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TITLE I – PANATHLON INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

Article 1 – Use of the Logo

1. The logo, as reported in art. 1.2. of the Statute, must be in compliance with the drawing, colours and proportions established for the official logo and approved by the International Board, at its meeting of 1st November 1996.
All non international bodies can use the logo exclusively with the additions identified by the national body, outside the double circle. The logo cannot be used for personal or commercial purposes.

Article 2 - Formation of a Club

1. For a Club to be formed it must have at least twelve persons representing different disciplines out of those reported in annex 1 to these Regulations.

2. A proposal is written down by the promoters or by another Club and submitted to the competent Area Governor in the cases stated in art.19 of the Statutes or to the District President in the other cases, supported by the candidates' curricula and by the name of the new club, containing a distinguishing geographical or territorial place-name.

3. The Area Governor or the District President **having jurisdiction** shall verify that the conditions laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article are met and, within thirty days, shall forward the application, with his reasoned opinion, to the General Secretariat, thereby granting the provisional authorisation to form the Club.

4. The representative of the Promoters or of the sponsor Club shall convene a dedicated constitutive meeting of the founding members to appoint the President and the Secretary of the new Club; he shall then send the report of the meeting and a copy of the memorandum of association to the General Secretariat.

5. After reviewing the documentation submitted, the Secretary General shall forward the file to the International President who will authorise the formation of the Club in writing by notifying the competent Area Governor and/or the District President to this effect. The General Secretariat will register the new Club in the club directory. The new Club shall adopt its own Statute within three months from the constitutive meeting.

6. The President of the new Club shall organise a solemn meeting to formalize the formation of the Club.
The Presidents of all other Clubs from the same Area and/or District shall be invited to this meeting, which will be attended by all Promoters and chaired by the Governor or the District President. In the course of the meeting, the District President or, if he is unable to attend, the competent Area Governor shall hand in to the Promoters, who thus become Founder Members, the badge, P.I. Statute and Regulations as well as any other useful documentation concerning Panathlon. The District President and/or the Area Governor shall then countersign the founding deed of the Club and hand it to the new President.

7. Clubs for the calendar year of constitution will pay to PI an admission fee that will be fixed **annually** by the International Board to destine to the fund for expansion of P.I.

8. Should a Club, for a justified reason, wish to replace or change its name, after the Governor's and/or District President's approval, the Club shall file a request to the General Secretariat, and the latter shall submit it to the international Board to be ratified;

9. The Managing Committee of Clubs whose formation took place in odd years must be renewed at the end of the term of office in order to align it with those renewed in even years.
In this case, the President can be re-elected for another two years.

Article 3 - Club Statute

1. Every Club is governed by its own Constitution, the basic principles of which must, as regards aims, regulations and the rights and duties of the members, be consistent with the Constitution of P. I. The Constitution is executed by the President's Committee

2. Club Bodies

The Club Constitution must provide for the following bodies:

- the Members' Assembly;
- the Club President;
- the Managing Committee with a minimum of three members including the President. Among the Board Members or Members must also be provided for a Board Secretary.
- The Constitution defines the procedures for summoning the Assembly and the necessary conditions for the latter to be validly held, the procedures for voting and electing the various Bodies, and procedures for changing the Constitution and dissolving the Club.

3. The Club Statute **shall** provide for the election of an **Auditors' Board or of an Auditor and may provide for the election of an Arbitration Board.**

The colleges continue in office for the same period of the Board and are renewable.

4. The term of office for Club President is two years and can be renewed for another two years.
The possible turnover in the office during the period does not entail an extension of the end of the President's office re-election is possible only for another two years period.
In any case, re-election for subsequent two-year terms is possible, exceptionally, if approved by a qualified majority of three fourths of the votes of the members entitled to vote and present at the Club General Meeting.

5. Renewal of offices must take place by no later than the month of January and the newly elected Bodies take office from the following 1st February.

6. The adoption of the Statute and related changes are resolved upon by the Club Extraordinary Assembly, according to the procedures provided by art. 3 p.14 of these Regulations.

Article 4 - Rights and Duties of a Club

1. In compliance with the provisions of P.I. Constitution and with these Regulations, Clubs have the right to:

- a) take part in General Assemblies and in the Assemblies of their respective Districts and Areas;
- b) take part in International, District and Area Congresses at the conditions set by the organising committee;
- c) organise events, conferences, debates and any other initiative which falls within the constitutional aims.

2. In compliance with the obligations stated in art. 3.4 lett. c) of P. I. Statute, Clubs must pay the annual fee for P.I. membership, as established.

Payment shall be made for the number of registered members on 31 January of each year and shall be in two instalments of the same amount, one to be paid by 28 February and the other by 31 July of the same year.

3. The Club every time that admits a new member must pay the membership fee to Panathlon International in the following ways: 50% of the entire annual fee for members who let into the club from 1 February to 30 June and 50% of the semiannual fee for members who let into the club from 1 July to 31 December.

4. Similarly, clubs have to pay district fees in compliance with the provisions of art. 17.2 of the Statute and Area fees in compliance with art. 19.5 of the Statute.

