members, suggested to represent the respective continental regions of the world. Each member will have one vote and the chair will only vote in the case of a tie. The primary responsibility of this committee is to manage the awards programs of the IPF, to establish and create the recognition programs of the IPF, to make sure all the processes and procedures to select recipients are followed, that deadlines for both nominations and selection policies are strictly adhered to and followed and that the actual awards are ordered, available and prepared for presentation. The Awards Chairperson also has the opportunity to recommend and suggest special awards that need to be discussed and voted upon by the General Assembly

Section #5 Rules and Technical Advisory Committee

The IPF will establish and create the necessary Technical Advisory Board to the General Assembly. This advisory committee, which may have as few as three (3) assigned individuals, and that will interface with both the Executive Council and the respective Technical Committees. The technical committees of the IPF will not be standing committees but will be identified under the category of "Special Committees".

The Rules and Technical Advisory committee is composed of at least three (3) highly qualified individuals, selected by the President and approved by the Executive Council. Terms are for four years and are appointed in the even years to coincide with the Summer Olympic cycle.

This committee is involved in the review, evaluation, research and recommendation of rules, technical regulations, “code of points,” judging procedures and all other aspects of the scoring and evaluation process used in Parkour and Freerunning.

The committee can make suggestions and recommendations to the membership, to be considered through the voting process at the voting meetings.

Section # 6 Ethics Committee

An Ethics Committee will be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Council.

The Ethics Committee will have no less than five (5) members and no less than one (1) shall be a member of the Executive Council. The Ethics Committee will also have the IPF Legal representative and this individual shall be non-voting. Committee selection should be made from individuals from various areas of the world who are respected, trusted and whose names are associated with the highest levels of integrity and moral worth.

Members shall fill out and complete an annual, or more frequently, if deemed necessary by the President or Executive Council, questionnaire that will ask and require response to questions that will assist the Ethics Committee in evaluating the respective participations and involvements of the Executive Council, paid staff and other directly involved individuals or groups who have associations or business relations with the IPF.

The Ethics Committee will have the responsibility to make recommendations to the President and the Executive Council should they determine any areas of controversy or questionable activity either by a member, a group, a federation or an officer or paid staff of the IPF.

Penalties and reprimands may include, but not be limited to, suspensions, removals and terminations of members, a federation or other associations.

The Ethics Committee will create and publish their own “Standards / Code of Conduct,” based upon similar policies, guidelines and standards associated with international sport and ethical business practices. This document will be reviewed at regular intervals and will be sent to all member federations and athletic participants on an annual basis. The IOC Code of Conduct will also be used as a reference document. A member may be removed for cause and done so at the discretion of the President with the approval of the Executive Council.

Section # 7 Medical & Sport Safety Committee

A Medical and Sport Safety Committee will be established to manage and undertake all those issues associated with athlete's development and performance that may have medical, physical, psychological, safety and other related consequences. The Medical and Sport safety Committee will be requested to explore the various areas that may impact athletes and their safety and performance. This will include everything from design of equipment and competition specifications to the doping protocols associated with national and international events and competitions.

The Medical and Sport Safety Committee may also have the need to create and establish sub-committees in such areas as competition regulations, equipment specifications, Drug Testing Policies and Procedures, Safety standards and testing methods, competition medical procedures and staffing as well as the creation of printed materials and published policies and procedures. The Medical and Sport safety Committee will be appointed by the President and will be approved by the Executive Council. The Committee will have no less than seven (7) members with worldwide representation. It is assumed that these assigned individuals will have the highest levels of credentials and will be representative of the world's leading experts in their respective fields. Term of appointment will be approved by the Executive Council. A member may be removed for cause and done so at the discretion of the President with the approval of the Executive Council.

Section # 8 Disciplinary Committee

This Committee, which will have no less than five (5) members, recommended by the Executive Committee and requiring approval from the General Assembly. They will have a term of four years, which will coincide with the terms of the IPF officers. This committee can also be assigned to assist with Article XXVIII of these Statutes (The Grievance Procedure).

This committee can also be assigned to assist with Article XXVIII of these Statutes (The Grievance Procedure). If it is necessary to replace a committee member, the President may do so, on an interim basis. Such appointment must be approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly at their next meeting.

