



# **INTERNATIONAL PADEL FEDERATION BY-LAW**

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## DEFINITIONS

In the interpretation of the By-Law, word with capitalized letter shall have the following meaning:

“Affiliation Fee” has the meaning set out in article 7 of the By-Law.

“Board of Directors” means the board of directors of the IPF.

“By-Law” means the “The By-Law of International Padel Federation” established in accordance with and subject to the Founding Principles of the IPF. In the event of a conflict between the interpretation expressed in the By-Law and that expressed in the Founding Principles, the latter shall prevail.

“Director” is any member of the Board of Directors, excluded the President.

“Extraordinary General Meeting” is a general meeting convened for urgent matters as per article 13.

“General Meeting” is the general meeting of the Members, represented by their delegates, which is held annually.

“IPF” means the International Padel Federation.

“Members” mean collectively National Federations, Recognised Organisations and Regional Association, which are affiliated to the IPF.

“Motion” means a matter to be discussed at a General Meeting as requested by a member or the Board of Directors pursuant to the By-Law.

“Month” means calendar month.

“National Federation” indicates the national padel federations or associations from time to time, existing one or the other depending of local organisation of each country or territory.

“Office” means the Registered Office for the time being of the IPF.

“Officers” mean the Executive Vice-President, other Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, Honorary Treasurers, the General Secretary, Honorary Life Presidents, Honorary Life Counsellors, as set out in article 21.

“President” means the president of the IPF appointed pursuant to article 15.

“Recognised Organisation” has the meaning set out in article 6.

“Regional Association” has the meaning set out in article 5.

“Register” means the register of members to be kept pursuant to respective section of the By-Law.

“Resolution of Board of Directors” means a decision passed by the Board of Directors.

“Resolution of the General Meeting” means a decision of the Class A and Class B Members entitled to vote acting through their duly-designated voting delegates at a General Meeting.

“in writing” and “written” include printing, electronic/IT means and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

Words signifying the singular number also include the plural number and vice versa.

Words signifying the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa.

References to padel players mean a reference to both amateur and professional players.

## FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

The IPF is a non-profit organisation of unlimited duration, which represents the maximum authority in the world for padel in all its forms, whose goal is to promote the sport of padel throughout the world.

The IPF's headquarters are currently located in Lausanne, Switzerland, as per the decision of the General Meeting held on 19 November 2015 in Mexico City.

Any change of address or domicile is decided by the Board of Directors.

The IPF may set up an operative office in the city where the President has his/her own residence and/or other locations decided by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

The IPF recognises the international organisations which manage the sport, such as the International Olympic Committee (i.e. IOC), and any other organisations which promote the sport development, without distinctions.

The IPF is an independent international sports association constituted by the National Federations, Recognised Organisations and Regional Associations (i.e., the Members) which are properly affiliated and recognised.

The objects and purposes for which the IPF is established include but are not limited to:

- (a) foster the growth and development of the sport of padel on a worldwide basis;
- (b) preserve the integrity and independence of padel as a sport;
- (c) carry on the functions of the world governing body for the sport of padel;
- (d) adopt a zero-tolerance approach in the fight against doping, also through educational programmes, and uphold an anti-doping policy compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code;
- (e) fight the manipulation of competitions, corruption in sport, all forms of discrimination and violence in sport, and all forms of harassment and abuse in sport;
- (f) achieve a consistent interpretation of padel rules and match control whilst providing recommendations and advice to judges and umpires;
- (g) promote universally the development of the game at all levels and ages for both able-bodied and disabled men and women;
- (h) take such measures deemed appropriate for advancing the interests of Padel from an international point of view;
- (i) promote and encourage the teaching of padel;
- (j) promote women's practice at all levels and in all structures, with a view to striving for gender equality on and off the field of play;
- (k) make and uphold the regulations for the international team and pairs' championships and the competitions of the IPF;
- (l) award official padel championships recognised by the IPF;
- (m) carry out its objects and purposes without unfair discrimination on grounds of colour, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, sex, politics, or religion;
- (n) support the Members of the IPF in their dealings with the governing bodies of other sports;
- (o) preserve the independence of the IPF in all matters concerning the game of padel without the intervention nor the interference of any external authority in its relations with its Members and other regional organisations affiliated to the IPF;
- (p) define the requirements for player status in padel and regulate amateur, professional and mixed amateur/professional play;
- (q) periodically enact and publish all the standards and rules that may be necessary to enable the appropriate

development of padel;

- (r) manage the finances of the IPF in such a manner as shall be deemed appropriate to pursue the purposes of the IPF;
- (s) engage in any other act or activity that is not prohibited under any law for the time being in force in the country where the IPF has its headquarter;
- (t) adopt and implement a disciplinary system, including an appropriate code, which sets out disciplinary procedures in compliance with the principles of due process, including, in particular, the right of defence, the right to be heard, the right to appeal and an accurate set of applicable sanctions compliant with the principle of adequacy and proportionality;
- (u) take disciplinary measures on any of its affiliates;
- (v) make, amend, uphold and enforce the Rules of Padel;
- (w) establish and foster relations, contacts and negotiations with sports-related organisations;
- (x) strengthen friendship and sporting ties between the different Members and encouraging the affiliation of new members;
- (y) represent the sport of padel in front of international organisations, international sport federations and any other organisation, defending the own interests and pursuing the values and principles of the International Olympic Committee;
- (z) support an equal representation of women in sport activities and sport management.

The Founding Principles of IPF may be amended at any time and from time to time in such a manner as may be prescribed by the following articles.

## ARTICLES

### 1. AFFILIATION

**1.1.** Affiliation to IPF is open to National Federations, Recognised Organisations or Regional Associations, which manage the sport of padel in their own territory. Upon acceptance of the relevant applications for affiliation, the National Federations, Recognised Organisations or Regional Associations will be known as Member.

**1.1.1** The Members must acknowledge the IPF as the sole governing body of the sport of padel throughout the world and accept the By-Law, rules and standards of the IPF. It is essential that each Member is a non-profit association.

**1.1.2** Each Member shall manage its affairs independently and without undue influence from third parties. The members of Members' bodies shall be either elected or appointed through procedures conducted within that institution. Members' statutes shall provide for democratic procedures that guarantee independence of each election or appointment.

**1.1.3** The Board of Directors may suspend at any time the affiliation of a Member which is found to be not compliant with the principles of independence, autonomy and democracy and/or is subject to undue influence from governmental, national or local authorities or bodies or cannot freely carry on its purpose of managing and developing the sport of padel at national level due to external influence.

**1.1.4** The statutes and the rules of a Member cannot be in conflict with the ones from IPF and shall be interpreted in such a manner as to bring them into conformity with the By-Law. In case of conflict, the IPF rules shall prevail.

**1.1.5** Each National Federation that provides for a shorter term of the office of its authorities than the IPF's terms, whether for the President and/or the Board of Directors, including whether they have a limit on re-election, should adjust its statutes in the same manner as the IPF.

**1.1.6** Each National Federation affiliated to the IPF must issue licenses to padel players. The license must be renewed annually upon passing all medical tests required by the applicable national laws and international standards for the practice of padel at the relevant level (e.g. professional, amateur, etc.).

**1.1.7** Each National Federation which requests affiliation to the IPF or is affiliated to IPF must provide, in its statutes or regulations, for the obligation on the players licensed by such federation to make themselves available on a priority basis to take part in the official competitions of the IPF.

**1.2.** The Members of the IPF shall be as follows:

#### CLASS A MEMBERS

- i. Class A Members shall be the founder organisations of IPF and the organisation from the Country where has been registered the creation of padel.
- ii. Class A Members shall be entitled to attend and to speak at General Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote, unless they are also a Class B Member.

#### CLASS B MEMBERS

- iii. Class B Members are: National Federations of independent countries or territories that could be also from Class A and which, in the opinion of the General Meeting, are sufficiently developed in padel matters to warrant Class B affiliation.
- iv. Class B Members shall be entitled to attend and to speak and to vote at any General Meeting.

#### CLASS C MEMBERS

- v. Class C Members are: padel associations or corresponding organisations of countries or territories which, in the opinion of the General Meeting, are not sufficiently mature in padel matters to warrant Class B affiliation.
- vi. The affiliation of a Class C Member which is not admitted as Class B Member in a five years period from its admission will automatically cease.

- vii. Class C Members shall be entitled to attend and speak at General Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.

**1.3.** Affiliation to the IPF is also open to any national or international organisation that might be founded by Members in order to improve promotion of padel, providing they accept the By-Law, rules and regulations of the IPF (so called Recognised Organisations, upon approval of the application for affiliation pursuant to article 6 of the By-Law). A Recognised Organisation cannot be affiliated to the IPF if it has accepted as member any entity that is not itself a Member of the IPF, unless the latter is in the process of being recognised by the IPF. Whether this recognition by the IPF is ultimately rejected, the Recognised Organisation shall expel the relevant member.

**1.4.** Affiliation to the IPF is also open to any regional organisation that might be founded by Members in order to improve promotion of padel, providing they accept the By-Law, rules and regulations of the IPF (so called Regional Associations, upon approval of the application for affiliation pursuant to article 5 of the By-Law). A Regional Association cannot be affiliated to the IPF if it has accepted as member any entity that is not itself a Member of the IPF, unless the latter is in the process of being recognised by the IPF. Whether this recognition by the IPF is ultimately rejected, the Regional Association shall expel the relevant member.

**1.5.** There shall be only one National Federation per country or territory.

**1.6.** A National Federation can only be a member of one Regional Association.

## **2. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION**

**2.1.** A National Federation, before making an application for affiliation with the IPF, shall ensure and certify that it operates and is a properly constituted sports body in accordance with the law applicable in the country in which it is domiciled. Further, such applicant shall ensure that on becoming a member of the IPF it shall remain such a properly constituted sports body throughout its affiliation with the IPF, and shall advise the IPF should there be a fundamental change in its ability to meet these requirements.

**2.2.** Applications for Class C and Class B affiliation shall be considered at the General Meeting of the IPF. Each application for affiliation, to be successful, must receive at least a two-thirds majority Resolution of the General Meeting in respect of the application.