5. The Clubs that, **at the time of the General Meeting**, are not in good standing with international, District or Area membership fees shall not be entitled to vote **at that** Assembly. Furthermore, as long their dues remain delinquent, they shall not be entitled to file any claims or appeals whatsoever. In case of persistent delinquency, they may incur the additional sanctions provided for in the Litigation Rules. The Members of defaulting Clubs shall not be eligible to run as candidates for any Area, District or International offices.

Article 5 - Club Members

1. Club Members must possess the prerequisites laid down in article 4 of P.I. Statute, representing the sports categories provided for in annex 1 of these Regulations.

2. The list of categories mentioned above is established and updated by the International Board, which can also assent to widely followed sports being divided into subcategories.

3. Proposals for admission must be presented to the Managing Committee by at least two Members of the Club, of which at least one member must be the guarantor, and must be supported by the applicant's complete curriculum vitae.

4. The Club's Managing Committee establishes a permanent commission, formed by at least three Members, who are not members of the Managing Committee, with the task to carry out a preliminary investigation on the admission of the applicant Member to the Club. This commission shall last as long as the Managing Committee and is renewable.

5. The commission refers to the Managing Committee the results of the preliminary investigation, together with its opinion on admission; the Managing Committee decides by unanimous votes of participants.

6. In compliance with art. 4.3 of the Statute, the new Member must accept P.I. principles, aims and commitments. the new Member and is admitted to the Club with a solemn ceremony possibly, in special meetings dedicated to this activity.

Article 6 – Honorary Offices in Clubs

1. Clubs can appoint an honorary President, chosen from among the Club's Past-Presidents and Honorary members and prestigious personalities who are not Club members. Their appointment is decided by the Assembly of Club Members, upon proposal of the Managing Committee.

2. The annual P.I. membership fee for the Honorary President and Honorary Members is paid by the Club.

Article 7 - Exceptions and Incentives

1. A Club Member - up to date with the payment of yearly membership fees - who moves his residence or domicile to a new Area, by request, must be accepted as a Member by the local Club of competence maintains the years of service already accrued in the previous Club.

2. Clubs who wish to form Junior Panathlon Clubs (PJ), in compliance with art. 3.5 of the Statute must conform to the specific Regulations and will be called "Sponsoring Clubs".

Article 8 – Impediments and Resignation

1 Impediments.

1.1 A Member who for personal reasons is temporarily unable to take part in Club activities, may ask the President to be exempted for a period up to 1 year, renewable up to a maximum totalling 2 years.

1.2 The President, after hearing the Managing Committee, exempts this Member from any activity and from any financial burden due to the Club, except for the international membership fee. At the end of the maximum period of impediment (2 years), the Member automatically resumes his status of Club member.

2 Resignation.

2.1 The member who wishes to resign **shall** submit **his/her** letter of resignation to the Club President, **briefly motivating it**. The resignation enters into full force and effect **as from the date** on which it was accepted by the Managing Committee. The member **still** shall pay the membership fee up to the end of the year of competence.

2.2 A Member who wishes to return to the Club shall file a written application to the President, asking to be readmitted. The Managing Committee, after verifying that since the former member's resignation no impediments have occurred, readmits the member to the Club, who shall maintain the accrued seniority.

Article 9 - Bodies

In addition to the Assemblies are Bodies:

- Presidents and Club Boards
- Governors
- District Presidents
- President and International Board
- P.I. Auditors Committee (A.C)
- P.I. Constitution and Arbitration Board (C.A.B.)

Statutory Bodies are also:

- President's Committee
- District Presidents Committee

Article 10 – Offices

They are elective offices of Panathlon at the Club, Areas, District level:

- The Arbitration Board (A.B.)
- The Auditors Committee (C.A.)

Offices are also those for appointment in accordance with the regulatory disciplines that International Bodies, Clubs, Areas and Districts consider to provide for in their sector, and in any case, those not expressly provided for, such as Bodies.

Title II – PANATHLON INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLIES

Article 11 – General Assemblies

The General Assembly, as referred to in article 8 of the Constitution, and convened by the International Board, can be either ordinary or extraordinary.

Due to exceptional reasons, the I.B. may convene the General Assembly to hold an online general meeting.

2. The International Board appoints the Commission for the verification of credentials, comprising three full members and two added members, to check the legitimation of the voters, the validity of proxies and admission to voting. The Commission issues an admission-to-voting card.

3. The Assembly is chaired by P.I. President except at elective sessions in which he is a candidate for an office. In this case, at the opening of the session, the Assembly will appoint, by show of hands and by simple majority, a Chairman chosen from among those who are not candidates.

4. With the same procedure, the Assembly also appoints from among its members and from among the non-candidates in the case of elective sessions:

- a)** a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary;
- b)** an election Commission of five members who will check the validity of the votes expressed and the electoral results.

5. Only Clubs which are up to date with the payment of all P. I. membership fees have the right to vote. Only Clubs that have fulfilled their financial obligations referred to in art. 4 of these Regulations, i.e. Clubs up to date with the payment of all membership fees for the number of members registered on 31 January.

6. Every Club can express a maximum of preferences for each continental area or district in compliance with art.9 of the Statute on representation criteria, under penalty of nullity of the voting paper.