Section # 9 Athletes Committee

There is an Athletes Committee, elected by their peers, comprised of nine (9) male and female athletes who will meet, at least once a year, to discuss all issues relevant and important to the Athletes in the sport. They will, through their designees on the Executive Committee, bring these issues forward for consideration, review and when appropriate, implementation. The Committee can, with approval of the Executive Committee, have special meetings, when issues of significance need to be addressed and the date of the annual meeting is

detrimental to their work. The term of these athletes will be two years and they can be re-elected.

Section # 10 Public Relations Committee

The President shall appoint a Public Relations Committee, with the approval of the Executive Council. The specific responsibilities will be agreed upon by the committee and are to be determined.

Section # 11 Anti-Doping Committee

This committee can and will work directly with the Medical and Sport Safety Committee to oversee the Anti-Doping programs of the IPF. Specifically, this committee will oversee the drug testing programs at the events and major competitions and will be responsible for the education and distribution of information on the WADA Code to the National Federations.

Section # 12 Development Committee

This committee has the basic responsibility to review, evaluate and help establish, in cooperation with the National Federations, the “grass roots” and developmental programs for the sport of Parkour. The purpose is to engage as many participants as possible, work with the other committees to protect the participants in every manner and it promote and grow participation of Parkour, worldwide.

Article VIII
Special Committees of the IPF

There will be special committees of the IPF, assigned by the President and approved by the Executive Council. The primary special committees that will be established and renewed on a quadrennial basis, unless otherwise voted by the Executive Council with approval of the General Assembly include the following.

Section # 1 Technical Committee for Freerunning and Parkour (Events)

The specific disciplines for Parkour are to be determined by the committee

This committee will be responsible for writing the rules of competition for the Olympic Games and the major international contests, including, but not limited to, the following:

World Championships

World Cups

Olympic Games and World Championships Qualifiers

International Dual Contests and Similar Contests

The committee will be responsible for the following area:

Establishing the basic rules and policies for competition

Creating the judging and evaluation procedures

Creating the actual rules by which these events will be scored, judged and evaluated

Creating the rules, policies and procedures by which judges and officials will be trained, evaluated and selected and assigned to the Olympic games, World Championships and World Cups.

Assisting in the process of disseminating and distributing this information worldwide.

Creating the methods by which the rules and policies of competitions will be controlled and helping to guarantee fairness, integrity, objectivity and accuracy.

Developing and implementing the methods and systems to control fairness and honesty in the evaluation system as well as instituting the methods by which officials and judges will be evaluated and even the respective punishments and censorships of officials for poor performance.

The committee will report, through its chairperson, to the Executive Council and General Assembly its actions and workings on a regular basis.

The committee will create, produce and publish, through the IPF, its book or rules and policies and the Technical Regulations of the IPF for Parkour, reviewed and reproduced and printed each new Olympic Cycle, starting with the first date of the new year after the year of the past Olympic Games.

Section # 2 Marketing and Properties Committee

A Marketing and Properties Committee may be established by the President and approved by the Executive Council. This committee may either be an active and working committee or it may be advisory in nature. If active, this committee may actually enter into agreements with organizing committees to market and promote events and properties or it may negotiate, plan and develop properties that it will sell and commercially represent on behalf of the IPF. At the same time, should it be determined by the Executive Council and the President, the IPF may seek professional representation by a worldwide sports marketing agency / firm that may represent the IPF properties, events, or programs, to be determined. Such assignment may either be on an exclusive or a non-exclusive basis.

The Marketing and Properties Committee will also have the responsibility of making recommendations to the Executive Council and the General Assembly as it applies to commercial rights that may be permitted by assignment to the respective National Federations and the athletes that participate in IPF events and competitions. This could include uniform signage and other commercial visibility, as deemed both appropriate and non-conflicting with the marketing rights held by the IPF.

The specific structure of this committee will be determined by the President and the individual who is assigned to chair this committee.

Section # 3 Other / New Disciplines / Events

The IPF will reserve the right to add any appropriate events or disciplines, as deemed necessary and in cooperation with the goals and objectives of the IPF and our commitment to Parkour programs and the culture worldwide.

