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1 NAME AND REGISTERED OFFICE

- 1) The Confederation shall bear the name "World Rock'n'Roll Confederation", abbreviated "WRRRC"; it is an association within the sense of Swiss Civil Code. Swiss law shall be applied to all legal issues and legal disputes.
The registered office is in Zurich, Switzerland.
The residence of the president shall be the business address of the Confederation.
- 2) The WRRRC is an associated member of the World DanceSport Federation (WDSF) and via WDSF connected to Sport Accord and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and sports forum of the European Union

2 PURPOSE AND AIMS

- 1) The WRRRC is the international umbrella organization of the national federations of Rock 'n' Roll for amateurs and professionals.
 - a. The WRRRC is the international federation governing all aspects of the sports of Rock'n'Roll, Rock'n'Roll acrobatic, Boogie Woogie, Lindy Hop, Bugg and Doublebug worldwide either directly or through its national member bodies.
 - b. The term Rock'n'Roll, which is used in all following points and articles, refers to all divisions described in previous paragraph.
- 2) The aims of the Confederation shall be achieved by:
 - a) Registering existing national Rock' n Roll federations and promoting the establishment of national federations in countries where no such organizations exist;
 - b) Promoting international Rock' n Roll competitions for amateurs and professionals;
 - c) Campaigning for approval of Rock' n Roll as an Olympic sport;
 - d) Continuous further training of tournament dancers by means of suitable specialists and trainers;
 - e) Organizing Rock' n Roll tournaments and championships;
 - f) Presentations and social gatherings, the publication of documents and other works favoring the preservation and promotion of Rock' n Roll tournament dancing;
 - g) Training and further training of trainers and judges;
 - h) Other presentations and activities which aid in achieving the aims of the Confederation.

- 3) The Confederation shall have no party affiliations and shall not influence the political, ideological and religious opinions of its officials and sportsmen and women.
- 4) The Confederation shall be a nonprofit making organization.
- 5) Exact provisions shall be governed by the Tournament Rules (Regulations), by the Rules of Procedure, the relevant version of the Anti-Doping Code of the World Dance Sport Federation (WDSF), as well as by further specific regulations regarding divisions and topics which have to be decided by the Presidium or the General Meeting.

3 FINANCES

- 1) The financial year shall begin on 1st January and end on 31st December.
- 2) The aims of the Confederation shall be achieved by means of:
 - a) admission fees
 - b) ordinary members' fees
 - c) extraordinary members' fees
 - d) registration and starting fees
 - e) special allocations of funds
 - f) fees for international championships and cups
 - g) proceeds from surpluses after congresses
 - h) proceeds from media rights and sponsoring rights
 - i) other proceeds such as donations, legacies and suchlike.

Amounts for fees and any special allocations shall be determined by the General Meeting each year.

- 3) The annual members' fee amounts to a maximum of 2 000,- € per member. The financial duties for members are described in the Fee Scale, which is, each time, approved by the General Meeting.

4 MEMBERS

- 1) Members shall be differentiated as follows:
 - a) ordinary members
 - b) extraordinary members
 - c) provisional members
 - d) honorary members and honorary officials.

- 2) National Rock'n'Roll federations for amateurs and professionals which, on the base of their Statutes, are committed to promoting and furthering Rock'n'Roll dance, including acrobatic creations which comply with sporting regulations, may become ordinary members.
- 3) Institutions, groups and individuals who promote and support the aims of the WRRRC as set down in these Statutes may become extraordinary members.
- 4) Each new member automatically receives a provisional Membership for the period of 3 years. After 3 years the permanent Membership as an ordinary member is possible. A reconfirmation voting is requested on General meeting.
- 5) Persons demonstrating merit in relation to the interests of the WRRRC as regards Rock'n'Roll sporting dance may be nominated as honorary members and honorary officials

5 ADMISSION

- 3) Applicants for admission shall send a written application for admission to the WRRRC office. The applicant shall enclose the following documents with the application: a copy of its Statutes, a list of the members and a list of the members of the managerial committee (the Presidium). The applicant's Statutes and other regulations must be in accordance with the spirit of these Statutes.
- 4) The General Meeting shall be responsible for decisions on admission of new members and shall vote by simple majority. A rejected application does not have to be reasoned.
- 5) Each new member automatically receives a provisional Membership for the period of 3 years. After 3 years the permanent Membership is possible. During the provisional period the Member has all rights and duties as set in §6 and §7.
- 6) In between to General meetings the Presidium can decide upon temporary membership of new members. Such members only have rights as set in §6, Article 1d.
- 7) Only one national federation per country may be admitted which must represent the non-profit sports movement in the country. Wherever possible the membership of the national sport federation or national Olympic committee is required.