7. Every Club is represented at the General Assembly by its President or by a delegate appointed by the Managing Committee of the Club.

In case of sudden impediment to attend the meeting, the delegate may delegate in writing a Member of the Club that is present.

8. A Club with board resolution can delegate another Club. Proxies are allowed with the following limitations:

- a)** Clubs belonging to the State where the Assembly takes place can represent only another Club of the same State.
- b)** Clubs belonging to the Continent where the Assembly takes place can represent maximum five Clubs belonging to their Continent except those of the State where the Assembly takes place.
- c)** The Clubs of a different Continent can represent up to ten Clubs of their Continent".

9. If, due to force majeure, no Clubs from a District/a Country may attend the General Meeting (excluding the Clubs from the Country where the General Meeting is held), mail-in voting is allowed. As soon as they receive the Notice of the Meeting, the Clubs shall notify the General Secretariat (with copy to their District President) that they are prevented from attending. The General Secretariat shall then send the ballots and the voting instructions to such Clubs. The relevant instructions and manners for mailing in the ballots shall be defined by the General Secretariat, after consulting with the PC and the CAB Chairperson, making sure that the secrecy of the ballot is protected. The ballots delivered by mail will be considered valid only if no other Clubs from the same District/Country are attending the General Meeting and notice thereof will be given by the Chairperson of the General Meeting.

The Clubs from the Districts/Countries which vote by mail may not grant any voting proxies to other Clubs.

10. The International Board is also entitled to convene the General Meetings of PI to be held on-line. **In that event**, all the Clubs will be required to **vote online or by mail, in accordance with the guidelines given by the I.B. and ensuring in all circumstances the secrecy of the ballot, if applicable**. The General Secretariat shall provide the Credentials Committee (to be appointed as set out under paragraph 2 of this Article) with the updated information on the Clubs' eligibility to vote.

In this case:

- a)** The General Meeting will be chaired by P.I. President, except in election meetings where P.I. President is a candidate for any office. The Chair, the Vice-Chair and the Secretary of the General Meeting will be proposed by the International President; they must not be candidates for any offices and their appointment must be confirmed by the simple majority of the votes of the members present at the on-line General Meeting.
- b)** In the same manner as described above, the Chairperson will propose the members to form the Tellers Committee that will be in charge of overseeing the validity of the votes and the election results. The Tellers Committee will consist of Panathletes who are physically present at PI head-office, including at least one member of the CAB.
- c)** The Clubs that are in good standing with all PI annual membership fees will have the right to vote. For the purpose of voting, the Clubs which have paid the fees corresponding to the number of Members officially registered with the Club as of 31st January will be considered to be in good standing with the fees, in compliance with Article 4 hereof.
- d)** Each Club is entitled to express the maximum number of votes by District or by continental area in compliance with the provisions governing representation set out in Article 9 of the Statute, failing which the ballot paper will be considered to be spoilt.
- e)** In order to be counted as attending, a Club must have mailed in its ballots and these must be received **within the deadlines and** in accordance with the procedure established **by the I.B., after consulting** with the Chairperson of the CAB.

Article 12 – Ordinary Assembly

1. The Ordinary Assembly is convened within the first six months of every two-year period, with notice containing the agenda and the reports and documents referred in the items of the agenda, forwarded to Clubs at least 30 days prior to the Assembly, also by electronic means. The Assembly resolves upon the following issues:

- a)** the moral, organisational, economic- financial and patrimonial reports for the two previous years and the budget for the next two years;
- b)** the report by the Auditors' Committee (A.C.);
- c)** the motivated proposal of the International Board for the membership fees for the two years following the year in progress;
- d)** the election of international offices, when provided for in the statute;
- e)** issues proposed by the International Board or by at least 10% of clubs;
- f)** procedural provisions of elective assemblies.

Article 13 – Extraordinary Assembly

1. The Extraordinary Assembly can be convened at any time, also upon request of 20% of Clubs, up to date with the payment of membership fees, with notice containing the agenda and the related documents, forwarded at least 30 days prior to the Assembly, subject to the special conditions provided for in these and in the Statute.

The Extraordinary Assembly resolves upon:

- a)** changes in the Statute;
- b)** **election of the new I.B. in the event of a permanent impediment of the I.B. in office** or renewal of the International Board should more than half of the positions of its elected members become vacant;
- c)** renewal of the International Board in case the Auditors' Committee does not approve the annual report of the Annual Report - Results of Operations, Financial Position and Assets;
- d)** renewal of the Constitution and Arbitration Board should more than half of the positions of its elected members become vacant;
- e)** renewal of the Auditors' Board should more than half of the positions of its elected members become vacant;
- f)** particularly urgent, serious and interesting initiatives;
- g)** dissolution of P.I.

2. The Assembly can be held in second call, also on the same day fixed for the first call, provided it is at least two hours after the time fixed for the first call, in compliance with the local law.

3. The ordinary or Extraordinary Assembly - called to resolve upon any issue, except for those referred to in point 1 letters **a)** and **g)** of this article – is validly held:

- a)** in first call, when at least half plus one of its Clubs are present;
 - b)** in second call, irrespective of the number of Clubs that are present.
- The Assembly decides with a majority of the validly expressed votes.