Article IX
Rights of Members and Right to Participate

Section # 1 Rights of Members

All member federations shall have equal and undisputed rights to participate in the business and workings of the IPF. The membership of the General Assembly is the ruling body of the IPF and has no other responsibilities of reporting other than to the IOC. National Olympic Committees have the jurisdiction over their respective National Federations but this does not allow them any control over the International Federation rules and policies. It will be the soulful purpose and the intent of the IPF to conduct business in a fair and open manner and that the IPF has the purpose and goal to include every interested party in the worldwide Parkour community.

Section # 2 Right to Participate

The IPF will not prohibit or restrict in any way, an Athlete's right to participate in Parkour events or competition. There are only two circumstances by which an athlete would be restricted or sanctioned. These include, 1.) the Athlete is sanctioned due to an infraction of the IOC or the IPF's rules on doping or violating the protocols set forth in the Olympic charter or the respective rules established by the IPF, and / or 2.) an Athlete is sanctioned by their respective National Federation or National Olympic Committee. If this occurs, the Athlete may have the right to appeal to the Code of Arbitration for Sport, in accordance with the Olympic Charter

Section # 3 Rights of Gender & Equality

Participation in all IPF events, programs and competitions will be equally open to men and women. There will be no programs or events that will be limited by gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

Article X
Sport for the Disabled

Section # 1 Disabled Athletes

The IPF will make its best effort to create and offer participation in Parkour programs for disabled athletes. This will likely be done through the establishment of a special committee, as so allowed and encouraged in these Statutes.

The President of the Governing Council has the right to appoint such a committee and the committee can immediately begin addressing the needs of this population of participants.

Article XI
Olympic Solidarity

Section # 1 Olympic Solidarity

The IPF will support and encourage participation in the IOC Olympic Solidarity programs, as requested by the IOC and the respective National Olympic Committees.

Article XII
Olympic Charter

Section # 1 Recognition and Endorsement of the Olympic Charter

The IPF hereby states its support and endorsement of the Olympic Charter, its contents mandates and obligations. The IPF will also enforce and encourage its National Federations and other partners and associations to support and follow the rules and dictates of the Olympic Charter, in the best interest of sport.

https://stillmed.olympic.org/Documents/olympic_charter_en.pdf

Article XIII
Awards and Recognitions

Section # 1 Awards

The Executive Council, in cooperation with the Awards Committee will work to establish the various awards and forms of recognition for the participants in Parkour events, programs and activities.

This will range from a title that may be achieved at international contests from the World Championships to the Olympic Games, to recognition for contributions in developmental programs and “grassroots” programming to recognition of sponsors and contributors to life- time achievement awards.

Awards shall be appropriately presented at either the annual meeting of the General Assembly or at special events and contests, to be mutually determined by the Executive Council and the General Assembly.

Article XIV
Legal Representation

Section # 1 Appointment of Legal Counsel

The President, with the approval of the Executive Council, will appoint and hire legal representation to assist with the management and proper conduct of the IPF business. Appropriately, this individual / firm must have extensive knowledge and background and familiarity with international sport, the Olympic Charter and all other considerations deemed important and necessary to protect the best interests of the IPF, it's members and participants.

Article XV
Accounting Firm

Section # 1 Appointment of Accounting Representation

The President, with the approval of the Executive Council, will appoint and / or hire a licensed and approved and bonded accounting firm, that is accepted and holds the proper credentials, certifications and licenses to conduct business in the country where the IPF is headquartered.

Such firm may not be used exclusively and audits may be requested, as necessary to protect the good name and the image of the IPF.

The actual annual report will be recorded and will be posted on the IPF website and submitted to all the National Federations, no later than thirty (30) days after the final approval of such report by the Executive Committee of the IPF.

At least once every four years, an additional and different accounting firm, that meets the same criteria, will also be asked to conduct a review and audit of the IPF accounts and render an opinion, which will be presented to the entire Executive Committee and Governing Council at the annual meeting.

The Executive Committee will be held accountable to make sure the presentation and declaration of the IPF business will be honest, accurate, current and transparent. It ultimately will be the responsibility of the IPF Executive Committee, with oversight from the General Assembly to properly conduct the IPF business.