**2.3.** Each new application for Class C affiliation shall include full details of the development of the game of padel in the applicant's Country and shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the applicant's statutes and a sum equivalent to the Affiliation Fee, in the amount set for a Class C Member, for documents' analysis of new candidates. If the application is approved at the General Meeting, the payment made will be counted as the amount paid by the applicant for the current yearly affiliation; if the application is not approved, the Affiliation Fee shall be returned to the applicant, net of the costs incurred by the IPF, if any.

**2.4.** The Board of Directors, when receiving a new application for Class C affiliation, will analyse it during their meeting and, if deemed appropriate, shall appoint a representative to visit the applicant's Country and the representative shall submit a report of his/her visit to the Board of Directors. The costs of and incidental to the visit shall be borne by the applicant for Class C affiliation.

**2.5.** Applications by Class C Members for Class B affiliation shall be considered at the General Meeting only if the applicant has been a Member for at least three years and the application was received on or before the previous General Meeting. Applications from Class C Members which have previously been Class B Members do not have to wait further three years and shall be considered at the General Meeting immediately following a valid application.

**2.6.** Applications for Class C affiliation must reach the IPF in accordance with article 13 to qualify for inclusion in the agenda for the next General Meeting.

**2.7.** When an application is received for Class B affiliation, the Board of Directors may appoint a representative to visit the relevant country to discuss the implications of Class B affiliation; to advise on all relevant aspects of the game of padel and the activities of the IPF, and to study the standard of padel played within the country. The representative shall submit a report of his/her visit to the Board of Directors. The costs of and incidental to the visit shall be borne by the applicant for Class B affiliation. Condition precedent for the admittance of a Class B Member is that the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that it is officially recognized by its state/territory sports governing body or competent governmental authority.



**2.8.** National Federations admitted to Class B affiliation shall be allotted a number of Class B votes as determined by Resolution of the General Meeting. If no specific resolution is taken, the new Class B Member shall have 1 Class B vote.

**2.9.** If, following the division of a territory or state - already affiliated to the IPF as Class B Member - into two or more countries, an application is received from one of the said countries (being a newly independent country with a constitution) then the said applicant may be offered Class B affiliation if the General Meeting decides, by passing a Resolution with at least a two-thirds majority, that the new applicant has a sufficient level of maturity in padel matters to justify Class B affiliation.

**2.10.** Each Member shall provide the General Secretary of the IPF with all the information that may be required for administrative and informative purposes whenever is requested and not later than the 31st of May each year. This information will include the address of the headquarters, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers of the entity, names and addresses of the main directors, the number of affiliated clubs or sport associations and players, the official competitions held.

**2.11.** The application for affiliation shall be made on the appropriate form and sent directly to the President of the IPF.

**2.11.1.** The application will include information referring to the country/territory to be represented and specify the number of affiliated clubs and players. A copy of the statutes will be included in the language of the country applicant, as well as a direct certified translation in English, including the names and addresses of the legal representative and the board members.

**2.11.2.** The statutes and regulations of the applicant must be wholly compliant with those of the IPF. If, at any time after its affiliation to the IPF, the statutes and regulations of a Member are found to be not compliant with those of the IPF, the Board of Directors shall grant the Member an adequate deadline of no less than 30 (thirty) days to modify or amend its statutes and regulations to make them compliant with those of the IPF. In case such modifications or amendments are not timely and duly done, the Board of Directors shall suspend the affiliation of the Member. During the following General Meeting, the affiliation of the Member may be revoked by a two-third majority resolution.

**2.11.3.** The President of the IPF will transmit the request along with the received information to the members of the Board of Directors.

**2.11.4.** The Board of Directors will have the right to classify the applicant in accordance with the classes of article 1.2.

**2.11.5.** The evaluation of the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the Resolution of the next General Meeting.

**2.12.** Upon renewal of affiliation, or in the case of a new member, upon making the application for affiliation, each member thereby agrees to abide by the By-Law, regulations, decisions and rulings of the IPF. A Member shall be deemed to renew its affiliation as of the first day of January of each year, without prejudice to the provisions of article 3 below. Following admittance as a Member, in the event that any change is made to the Member's statutes, the Member shall submit their updated statutes to the IPF.

### **3. RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF AFFILIATION**

**3.1** Any Class B Member or Class C Member may resign as a Member by giving notice in writing to IPF on or before the 31st day of December in any year; failure to do so will result in the obligation to pay the Affiliation Fee for the following year. Upon such resignation, the votes held by such resigning Member shall be deemed cancelled and the Register shall be amended accordingly.

**3.2** Any Class B Member or Class C Member whose affiliation, in the opinion of the General Meeting, may seriously damage the international standing of padel as a world sport or the purposes of the IPF, shall be suspended as a Member if a Resolution of the General Meeting to that effect is carried by a two-thirds majority. Any such suspension shall be effective at the conclusion of the General Meeting when such Resolution is passed but may be reviewed at any subsequent General Meeting of the IPF.

**3.3** Any Class B Member or Class C Member which fails to pay Affiliation Fees for two consecutive years may either (i) be suspended or (ii) expelled by a Resolution of the General Meeting passed with at least a two-thirds

majority. The Board of Directors shall determine whether the sanction to be decided by the General Meeting shall be suspension or expulsion.

**3.4** Any Class B or Class C Member which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, does not adequately represent the institution managing the game of padel in its country or territory or which has acted against the By-Law (or not acted in accordance to any rules or regulations published from time to time by the IPF), shall be expelled from the IPF, if a Resolutions of the General Meeting to that effect is carried by a four-fifths majority.

**3.5** Notice of any proposed suspension, expulsion or re-admittance from/to the IPF, with the exception of the lifting of a suspension under article 4.5, shall appear on the agenda of the General Meeting in which it will be discussed.

**3.6** Any Member which is suspended shall not be entitled to submit Motions, to attend or vote at any General Meeting of the IPF and cannot participate in the official competitions for national teams of the IPF.

**3.7** Between General Meetings, the Board of Directors has the power to suspend the affiliation of a Member if, in its opinion, the Member is acting against the interests of the IPF or its principles or aims and:

(i) the Board of Directors can put an end to the suspension at any time;

(ii) the suspension shall be confirmed or revoked during the following General Meeting with a simple majority of registered votes.

**3.8** Affiliation Fees or other payments incurred by the suspended Member will not be paid during the suspension period. A suspended Member will be deprived of all the affiliation rights and will not be able to participate in any of the acts depending on or sponsored by the IPF.

**3.9** Players who have their licences issued by a Member who has been suspended may participate in professional pairs tournaments that give individual points for the Official FIP Ranking.

## **4. RE-ADMITTANCE TO AFFILIATION**

**4.1.** Any former Class B Member which has applied for re-admittance to affiliation may, when it has fulfilled the requirements set out below, be re-admitted as a Class B or a Class C Member if a Resolution of the General Meeting to that effect is carried by a two-thirds majority.

**4.2.** Provisions of article 2 dealing with new applications for affiliation shall apply to any application for re-admission.

**4.3.** Unless waived in accordance with article 5.4, it shall be a condition precedent to any such re-admission to affiliation that Member concerned shall make the following payments:

- a. any Affiliation Fees arrears up to the date when the Member ceased to be a Member;
- b. the Affiliation Fee for the year of re-admission;
- c. only in the case of a Member expelled pursuant to article 3.4, a penalty in the amount equal to one year's Affiliation Fee.

**4.4.** Any Member which has been suspended pursuant to article 3.2 may apply for a lifting of any suspension and may, when it has fulfilled the requirements set out in article 4.6, have its suspension lifted if a Resolution of the General Meeting to that effect is carried by a two-thirds majority.

**4.5.** Any Member which is suspended pursuant to article 3.3 may, when it has paid in full any outstanding Affiliation Fee, apply for a lifting of that suspension and have its suspension lifted at the discretion of the Board of Directors with re-admission effective from 1st January the following year (the year of re-admission).

**4.6.** Subject to article 4.5, to make effective the lifting of the suspension, the Member concerned shall make the following payments:

- a. any Affiliation Fee up to the date when the relevant Member was suspended;
- b. the Affiliation Fee for the year of re-admission;
- c. any affiliation fee due to its Regional Association (if it has one) up to the date when the relevant National

Federation ceased to be a Member, together with its fees due to its Regional Association (if it is existing, is recognised by IPF, and has fixed an affiliation fee) for the year of re-admission.

**4.7.** Following a suspended Member's re-admission to IPF, it shall be permitted to enter IPF Competitions for the year of re-admission.

## **5. REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**5.1.** Regional Associations which have been in existence for at least three years may apply for affiliation to the IPF.

**5.2.** Due notice of application for affiliation must reach the IPF in accordance with the provisions of article 13 and shall include:

- a. the name of the Regional Association;
- b. copy of its statutes and a description of the past activities of the Regional Association;
- c. the affiliation fees payable by National Federations;
- d. the names of the officers of the Regional Association;
- e. the names and addresses of affiliated members;
- f. a list of tournaments and other events which the Regional Association organises on a regular basis; and
- g. a list of any international affiliations.

**5.3.** Affiliation of a Regional Association shall be decided by a two-thirds of the votes recorded by a Resolution of the General Meeting.

**5.4.** Upon approval of the affiliation, the Regional Association must have any amendment to its affiliation fees approved by the Board of Directors in advance and must notify the IPF immediately of any amendment to its statutes. Any changes to a Regional Association's statutes which are found to be in conflict with the By-Law will be subject to invalidation by the IPF, irrespective of whether they have already been approved by the Regional Association's general meeting.

**5.5.** Regional Associations may accept the affiliation of any Class B or Class C Members which are located within the geographical region in respect of which the Regional Association has been established, as well as the affiliation of any member who is in the process of joining the IPF, subject to its final approval by the IPF. No associations, federations nor entities other than those affiliated to the IPF can be affiliated to the Regional Association. The affiliation to the IPF of a Regional Association to which entities extraneous to the IPF are affiliated shall be denied or revoked.