4. The Extraordinary Assembly, called to resolve upon changes in the Statute, is validly held:

- a)** in first call, when at least half plus one of its Clubs are present;
- b)** in second call, when at least one third of its Clubs are present.

The Assembly decides with a majority of at least two thirds of the validly expressed votes.

5. The Extraordinary Assembly, called to decide on the dissolution of Panathlon International is validly held, both in first and second call, when at least two thirds of its Clubs are present. The Assembly decides with a majority of two thirds of the validly expressed votes.

Title III – OFFICIES IN SOCIAL BODIES

Article 14 - Prerequisites

1. The candidate for the office of President of P.I. must have held the office of Club President, with seniority of membership to Panathlon not less than eight years.

2. The candidate for the office of International Board member or District President or of Governor must have held office as Club President and must have been a member of Panathlon for at least five years, for International Board member, and for three years for District President and for Area Governor.

In case of recently established Districts consisting of Clubs formed less than 3 years earlier, the District President can only be selected from among Club Members and will remain in office until all requirements needed to appoint a President are met. The District President's appointment shall be ratified by the President Committee.

If so requested unanimously by its District, a District President candidate may not have previously served as Club President.

3. Both full and added members of the Auditors' Committee (A.C.) and of the Constitution Board (C.B.) are elected from among panathletes and must have been members of Panathlon for at least eight years.

4. Against the candidatures admitted or rejected to International Bodies as required by art.9.3 of the Statute, the Clubs, in the person of their President, delegated by the Board may appeal within 5 days of the notice received ex art. 9.4 Statute to the PI Constitution and Arbitration Board, by registered letter or PEC to the General Secretariat, who decides without appeal within a further 5 days.

5. The candidates for international offices may only run for one office at the same round of elections.

Article 15 – Incompatibility

1. There is incompatibility for Members of Bodies provided for the Statute or Regulations of PI exists absolute incompatibility at all levels: both international, national, territorial for the offices in Bodies, and in other offices not Bodies. The offices exempt from incompatibility are those for the delegation of functions assigned by the Bodies to their Members, as well as the commissarial appointments.

2. In case of incompatibility, the person concerned must opt within ten days for one of the posts involved, stating his choice in writing and forwarding to the persons responsible of the Bodies concerned or presenting it within the said term to the body to which the office previously held pertains and in copy to the General Secretariat. If this decision is not made, when the new office is taken up, the previously held office will automatically become vacant. The President's Committee will give notice of forfeiture on the recommendation of someone who has an interest.

Article 16 - Terms of Mandates – Renewal

1. - The term of office of:

a) the International President is four years and may be renewed only once for an additional term of four years;

b) the International Board Members and Acting Members of the A.B. and C.A.B. is four years **and may be renewed only once for an additional term of four years.**

In the event of an alternation in office during the term, the term of office will not be extended, but re-election will become possible. This provision shall not apply to the alternate members of the above-mentioned Boards when such members take office to replace the acting members.

c) the District President is four years **and may be renewed only once for an additional term of four years.**

In the event of an alternation in office during the term or of a new District being formed during the same term, the District President's term of office will not be extended but he/she may be re-elected.

d) the Area Governor is four years **and may be renewed only once for an additional term of four years.** In the event of an alternation in office during the term or of a new Area being formed during the same term, the Area Governor's term of office will not be extended but he/she may be re-elected.

2. The election of all members in International Bodies must be concluded by the month of June of each period.

The election of National Bodies shall take place as follows:

a) Club President and Board by 31st January;

b) Area Governor by the end of February;

c) District President by 31st March.

Should an Extraordinary Assembly be called to modify the Statutes for the offices of Area Governor and Districts' President, the deadlines of item 2 b) and c) are postponed until after the extraordinary Assembly and in any case by 31st July of the same year.

Article 17 - Vacancies and Substitution

1. Should **the** International President's office remain vacant, for any reason whatsoever, **the First Vice-President or, in the event of an impediment of the latter, the Second Vice-President will temporarily take on the functions of that office.**

The alternate of the International President shall carry out all urgent and non-delayable operations, as well as all ordinary business.

The permanent impediment of the International President will cause the International Board to be dismissed.

The alternate Vice-President shall convene the Extraordinary General Election Meeting within 60 days.

2. Should the places of one or more International Board members, up to two elected members, become vacant during the four-year period, the International Board will provide for their substitution, in the order of voting preference of the candidates not elected, if any.

Title IV – INTERNATIONAL BODIES

Article 18 - P.I. International Board

1. P.I. International Board carries out all the functions as stated in art. 11 of the Statute. The Board also:

a) convenes P.I. Ordinary and Extraordinary Assemblies and Congress;

b) **in compliance with article 11.2.a of the Statute, at its first meeting, elects the two Vice-Presidents through separate votes under a secret ballot.**

c) provides substitute International Board members within the limits of its authority;

d) assigns specific delegations to International Board members;

e) approve every year the final balance and the budget with the approval of the AC.

f) present for ratification during the Ordinary Assembly: the moral, organization and that concerning Results of Operations, Financial Position and Assets of the previous two years.

g) may appoint advisors if specific professional competence is required;

h) draws up and updates the list of sports categories and authorises division into subcategories for sports with a wide following;

i) resolves upon the formation of national Districts, where the conditions provided for in art. 17.1 of the Statute are met;

j) defines P.I. themes and actions and ensures harmony and co-ordination of initiatives at all levels;

k) authorises the International President to settle and transact any pending suit;

l) has the right to authorize the establishment of technical Organizing Committees at International level for cultural and sport events, provided that the Managers are Panathletes and in every Committee Assembly the International President or a delegate of him are invited and, if there is an Accounting Committee, a Member of its is appointed by the PI.