Article XVI
Rules of Arbitration - CAS

Section # 1 Arbitration

Any dispute arising on the occasion of or in connection with an athlete or an individual's participation with the IPF may be submitted to arbitration for remedy. Specific details and information can be obtained through the IPF Legal Counsel as well as the Executive Council or the Ethics Committee.

The Grievance Procedure of the IPF is contained as an attachment within these Statutes.

The IPF also follows and subscribes to all the rules, protocols and requirements associated with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and as it is written in the Olympic Charter

(From the Olympic Charter)

59 Disputes – Arbitration

Any dispute arising on the occasion of, or in connection with, the Olympic Games shall be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, in accordance with the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration.

Article XVII
Rules of Protocol

Section # 1 Rules of Protocol

The rules of protocol at meetings of the General Assembly and the IPF Executive Council, its committees and the membership shall be according to Robert's Rules of Order, Second Edition, so far as applicable and when not inconsistent with these Statutes or the best interests of the operation and management of the IPF.

Article XVIII
Amendments

Section # 1 Amendments

Amendments to the Statutes can be made at any membership meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those members present. Amendments to the Statutes must be proposed 6 months in advance. Amendments to the Statutes may also be made by order of the Executive Council and shall be in effect until the next membership meeting where such amendments must be approved by the membership with a vote of two-thirds of the majority.

Article XIX
Powers

Section # 1 Powers

The IPF, the General Assembly and its officers shall have the powers enumerated herein and all other powers allowed under common law, not inconsistent with these Statutes or the organization's mission, purposes and approved strategic plan.

Article XX
Languages

Section # 1 Languages

The official language of the IPF will be English and all business and basic communication will be provided in that language. At all international meetings, such as the Annual General Assembly or when requested at Executive Council meetings, a European language (i.e., French or German) and Spanish may be provided, upon request.

Article XXI
Business Plan

Section # 1 Business Plan

The IPF business plan and/ or strategic plan shall be included in these Statutes as an attachment at the end of the document. They are included as Attachment “A”. Attachment “A” will be established at the next Congress of IPF (January 2020).

Article XXII
World Anti-Doping Agency

Statement of commitment:

It is the goal of the IPF to commit itself to respect and obligate it's athletes, coaches and all its participants to the work of the World Anti-Doping Agency. This is a critical part of sport and its value on our world's youth and all of current culture and society.

To this end, we will enforce these rules and mandate our participants to strictly adhere to WADA's rules, policies and protocols. Our enforcements will be no less restrictive than WADA's and the IOC 's and the IPF will make its very best effort to use this program in a positive and educational manner to teach and instruct our participating athletes and youth.

The rules and regulations associated with WADA will be distributed in a consistent and meaningful way to the IPF membership and the members will be encouraged to actively utilize the good services of the WADA organization.

Updated information and as well as frequent communication to the IPF members regarding WADA's rules, regulations, and protocols will be incorporated in the IPF business protocols and procedures.

The IPF will accept and impose the new WADA 2017 Code by the dates so prescribed, January 1, 2017.

Article XXIII
Secretary General

Section # 1 Secretary General

The IPF will, like most International Federations, employ a chief executive that will manage the day-to-day operations of the IPF business. This person will have the title of Secretary General. The Secretary General will be the primary contact with the respective National Federations as well as the IOC. The Secretary General will be headquartered in an appropriate location, mutually agreed upon by the President and the Executive Council.

The Secretary General will have a specific list of duties and assignments. Some of these will include but not be limited to the following:

Prepare and assist to organize all the meetings of the IPF including the annual meeting and the meetings of the President and Executive Council.

Distribute all the necessary information and materials needed by the respective national federations.

Work with the President and all the committees to make sure that they are in compliance with the statutes and all the responsibilities assigned to these committees within the structure of the IPF.

Work with the IOC and the respective National Federations to make sure that we are in compliance with all the requirements and obligation to compete in and participate in the Olympic Games.

Conduct the business according to good business practice including managing the finances, legal responsibilities, payments of bills and debts as well as the appropriate planning and management of personnel and business operations.