**5.6.** The functions of a Regional Association shall be:

- a. to provide a link between its affiliated members and the IPF;
- b. to execute all functions which the IPF may delegate to the Regional Association;
- c. to represent its affiliated members in their dealings with the IPF, if asked to intervene on their behalf;
- d. to uphold the By-laws, rules and regulations of the IPF;
- e. to promote and stimulate competition and sportsmanship among its affiliated members;
- f. to establish and sanction calendars of events at all levels within the region and with respect to international circuits extending beyond the region, to recommend events and calendars to the IPF for inclusion in such international calendars;
- g. to administer any IPF's funds which the Regional Association may receive as required by the IPF, and to provide to the IPF, on request, independently audited accounts for the Regional Association;
- h. to promote, establish and coordinate development and educational programs within the region.

**5.7.** A Regional Association shall have no authority of any kind to act as an agent or representative of, or otherwise

to enter into any contract or commitment on behalf of the IPF.

**5.8.** Regional Associations shall at all times work within the By-Law and regulations of the IPF and shall accept as final the ruling of the IPF in any matter.

## **6. RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS**

**6.1.** National or international organisations that are not for profit and are concerned with the benefit, development, interest and promotion of padel may apply to the IPF for the status of a Recognised Organisation.

**6.2.** A Recognised Organisation will provide all the support it can for the development of padel internationally. The acceptance and the maintenance of its status as Recognised Organisation by IPF has to be renovated every year during the General Meeting. The Recognised Organisation may participate in the General Meetings having right to speak but without the right to vote. The President will invite the Recognised Organisation to take part in the General Meeting.

**6.3.** Due notice of the application to be a Recognised Organisation must reach the IPF in accordance with article 13 and shall include:

- a. the name of the organisation;
- b. the statutes and a description of the past activities of the organisation;
- c. the names of the office holders of the organisation.

**6.4.** Affiliation of a Recognised Organisation shall be decided by two-thirds of the votes recorded by a Resolution of the General Meeting.

**6.5.** An affiliation fee shall be set annually by the Board of Directors and shall be payable upon election as a Recognised Organisation. Subsequent affiliation fees shall be due on the first day of January each year.

**6.6.** Any Recognised Organisation may resign by notice in writing to the IPF delivered on or before the 31st day of December in any year. Affiliation fees paid for that year are not refundable.

**6.7.** Any Recognised Organisation that fails for two successive years to pay its Affiliation Fee may be expelled from the IPF if a resolution to that effect is passed with at least a two-thirds majority. Notice of any proposed expulsion shall appear in the Agenda of the General Meeting at which it is to be discussed.

**6.8.** Any Recognised Organisation whose continued affiliation would, in the opinion of the General Meeting, damage the international standing of padel as a world sport, shall be suspended if a Resolution of the General Meeting to that effect is carried by a two-thirds majority.

**6.9.** Recognised Organisations shall at all times work within the By-Law and regulations of the IPF and shall accept as final the rulings of the IPF in any matter.

## **7. AFFILIATION FEE**

**7.1.** Class B Members and Class C Members shall pay an annual Affiliation Fee in the amount decided by the General Meeting and shall be paid in the lawful currency of Euros. If no Resolution of the General Meeting is taken, the Affiliation Fee of the previous year is confirmed.

**7.2.** Class C Members shall have access to all competitions and official IPF events, for a maximum period of five years from their admittance, if they pay an Affiliation Fee increased by 100%.

**7.3.** On an ordinary basis, Affiliation Fees may be increased annually on a percentage basis indicated by the international index published by the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

**7.4.** The initial Affiliation Fee shall be payable on the election to Class C affiliation with the IPF. Such initial Affiliation Fee shall be deemed to include the par value amount payable upon the allotment of votes under article 2. Subsequent Affiliation Fees shall be due on the first day of January of each year.

**7.5.** Any Member which has not paid its Affiliation Fees will not be able to participate in official competitions of

IPF, nor participate in the General Meetings.

**7.6.** The Affiliation Fees will be set in accordance with the number of corresponding votes as indicated in Appendix A.

## **8. VOTING RIGHTS OF CLASS B MEMBERS**

**8.1.** Class B Members shall be entitled to the number of votes (1, 3, 5, 7, 9 or 12) mentioned in Appendix A for Class B category as of the 1st of January of every year, to be used during General Meetings and Extraordinary Meetings of current year, unless otherwise specified herein.

**8.2.** After two years a Class B Member may put forward a Motion for an increase in Class B votes in accordance with article 13. A Class B Member which has applied for and has been granted an increase in Class B votes at a General Meeting in one year may not apply for a further increase in votes at the General Meeting in the following 3 years. A Class B Member which has applied for and has not been granted an increase in Class B votes at a General Meeting in one year may not apply for a further increase in votes at the General Meeting in the following year.

**8.3.** The General Meeting may consider a Motion submitted by a Class B Member for an increase or reduction in Class B votes provided that notice of such Motion is given in accordance with article 13 and that, in the case of an increase Motion, the latter is justified by the development of padel in that country and/or the organisation of world championships, continental championships and/or official IPF competitions, as indicated in the guidelines prepared by the Board of Directors. Any increase or reduction must be limited to the next votes category: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 12. If a Class B Member holding only one Class B vote submits a Motion for a reduction in Class B votes in accordance with article 13, such Class B vote shall, upon passing of that Motion, be cancelled and a Class C issued.

**8.4.** In the case of an application for an increase in the number of Class B votes, the Board of Directors may appoint a representative to visit the country or territory of the Class B Member concerned and submit a report of the visit to the Board of Directors. The cost of this visit shall be borne by the Class B Member concerned.

**8.5.** A Member that has been elected as a Class B Member and has applied for an increased number of Class B votes shall be allotted such further number of Class B votes as may be conferred upon it by Resolution of the General Meeting. A Class B Member representing the remainder of a country that has been divided into two or more countries may suffer a reduction in its entitlement to votes.

**8.6.** No application by a Class B Member for an increase in Class B votes shall be accepted from a Member which during the past two years has applied for and been granted a decrease, unless affiliation fees for the previous years are paid at the higher rate; and no application for a decrease in Class B votes shall be accepted from a Member which, during the past two years, has applied for and been granted an increase in Class B votes.

**8.7.** Any Resolution of the General Meeting to approve an increase or reduction in Class B votes shall require a two-thirds majority.

## **9. THE GENERAL MEETING**

**9.1.** The IPF shall be governed by the delegates of the Members assembled in a General Meeting provided that:

- a. no delegate of a Member whose Affiliation Fees are overdue shall be entitled to attend or vote at any General Meeting of the IPF; and
- b. a delegate must be either a national of the country represented by the Member for which he/she is a delegate; a person permanently resident in that country; or an official of at least two years' standing in that Member's governing bodies;
- c. nomination of a delegate who is not a national of the country he/she represents, but who meets the above qualifications, shall be received by the IPF 10 days before the General Meeting.

**9.2.** The number of delegates representing Members entitled to attend General Meetings shall be three in respect of Class B Members having the maximum number of 12 Class B votes allotted to them, and two in respect of all other Class B and Class C Members. Any Member hosting a General Meeting shall be entitled to send three additional representatives to such General Meeting as observers without power to speak or vote.

**9.3.** The members of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to attend and to speak at General Meetings but shall have no entitlement to vote, except when acting as a delegate of a Class B Member.

**9.4.** Non-accredited persons may attend a General Meeting only with the express prior permission of the President. Such persons may speak if the President so permits but shall not in any case have any entitlement to vote.

**9.5.** Regional Associations shall be entitled to be represented by two persons at any General Meeting. The representatives shall be the president and/or any other person designated by the Regional Association, provided that his/her name shall be sent in writing to IPF at least 48 hours before the start of the General Meeting. Any such representatives shall be entitled to speak but not vote.

**9.6.** Recognised Organisations shall be entitled to be represented by an observer at any General Meeting. The observer shall be the president or any other person designated by the Recognised Organisation, provided that his/her name shall be sent in writing to IPF at least 48 hours before the start of the General Meeting. Any such observer shall not be entitled to speak or vote.

**9.7.** The General Meeting may, in turn, delegate all or any of its powers to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may delegate all or any of its powers to Committees and Commissions duly appointed.

## **10. ORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS**

**10.1.** A General Meeting constituted in accordance with article 9 shall be held at least annually at a place and time appointed by the Board of Directors. Members hosting General Meetings of the IPF shall guarantee that those entitled to attend shall be allowed to do so.

**10.2.** The business of a General Meeting shall be:

- a. to approve the minutes of the last General Meeting and of Extraordinary General Meeting that might have been held since the previous General Meeting;
- b. to receive the annual report of the Board of Directors;
- c. to receive the statement of accounts for the past financial year, duly audited;
- d. to consider and deal with:
  - 1) applications for affiliation from National Federations;
  - 2) the revision of votes of Members;
  - 3) applications for affiliation from Regional Associations and Recognised Organisations;
  - 4) Motions to amend the Rules of Padel;
  - 5) Motions concerning amendments to the By-Law, the regulations for the World Championships, categories Absolutes and Junior, Code of Ethics and/or Disciplinary Code;
  - 6) other Motions, of which due notice shall have been given in accordance with article 13;
- e. to consider and deal with the revocation, suspension or reinstatement of the affiliation of Members;
- f. to vote on any matter as provided for in the By-Law;
- g. to elect every eight years the President of the IPF;
- h. to elect every four years the Board of Directors and Honorary Treasurer of the IPF;
- i. to appoint annually the Auditors to the IPF;
- j. to receive nominations and, if approved, to elect Honorary Life Presidents, Honorary Life Vice Presidents and Honorary Life Counsellors of the IPF;
- k. questions and answers.

**10.3.** The General Meetings with elective characteristics, every four years, have to be celebrated during Summer Olympic Games year, and after the celebration of them, or, at the latest, before the end of June of the following

year.

## **11. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS**

**11.1.** An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Board of Directors and by Class B Members representing between them at least one-half plus one of the aggregate votes capable of being cast at any General Meeting of the IPF.