Article 19 – International Board Members – Tasks

1. International Board Members enforce the directives fixed by the International President, by the International Board and those falling within the competence of the President's Committee:

- a) they achieve the objectives related to the expansion, organisation and communication for the development and promotion of Panathlon's ideals, with due respect for the competent bodies;
- b) they attain the above objectives, in relation to the received delegations;
- c) considering the international nature of this Movement, they formulate rules and directives of the International Board, aimed at encouraging and motivating the activity of Clubs, Areas and Districts, while respecting their autonomy, the local prerogatives and specificities of the area in which they operate;
- d) they represent P.I. in all institutional events (assemblies, conferences, congresses, celebrative meetings etc.) the International President delegates them to attend;
- e) they participate, if invited, in events held and organised by other peripheral organisations or bodies, while ensuring timely communication through the General Secretariat, the competent District President and/or Governor in that area;
- f) they favour training and updating of District, Area and Club middle managers;
- g) they promote, on behalf of the International Board, current topics on sport, supported by proposals and suggestions highlighting and preserving the ideals of solidarity, friendship, mutual respect, through shared, collaborative initiatives, in particular on such topics as disabilities, fair-play and ethics, **inclusion, fight against doping and against corruption in sport, and environment protection.**

Article 20 - President's Committee

1. P.I. President's Committee is formed according to the rules laid down in art. 12.1 of the Statute. The President's Committee performs the following ordinary administrative functions. In addition, it exercises the following functions:

- a) passes urgent resolutions to be ratified by the International Board;
- b) indicates the specific guidelines of this association in relation to Districts, Areas and Clubs according to the general principles fixed by the International Board;
- c) draws up a preliminary programme on topics falling within the competence of the International Board;
- d) decides on the organisation of General Assemblies and International Congresses to be held;
- e) decides on the criteria to be used for authorising and refunding administrators and staff travel and transfer expenses;
- f) approves and enforces District and Area Statutes and/or Regulations and Club Statutes drawn up in the guidelines issued by the International Board;
- g) takes measures in case of default or infringement by a National Body;
- h) fixes internal procedures and the staff organisation of the General Secretariat;
- i) oversees compliance with the Constitution and the Regulations. The President's Committee may consult with the CAB.;
- j) its resolutions are validly passed in the presence of at least two of its members;
- k) ensures observance of rules on privacy and security;
- l) approves the draft balance and budget to be submitted to the International Board with the approval of the AC.

2) In case a Member of the President's Committee is unable to attend, the President shall appoint an International Board Member to replace such Member at the Committee meeting with voting right.

Article 21 – International President

1. The International President is the legal representative of P. I. and exercises all the functions stated in art. 10 of the Statute, according to the guidelines laid down in these Regulations.

2. In this capacity, the International President represents P.I. before States, Public Administrations and the media and before Local Authorities, the specific local competence of District Presidents, Area Governors and Club Presidents remaining unaffected.

3. The International President also:

- a) convenes the General Assembly in observance of the resolutions passed by the President's Committee and presides over it , except in the case of elective sessions in which he is a candidate for an office ;
- b) calls, convenes and presides over, either personally or through his Delegate, the meetings of the District Presidents Committee;
- c) submits to the International Board a nomination for the Secretary General;
- d) submits to the International Board a nomination for Treasurer;
- e) submits to the International Board a nomination for the Head of Communication;
- f) in case of the Area Governor or District President severe, unjustified default of the duties set by the Statute for these offices, the International President warns them in writing to fulfil their obligations within 30 days.

4. The President can invite the Chairman of the Constitution Board (C.B.), or a member he may delegate, to attend the meetings of the President's Committee and of the International Board, when the topics being discussed fall within the competence of this Body. The President can also invite sports personalities and/or experts needed for more detailed information on the items of the agenda.

5. The candidate who, at the Elective General Assembly, has obtained the largest number of votes is elected International President. If several candidates (more than 2) run for election, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes will be required to exceed 50% of the votes validly cast to be elected. Otherwise, a runoff ballot will be held immediately for the two candidates who obtained the largest number of votes in the first round.

Article 22 – International Vice-Presidents

1. The International Board elects among its Members **the two Vice-Presidents**, in compliance with art. 11.2 of the Statute.

2. The **First** Vice-President acts as substitute for the International President when the latter is absent or unable to attend. The Vice President takes on the functions, as laid down in art. **21** of these Regulations.

Article 23 – District Presidents Committee

1. The District Presidents Committee is a consultative body actively taking part in Panathlon's activities. It expresses its opinion on all problems concerning Panathlon at national and international level.