- 8) Extraordinary members may be admitted only if there is no national federation in their country or if such existing federation approves admission.
- 9) Appointment of honorary members and honorary officials shall be up to the General Meeting. Active dancers cannot be appointed honorary members.

6 MEMBERS' RIGHTS

- 1) Ordinary members are entitled to:
 - a) a seat and vote at the general meeting
 - b) the right to hold Rock' n Roll dance tournaments in compliance with All relevant rules decided by the Presidium or General meeting.
 - c) the right to take part in general meetings and to make proposals (present motions).
 - d) the right to participate in all presentations and dance tournaments of the Confederation.
- 2) Extraordinary members are entitled to those rights as set down in article 1, items b, c and d.
- 3) Provisional members are entitled to the same rights as ordinary members.
- 4) Honorary members are entitled to the same rights as honorary officials as set down in article 1, points c and d.

7 MEMBERS' DUTIES

- 1) Members shall at all times safeguard the reputation, esteem and interests of the Confederation, and shall observe the Statutes, the tournament rules (regulations) and the rules of procedure and shall pay their fees and suchlike on time.
- 2) Members may only organize tournaments quoted in the tournament rules (regulations) in the name of the WRRC.
- 3) Members of WRRC must agree to and accept the principles of the IOC and World Anti-Doping Code and its International Standards, furthermore the relevant version of the WDSF Statutes, the Anti-Doping Code and related procedures, the Code of the Disciplinary Council of the World Dance Sport Federation (WDSF), as a condition of membership, requiring all athletes, athlete support personnel and other officials within their jurisdiction to recognize to be

bound by these rules and procedures, and to abide the decisions and instructions of the WDSF Anti-Doping officials.

Members of WRRRC shall take appropriate steps to ensure that their registered members and member associations as well as athletes, officials, collaborators and auxiliaries are informed about these Statutes and all rules and published decisions decided by the WRRRC Presidium or General Meeting. Furthermore, the above mentioned shall behave in accordance with the interests of the Confederation.

8 LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Membership standing is forfeited upon death, dissolution, resignation, expulsion or annulment. In such case all membership rights shall be forfeited. Resignation, expulsion or annulment shall not exonerate such member from duties regarding payment of fees and suchlike which may be outstanding. There shall be no reimbursement of payments already made.
- 2) All members are free to hand in their resignation after notice has been given by registered letter addressed to the WRRRC office. The resigning members' financial obligations for the current fiscal year shall in no way be affected by the resignation.
- 3) Members who have been found guilty of dishonorable acts or of a gross breach of manners, who have damaged or jeopardized the reputation, esteem or the interests of the Confederation or who have infringed the Statutes and all rules and published decisions decided by the WRRRC Presidium or General Meeting shall be expelled from the Confederation. Notification of expulsions shall be decided by the WRRRC General Meeting based at a Motion from the Presidium.
- 4) Annulment of membership shall occur if a member is in arrears with payment of dues and suchlike despite two written reminders for payment having been given. The Presidium is responsible for such decisions. An Appeal may be made at the following general meeting and shall have suspensive effect until such time.
- 5) When a Member nation shows limited activity for more than two years period, and a second federation exists in the country with dancers available that want to participate on WRRRC events; the WRRRC may reconsider the Membership, evaluate the position of both federations and can revoke the existing membership and replace it with a new federation.

9 ORGANS OF THE CONFEDERATION

The organs of the Confederation shall be as follows:

- a) the General Meeting;
- b) the Presidium;
- c) the Auditors;
- d) the Arbitration Committee;
- e) the WDSF Anti-Doping Commission;
- f) the WDSF Disciplinary Council.

10 THE GENERAL MEETING

- 1) The General Meeting is the supreme body of the WRRC and is composed of two delegates from each ordinary member (national federation). The Presidium has to attend the general meetings.
 - a) the two delegates who must be of age and be members of their national federation must also be able to prove their legitimate status by means of a written proxy from the national federation. Assignment of votes by proxy is permitted, but only in the form WRRC published (Homepage)
 - b) each delegate has one vote, therefore, each ordinary member (national federation) has maximum two votes.
 - c) delegates may deliver their votes in person only or by valid proxy.
 - d) Voting proxy is permitted in accordance with the following provisions:
 - a closed proxy signed by member unable to attend the meeting, given to the Chairman before the meeting begins
 - open proxies are also accepted
 - a delegate can hold up to a maximum of one proxy vote. It must be closed or open
 - a closed proxy is defined as the vote of an absent member instructing the member voting by the proxy how to vote on a specific motion, either “yes” or “no”, included any amendment accepted on the meeting
 - all proxies must be writing, using the proxy vote forms that can be found in the WRRC web site
 - e) The official language on GM is English.
- 2) Convening the General Meeting:
 - a) The ordinary general meeting takes place once a year on the second weekend in March.
 - b) The President is responsible for convening the general meeting as prescribed. Notification of the place and time of the general meeting shall be given in writing to all members at least 3 months prior to such meeting.

