



# Constitution

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## **C1 NAME**

ASIA AQUATICS is the governing body of aquatic sports in Asia recognised by WORLD AQUATICS in accordance with the WORLD AQUATICS Constitution Articles 10 and 11.

Any competition, event, activity or club under the jurisdiction of a recognised and affiliated Member Federation/Association shall not be considered as representative of or affiliated to ASIA AQUATICS event unless approved by ASIA AQUATICS.

## **C2 LEGAL STATUS AND HEADQUARTERS**

ASIA AQUATICS was established for an indefinite period in 1978 in Bangkok, Thailand during the 1st ASIA AQUATICS General Congress with legal status as an association. The headquarters of ASIA AQUATICS shall be in the location so designated by the President, with the approval of the Bureau.

## **C3 DEFINITIONS**

The following terms used in this Constitution shall have the meanings set out below. Whenever the context so requires, words in the singular shall include the plural, words in the plural shall include the singular; words of the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall include any gender, except in the specification of a Competition being for male or female Competitors; and correction of any clerical errors shall be made. In the event of discrepancy of a defined term, the definition as provided for in the World Aquatics Constitution shall prevail.

Ad Hoc Committee – means any committee appointed by the Executive for special tasks.

Aquatics – means all sport disciplines governed by ASIA AQUATICS, including Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Diving, High Diving, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming, Masters, and any other discipline that may be governed by ASIA AQUATICS from time to time.

Aquatics Integrity Unit (or AQIU) – means the independent World Aquatics Integrity Unit and comprised of Supervisory Council, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, Adjudicatory Body, Investigatory Body and Anti-Doping Advisory Body.

AQIU Rules – means the rules and regulations of the World Aquatics Integrity Code relating to the formation and operation of the Aquatics Integrity Unit.

Athlete(s) – means a person (i) who is taking part in aquatics competitions and events at national or international level, organized in accordance with this Constitution, ASIA AQUATICS Rules and/or

regulations of ASIA AQUATICS Members or affiliated entities and/or (ii) who is registered by his/her respective national federation.

Bureau – means the ASIA AQUATICS Bureau pursuant to C20 of the Constitution.

Bureau Member – means any member of the Bureau, elected or appointed, as set out in C20 of this Constitution.

CAS - means the Court of Arbitration for Sport, based in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Congress – means either an Ordinary Congress or an Extraordinary Congress of ASIA AQUATICS.

Competitions – mean the ASIA AQUATICS Asian Championships, Asian Cups, or other events sanctioned by Members, and international events in Asia for any of the Aquatics disciplines.

Day – means a calendar day. Deadlines foreseen in this Constitution and expressed in terms of a certain number of Days include, therefore, both non-working and working days.

Executive – means the organ of ASIA AQUATICS pursuant to C 22 of this Constitution.

Financial Statements – means written records that convey the business activities and the financial performance of ASIA AQUATICS, including balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement and notes.

IOC – means the International Olympic Committee.

Judicial Panels – means the Disciplinary Committee, the Ethics Committee and Audit and Compliance Committee, whom shall be elected by the Congress based on the proposal of the Bureau.

Management Committee - means the committee responsible for the entire management of all Competitions.

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Member – means a national federation recognised by WORLD AQUATICS, and then affiliated as a member of ASIA AQUATICS to be a member of ASIA AQUATICS.

National Body – means a body which is established to represent the development and organization of Aquatics in a particular Country.

OCA – means the Olympic Council of Asia, the body in charge of all Asian Games and Olympic activities in the Asian continent.

Officers - means the President, the five (5) Vice Presidents and Executive Director

Official(s) – means any person elected or appointed to any position within ASIA AQUATICS, the Zonal Organizations, and any person appointed into any position pursuant to ASIA AQUATICS Rules and decisions.

Rules – means the By-laws and any other rules and regulations adopted by ASIA AQUATICS other than this Constitution.

Sport Country - means a geographical territory or region which, though not recognised as a country, has certain aspects of self-government at least to the extent in being autonomous in the control of its sports, and is recognised as such by ASIA AQUATICS.

Technical Committees – means the ASIA AQUATICS Technical Committees, one for each of the six (6) Aquatics disciplines, Master, Medical/ Anti-Doping, Solidarity and Development, Finance and

Marketing, Coaches and Athletes, the members of which shall be appointed by the Bureau based on the recommendation of the President.

Technical Rules – means the ASIA AQUATICS rules and regulations concerning all technical matters of Aquatics, in particular the competitive sport in Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Diving, High Diving, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming and Masters.