**11.2.** The Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened within eight weeks after the receipt by the IPF of a Motion according to article 11.1 above that shall specify the business for which the Extraordinary General Meeting is to be convened. No other business except the confirmation of the minutes of the last preceding General Meeting and that specified by the Motion shall be dealt at the Extraordinary General Meeting.

**11.3.** In all cases, the Agenda has to be enclosed.

## **12. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

**12.1.** Notice of every General Meeting stating the date and place thereof shall be sent to each Member, Board of Directors, and the Officers, as follows:

a. in the case of a General Meeting, not less than ten weeks' written notice shall be given or such longer period as the Board of Directors may decide and announce in advance; and

b. in the case of an Extraordinary General Meeting, not less than four weeks' written notice shall be given.

**12.2.** The inadvertent omission to give any such notice aforementioned shall not invalidate the proceedings of any General Meeting.

## **13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**13.1.** The text of Motions to be brought forward at a General Meeting must reach the IPF (with communication delivered to the General Secretary or to the President) not later than eight weeks before the date fixed for the next General Meeting, unless such Motions are brought forward by the Board of Directors pursuant to article 13.4.

**13.2.** A Motion of which due notice has not been given as aforementioned may not be considered at a General Meeting unless a Resolution of the General Meeting to that effect is passed by a four-fifths majority of the votes recorded in respect of the same deeming the matter to be urgent. If a vote is taken and if such Resolution is carried by the required majority in accordance with the By-Law, the Motion shall be deemed discussed.

**13.3.** A Motion (other than a Motion presented by the Board of Directors) which would or might have the effect of reversing a decision taken at the last General Meeting shall not be accepted unless a Resolution of the General Meeting to that effect is passed by a four-fifths majority of the votes recorded at such General Meeting.

**13.4.** Written notice of the particulars of Motions intended to be brought forward by the Board of Directors for consideration at a General Meeting, if any, as well as the agenda of the meeting shall be given to Members not less than fifteen days before the date fixed for the General Meeting.

**13.5.** Motions may be brought forward only by the Board of Directors, a Member or an affiliated Regional Association. A Member whose Affiliation Fee is in arrears shall not, however, be entitled to bring forward any Motion other than a Motion for a reduction in the number of its Class B Votes.

## **14. CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

**14.1.** The agenda for each General Meeting shall be prepared by the Board of Directors.

**14.2.** The quorum for the validity of the meeting shall be one half of the Class B Members or any number of Class B Members holding, in aggregate, at least half of the Class B Votes, but a vote may be taken even if at any time some of the Class B Member delegates comprising a quorum have left the conference hall.

**14.3.** The President is the chairman at General Meetings.

However, in the event that the President: requires assistance in the conduct of the General Meeting; or requires the General Meeting to appoint a chairman in his/her place: or is unable to attend the General Meeting: then the first business at the General Meeting concerned shall be to select a chairman.

Any Director may request the General Meeting to elect a chairman if the circumstances set out in article 14.3 occur. The General Meeting shall be invited to nominate the following persons in order of priority:

- \* a Vice President;
- \* a Director;
- \* a Honorary Life Counsellor;
- \* a Member's delegate.

The chairman shall be elected by a simple majority Resolution of the General Meeting. In the event that a candidate is either not nominated or elected from a particular category, then the next candidate from the next category shall be considered and so on until a chairman is elected.

**14.4.** The Board of Directors shall assist the chairman in taking charge of the proceedings of a General Meeting.

**14.5.** Prior to the commencement of any General Meeting:

- a. each Class B Member shall name the delegate who will vote (in accordance with the number of Class B votes held by the Class B Member) for and on its behalf at the General Meeting;
- b. all Members whose Affiliation Fees are in arrears shall be announced, and any delegates representing any Member in arrears shall thereupon pay the outstanding arrears in full or, failing such payment, leave the General Meeting.

**14.6.** At the commencement of each General Meeting, three scrutineers shall be elected. Nominations for such scrutineers shall be accepted from any delegate of either a Class B or Class C Member, provided that no such delegate may put forward the name of more than one candidate. The vote for the election of the three scrutineers shall be taken by a show of hands.

**14.7.** The chairman of the General Meeting shall decide all procedural matters not prescribed by the By-Law.

**14.8.** The chairman shall conduct the procedure at the General Meeting and shall have power to interrupt the reading of any document or any speaker. Any person who disobeys a ruling of the chairman in this regard or who otherwise conducts himself in a manner detrimental to the orderly conduct of the General Meeting may be ordered to leave the General Meeting by Resolution of the General Meeting.

**14.9.** A General Meeting may be adjourned if a Resolution of the General Meeting to that effect is carried by a two-thirds majority recorded in respect of the same.

**14.10.** The speech of the proposer of a Motion shall not exceed five minutes and that of each subsequent speaker thereon three minutes provided that these time-limits may in relation to any speaker be increased by a maximum of three minutes at a time if the Members present so consent by Resolution of the General Meeting, such consent to be ascertained without debate.

**14.11.** Subject as hereinafter provided, no delegate shall address the General Meeting more than once on any Motion or amendment, but if permitted by the chairman, a delegate may reply to questions or give further information notwithstanding that he/she may already have addressed the General Meeting.

**14.12.** The proposer of an original Motion may speak for five minutes in reply but except with the consent of the chairman, no proposer of an amendment shall have any right of reply.

**14.13.** After replies allowed under article 14.11, the Motion shall be voted forthwith.

**14.14.** Every Motion (including any amendment to a Motion) shall be proposed by a delegate and seconded by a delegate from another Member before being put to discussion at the General Meeting.

**14.15.** The chairman of the General Meeting shall decide the order in which a Motion and any amendments to the Motion shall be voted upon.



**14.16.** In the event that an amendment is carried before the original Motion is voted upon, it shall become the substantive Motion. If the original Motion is voted upon and carried before any amendment is carried, the original Motion shall be deemed to be the decision of the General Meeting.

**14.17.** A vote may be taken by a show of hands or electronic means, unless the chairman, or any delegate requests, that there be a formal vote reflective of the number of Class B Shares held by each Class B Member, which may be taken by computer or roll call, as the chairman may determine. If a roll call is taken, the Class B Members shall be called in Spanish and English in alphabetical order.

**14.18.** In all questions to be decided by a simple majority of votes (other than the election of the President of the IPF under article 15.3) there shall, in the case of an equality of votes, be a second count, and if, upon such second count, there is again an equality of votes, the Motion shall stand defeated.

**14.19.** A secret ballot shall be held if the chairman so directs or if delegates representing at least one third of the votes so request or if required under any of the By-Law in force from time to time. Such secret ballot shall be conducted either by the use of a computerised voting system or as follows:

- a. there shall be four ballot forms, representing one, three, four or five votes;
- b. Class B Members with one, three or five Class B votes shall be given one form representing the number of votes to which they are entitled;
- c. Class B Members with seven Class B votes shall be given two forms, one representing three votes and the other representing four votes together representing the total number of votes to which they are entitled;
- d. Class B Members with nine Class B votes shall be given two forms, one representing four votes, the other representing five votes together representing the total number of votes to which they are entitled;
- e. Class B Members with twelve Class B votes shall be given three forms, one representing three votes, one representing four votes and a third representing five votes together representing the total number of votes to which they are entitled.

**14.20.** When calculating the number of votes required to obtain a majority neither abstentions nor spoiled ballot papers shall be taken into consideration.

**14.21.** Decisions taken at a General Meeting shall (unless provided in the relevant Resolutions or by the By-Law or any regulations in respect of the international competitions of the IPF) become operative forthwith, save for those (and not withstanding any other provision in the By-Law) Resolutions with regard to the acceptance of any application for affiliation or for any increase or decrease of Class B votes, which shall become operative on 1st of January following the General Meeting.

## **15. THE PRESIDENT OF THE IPF**

**15.1.** In order to develop and implement medium / long-term strategies aimed at developing Padel at global level, the President shall be elected for a term of eight consecutive years, and must coincide with two Olympic periods (unless earlier removed in accordance with the By-Law), by Resolution of the General Meeting. In order to develop and implement medium / long-term strategies aimed at developing Padel in their own territory, National Federations are encouraged to provide that their national presidents be elected for eight-year terms. The eight-year term of the President of the IPF shall commence at the end of the General Meeting at which he/she has been elected.

**15.2.** Nominations for the role of President may be made only by Class B Members which have played in the final stage of the World Absolute Padel Championships and/or the World Junior Padel Championship at least eight (8) times, or by the Board of Directors.

Any such nomination shall be in writing and must reach the IPF not later than eight weeks before the General Meeting at which such election take place.

**15.3.** The following procedure shall apply to the election of the President:

- a. if there be only one candidate, he/she shall be declared elected;
- b. if there is more than one candidate, a ballot shall be conducted and if upon such ballot:

- \* one candidate received more than 50% of the votes cast, he/she shall be declared elected;
- \* no candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be held for the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes provided that if a third candidate received twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the votes cast in the first ballot, he/she shall also be included in such second ballot. If on this second ballot, a candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast, he/she shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast on this second ballot, a third ballot shall be held for the two candidates who have received the highest number of votes. On this third ballot, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event that the two candidates in the third ballot receive an equal number of votes, there shall be a further election between those two candidates only to determine the successful candidate.

**15.4.** In the event of the death, retirement, termination or disability of the President, the Executive Vice President appointed pursuant to article 21.2, or in the absence of an Executive Vice President, one of the other Vice Presidents as may be determined by the Board of Directors, shall assume the powers and duties of the President until a new President is elected at the next General Meeting, or until the disability of the President is removed.

**15.5.** The President shall be entitled to remuneration for his/her services and reimbursement of the reasonable expenses incurred by him/her in performing his/her duties. The level of such remuneration and the terms and conditions (including where the duties of the President are to be performed) of the President's engagement by the IPF will be fixed by the Board of Directors and, if required by the Board of Directors, the President will enter into a formal engagement agreement with the IPF setting out the terms as agreed between the Board of Directors and the President. The President shall be chairman of the Board of Directors and subject to the provisions of article 14.3. shall call and preside as chairman the meetings of Board of Directors, the General Meetings of the IPF, except than predicted by article 15.4, until his/her successor shall have been appointed.