- c) Questions, motions and points of contention addressed to the ordinary General Meeting which are to be placed on the agenda shall be presented together with a brief explanation to the President at least six (6) weeks prior to the general meeting.
 - d) The President shall compile the agenda with all explanations and documents and all members shall be informed of such at least three (3) weeks prior to the general meeting.
- 3) The President of the Presidium shall take the chair during the general meeting. In the event of his/her absence the Vice Presidents select a representative amongst them who shall take the chair. If she/he is also absent, the General Meeting shall elect the chairman from among the delegates.
- 4) Voting, decisions:
- a) A quorum is reached at the general meeting if one representative is present from one third of the ordinary members (national federations). If a quorum is not reached, another general meeting may be convened with the same agenda as per article 2 above. At such general meeting a quorum shall be formed without regard for the number of votes.
 - b) Simple majority vote shall suffice as a rule for decisions to be passed.
(it means that the number of YES votes is higher than the number of NO votes – abstentions are not calculated)
 - c) In the event of a parity of votes the request shall be deemed as rejected.
 - d) A two-thirds majority vote is necessary in the case of decisions concerning changes to the Statutes, dissolution of the Confederation or alterations or amendments to the agenda.
 - e) Ordinary and provisional members (national federations) are entitled to vote only if, prior to the commencement of the general meeting, they have entirely fulfilled all financial obligations, including any ancillary liability, due and invoiced up to a month prior to the respective general meeting.
 - f) Persons holding proxy are only entitled to vote if the national federation which they represent has fulfilled the obligations as set in paragraph e)
- 5) Elections:
- a) The elections of Presidium must be done via election committee.
 - The election committee shall be elected by the General Meeting. Re-election is possible.
 - The elections should take part at the GM one year before the Presidium elections.
 - The election committee is composed of a chairman (the same as the election manager) and 2 delegates from different national member

federations

- The chairman or the members must not tell anyone what he or she has heard in his role as election committee (secrecy, the principal of confidentiality applied to the assignment)
 - Six (6) weeks latest before the GM members shall propose candidates for the Presidium to the chairman of the election committee (election manager)
 - The candidates must present a short program (max one A4 page).
 - The election committee must review the candidates and act if there are no candidates for any of the seats in Presidium.
 - Three (3) weeks before the AGM the list with programs should be forwarded to the national federations.
 - Later candidacy is not possible.
 - Members of election committee can't run for any Presidium function.
 - Persons who are by family related to existing Presidium members can't be members of election committee.
- b) The elections of other organs are done by presenting the candidates directly on GM and supervised by Election manager.
- c) All elections should take place using ballot-cards.
- d) Prior to the election of the Presidium the election manager shall be appointed who shall monitor the election proceedings. The chairman of election committee can act as such.
- e) A simple majority is required for an election to be valid.
- f) In the event that more than one candidate has been nominated for a position the candidate with the lowest number of votes in the respective voting shall be excluded. This procedure shall be repeated until only one candidate remains. In case of parity of votes a maximum of two further voting procedures may be carried out in order to reach a decision, after which lots shall be drawn.
- g) Only one person from each member federation may be elected to the Presidium.
- h) People who are absent may be elected only if they have previously delivered a written statement accepting the position in case of their election.
- i) Notification of election results shall be given by the election manager.
- 6) Duties of the General Meeting:
- a) Decision on approval of the minutes of the previous general meeting and of the extraordinary general meeting.
 - b) Acceptance of the annual reports of all the organs of the WRRC and decisions on such.
 - c) Decisions with respect to the end-of-year balance sheet and on the budget.