World Aquatics – means the world governing body of aquatics sports.

Zonal Organizations - means organizations formed by the recognised Member from the same geographical Asian continent.

#### **C4 DISCRIMINATION**

ASIA AQUATICS shall not allow any discrimination against national federations or individuals (competitors, officials, judges, delegates, etc.) on the grounds of race, gender, religion, or political affiliations. No political propaganda permitted in any ASIA AQUATICS events.

#### **C5 ASIA AQUATICS CONSTITUTION**

The ASIA AQUATICS Constitution must comply with the WORLD AQUATICS Constitution and Rules, and must be approved by the WORLD AQUATICS Bureau, in accordance with Article 11 of the WORLD AQUATICS Constitution and shall be submitted to the ASIA AQUATICS Congress for final approval. In case of any conflict or contradiction between the ASIA AQUATICS Constitution, Rules and/ or Decisions and the WORLD AQUATICS Constitution, Rules and/or Decisions, the WORLD AQUATICS Constitution, Rules and Decisions shall prevail.

Any subsequent amendments to the ASIA AQUATICS constitution or rules shall follow the same course of approval from both WORLD AQUATICS and ASIA AQUATICS.

#### **C6 OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of ASIA AQUATICS are:

- to promote, develop and be the governing body for Aquatics throughout Asia;
- to provide fair and clean sport and protect the integrity of Aquatics;
- to promote safe Aquatics and the protection of Athletes from all forms of harassment and abuse;
- to encourage participation in Aquatics at all levels throughout Asia, regardless of age, gender or race, and support activities aiming at ensuring that Aquatics and swimming skills in general are promoted in all countries and are accessible to individuals from all ages, gender, different backgrounds and capacities;
- to approve competitions and events;

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to adopt rules and regulations for the approval by ASIA AQUATICS of competitions and events;  
to promote and organize Asian Championships and other competitions and events;  
to promote the development of facilities for Aquatics throughout Asia;  
to develop and encourage activities and programmes promoting the sustainability of Aquatics in all possible forms;  
to develop and encourage the education of Athletes, Coaches, Officials and other persons involved in Aquatics; and  
to carry out any other activity to promote Aquatics.

## **C 7 OFFICE**

The ASIA AQUATICS offices shall be located at the address Executive Director so designated by the President and Executive Director.

## **C8 LANGUAGE**

The official languages of ASIA AQUATICS shall be English. The working language shall be English. Any other language may be used in correspondence or debate providing that adequate translation is provided. In case of doubt, the English language shall prevail.

## **C9 MEMBERSHIPS**

**C 9.1** ASIA AQUATICS has the authority and right to recognize the national body from those national federations affiliated and recognised by WORLD AQUATICS as governing Aquatics in any country or sport country within the geographical territory of Asian Continent. The recognition of any recognised Member will be based on the WORLD AQUATICS Constitution, Rules, Regulations and the decisions of WORLD AQUATICS Bureau.

**C 9.2** Only one (1) Member from each country or sport country may be affiliated to ASIA AQUATICS.

**C 9.3** In relation to those Sport Territories where two or more national bodies separately govern various disciplines of Aquatics, the Bureau shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the interests of all Athletes and Aquatics institutions are properly promoted and the participation of all Athletes in WORLD AQUATICS competitions and events is encouraged.

**C 9.4** The constitution and rules of a recognised Member Federation/Association must not be in conflict with the WORLD AQUATICS/ ASIA AQUATICS Rules. Where there is a conflict, the WORLD AQUATICS Constitution and Rules shall prevail. Application for membership shall be submitted to the Executive Director with:

**C 9.4.1** a statement of the name of the national body which must reflect the territorial extent, jurisdiction, and sport tradition of that country or Sport Country,

**C 9.4.2** a copy of the Constitution and Rules of the body applying for membership,

**C 9.4.3** Its official address and contact details with confirmation letter from the recognised National Olympic Committee by the International Olympic Committee,

**C 9.4.4** a list of its main officers with confirmation letter from the recognised National Olympic Committee by the International Olympic Committee,

**C 9.4.5** The appropriate affiliation fee.

**C 9.5** A recognised Member must seek approval of WORLD AQUATICS for any change or amendment of name and/or constitution before such changes come into effect.

**C 9.6** Each recognised Member shall acknowledge in its rules that WORLD AQUATICS is the only recognised body in the world which governs Aquatics internationally and ASIA AQUATICS is the only recognised body which governs Aquatics in Asia.

**C 9.7** A recognised Member may choose to have sub organizations responsible for the different aquatic disciplines providing the recognised Member notifies ASIA AQUATICS of the identity of each organization and the recognised Member assumes ultimate responsibility for the action of such organizations.