**15.6.** The President:

- a. is the legal representative of the IPF and shall sign all the necessary documents and agreements, hire personnel and retain counsels, enter into agreements with sports institutions, negotiate and execute commercial agreements, manage and supervise any other daily activity of the IPF;
- b. shall administer the finances (including without limitation), the assets and the liabilities of the IPF for any of the purposes of the IPF and for carrying on any business or transaction which the IPF is authorised to carry on under the By-Law;
- c. shall appoint and terminate the General Secretary, the Treasurer and the presidents of the Commissions and Committees, if any;
- d. in cases of urgency, shall adopt the decisions considered reasonable, notifying and explaining rationale to the Board of Directors of his/her measures in short order;
- e. may be aided by the Presidential Committee, composed of the President himself/herself, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and a maximum of five advisors, which are named by the President.

## **16. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**16.1.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the President (who shall be elected in accordance with article 15.3) and six other persons (who shall be elected in accordance with article 17). Moreover, it shall consist of:

- a. a General Secretary named by the President;
- b. a Treasurer named by the President.

The General Secretary may act as Treasurer.

**16.2.** Election as a member of the Board of Directors shall be personal, and Directors shall not be accountable to the Member from which he/she is drawn in respect of anything done or omitted by him/her in his/her capacity as Director.

**16.3.** No person shall be eligible for election as a member of the Board of Directors unless he/she:

- a. is a national of a country (including a newly formed independent country resulting from the division of a former country) which has played in the final stage of the World Padel Championships, category Absolute, at least four (4) times; and
- b. has attained the age of twenty-one (21) and enjoys civil and political rights;
- c. has not been sanctioned or disqualified by the IPF or any national or international sport organisation for more than ninety (90) days; and
- d. is not directly or indirectly linked to any commercial activity related to the sport of padel.

## **17. NOMINATION, ELECTION AND TENURE OF DIRECTORS**

**17.1.** The members of the Board of Directors other than the President (i.e. the Directors) shall be elected by the Class B Members at a General Meeting of the IPF for four year-terms (and must coincide with Olympic periods). They will assume their roles immediately after the end of the General Meeting in which they have been elected, and shall continue to hold office until the conclusion of the General Meeting held four years after their election.

**17.2.** Nominations to become a member of the Board of Directors, other than in respect of the President, shall be made by Class B Members only (excluded those whose Affiliation Fees are in arrears at the time of the General Meeting). Any such nomination shall be in writing, duly authorised by the president, general secretary or other legally appointed representative of such Member and must reach the IPF not later than eight weeks before the General Meeting at which such election take place. The candidate must be a national of the country of the Class B Member which has nominated him/her.

**17.3.** Nominations for the election as a member of the Board of Directors should only be accepted by those persons who expect to be able to attend Board of Directors meetings with reasonable regularity.

**17.4.** The rules and procedures for the nomination to and election of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- a. nominations shall be listed on the ballot paper in alphabetical order and the names of current members nominated for re-election shall be marked thereon with an asterisk;
- b. Member's voting delegates shall be instructed to delete the names of those candidates that they do not wish to elect, leaving only the names of the six candidates they wish to elect. Any ballot paper submitted with fewer or more than six remaining (undeleted) names shall be declared null and void;
- c. the six candidates with the highest number of properly recorded votes shall be declared elected if they meet the following conditions (unless article 17.4.d. applies):
  - i. two persons, each from a different Class B Member, from those Class B Members having not less than nine (9) votes (these persons, taken together, are likely to satisfy two of the conditions set out in sub-paragraphs (ii.) to (vi.) below);
  - ii. one person from amongst Class B Members in Asia or Oceania;
  - iii. one person from amongst Class B Members in South America;
  - iv. one person from amongst Class B Members in Africa;
  - v. one person from amongst Class B Members in Europe;
  - vi. one person from amongst Class B Members in the group of countries comprising the United States of America, Canada, Mexico, the countries of Central America, Panama, the Isles of the Caribbean and Bermuda; and
  - vii. such additional number of persons as is necessary to fill the remaining places on the Board being persons from amongst Class B Members and having the next greatest number of votes cast once persons filling the conditions of sub-paragraphs (i.) to (vi.) above have been elected, subject to a limit of six persons in total from any one of the regions specified in sub-paragraphs (ii.) to (vi.) above and subject also to a limit in total of one person from any one member;
- d. in the event of failure to find a qualified and acceptable candidate from any of the geographical areas specified in article 17.4.c, or from the Class B Members which have the maximum votes, the General Meeting

may proceed to elect members to the Board of Directors to fill any vacancy created, irrespective of such geographical specifications.

**17.5.** In the event two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes for sixth place in the election, there shall be a further election between those candidates only, to determine the successful candidate for such sixth place.

**17.6.** The continuing Board of Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy to its body, provided that if their number is reduced below the necessary quorum of members (the quorum being 4 members, including the President), the Board of Directors shall call for an Extraordinary Meeting to elect the members to fill the vacant places, while the continuing member or members of the Board of Directors shall maintain their position until their mandate expires.

**17.7.** The office of a member of the Board of Directors (excluding the President) shall *ipso facto* be vacated in the event that a member:

- a. is medically certified to be a person of unsound mind or all the other members of the Board of Directors unanimously resolve that he/she is physically or mentally incapable of performing the functions of a member of the Board of Directors; or
- b. is convicted of a criminal offence and receives a custodial sentence; or
- c. by notice in writing to the IPF, he/she resigns as a member of the Board of Directors; or
- d. violates the confidentiality requirements of his/her role; or
- e. have been sanctioned or disqualified by the FIP or any national or international sport organisation for a period higher than ninety (90) days.

**17.8.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill any vacancy in the Board of Directors with individuals chosen at their election, subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting.

**17.9.** The annual report of the Board of Directors to the General Meeting shall include a list of retiring Board members, the record of attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors over the preceding four years, and the names of persons for whom nominations have been received in accordance with article 17.2.

**17.10.** With the exception of the President and the Executive Vice President, if any, members of the Board of Directors shall not be entitled to remuneration for their services but shall be entitled to be repaid out of the funds of the IPF in relation to: all travel (all claims for travelling expenses to be based on economy class air travel, however styled) lodging and accommodation expenses incurred in connection with their attendance at meetings of the Directors and General Meetings.

## **18. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS**

**18.1.** Without prejudice to the powers and competences of the President, the management of the IPF shall be vested in the Board of Directors and in the President, which, in addition to the powers and authorities conferred upon them by the By-Law may exercise all such powers and do all such acts as are expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by Resolution of the General Meeting subject nevertheless to the provisions of the By-Law.

**18.2.** Without derogating from the generality of the foregoing, between the General Meetings of the IPF, the Board of Directors shall have all such powers as may be necessary or expedient to carry on the work of the IPF and may delegate such of their powers and duties, from time to time, to the President, an Executive Vice President or to one of the Directors.

**18.3.** Without derogating from the generality of article 18.1, it is hereby expressly declared that the Board of Directors shall have the following powers:

- a. to amend By-Law or regulations of the IPF pursuant to a Resolution of the General Meeting and subject to the provisions hereof;
- b. to submit to the approval of the General Meeting any version of the Code of Ethics, that will be compliant with the IOC Code of Ethics;

- c. to propose amendments to the Disciplinary Code, to be approved by the General Meeting;
- d. with respect to the international competitions of the IPF:
  - i. to decide the hosting country and the relevant venues in line with the competitive procedure carried on among the Members;
  - ii. to manage or supervise such competitions;
  - iii. to amend the regulations applicable to any such competition, notifying and explaining the relevant rationale to the next General Meeting, save for amendments concerning the World Padel Championship, category Absolute, that may be amended only by the General Meeting;
  - iv. to adopt, approve and apply the rules, regulations and codes of conduct governing the international padel competitions, which are managed or directly or indirectly authorised by the IPF;
  - v. to decide on any disputes arising among National Federations participating in such competitions for those matters which exceed the competence of the relevant disciplinary boards;
  - vi. any further power necessary to exercises properly its duties, provided always that no additional power shall be included if it conflicts or derogates with the objects set out in the By-Law.

## **19. PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**19.1.** Subject to the provisions of the By-Law, the Directors may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. The usual mode of meetings is remote (by phone or video conference).

**19.2.** Notices of meetings of the Board of Directors shall be served upon the Board of Directors five (5) days before the respective dates fixed for such meetings provided that in cases of urgency, the President may authorise any shorter period of notice.

**19.3.** The President of the Board of Directors may convene a meeting of the Board of Directors whenever, in his/her opinion, the importance of the business makes it necessary and the President shall convene a meeting of the Board of Directors on the demand of any four other members of the Board of Directors.

**19.4.** The quorum for a meeting of Board of Directors validly constituted shall be four (4), President included.

**19.5.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors as chairman or, if there is no President for the time being or if the President is unable or unwilling to attend, the members of the Board of Directors present shall choose one of their number to be the chairman of the meeting.

**19.6.** Unless otherwise required by the By-Law, all questions (other than questions of procedure) at meetings of the Board of Directors and all Resolutions of the Board of Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second and casting vote.

**19.7.** All acts done by any meeting of the Board of Directors, or of a subcommittee of the Board of Directors, or by any person acting as a member of the Board of Directors, notwithstanding that it afterwards be discovered that there was some defect in the election of any such person or persons acting as aforesaid, shall be as valid as though every such person had been duly elected and was qualified to be a member of the Board of Directors.

**19.8.** A Resolution in writing by all members of the Board of Directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly called and constituted.

**19.9.** All questions of procedure arising at, or in relation to, a meeting of the Board of Directors not specifically regulated by the By-Law shall be decided by a majority of the Board of Directors present.