Always act in the best interests of the IPF to enhance its standing and image within the international sporting community.

All other deemed necessary assignments as prescribed by the President, Executive Council and the General Assembly.

Article XXIV
Olympic Games

Section # 1 Olympic Games

The IPF will work directly with and on behalf of the IOC as it pertains to the Olympic Games and the future rights of participation in the Games. The IPF warrants and stands behind its willingness to agree to participate under the rules and jurisdictions set forth and established by the IOC in the best interest of the Olympic Games, relationships, and the tradition of the Olympic movement and the future growth and development of Olympic Solidarity.

Article XXV

Commercial Rights Associated with Athletic Participation

Section # 1 Commercial Rights of Athletes and National Federations

The Marketing and Properties Committee of the IPF will establish the rules and regulations specific to the rights to be granted to an Athlete or a National Federation when participating in an IPF contest or competition. Such rules will be enforced at all IPF events and rights and opportunities granted will not be unreasonably withheld.

Article XXVI

New Disciplines in the Parkour & Freerunning Family

It is the responsibility as well as the opportunity of the IPF to add new disciplines, activities and disciplines and / or sports to our program, as deemed appropriate and as they fit into the platform of Parkour. Parkour is a creative and performance type sport and is usually evaluated based upon subjective means, as opposed to a truly objective platform, such as speed, distance or height. At the same time, our manners and methods of evaluation greatly reduce and almost eliminate subjectivity and thus we are able to select and identify our winner and best performers with a very high degree of accuracy and certainty.

Should the opportunity present itself, variations and associations with Parkour may be considered and reviewed by the Executive Council and the respective technical committees.

The IPF is prepared to add and conduct such activities and programs, in the best interest of sport and the Athletes that we are committed to serve.

Article XXVII
Official Seal

Section # 1 Official Seal

The IPF will have an official seal. Such seal will be attached to all official documents of the IPF. The presence of the seal verifies and validates documents that are officially prepared and distributed by the IPF.

Official letterhead and logo identification may be substituted for the seal in general documents and information distribution. The President shall have the authority to make such determinations

Article XXVIII
Grievance Procedure

- Section # 1 **Filing a Complaint** – Any athlete or member of the IPF or a member organization / federation of the IPF (the "Complainant"), and believes that himself/herself/itself be aggrieved by any action of the corporation or one of its members, may file a complaint with the corporation (the " Complaint "). To be considered for resolution through the corporation's grievance procedure, the Complaint must:
- (a) be submitted in writing to the President of the corporation at the corporation's principal place of business
 - (b) be signed by the Complainant , and
 - (c) include a concise statement of the complaint, the individual or organization responsible for the Complaint and the relief sought. If the Complaint occurs at an event or competition sanctioned by the corporation and the subject matter of the Complaint may be the subject of the protest procedures described in governing rules and policies, than those protest procedures must be exhausted prior the filing of a Complaint. Failure to exhaust those protection procedures results in this Grievance Procedure.

- Section #2 **Processing the Complaint** - Upon receipt of a Complaint, the President will promptly:
- (a) Appoint one member, employee (including the President) or agent of the corporation to investigate the Complaint (the "Investigator"). The Investigator may not, however, be an individual who is directly involved in the occurrence that is the subject of the complaint.
 - (b) Send the Complainant a notice acknowledging receipt of the Complaint.

That notice shall include:

1. The name of the Investigator
2. The date (not later than thirty (30) days from the date of the notice) by which the investigation will be concluded, and
3. a copy of these Grievance Procedures

(c) Send to any individual organization whose conduct is the subject of the Complaint (the “Adverse Party”) a notice of the filing of the Complaint and a copy of the Complaint. No notice need be sent when the Adverse Party is the corporation. The notice shall include

1. An invitation to respond in writing to the Complaint
2. The name of the Investigator
3. The date by which the investigation will be completed, and
4. A copy of these Grievance procedures

Section # 3 Investigation of the Complaint – The investigation of the Complaint shall at least include a collection of all relevant documents and interviews (or attempted interviews) with the Complaint, the Adverse Party and other persons having information related directly to the subject matter of the Complaint.