2. The International Board and the President's Committee shall necessarily take into consideration the opinion expressed by the District Presidents Committee, when drafting their resolutions and decisions, but such opinion shall not be binding for decisions.

Article 24 - Auditors' Committee (A.C.)

1. The members of the Auditors' Committee are elected in a single, specific election. The first three candidates with the highest number of votes will be full members, and the next two in line will be added members.

The Committee's constitutive meeting is convened by the General Secretariat and the first item on the agenda is the election of the Committee's Chairman.

2. In case of a vacancy or inability to attend of one or more full members for more than two consecutive meetings, the added members enter automatically in the order of the number of votes received in the elections.

The substitution, in compliance with art. 14 of the Statute, is declared by the Committee Chairman, or by whoever is standing in for him, at the first meeting following the occurrence of this event and has immediate effect.

3. In carrying out its functions, the Committee has the right of access to the accounting records and books of Panathlon International and in particular

a) periodically checks and superintends the economic, financial and patrimonial management;

b) sends a report to the International Board on the Budget and related changes and on the Balance Sheet;

c) draws up the annual and biennial report supporting the accounts to be submitted to the International Board for approval and following ratification by the Assembly;

d) In case of non-favorable opinion to the annual report, the A.C. provides for reporting to C.A.B. for all jurisdiction performance to art.25 p. 4 Reg.

4. The Committee, when so requested by the International Bodies, besides acting as consultant, can also make observations within its field of competence.

5. The headquarters of the Committee are at P.I. General Secretariat.

Article 25 - Constitution and Arbitration Board (C.A.B.)

1. The members of the Constitution and Arbitration Board are elected in a single, specific election. The first three candidates with the highest number of votes will be full members, and the next two in line will be added members.

The Board's constitutive meeting is convened by the General Secretariat and the first item on the Agenda is the election of the Board Chairman.

2. The subsequent Board meetings may take place by electronic data transmission or via teleconferencing.

3. In the case of impediment or inability to attend of one or more full members for more than two consecutive meetings, the added members enter automatically in the order of number of votes received in the elections, in compliance with art. 15 of the Statute.

The substitution is declared by the Board Chairman, or by whoever is standing in for him, at the first meeting following the occurrence of the event and has immediate effect

4. The President of the Board summons, upon request by the AC, ex art. 24 p. 3/d PI's Assembly for election within **60 days** from the date of the International Board meeting having in the Agenda the approval of the Annual Report - Results of Operations, Financial Position and Assets, that was not approved by the AC.

5. It convenes also the Assembly of PI, in the elective phase in case of running out of the International President and a majority of its Boards Members. **In the case governed by article 17.1, it convenes the Extraordinary General Election Meeting in the event that this has not been convened within the period laid down therein.**

6. The headquarters of the Board are at P.I. General Secretariat.

Article 26 - Honorary Members of Panathlon International

1. The International Board, with a majority of at least two thirds of its members, submits to the General Assembly the nomination of P.I. Honorary Members. The ordinary assembly resolves upon their nomination with a majority of votes.

Title V - DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT BODIES

Article 27 - P.I. Districts

1. Districts are formed in compliance with art. 17 of the Statute.

2. The International Board resolves upon the formation of National Districts.

3. The District activities, as well as their accurate electoral rules, shall be governed by a Statute or Regulations approved by the District Assembly, by an absolute majority of its members. The District Statute or Regulations shall be enforced by the President Committee, after checking their compliance with the Constitution and Regulations of PI and after consulting the C.A.B.

Any subsequent resolutions involving adjustments or changes adopted by the Assembly shall be enforced by the President Committee after consulting the C.A.B.

4. In the Districts composed of several Areas where, the office of Governor is incompatible with any other District office, except for any advisory bodies provided for in the District Statute or Regulations. This provision also complies with art. 15 of PI Regulations.

5. Pursuant to its Statute or Regulations, each District may elect, in addition to the President, with a separate ballot on the same election and for the same duration, a District Board that shall consist of at least the Vice-president, the Secretary, the Treasurer and a Board Member. With a further separate ballot, the District may then elect an Arbitration Board and an Auditors' Board.

Article 28 – District Bodies

District Bodies are

- the Assembly
- the President

Article 29 – District Presidents

1. District Presidents perform the functions established in art. 18 of the Statute, ensuring the programmatic and operative co-ordination of the Clubs or Areas in the territory under their jurisdiction and the links between the latter and the International Board, the President's Committee, the International President and the General Secretariat.

2. Candidates for the office of District President must satisfy the prerequisites laid down in art. 14.2 of these Regulations.

3. The District President's mandate starts on 1st April of the first year of appointment.

The District President shall be elected at a District Assembly meeting to be held in due time, even in the absence of candidates. The Club Presidents, or their delegates, or the Area Governors of multiple-Area Districts will be entitled to vote at that Assembly meeting, provided that they are in good standing with P.I., District and Area membership fees, as certified by the relevant competent offices. If the assembly takes place after March 31st as envisaged by art. 16 the President takes office on the 1st of the month following that of the Assembly.

4. The candidate with the highest number of votes is proclaimed District President. However, in the case of multiple nominations, more than two, it is necessary that the most voted exceed 50% of the votes validly expressed. In negative case, you will recourse immediately to a second round of second ballot between the two candidates who obtained the greatest number of votes in the first round.