**19.10.** If a Director has an actual or perceived conflict of interest in a matter that relates to the affairs of the IPF, the chairman may request the relevant Director to exclude himself/herself from the meeting or to refrain from voting or participating in discussion on the matter. If there is an objection to the chairman's ruling or the conflict is with respect to the chairman, the Board (excluding the relevant Director or chairman as the case may be) shall vote on the issue and a simple majority vote that a conflict exists or may exist is sufficient for the meeting to request the chairman or Board Member concerned to exclude himself/herself from the meeting or refrain from participating in discussion on

the matter.

**19.11.** The General Secretary of IPF, or the secretary of the meeting appointed by the Board, shall prepare a report of the Resolutions taken at the meeting which shall be archived in the IPF offices for future reference.

## **20. COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

**20.1.** Without prejudice to the power to delegate conferred upon the Board of Directors by these By-Law, the Board of Directors may delegate any part of its duties to Committees (including individual representatives) or Commissions, and, in accordance with the regulations, will determine the area and degree of the work to be carried out by the Committees created (e.g. scope, responsibilities obligations, as well as the internal structure). Such Committees or Commissions may include qualified persons or members of the Board of Directors, at the Board of Directors' discretion.

**20.2.** The President shall be a member of all such Committees and Commissions *ex-officio*, without voting rights.

**20.3.** The Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee shall be set up and their members appointed and/or revoked by the Board of Directors.

**20.4.** All Committees, Commissions and appointed representatives, shall submit regular reports to the Board of Directors.

**20.5.** For all roles elected by the President and/or the Board of Directors, whether commissions, consultants, etc., if necessary, the IPF will cover the various expenses related to the performance of their duties as long as they are reasonable, and are related to the performance of the designated activities.

**20.6.** A Players' Commission composed by 8 members is established within IPF. Half of the members of the Players' Commission shall be appointed among active or former padel players by Class B Members which have played in the final stage of the World Absolute Padel Championships and/or the World Junior Padel Championship at least four (4) times; the remaining half shall be appointed among active or former padel players by all the remaining Class B Members. A gender-balanced representation shall be also respected.

The Players' Commission has the following duties:

- a) to study issues relating to players, men and women, of all age groups;
- b) to propose to the Board of Directors any measures deemed necessary to improve the conditions of players and protect their ability to grow as players and as role models for others;
- c) to make recommendations on practices or activities likely to be affecting the interests of players; and
- d) to provide feedback on and advise on possible improvements to the various competitions of the IPF.

## **21. OFFICERS**

**21.1.** The Officers of the IPF shall consist of a President; an Executive Vice-President; one or more Vice-Presidents; a Treasurer; an Honorary Treasurer; the General Secretary; and such other Officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time deem necessary.

The Officers shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the By-Law or assigned from time to time by the Board of Directors or the General Meeting.

The Officers of the IPF shall hold office until their successors are appointed, provided that any Officer may be removed at any time by Resolution of the General Meeting.

The General Secretary and the Treasurer are appointed at the President's sole discretion pursuant to article 15.6.c. They are not entitled to vote at General Meetings.

### **21.2. EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT AND OTHER VICE-PRESIDENTS**

The Board of Directors may elect a Vice President and/or an Executive Vice-President among its members.

The Executive Vice-President shall be entitled to remuneration for his/her services and refunded of all expenses

incurred by him/her in the performance of his/her duties as may be agreed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

In the event of the death, retirement, or disability of the President, the Executive Vice- President or (in the absence of an Executive Vice-President) one of the other Vice Presidents as may be determined by the Board of Directors, shall assume the powers and duties of the President until a new President is elected at the next General Meeting or until the disability of the President is removed.

When standing in for the President, the Executive Vice-President or one of the other Vice Presidents, are subject to the same incompatibilities as the former, save for the case of a transition period of maximum 6 months during which the Executive Vice-President will serve as vice-President until the new elections.

### **21.3. HONORARY TREASURER**

An Honorary Treasurer (resident in the country where the accounts of the IPF are kept) shall be elected for a two-year term by Resolutions of the General Meeting. Nomination for the position of Honorary Treasurer shall be made by the Board of Directors.

The person thus elected Honorary Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election.

The Honorary Treasurer shall be entitled to attend all General Meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors, and may, if he/she so desires and if appointed or elected to do so, to act as the delegate of one Member at a General Meeting, but unless he/she is the delegate of a voting member he/she shall not be entitled to vote at such meetings.

The Honorary Treasurer shall not be entitled to payment for his/her services but shall be refunded by the IPF of all expenses properly incurred by him/her in connection with his/her office and duties.

### **21.4. HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENT**

Persons who have rendered long and distinguished service as President of the IPF (including for this purpose past service as President of the IPF) may be nominated by the Board of Directors and/or any Class A or B Members for the position of Honorary Life President of the IPF. Any such election shall be conducted at a General Meeting and shall require a two-thirds majority Resolution of the General Meeting.

Honorary Life Presidents may attend and speak at all General Meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors but shall not be entitled to vote.

### **21.5. HONORARY LIFE COUNSELLORS**

Persons who have rendered long and distinguished service to the IPF (including for this purpose past service to the IPF) may be nominated by the Board of Directors and/or any Class A or B Members for the position of Honorary Life Counsellors of the IPF. Any such election shall be conducted at a General Meeting and shall require a simple majority Resolution of the General Meeting.

Honorary Life Counsellors may attend and speak at all General Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.

## **22. ACCOUNTS OF THE IPF**

**22.1.** Unless otherwise decided by the General Meeting, the financial year of the IPF shall close on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of each year, and an annual statement of account shall be prepared as soon as practicable thereafter. The statement of account shall be audited by the Auditors of the IPF appointed by the General Meeting.

**22.2.** The reporting currency of the IPF is the Euro.

**22.3.** The Board of Directors shall keep accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements of cash and of the assets and liabilities of the IPF at the registered office of the IPF or at such other place as the Board of Directors decides.

**22.4.** Subject to any reasonable restrictions imposed from time to time by the Board of Directors as to the time and method of access, the statement of account shall be accessible to Members during normal business hours.

**22.5.** The Board of Directors shall present to each General Meeting a statement of account, audited by the auditors of the IPF, showing:

- a. a statement of income and expenditure for the past year; and
- b. a balance sheet containing a summary of the assets and liabilities of the IPF.

**22.6.** The Board of Directors shall control the accounts of the IPF and any funds, which may be established for the International Competitions, or other activities of the Competitions or other activities of the IPF.

**22.7.** The main sources of income for the IPF comes by public grants and private funding, media, marketing and sponsorship agreements, annual Affiliation Fees, secretariat right fees and official tournament and championships rights fees, and players participation dues as well as courses and seminars, etc.

## **23. RULES OF PADEL**

**23.1.** The official and final text of the Rules of Padel shall be in Spanish and English languages and no alteration or interpretation of such Rules shall be made except at a General Meeting when notice of the Motion embodying such alterations have been received by the IPF in accordance with article 13 and such Motion or one having the like effect shall be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the votes recorded in respect of the same.

**23.2.** Any alteration so made shall take effect as from the first day of the following January, unless the General Meeting shall decide otherwise by majority.

**23.3.** The Board of Directors shall have power, however, to settle all urgent questions of interpretation of the Rules of Padel, subject to notifying and explaining rationale to the following General Meeting.

## **24. COMPETITIONS**

**24.1.** Regulations, terms and conditions of the tournaments organized by the IPF shall be set out in the relevant regulations which can only be amended by the Board of Directors, except for what is provided for World Team Championships, categories “Absolutes” and “Junior” in articles 24.5 and 24.6 below.

**24.2.** The title “World Championships” in connection with padel, shall not be instituted or revived at any time without the unanimous consent of a General Meeting.

**24.3.** The World Team Championships, Absolutes, Junior and Senior, and World Open Competitions shall be open only to Class B Members of the IPF. In the case of all other team competitions, entries may be accepted from Class B and Class C Members. Only players who are eligible to represent a country in accordance with the following article may be nominated members of the team of that country.

**24.4.** Any person holding a permanent nationality (e.g. from birth or acquired by undertaking a naturalisation process) in a certain country is eligible to play for the representative teams of that country. Save for the exception specified in the regulations of the IPF, any player who has already participated in a match (either in full or in part) in a World Championship, category Absolute or in Continental Championship, category Absolute, for one National Federation cannot play an international match for a representative team of another National Federation.

**24.5.** The Regulations of the World Team Championships, categories “Absolutes” and “Junior” may be altered from time to time by the General Meeting if due notice of the principles embodying such alteration have been given in accordance with article 13 and the amendments are approved by a two-thirds majority resolution of the General Meeting.

Any alterations so made shall take effect from the next following competition.

**24.6.** The Regulations of the World Team Championships, categories “Absolutes” and “Junior” may be altered by the Board of Directors if the matter is deemed to be urgent and motivated by something that is not already foreseen in the Regulations themselves. In such event the Board of Directors shall notify and explain the rationale of the measure(s) to the following General Meeting, and shall notify the countries participating in the competition in question of the modification before the start of the competition.

## **25. INDEMNITY**



**25.1.** Upon notification of a claim, the IPF shall immediately fully indemnify and hold harmless the Board of Directors and Officers from and against any costs, expenses, liabilities and awards arising out of any action instituted in any jurisdiction at any time as a direct result of the activities that such person carried out within the scope of the his/her duties.

**25.2.** In the event that the relevant claims, costs, charges, losses, damages or expenses are the result of the fraudulent, willful neglect or default of the person involved, IPF will not indemnify him/her.

## **26. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**26.1.** The official languages of the IPF shall be English and Spanish; in case of discrepancies, the Spanish version will prevail. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, arrange for the interpretation or translation of this By-Law into other languages, but only English and Spanish versions will be official.

**26.2.** Any person who accepts a position in the administration of the padel game within the IPF, and has any financial interest in the padel industry must, before his/her appointment, disclose in writing his/her interests. Directors of the IPF must provide an annual statement of interests to the Board of Directors listing all financial interests in padel, affiliations with other padel bodies and any other items that could give rise to potential conflicts of interest. Failure to do so may lead to dismissal from the position held.

