

# The Articles of the International Street & Ball Hockey Federation

## I. Name

The International Street & Ball Hockey Federation (ISBHF)

## II. Province

ISBHF operates world-wide, particularly in member countries.

## III. Head Office

Prague, Czech Republic, Zatopekova 100/2, PS 40, 160 17 Praha 6.

## IV. Aims

The International Street & Ball Hockey Federation (ISBHF) is a non-profit organisation. ISBHF aims to support, develop and unite the national street & ball hockey associations. ISBHF also aims to harmonise street and ball hockey competitions and rules in different countries.

## V. Functions

The function of ISBHF is the world-wide advancement and promotion of ball hockey and the protection of the ISBHF members' interests. ISBHF is responsible both for managing the development of ball hockey in associated organisations and for the co-ordination of the activity of member's executives. Further, ISBHF seeks to ensure the arrangement of World and Continental Championships in street & ball hockey.

## VI. Membership

a) Any national street & ball hockey association or corporation may join ISBHF if they are in agreement with its aims, fulfil ISBHF conditions and undertake to respect ISBHF status. ISBHF will recognise only one governing body per country. The ISBHF Board decides by simple majority the admission of new members. Members may at any time opt out of ISBHF.

b) Membership is based on the development level of the sport. ISBHF recognized following membership levels:

- i) Level VI Members (3 votes), are National Associations who pay the full membership fee, which is established from year to year.
- ii) Level III Members (2 votes), are National Associations who pay a lesser membership fee, which is established from year to year, and may participate in World and/or Continental Championships. These members shall aim to become level I members within five years.
- iii) Level II Members (1 vote), are organisations who pay a minimal affiliation fee, which is established from year to year and may participate in World and/or Continental Championships. These members shall aim to become level III members within five years.

iv) Level I Members (0 vote) are organisations who pay no affiliation fee. This level is open to corporations, and also to National Associations who do not wish to attend World and/or Continental Championships, but wish to enjoy the other benefits of being a member.

v) Associate members (0 vote) are sponsors, partners and other organizations supporting ISBHF development.

## VII. Member's rights

- a) Members may take part in meetings and competitions organised by ISBHF and its members. Members may submit the proposals for ISBHF activities. The proposal is to be submitted 60 days prior the Conference. Nominated representatives of member organisations may perform an executive function on the ISBHF Board.
- b) Member organisations are allowed to issue internal briefings or orders and ordinance, which may not be at variance with stated aims and the commission of ISBHF. Members are allowed to revise or modify the instructions issued by the ISBHF Board provided that all times they meet the basic rules of the game as stated by ISBHF.
- c) The world championship rules will be set and governed by the ISBHF Board.

## VIII. Duty

- a) Members are to pay regard to the good name of ISBHF and support its missions. Members are obliged to respect the Articles of ISBHF and are bound to conform their activity with the aims designated by the ISBHF Board. Members are asked to pay an annual membership fee by January each year, or the date established at the annual conference, to cover administrative workings of ISBHF.
- b) Members must keep a register of their membership.
- c) Members are obliged to attend the meetings and annual conference, failure of full members to attend, will make them subject to a fine. Members must ensure the proper communication and ensure that the information and instructions given by ISBHF Board will be forwarded to the members.

## IX. Bodies

- a) The superior body of ISBHF is the Annual Conference, which is held every year in rotation in member country. The conference is called to order by the board or by a quorum of the members. The delegates are elected by member associations in accordance with the ISBHF election order. Each member in good standing has a number of votes based on their level of membership.
- b) An emergency conference may be called by one third of members. The Board must appoint the date and the place within 30 days.
- c) The invitation to the Conference or Emergency Conference is to be sent 60 days prior the session.

The members may excuse their participation at the latest of 30 days after receiving the invitation. Otherwise their voting right is suspended for the Conference.

- d) The conference
- approves the ISBHF Board annual report
  - approves the reports of Board members
  - approves an organiser of the world and continental championship
  - determines the event program for the next period of minimum two years
  - approves the future financial workings of ISBHF and membership fees
  - monitors the fulfilment of member's duties to ISBHF
  - approves the regulations and rules
  - approves marketing report
- e) The ISBHF Board issues these reports:
1. annual report of the president
  2. revenue and expenditure summary
  3. tournaments and meetings schedule
  4. Bulletin
  5. instructions for competitions,
  6. disciplinary and registration orders and rules
- f) The voting member delegates of the conference elect the members of ISBHF Board. The term of office is two years. Each member organisation has the right to be elected to the Board. The ISBHF Board has odd number of members, at least five. The delegates elect the president of ISBHF and other board members separately. All Board members elect two Senior Vice Presidents. Every board member is appointed by the President to lead expert committee(s). He/she is entitled to appoint their members.
- g) Associate Non-Participating Members shall have the right to raise issues and participate in all discussions at the conference, but shall not have the right to vote.
- h) The quorum calculation will be based on the achievement of any one of the three following conditions:
- 66% of Level IV Members
  - 50% of total of Level III and IV Members
  - 33% of total of Level II, III and IV Members

### **X. Conflict resolution**

In the event of conflict between ISBHF members, a 3-person commission of non-involved countries is to be established. Arbitration regulations are used for this purpose.

### **XI. Property**

ISBHF obtains its property in the form of donation from sponsors or members. ISBHF conference approves directions for the use of it. ISBHF Board itself can make decisions on the use of regular donations and gifts.

### **XII. Status**

- a) ISBHF is an independent civic association with subjectivity of law.

- b) The ISBHF is represented by the President or vice-presidents. The vice-presidents can act on behalf of ISBHF independently.
- c) The agreements and contracts must be approved by clear majority of the Board. The members of the ISBHF Board can vote or submit their statement.

### **XIII. Dissolution**

- a) ISBHF can only be dissolved by a 2/3 majority vote of all voting members in good standing at the Conference.
- b) A liquidator shall be appointed by a simple majority of the Conference. The liquidator overtakes the function of the ISBHF Board and acts on behalf of ISBHF. Liquidation shall not commence for a period of six months. Upon liquidation, the liquidation shall submit a complete financial report including the allocation of the process, based on the following formula: number of the years as a full member/ total number of the years as a full member for all members. The allocation applies to all existing and former full members. The allocation shall be paid to a member (or former member) only if their organisation is still operating and is a non-profit organisation, otherwise the allocated share shall be paid to the national amateur association of that nation.
- c) ISBHF can only be resurrected within six month period after the dissolution by an agreement by 2/3 of the votes of voting members at the time of dissolution. If the ISBHF is resurrected, the liquidation shall be cancelled. The Emergency Conference is called by request of 1/3 of the votes of voting members.

### **XIV. Changes and amendments of the articles**

The proposals of changes and amendments of the articles may be submitted by the members at least 90 days prior the Conference. They must be approved by 2/3 majority of the Conference.

These articles replaced the ISBHF Articles from February 20, 1994 and its modifications from June 15, 1997, January 20, 2001, January 25, 2002 and January 31, 2004

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