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**C 9.8** Each Member shall acknowledge in its national rules that ASIA AQUATICS/WORLD AQUATICS is the recognised body in Asia which governs Aquatics in the continent.

**C 9.9** Each Member shall be named in accordance with their own Constitution. Their name and the respective official abbreviation shall be stated in the ASIA AQUATICS list of nations. This name shall be formally used in the official documents, meetings and events.

## **C10 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE RECOGNISED MEMBERS**

**C 10.1** Members are entitled:

**C 10.1.1** to use the services of ASIA AQUATICS,

**C 10.1.2** to take part in the ASIA AQUATICS Competitions and ASIA AQUATICS Congresses when they are eligible and recognised by ASIA AQUATICS and WORLD AQUATICS,

**C 10.1.3** to be recognised as the only Aquatics governing body of its country or sport country, by everybody, including its National Olympic Committee,

**C 10.1.4** to draw up a proposal for inclusion in the agenda of the Congresses,

**C 10.1.5** to nominate candidates for ASIA AQUATICS presidency, ASIA AQUATICS Bureau Members, ASIA AQUATICS Technical Committees and Juridical Panel in accordance to ASIA AQUATICS Constitution and Rules and the decisions of ASIA AQUATICS Bureau and Executive. They may also to nominate candidates for any WORLD AQUATICS position, including WORLD AQUATICS President, WORLD AQUATICS Vice President positions for Asia, WORLD AQUATICS Bureau Members position for Asia and Technical Committees and Juridical Panel in accordance to ASIA AQUATICS Constitution, Regulations and the decisions of ASIA AQUATICS Bureau and Executive.

**C 10.1.6** to take part in ASIA AQUATICS assistance and development program,

**C 10.1.7** to exercise all other rights raising from ASIA AQUATICS Constitution and Rules set by ASIA AQUATICS,

**C 10.1.8** the exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in ASIA AQUATICS Constitution, Rules and Bureau decisions.

**C 10.2** Members Obligations:

**C 10.2.1** to support ASIA AQUATICS and World Aquatics in its efforts to achieve its objectives,

**C 10.2.2** to comply fully with the ASIA AQUATICS and World Aquatics Constitution and Rules, the WADA Code, directives and decisions of ASIA AQUATICS and World Aquatics bodies as well as decisions of CAS,

**C 10.2.3** to pay the annual membership fee set pursuant to ASIA AQUATICS Rules and all other financial obligations to ASIA AQUATICS and WORLD AQUATICS,

**C 10.2.4** to insert in its constitution, rules and regulations such provisions as may be required by the WORLD AQUATICS/ASIA AQUATICS Rules,

**C 10.2.5** to manage its affairs independently and ensure that their own affairs and its affiliated members (clubs) affairs are not influenced by any third parties, the Member is obliged to inform ASIA AQUATICS about any external interference or influence to protect the aquatic sport in their country,

**C 10.2.6** to participate in all Competitions,

**C 10.2.7** to hold a General Assemblies at least every two (2) years, with notification to ASIA AQUATICS and WORLD AQUATICS of the dates and the location of the General Assembly ten (10) days before the General Assembly. The General Assembly must approve the administrative, finance and technical reports as well as the finance audit report and to provide the minutes of General Assembly to ASIA AQUATICS and WORLD AQUATICS not later than thirty (30) days after conclusion of its General Assembly.

**C 10.2.8** to hold elections every four (4) years in accordance with the Member`s Federation Constitution/Statute approved by WORLD AQUATICS/ASIA AQUATICS, and to notify ASIA AQUATICS and World Aquatics of the dates and the location of the elections. Ten (10) days before the date of elective General Assembly, ASIA AQUATICS may send a delegate to check the validity of the elections that has been carried out in accordance with the Member`s Federation Constitution/Statute approved by WORLD AQUATICS/ASIA AQUATICS, and to provide the minutes of its own elective General Assembly to ASIA AQUATICS no later than thirty (30) days after conclusion of the elective General Assembly. If a member is under Exceptional or Extraordinary Circumstances or under interference or influence from any third party and the Member is therefore unable to hold its elective General Assembly then such Member can inform WORLD AQUATICS about the situation and can seek the permission from WORLD AQUATICS for extension of its mandate, the WORLD AQUATICS Executive may consider such request.