- d) Decisions on the discharging of all organs of the WRRC.
- e) Election of the Presidium.
- f) Election of the auditors.
- g) Election of the chairman of the Arbitration Committee.
- h) Appointment of honorary members and honorary officials based on motions made by the Presidium.
- i) Determination of amounts for fees and other financial obligations of members, tournament organizers or couples (fees regulations).
- j) Decisions on applications for admission of provisional or ordinary members.
- k) Decisions on expulsions of members.
- l) Decisions on appeals against decisions of the Arbitration Committee.
- m) Decisions on applications for admission which have been rejected by the Presidium.
- n) Decisions on expulsions of members as enforced by the Presidium against which appeal has been made.
- o) Decisions in the event of disqualification of a couple by the Presidium if the party concerned made an appeal.
- p) Decisions on alterations to the Statutes (2/3 majority).
- q) Decisions on the dissolution of the Confederation (2/3 majority).
- r) Decisions on alterations or amendments to the agenda (2/3 majority).
- s) Election of the Election committee (one-year prior Presidium elections)

11 THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- 1) An extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened if the Presidium should decide that such is necessary for highly sound reasons or if such is requested in writing by at least a quarter of the ordinary members (national federations).
 - a) Such request shall contain those items or proposals which are to form the object of the extraordinary general meeting.
 - b) No more than a maximum of five weeks may pass between delivery of the request and the carrying out of the extraordinary general meeting.
- 2) Notice of the extraordinary general meeting shall be given in writing at least four weeks prior to the meeting.
- 3) Questions, motions and points of contention addressed to the extraordinary General Meeting which are to be placed on the agenda shall be delivered to the President in writing together with a brief explanation at least two weeks prior to the extraordinary general meeting.
- 4) The agenda and all explanations shall be sent to the members by the

President two (2) weeks prior to the extraordinary general meeting.

- 5) Members are entitled to the same rights at extraordinary general meetings as at ordinary general meetings.

12 THE PRESIDIUM

- 1) The Presidium shall be elected by the General Meeting for a period of four years. Re-election is possible.
- 2) The Presidium is composed of:
 - a) the President
generally responsible for leadership and representation of federation, all contacts with other federations, supervision of WRRRC office and other tasks as set out in the Statute
 - b) Vice President – Communication
Generally responsible for PR and all communication media (Home Page, Facebook, Twitter...)
 - c) Vice President – Marketing and Expansion
Generally responsible for expansion and marketing
 - d) Vice President – Education
Generally responsible for educational system for trainers and judges – from the concept to seminars and licensing.
 - e) Vice President – Legal affairs
Generally responsible for legal aspect of the rules and regulations and for anti-doping.
 - f) The Finance Director
Generally responsible for all financial activities following WRRRC Statute and other regulations
 - g) The Sports Director
Generally responsible for tournament rules and other sportive rules and all activities connected with International judges and Observers

The detailed agenda of each Presidium Member is specified in Rules of Procedure as set in §12 Point 10).

- 3) The headquarters of the Presidium is the President's place of residence.
- 4) Duties of the Presidium:
 - a) complete running management and administration of the assets as prescribed by the Statutes.
 - b) temporarily admission and expulsion of members.
 - c) fulfilment of duties assigned by the General Meeting.
 - d) convening ordinary and extraordinary general meetings.

- e) decisions upon the directives to be drafted by the Sport Director respectively by the Sport Commission such as the tournament rules (regulations), assessment directives, rules for judges' examinations, etc...
 - f) carrying out all matters which are not expressly reserved for the General Meeting or for other organs of the Confederation.
 - g) assigning championships.
- 5) If during the period of office, a member of the Presidium should resign, the Presidium may coopt a substitute until the next general meeting.
 - 6) Documents and letters concerning current matters shall be signed by the President of the Confederation alone. Important documents, in particular those which are binding on the Confederation, shall be signed by the President together with another member of the Presidium.
 - 7) Meetings of the Presidium shall be chaired by the President. If this is not possible, the Vice-President shall take the chair.
 - 8) The Presidium shall make decisions by simple majority vote if all members have been invited and at least three members are present. Decisions may also be in writing, fax, e-mail or by telephone in urgent cases and in the event that members of the Presidium cannot meet outside the meetings.
 - 9) Meetings of the Presidium shall be convened by the President at his/her discretion or if more than half of the members of the Presidium request such a meeting. The meeting shall be given in writing to the members of Presidium at least 4 weeks prior to such meeting. The agenda shall be sent to the members of the Presidium a week before the meeting. The Presidium must hold two meetings a year.
 - 10) The Presidium has to arrange the exact distribution of competences amongst its members in the Rules of Procedure. The Rules of Procedure have to be reconfirmed after each change of Presidium members.
 - 11) The Presidium appoints a Medical Commission (MC) consisting of 2 to 4 members. One of the members is appointed to be Confederation Physician (CP), who heads the MC and represents it outwards, at the General Meeting, Presidium and WDSF anti-doping commission.
 - 12) The Presidium is empowered to appoint commissioners for different divisions or special projects, who give advice to the Presidium regarding specific questions of their division and prepare decisions. The Presidium must re-appoint commissioners after each election.