**26.3.** In the case of an international appointment made by a Member or by a recognised Regional Association, the Board of Directors of the IPF shall have power to veto such appointment if, in their opinion, it is not in the best interests of the sport of Padel that such appointment be made or continued, as the case may be.

**26.4.** A notice shall be deemed to have been received by a Member when hand-delivered by personal delivery or by an internationally recognised courier service, or when transmitted by e-mail, in all cases if addressed to such Member's official address communicated to the IPF.

## **27. ARBITRATION**

**27.1.** Any dispute between two or more Members, between a Member and the IPF or between the IPF and any other individual or organisation submitted to the power of the IPF shall be exclusively referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne, Switzerland. The rules of the Court of Arbitration for Sport shall govern the arbitration and the decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

**27.2.** Any such arbitration procedure shall be governed by Swiss Law and by the applicable rules and regulations of the IPF, if any.

## **28. DISSOLUTION**

**28.1.** The IPF shall not be dissolved save when a General Meeting has been specifically convened for this purpose and a Resolution of the General Meeting is carried by a four-fifths majority.

**28.2.** In the event of the dissolution of the IPF, the surplus assets of the IPF shall be paid to the Class B Members in proportion to the last year annual Affiliation Fee paid by each one, effectively accounted.

## **29. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAW**

**29.1.** Any alterations to the By-Law shall require a two-thirds majority resolution of the General Meeting. Any provision of the By-Law that requires a majority vote greater than two-thirds may be altered only by a vote of the same majority.

**29.2.** If the General Meeting shall resolve to amend any part of the By-Law it may delegate the responsibility of approval of the final wording, of any such amendment, to the Board of Directors.

**29.3.** Any alterations so made shall take effect as from the day following the General Meeting.

## APPENDIXES TO BY-LAW

### APPENDIX A - CLASS MEMBERS AND VOTES REGISTER

#### Class A Members:

Argentina

Spain

México

Uruguay

#### Class B Members:

1.	Germany	1
2.	Saudi Arabia	1
3.	Argentina	12
4.	Armenia	1
5.	Australia	1
6.	Austria	3
7.	Azerbaijan	1
8.	Bahrein	1
9.	Belgium	7
10.	Brazil	12
11.	Bulgaria	1
12.	Canada	9
13.	Qatar	1
14.	Chile	7
15.	Vatican City	1
16.	China	1
17.	South Korea	1
18.	Croatia	1
19.	Denmark	1
20.	Ecuador	1
21.	Egypt	1
22.	UAE	1
23.	Slovakia	1
24.	Slovenia	1
25.	Spain	12

26.	United States	7
27.	Estonia	1
28.	Finland	1
29.	France	7
30.	Georgia	1
31.	The Netherlands	5
32.	Iran	1
33.	Ireland	1
34.	Israel	1
35.	Italy	9
36.	Kazakhstan	1
37.	Kosovo	1
38.	Kuwait	1
39.	Japan	1
40.	Lithuania	1
41.	Luxembourg	1
42.	Malta	1
43.	Mexico	12
44.	Montenegro	1
45.	Norway	1
46.	Oman	1
47.	Paraguay	9
48.	Poland	1
49.	Portugal	7
50.	Monaco	1
51.	Great Britain	3
52.	Czech Republic	1
53.	Russia	1
54.	San Marino	1
55.	Senegal	1
56.	Sweden	3
57.	Switzerland	5
58.	Thailand	1
59.	Tunisia	1
60.	Turkey	1
61.	Ukraine	1
62.	Uruguay	12

63.	Venezuela	1
64.	Hungary	1

**Class C Members (without votes):**

1. Albania
2. El Salvador
3. Philippines
4. Guatemala
5. Lebanon
6. Maldives
7. New Zealand

## APPENDIX B - THE COMPETITIONS

### EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY

The following words or descriptions are of exclusive property of the IPF, and it could be authorised the use from Members time to time when necessary:

- World Padel Championships
- World Padel Absolute Championships
- World Padel Teams Championships
- World Padel National Teams Championships
- World Padel Championship for Teams
- World Padel Championship for National Teams
- World Padel National Pairs Championships
- World Padel Championship for National Pairs
- World Padel Pairs Championships
- World Padel Championship for Pairs- World Open
- World Padel Championships under 23
- World Padel Championships under 23
- World Padel Teams Championships under 23
- World Padel National Teams Championships under 23
- World Padel Championship for Teams under 23
- World Padel National Pairs Championships under 23
- World Padel Championship for National Pairs under 23
- World Padel Pairs Championships under 23
- World Padel Championship for Pairs- World Open under 23
- World Padel Junior Championships
- World Padel Seniors Championships
- World Padel Championships for Junior Teams/for Seniors Teams
- World Padel Championships for Junior National Teams/for Seniors National Teams
- World Padel National Junior/Seniors Pairs Championships
- World Padel Championship for Junior/Seniors Pairs Open
- “Regional” Padel Teams Championships
- Regional” Padel National Teams Championships
- “Regional” Padel National Pairs Championships
- “Regional” Padel Pairs Championships Open
- “Regional” Padel Championships
- “Regional” Padel Absolute Championships

- “Regional” Padel Championships for Teams
- “Regional” Padel Championships for National Teams
- “Regional” Padel Championship for National Pairs
- “Regional” Padel Championship for Pairs - “Regional” Open
- “Regional” Padel Junior/Seniors Championships
- “Regional” Padel Championships for Junior Teams/for Seniors Teams
- “Regional” Padel Championships for Junior National Teams/for Seniors National Teams
- “Regional” Padel National Pairs Junior/Seniors Championship
- “Regional” Padel Championship for Pairs Junior/Seniors Open
- International Padel Championships
- International Padel Tournament
- International Padel Circuit
- International Padel Tour
- International Padel League
- International Padel Meeting
- “Regional” Padel Championships
- “Regional” Padel Tournament
- “Regional” Padel Circuit
- “Regional” Padel Meeting
- “Regional” Padel Tour
- “Regional” Padel League
- Premier Padel
- FIP Tour
- FIP Promises
- FIP Seniors

## **COMPETITIONS FOR TEAMS AND FOR PAIRS**

The following are the Official Team and Pairs Competitions of the International Padel Federation:

- The Competition of World Padel Teams Championships event for Men
- The Competition of World Padel Teams Championships event for Women
- The Competition of World Padel National Teams Championships event for Men
- The Competition of World Padel National Teams Championships event for Women
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Men
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Women
- The Competition of World Padel Pairs Championships event for Men - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Pairs Championships event for Women - Open

- The Competition of World Padel Teams Championships event for Men under 23
- The Competition of World Padel Teams Championships event for Women under 23
- The Competition of World Padel National Teams Championships event for Men under 23
- The Competition of World Padel National Teams Championships event for Women under 23
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Men under 23
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Women under 23
- The Competition of World Padel Pairs Championships event for Men under 23 - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Pairs Championships event for Women under 23 - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Teams Championships event for Boys
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Teams Championships event for Girls
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Teams Championships event for Boys
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Teams Championships event for Girls
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Teams Championships event for Boys 20 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Teams Championships event for Girls 20 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Teams Championships event for Boys 20 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Teams Championships event for Girls 20 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Pairs Championships event for Boys 20 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Pairs Championships event for Girls 20 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Pairs Championships event for Boys 20 and Under - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Pairs Championships event for Girls 20 and Under - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Teams Championships event for Boys 18 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Teams Championships event for Girls 18 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Teams Championships event for Boys 18 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Teams Championships event for Girls 18 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Pairs Championships event for Boys 18 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Pairs Championships event for Girls 18 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Pairs Championships event for Boys 18 and Under - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Pairs Championships event for Girls 18 and Under - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Teams Championships event for Boys 16 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Teams Championships event for Girls 16 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Teams Championships event for Boys 16 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Teams Championships event for Girls 16 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Pairs Championships event for Boys 16 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Pairs Championships event for Girls 16 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Pairs Championships event for Boys 16 and Under - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Pairs Championships event for Girls 16 and Under - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Teams Championships event for Boys 14 and Under

- The Competition of World Padel Junior Teams Championships event for Girls 14 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Teams Championships event for Boys 14 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Teams Championships event for Girls 14 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Pairs Championships event for Boys 14 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Pairs Championships event for Girls 14 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Pairs Championships event for Boys 14 and Under - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Pairs Championships event for Girls 14 and Under - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Pairs Championships event for Boys 12 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior National Pairs Championships event for Girls 12 and Under
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Pairs Championships event for Boys 12 and Under - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Junior Pairs Championships event for Girls 12 and Under - Open
- The Competition of World Padel Team Championships event for Men of Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel National Team Championships event for Men of Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel Team Championships event for Women of Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel National Team Championships event for Women of Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Men 35 Age Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Women 35 Age Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel Pairs Championships event for Women 35 Age Seniors Category - Open
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Men 40 Age Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Women 40 Age Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel Pairs Championships event for Women 40 Age Seniors Category - Open
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Men 45 Age Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Women 45 Age Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel Pairs Championships event for Women 45 Age Seniors Category - Open
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Men 50 Age Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Women 50 Age Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel Pairs Championships event for Women 50 Age Seniors Category - Open
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Men 55 Age Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Women 55 Age Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel Pairs Championships event for Women 55 Age Seniors Category - Open
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Men 60 Age Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel National Pairs Championships event for Women 60 Age Seniors Category
- The Competition of World Padel Pairs Championships event for Women 60 Age Seniors Category - Open



- The Competitions of “Regional” Championships as per above specific description.
  - The Competitions of World and “Regional” Wheelchair Padel Championships for National Teams and for Pairs event for Men & Women
  - The Competitions of World and “Regional” for physical and intellectual disability Padel Championships for National Teams and for Pairs event for Men & Women
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- a. Other International Team and Pairs Competitions may be organised and managed by the IPF at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
  - b. The IPF shall manage the Official Team and Pairs Competitions in accordance with the Regulations adopted for the events, and shall hold and control the finances.
  - c. The IPF shall own all international and national rights associated with these events, in accordance with the Regulations adopted, and shall register in its name all trademarks.
  - d. International Team and Pairs Competitions may be officially recognised by the IPF on an annual or permanent basis and be known as “Official Team and/or Pairs Competition Recognised by IPF”.
  - e. Applications for recognition shall be submitted by the National Federation or Regional Association concerned. Applications, which shall give full details of the event, shall be considered by the corresponding Committee (if exist) and also at last by the Board of Directors.