5. The Chairman of the Elective Assembly shall notify election results to the General Secretariat within ten days.

Article 30 - District Colleges

Districts in accordance with the provisions of their Statute or Regulations may provide for the establishment of an Arbitration Board and an Audit Board.

TITLE VI - AREAS AND LOCAL BODIES

Article 31 – Areas

1. Areas are formed according to the provisions laid down in art. 19 of the Statute.

2. Local Bodies are:

- Area Assemblies
- Governor

3. Similarly to the provisions applying to Districts pursuant to art. 27.3 of these Regulations, the Areas too shall adopt their own Regulations, as approved and amended by their Assemblies. The Area Regulations shall include precise rules governing the elections and shall be consistent with the Constitution and Regulations of PI. The Area Regulations shall be enforced by the President Committee, after consulting the C.A.B.

Article 32 – Area Governors

1. Area Governors perform the functions established in art. 20 of the Statute.

2. Candidates for the office of Governor must satisfy the prerequisites laid down in articles 14.2 of these Regulations.

3. The Area Governor's term of office shall take effect on 1st March of the first year of office. The Governor shall be elected at the Area Assembly meeting, to be held in due time, even in the absence of candidates. The Club Presidents of that Area or their delegates will be entitled to vote at that Assembly meeting, provided that they are in good standing with all P.I., District and Area membership fees, as certified by the relevant competent offices.

If the Assembly meeting is held after 28th February as per the last paragraph of Art. 16, the Governor's term of office shall commence on the first day of the month following the month during which the Assembly meeting was held.

4. The candidate with the highest number of votes is proclaimed Area Governor. However, in the case of multiple nominations, more than two, it is necessary that the most voted exceed 50% of the votes validly expressed. In negative case, you will recourse immediately to a second round of second ballot between the two candidates who obtained the greatest number of votes in the first round.

5. The Chairman of the Elective Assembly shall notify the election results to the General Secretariat and to the District President within ten days.

Art. 33 – Area Colleges

Areas under the provisions of their own Regulation may provide for the establishment of an Arbitration Board and an Auditors Board.

TITLE VII - Functions and Activities of National District Presidents and Area Governors

Art. 34 - National District Presidents

1. Functions

National District Presidents represent PI at national level for Clubs not belonging to an Area.

The District shall not replace the General Secretariat, nor the Area organisation as it represents PI at national level with sports and political institutions and coordinates initiatives and events covering a territory larger than the single Area.

2. Activities:

- a) they convene and chair District and Area Assemblies and send the related minutes to the General Secretariat;
- b) they organise and preside over Congresses and send the proceedings and final resolutions to the General Secretariat
- c) they organise and co-ordinate common actions for Areas and Clubs;
- d) they annually draw up a report on the activities of the Areas and Clubs, to be sent to the General Secretariat;
- e) they organise training and retraining seminars for Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers within the District;
- f) they submit the activity report and the financial statements, as well as the programming report and the annual activity budget to their assemblies; copies of these documents shall be sent to the General Secretariat;
- g) they take prompt action whenever any omissions, actions or behaviours not in line with constitutional duties are detected within the Clubs (for Districts not belonging to an Area) or the Areas and notify the General Secretariat thereof;
- h) they check whether the statutory, administrative and regulatory obligations of the Clubs (for Districts not belonging to an Area) are duly fulfilled, in order to advise the International Bodies to take appropriate measures;
- i) in case of resignations of the District President, the latter immediately notifies in writing his Clubs, if there are no Areas, or Area Governors of their own territory and the General Secretariat, and calls an Extraordinary Elective Assembly of the District to take the necessary measures.

Art. 35 - Area Governors

1. Functions

Area Governors represent PI on the territory belonging to an Area and shall submit to the District President those initiatives that may have repercussions at multi-regional or national level.

2. Activities

- a) they convene and chair Area Assemblies and send the related minutes to the General Secretariat and to the District President;
- b) they organise and preside over Congresses falling within their competence and send the proceedings and final resolutions to the General Secretariat and to the District President;
- c) they support Clubs through periodic visits and meetings with Managing Committees;
- d) they annually draw up a report on the activities of the Clubs, to be sent to the General Secretariat and of the District President;
- e) they organise, for their territory of competence, training and updating seminars for Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers;
- f) they submit to their assemblies the moral, economic, financial and patrimonial reports together with the programme and budget of the yearly, local activities, and send copy to the General Secretariat and to the District President;
- g) they promptly take action in case of Club omissions, or actions or behaviour not complying with constitutional duties, by notifying the General Secretariat and the District President;
- h) they check that the Club statutory, administrative and prescribed obligations are fulfilled, to advise the International Bodies to take the necessary measures.
- i) if the Area Governor resigns, he shall promptly notify thereof the Clubs of his Area, the District President and the General Secretariat in writing and shall convene an extraordinary general elective assembly of the District for the appropriate steps to be taken.