Section # 4 Mediation of the Complaint - Within ten (10) days of the end of the investigation, the Investigator shall prepare for the President of the IPF, a written summary of the investigation and a recommendation as to appropriate disposition of the Complaint. Without being limited by that recommendation, the President may then attempt to mediate the dispute to the satisfaction of the Parties. If mediation is successful, the agreed upon resolution must be recorded by the President in a form which includes the written acknowledgement by the Parties of that resolution.

Section # 5 Hearing Panel - If the President is unable to mediate the dispute to the satisfaction of the Parties within ten (10) days of receipt of the Investigator’s summary and recommendation, the President will report the fact to the Chairman of the Grievance Committee.

The chair of the Grievance Committee will then appoint three members of that Committee to serve as the panel that will hear the Grievance (the “Hearing Panel”). These appointments shall be subject to the following:

1. The chair of the Grievance Committee can appoint himself/herself to the Hearing Panel
2. The appointment of the three-member Hearing Panel will include the designation of a Chair of the Hearing Panel
3. Whenever possible, an Athlete member of the Grievance Committee will be included on the Hearing Panel

4. The Chair of the Grievance Committee is responsible for confirming the availability of each appointee to serve on the Grievance Panel

Section # 6 **Conduct of the Hearing** – The Chair of the Hearing panel will select the time and the place for the grievance hearing so as to have the hearing occur at the earliest convenient date. The chair may, with the consent of the parties, conduct the hearing by conference call or other similar electronic means. The chair will communicate the information about the hearing schedule, along with the identity of the other two members of the Panel, to the Parties and the President. Prior to the hearing, the President will provide to the Hearing Panel copies of the Complaint, any written response previously submitted by the Adverse Party, documents collected by the Investigator and the Investigator’s summary. The Hearing Panel will not receive (and neither Part may introduce as evidence) the Investigator’s recommendation or any resolution of the dispute proposed by the president to any of the parties during the mediation. Not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing, the Chair of the Hearing Panel shall cause to be sent to the Parties a written copy of the procedures to be followed at the hearing. Those procedures shall include the opportunity for each Party to be represented by counsel, to present oral or written evidence, to cross-examine witnesses and to present such factual or legal claims as desired. The hearing shall be open to the public and shall be recorded with a transcript made available to each Party at its expense.

All procedural and evidentiary decisions shall be made by the Chair and the Hearing Panel. Decisions about merits of the Complaint and the form of sanctions shall be made by majority vote of the Hearing Panel. The Hearing Panel shall report its decision on the merits in the form of written findings of fact and conclusions with ten (10) days of the conclusion of the hearing.

The decision shall be sent to the President. The decision of the Hearing Panel shall be final and binding on all parties, except to the extent that decision is modified on appeal in accordance with Section 10 of this Grievance Procedure.

Section # 7 **Penalties** – The Hearing Panel may impose any of the following penalties:

1. **Reprimand** - A communication, either public or private, of the corporation’s decision regarding the grievance complaint reprimand maybe combined with probation or suspension
2. **Probation** - A ruling that, for a specified time, the subject’s continued participation in the corporation’s activities, sanctioned competitions or membership program is conditioned upon satisfaction of certain conditions. These conditions shall be described specifically, as shall the

consequences of failing to meet them. The Panel may order that notice of probation to be given to appropriate authorities, such as event directors.

3. **Suspension or Expulsion** - A ruling that, either permanently or for a specified period of time, the subject is prohibited from participating in sanctioned competitions or other corporation activities. The Hearing Panel may limit the effect of a suspension to certain activities or competitions, and may establish conditions that, if satisfied, will result in lifting of a suspension.

Section # 8 **Appeal** - Appeal from a decision from the hearing panel may be taken by any Party, including the corporation, to the Executive Council of the General Assembly, within ten (10) days of receipt of the decision of the Hearing Panel. The notice of appeal must set forth the basis for the appeal. The President will forward copies of the notice of appeal to the other Parties, all of whom shall have the right to submit written responses to the appeal, which responses must be delivered to the President within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice of appeal. The President will then deliver to the Executive Council the complete record of the appeal along with the written appeal and responses submitted by other parties. The President will not take part in the decision of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, shall, by majority vote of all non-abstaining members and without considering new evidence or conducting additional hearing, render a written decision with respect to the appeal within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice and responses. A decision of the Executive Committee with respect to an appeal shall be final and binding on all parties.