## APPENDIX C - EXTRACTS OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER

(Any amendments made to these rules by the IOC will be accepted by the IPF)

### Rule 25 Recognition of IFs

In order to develop and promote the Olympic Movement, the IOC may recognise as IFs international non-governmental organisations governing one or several sports at the world level, which extends by reference to those organisations recognised by the IFs as governing such sports at the national level.

The statutes, practice and activities of the IFs within the Olympic Movement must be in conformity with the Olympic Charter, including the adoption and implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code as well as the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions. Subject to the foregoing, each IF maintains its independence and autonomy in the governance of its sport.

### Rule 26 Mission and role of the IFs within the Olympic Movement

1 The mission and role of the IFs within the Olympic Movement are:

- 1.1 to establish and enforce, in accordance with the Olympic spirit, the rules concerning the practice of their respective sports and to ensure their application;
- 1.2 to ensure the development of their sports throughout the world;
- 1.3 to contribute to the achievement of the goals set out in the Olympic Charter, in particular by way of the spread of Olympism and Olympic education;
- 1.4 to support the IOC in the review of candidatures for organising the Olympic Games for their respective sports;
- 1.5 to assume the responsibility for the control and direction of their sports at the Olympic Games;
- 1.6 for other international multisport competitions held under the patronage of the IOC, IFs can assume or delegate responsibility for the control and direction of their sports;
- 1.7 to provide technical assistance in the practical implementation of the Olympic Solidarity programmes;
- 1.8 to encourage and support measures relating to the medical care and health of athletes.

2 In addition, the IFs have the right to:

- 2.1 formulate proposals addressed to the IOC concerning the Olympic Charter and the Olympic Movement;
- 2.2 collaborate in the preparation of Olympic Congresses;
- 2.3 participate, on request from the IOC, in the activities of the IOC commissions.

## Chapter 5 – The Olympic Games

### II Participation in the Olympic Games

#### Rule 40 Participation in the Olympic Games

1. To participate in the Olympic Games, a competitor, team official or other team personnel must respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, as well as with the rules of the relevant IF as approved by the IOC, and the competitor, team official or other team personnel must be entered by his NOC.

2. All competitors, team officials or other team personnel in the Olympic Games shall enjoy freedom of expression in keeping with the Olympic values and the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, and in accordance with the Guidelines determined by the IOC Executive Board.

### ***Bye-law to Rule 40***

1 Each IF establishes its sport's rules for participation in the Olympic Games, including qualification criteria, in accordance with the Olympic Charter. Such criteria must be submitted to the IOC Executive Board for approval.

2 The application of the qualification criteria lies with the IFs, their affiliated national federations and the NOCs in the fields of their respective responsibilities.

3 Competitors, team officials and other team personnel who participate in the Olympic Games may allow their person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the Olympic Games in accordance with the principles determined by the IOC Executive Board.

4 The entry or participation of a competitor in the Olympic Games shall not be conditional on any financial consideration.

### **Rule 41 Nationality of competitors**

1 Any competitor in the Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the NOC which is entering such competitor.

2 All matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in the Olympic Games shall be resolved by the IOC Executive Board.

### ***Bye-law to Rule 41***

1 A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognised by the relevant IF, he may not represent another country unless he meets the conditions set forth in paragraph 2 below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

2 A competitor who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognised by the relevant IF, and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in the Olympic Games to represent his new country provided that at least three years have passed since the competitor last represented his former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the NOCs and IF concerned, by the IOC Executive Board, which takes into account the circumstances of each case.

3 If an associated State, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, if a country merges with another country, or if a new NOC is recognised by the IOC, a competitor may continue to represent the country to which he belongs or belonged. However, he may, if he prefers, elect to represent his country or be entered in the Olympic Games by his new NOC if one exists. This particular choice may be made only once.

4 Furthermore, in all cases in which a competitor would be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games, either by representing another country than his or by having the choice as to the country which such competitor intends to represent, the IOC Executive Board may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any competitor, including the duration of any waiting period.

### **Rule 43 World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions**

Compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions is mandatory for the whole Olympic Movement.

### **Rule 46 Role of the IFs in relation to the Olympic Games**

1 Each IF is responsible for the control and direction of its sport at the Olympic Games. All elements of the competitions, including the schedule, field of play, training sites and all equipment must comply with its rules. For all such arrangements, the OCOG must consult the relevant IFs.

2 The OCOGs shall work closely with the IFs in the planning and delivery of each sport and agree upon specific responsibilities with the relevant IFs, under the direction of the IOC Executive Board.

3 The OCOG must ensure that the various sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games are treated and integrated equitably.

4 The final decision of the competition schedule and daily timetable of events is made by the IOC Executive Board.

5 The IOC Executive Board determines the number and the method for selection of competitors for doping tests and all other anti-doping measures during the period of the Olympic Games after consultation with each IF.

## **APPENDIX D - TROPHIES PRESENTED BY THE IPF**

### **World Championships Trophy**

#### **Absolute**

- World Padel Championships by National Teams for Male and Female
- World Padel Championships by National Pairs for Male and Female
- World Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Male and Female

#### **Juniors**

- Juniors World Padel Championships by National Teams for Boys and Girls.
- Juniors World Padel Championships by National Pairs for Boys and Girls under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18 and under 20.
- Juniors World Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Boys and Girls under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18 and under 20.

#### **Under 23**

- Juniors World Padel Championships by National Teams for Boys and Girls under 23.
- Juniors World Padel Championships by National Pairs for Boys and Girls under 23.
- Juniors World Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Boys and Girls under 23.

#### **Seniors**

- Seniors World Padel Championships by National Teams for Male and Female.
- Seniors World Padel Championships by National Pairs for male over 35, over 40, over 45, over 50, over 55 and over 60 ages
- Seniors World Padel Championships by National Pairs for female over 35, over 40, over 45, over 50, over 55 and over 60 ages

### **Regional Championships Trophy**

#### **Absolut**

- European Padel Championships by National Teams for Male and Female
- European Padel Championships by National Pairs for Male and Female
- European Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Male and Female
- Pan-American Padel Championships by National Teams for Male and Female
- Pan-American Padel Championships by National Pairs for Male and Female
- Pan-American Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Male and Female
- Asia-Pacific Padel Championships by National Teams for Male and Female
- Asia-Pacific Padel Championships by National Pairs for Male and Female
- Asia-Pacific Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Male and Female
- Africa Padel Championships by National Teams for Male and Female
- Africa Padel Championships by National Pairs for Male and Female
- Africa Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Male and Female

## **Juniors**

- Juniors European Padel Championships by National Teams for Boys and Girls.
- Juniors European Padel Championships by National Pairs for Boys and Girls under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18 and under 20.
- Juniors European Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Boys and Girls under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18 and under 20.
- Juniors Pan-American Padel Championships by National Pairs for Boys and Girls under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18 and under 20.
- Juniors Pan-American Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Boys and Girls under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18 and under 20.
- Juniors Asia-Pacific Padel Championships by National Teams for Boys and Girls.
- Juniors Asia-Pacific Padel Championships by National Pairs for Boys and Girls under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18 and under 20.
- Juniors Asia-Pacific Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Boys and Girls under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18 and under 20.
- Juniors Africa Padel Championships by National Teams for Boys and Girls.
- Juniors Africa Padel Championships by National Pairs for Boys and Girls under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18 and under 20.
- Juniors Africa Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Boys and Girls under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18 and under 20.

## **Under 23**

- Juniors European Padel Championships by National Teams for Boys and Girls under 23
- Juniors European Padel Championships by National Pairs for Boys and Girls under 23
- Juniors European Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Boys and Girls under 23
- Juniors Pan-American Padel Championships by National Teams for Boys and Girls under 23
- Juniors Pan-American Padel Championships by National Pairs for Boys and Girls under 23
- Juniors Pan-American Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Boys and Girls under 23
- Juniors Asia-Pacific Padel Championships by National Teams for Boys and Girls under 23
- Juniors Asia-Pacific Padel Championships by National Pairs for Boys and Girls under 23
- Juniors Asia-Pacific Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Boys and Girls under 23
- Juniors Africa Padel Championships by National Teams for Boys and Girls under 23
- Juniors Africa Padel Championships by National Pairs for Boys and Girls under 23
- Juniors Africa Padel Championships Open by Pairs for Boys and Girls under 23

## **Seniors**

- Seniors European Padel Championships by National Teams for Male and Female.
- Seniors European Padel Championships by National Pairs for Male over 35, over 40, over 45, over 50, over 55 and over 60 ages
- Seniors European Padel Championships by National Pairs for female over 35, over 40, over 45, over 50, over 55 and over 60 ages
- Ladies and Seniors Pan-American Padel Championships by National Teams for Male and Female.

- Ladies and Seniors Pan-American Padel Championships by National Pairs for Male over 35, over 40, over 45, over 50, over 55 and over 60 ages
- Ladies and Seniors Pan-American Padel Championships by National Pairs for female over 35, over 40, over 45, over 50, over 55 and over 60 ages
- Seniors Asia-Pacific Padel Championships by National Teams for Male and Female.
- Seniors Asia-Pacific Padel Championships by National Pairs for Male over 35, over 40, over 45, over 50, over 55 and over 60 ages
- Seniors Asia-Pacific Padel Championships by National Pairs for female over 35, over 40, over 45, over 50, over 55 and over 60 ages
- Seniors Africa Padel Championships by National Teams for Male and Female.
- Seniors Africa Padel Championships by National Pairs for Male over 35, over 40, over 45, over 50, over 55 and over 60 ages
- Seniors Africa Padel Championships by National Pairs for female over 35, over 40, over 45, over 50, over 55 and over 60 ages