13 MINUTES

- 1) Minutes shall be taken at each general meeting and meeting of the Presidium and shall be signed by the President and the recording secretary.
- 2) Minutes shall be taken in the President's national language and shall contain in note form the most important proposals and results, i. e. the decisions made.
- 3) All members shall receive a copy of the minutes within three weeks after the general meeting or the meeting of the Presidium.

14 PERIODS AND DEADLINES

- 1) For periods and deadlines for mailings for which the President is responsible the postmark shall be valid, and for periods and deadlines for letters which must be presented to the Presidium the postmark shall also be applicable.

15 AUDITORS

- 1) The General Meeting shall appoint two auditors for a period of two years each time. They must come from different ordinary members (national federations) and cannot belong to the Presidium.
- 2) It is the auditors' responsibility to make official examinations of the executive's funds and the situation of funds to which they are authorized at any time whatsoever. The auditors shall present a written report to the General Meeting on the results of such examination.

16 THE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

- 1) Any disputes arising between members as a result of reports of the Confederation or from relations between ordinary members of the Confederation shall be settled by an arbitration committee. The arbitration committee shall be composed of five members. The chairman of the arbitration committee shall be elected by the General Meeting for a period of two years (until the following election) and shall be a person who is both suitable and recognized by all. Should the chairman of the arbitration committee be in any way prejudiced or be involved in the dispute, the chairman for the dispute proceedings shall be elected by the appointed arbitrators. If no agreement on the election can be reached from among

nominations for the chairman, the decision shall be made by drawing lots. Members acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Committee for disputes and agree to be bound by its decisions and to waive the right to take such disputes to law.

- 2) To implement the proceedings the two opposing parties shall each nominate within eight days two members of their national federations to act as arbitrators. Refusal on the part of one of the parties to nominate the arbiters or to undergo judgement by arbitration shall lead to expulsion from the Confederation. The arbitration committee has complete discretion in making judgements. Appeals may be made against decisions at the following general meeting. Decisions are taken by the arbitration committee by means of majority vote. Abstention from voting by an arbiter is not permitted.
- 3) The arbitration committee shall also decide which opposing party shall bear the costs of the proceedings.

17 SANCTIONS

- 1) Penalties may be imposed by the Presidium or the General Meeting on members of the Confederation (national federations), organizers and organizations, active dancers, officials, collaborators and club auxiliaries and groups registered in the national federations who breach, either intentionally or by neglect, these Statutes and all rules and published decisions decided by the WRRC Presidium or General Meeting, furthermore the relevant version of the Anti-Doping Code and the Code of the Disciplinary Council of the World Dance Sport Federation (WDSF), or who damage the reputation of Rock 'n' Roll sporting dance.
- 2) Penalties shall be:
 - a) Warnings or reprimands.
 - b) Fines up to the amount of the annual members' fees or, in the case of couples and officials, rejection of reimbursement of expenses or fines.
 - c) Ban on participation for individual members or for all members of a national federation in one or more tournaments or for a set period of time.
 - d) Ban on holding international tournaments.
 - e) Expulsion (appeal is possible as per § 8, art. 3).
- 3) Prior to imposing a penalty, the accused and the national federation to which he belongs shall have the possibility of defending themselves. In the

event that the accused does not take this opportunity, the penalty may be imposed in any case. Notification of a penalty shall be given in writing by registered letter. In urgent cases such notification may be preceded by notification by fax, e-mail or telephone. In such cases written notification of the penalty shall be issued. The penalized party has the right to appeal against penalties imposed by the Presidium within a period of two weeks running from delivery of notification of the penalty. Such appeal is made to the General Meeting. The appeal must be presented in writing to the Presidium and has by way of principle the effect of suspension. In special cases this suspending effect may be denied.

- 4) The Presidium may, on the basis of § 8 art. 4 of these Statutes, annul members who have not paid their annual amounts or other financial requests despite having been requested twice in writing. Appeal may be made to the following General Meeting with the effect of suspension until that time.
- 5) Decisions on penalties taken by the General Meeting shall not be challenged

18 DISSOLUTION

The dissolution of the Confederation may only be decided upon by a two-thirds majority of the General Meeting. The entire patrimony of the Confederation, after deduction of any debts, shall be employed for charitable purposes upon the decision of the General Meeting.



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