Section # 9 **Expedited Procedure** - If the Complaint challenges a rule or decision affecting eligibility to participate in an International event or an event sanctioned or conducted by the IPF, the Complainant may, as part of his or her written Complaint, request that the Complaint be referred immediately to the President.

In response to such a request, the President will:

1. Send the Complainant a notice acknowledging receipt of the Complaint
2. Send to any Adverse Party a notice of the filing of the Complaint and a copy of the Complaint. No notice need be sent when the Adverse Party is the corporation. The notice shall include a copy of the Complaint and request that the Chair of the Grievance Committee appoint a Hearing Panel capable of conducting a hearing on an expedited basis.

Section # 10 **General** - All notices, reports and decisions under this Article shall be made in writing and delivered in person by registered mail, or other form of delivery

creating a record of receipt. Any time period under this article may be reduced by direction of the President if he determines that such action is necessary to expedite the resolution of a controversy in order to do justice to any Party. Participation in a Grievance Procedure shall be deemed to constitute agreement to be bound by the provisions of this Article.

Section # 11 **Court of Arbitration for Sport** - All final deliberations and issue to resolve may be submitted, if there is no foreseeable solution, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland. The IPF recognizes “CAS” as always an option for resolve of any disputes or issues that are not able to resolved through all the other options available to the IPF.

Article XXIX
URL's

www.IPF.org

IPF.com, org, .net, .info, .biz, .tv, .us

worldparkourassociation.org

olympicfreerunningparkour.com, .org,

Olympic Charter:

https://stillmed.olympic.org/Documents/olympic_charter_en.pdf

Article XXX
Environment

Whenever possible and whenever appropriate, the environment will be taken into consideration. This will most likely affect event decisions and locations and the actual site selection, whether it be associated with the country itself or the specific location within the country.

Parkour / Freerunning will be “Eco-friendly” and the Executive Committee and the General Assembly will make every reasonable effort to maintain this characteristic whenever appropriate.

The Executive Committee will encourage its National Federations to make similar conscience decisions about the environment and the various ways we impact it. In principle, our events create quite a small footprint of land and our conduct of such events should do little to disturb these natural occurring systems. However, these will be evaluated and determined, in advance, to make sure we are being rational and sensitive to these and other relevant issues.

The IPF will make an effort to create a sustainable initiative and strategy that will be directly associated with the standard and customary environmental issues that we must respond to. This will apply to following the standards set in ISO 20121, a copy of which is included in this material.

Article XXXI
Definitions

- IPF International Parkour Federation – formal and legal name of this international sports federation
- IPF May refer to the activity of Parkour or Freerunning synonymously. Such terms may be interchangeable throughout these Statutes.
- Parkour the Parkour (from the French "parcours du combattants" or "the warrior's' path") is practice or sport of traversing any given environment in the most efficient way possible, utilizing various techniques of running, jumping, climbing, swinging and vaulting to go over, under, around or through obstacles of every kind. In keeping with parkour's martial arts roots, practitioners place a heavy emphasis on self-mastery particularly in the areas of awareness, self-discipline, and problem solving.
- Parkour is sometimes referred to as "freerunning", a closely-related discipline in which individuals combine traditional parkour movement with feats of acrobatics in order to demonstrate versatility, progressive difficulty, execution and flow (the art of gracefully connecting individual movements) as they traverse a defined course. Both disciplines may be practiced as both competitive and non-competitive activities.
- It may be said that the practice of parkour is "intrinsic and transformative", while the discipline of freerunning is "extrinsic and goal-driven". Most practitioners consider these to be two sides of the same coin, and practice both with equal dedication and enthusiasm. Competitive formats may include one or both disciplines as a part of the gameplay, with parkour generally judged as a speed competition, and freerunning as a skill or style competition.
- Parkour / Freerunning The terms "parkour" and "freerunning" may be used alternately throughout this document. Where the term "parkour" is used, it should be assumed that it also refers to "freerunning", and vice versa.



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