Article 36 – Declarations of forfeitures

Should the Area Governor or the District President, despite the invitation by the International President in compliance with art. 21.3f of the Regulations, not fulfil his obligations within the fixed deadline, the President's Committee, based on the International President's report, declares him forfeited, and notifies the Area or District and Governors of the District concerned and calls the Area or District Assembly to appoint a new Governor or District President.

Except for the deadline for the appeal of art.3.3 of the Regulations of legal disputes.

Article 37 – Voluntary Work and Gratuitous Functions

All offices or functions within the Statutory Bodies under articles 9 and 10, or in whatever Boards and Committees are performed as voluntary and unpaid work; only any previously authorised and duly documented expenses may be refunded.

TITLE VIII – DISTRICT AND AREA ASSEMBLIES AND CONGRESSES

Article 38 - Participation of the International President

The International President, or his delegate, has the right to take part in all Assemblies and have the right to speak.

Article 39 – Assemblies

The modalities of participation, convocation, the active and passive voting, the majorities necessary for the validity of the Assemblies of Areas and Districts: ordinary, extraordinary, elective, as well as the congressional modalities will be subject of the anticipation of the Regulations of the individual Areas or Districts, as long as not in conflict with the statutory rules of PI and these Regulations.

TITLE IX – DISPUTES – GUARANTIES – APPEALS - SANCTION

Article 40 - General Guidelines

1. The non-execution or violation of the Statute and Regulations is punishable.
2. Members, Bodies or Clubs have the right to appeal against any decisions that affect them as well as also against behaviors contrary to the Statutes and Regulations of PI.
3. The nature of the sanctions, the possibility to appeal, as well as the procedure are the subject of separate Regulations, enclosed to these Regulations.

TITLE X – OFFICES AND FUNCTIONS

Article 41 - Secretary General

1. The Secretary General is appointed by the International Board upon proposal by the International President and exercises the functions as laid down in art. 23 of the Statute.

2. The Secretary General, besides the tasks laid down in art. 23 of the Statute:

- a) superintends, as instructed by the International President, the organisation and management of the General Secretariat offices and any peripheral administrative offices;
- b) assists the President in all constitutional obligations and in adopting all provisions;
- c) enters into, extends, modifies or terminates labour contracts, with prior approval from the President's Committee, in compliance with the applicable, local law;
- d) verifies fulfilment of administrative obligations of Clubs in order to propose to International Bodies measures to be taken;
- e) verifies fulfilment of constitutional, administrative and regulation obligations of Areas and Districts in order to propose to International Bodies measures to be taken;
- f) assists the President or the International Board Member in the Assemblies in which they participate;
- g) ensures regularity of reports, communications, measures, initiatives, applications and requests of Clubs, Areas and Districts and deals with resultant obligations falling within the competence of P. I.;
- h) provides assistance to District Presidents and Area Governors, if requested, when they prepare their seminars.
- i) For the verifications referred to Article. 9 p.3- Statute must make use of the advice of the PI C.A.B.

Article 42 - Treasurer

1. The Treasurer is appointed by the International Board, following proposal by the International President, for the four-year period of his mandate and exercises the following functions:

- a) part in the meetings of the International Board and of the President's Committee without voting rights, unless he is a Member of the International Board;
- b) formulates and timely sends to the Secretary General and to the International President any comments on the management;
- c) expresses its opinion on planned costs;
- d) presides over P.I. financial management;
- e) draws up and underwrites:
 - the annual and biennial draft financial report;
 - the draft budget for the following year;
 - the draft balance sheet for the previous year.

TITLE XI – FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 43 - P.I. Official Communication Organs

1. The Magazine and the Site www.panathlon-international.org are currently P.I. official communication organs. "Panathlon International" Magazine and the Site www.panathlon-international.org, can be sold only by decision of the General Assembly.

2. The International Board is the institutional body authorised to determine guidelines and objectives for the contents of the Official Communication Organs, in relation to the aims of P. I., after hearing the opinion of the Commission for Culture, Science and Education (CCSE).

3. The International President in office is the legal representative and Editor-in-Chief of P.I. Official Communication Organs.

4. The International Board appoints the Executive Editor of the Magazine, chosen where possible from among journalists who are panathletes.

5. The membership fee of individual Club members, set forth in art. 4. of Panathlon International Statute, includes the yearly subscription fee to Panathlon International official magazine and provides access to the Site www.panathlon-international.org.

Article 44 – Sports Categories

Annex 1 to these Regulations, which includes the list of Member sports categories, is an integral part of these Regulations. The list of categories shall be updated following the decision of the International Board.

Article 45 - Enforcement of Resolutions

1. The Resolutions of the International Board and those of the President's Committee of the Bureau are sent by the General Secretariat to the participants in the respective meetings. If within 5 days of receipt, do not reach at the General Secretariat written requests for correction or amendment, the resolutions will become final and effective the following day.

2. The Resolutions passed by P.I. Assemblies and Bodies, as well as those passed by club and District Assemblies and Bodies, come into force on the date fixed by the International Board, except as otherwise stated in the Statute or in the Regulations.

Effective Date of Regulations and Litigation Rules

These Regulations, the Litigation Rules and any subsequent amendments thereof shall become effective on the day following approval by the International Board.

ANNEX: We are currently reviewing the Sports Categories (recognized by IOC and SportAccord).