**C 10.2.9** in case of any discrepancy between the Member`s constitutions and the WORLD AQUATICS/ASIA AQUATICS Constitution, the WORLD AQUATICS/ASIA AQUATICS Constitution shall prevail at all time,

**C 10.2.10** to ensure that their own Members (clubs) comply with the WORLD AQUATICS/ASIA AQUATICS Constitution and Rules, as well as directives and decisions of the WORLD AQUATICS/ASIA AQUATICS bodies and CAS,

**C 10.2.11** to ratify its constitution and its own Members (Clubs) constitution in accordance with the requirements of the WORLD AQUATICS/ASIA AQUATICS Constitution,

**C 10.2.12** each recognised Member must amend its Constitution as per WORLD AQUATICS Constitution and Rules and must take approval from WORLD AQUATICS before any amendments.

**C 10.3** Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any recognised Member may lead to sanction provided for in WORLD AQUATICS/ASIA AQUATICS Constitution.

**C 10.4** Violation of any ASIA AQUATICS or WORLD AQUATICS Rules may lead to sanctions.

**C 10.5** Each recognised Member is responsible towards ASIA AQUATICS for any and all acts of the Members (clubs) of their bodies cause by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such members.

**C 10.6** Each recognised Member must submit and provide letter of conformation before the start of the ASIA AQUATICS Congress that their own representative attending the ASIA AQUATICS Congress and Events, have read and understood the ASIA AQUATICS Constitution and Rules and they are aware and bounded by the ASIA AQUATICS Constitution and Rules, and they confirm that they are responsible of any acts in contradiction to the ASIA AQUATICS Constitution and Rules by their respective government directly or indirectly.

## **C11 FEES**

Each Member must pay an annual membership fee decided by the Executive. ASIA AQUATICS may set off any such fees with payments due to a Member.

Default in payment of the membership fees or other amounts which may be due by Members to ASIA AQUATICS may lead to sanctions, including suspension or, ultimately, expulsion.

The Executive has the right to waive a membership fee, when appropriate.

## **C12 SANCTION**

**C 12.1** Any recognised Member, member of a recognised Member (the Clubs), members of ASIA AQUATICS Bureau, Standing Committees, or the delegates of Members attending the ASIA AQUATICS Congress and events, or individual Member (Athletes, Coaches, and Officials) of a recognised Member may be sanctioned by the Executive.

**C 12.1.1** in case of violation of its membership`s requirements, duties and obligations as per ASIA AQUATICS Rules as well if its financial obligations to ASIA AQUATICS are not fulfilled, or

**C 12.1.2** in case of violation of the ASIA AQUATICS Constitution and Rules and/or decisions of the Congress and/or decisions of the ASIA AQUATICS Bureau and Executive, or

**C 12.1.3** make adverse comments on a policy or decision adopted by the ASIA AQUATICS Bureau, Executive or Congress once decision has been taken.

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**C 12.1.4** for bringing Aquatics into disrepute,

**C 12.1.5** to protect Aquatics, the Executive shall suspend a recognised Member in any country due to any direct or indirect third-party influence and interference on the affairs of the Member, even if the fault was not caused by the Member concerned. The suspended recognised Member due to third party influence and interference has the full right and duties of the ASIA AQUATICS membership in accordance with ASIA AQUATICS Rules, and the recognised Member and its Athletes will participate in all ASIA AQUATICS recognised Competitions under the WORLD AQUATICS flag and Congresses without the right to vote.

**C 12.1.6** the suspended Member will maintain its recognition by ASIA AQUATICS until the third- party influence and interference has been eliminated and confirmed by the Member concerned and the suspension has been lifted by the Executive,

**C 12.1.7** Any Member suspended by WORLD AQUATICS will be considered suspended by ASIA AQUATICS automatically.

**C 12.2** Sanctions are:

- Warning,
- Fine,
- Suspension,
- Expulsion,
- Cancellation of results,
- Return of awards, medals, prizes, etc.

**C 12.3** Sanctions shall be imposed by the Executive, except in cases stipulated in Article 30 of the World Aquatics Constitution and in cases referred to the Disciplinary Panel in accordance with ASIA AQUATICS Rule C 12.6 and in cases involving violation of the ASIA AQUATICS Ethics Code in accordance with ASIA AQUATICS Rule C 12.7.

**C 12.4** Any sanction imposed on a Member, competitor or a person by ASIA AQUATICS, all Members shall recognise and enforce the sanction. If any Member does not recognise and enforce the sanction, the Member will lose its rights as per ASIA AQUATICS Rules and ability to vote at the Congress due to its violation of the Constitution and the decision of the Executive. The Executive may suspend the Member if the Member violated the Constitution and Executive decisions.

**C 12.5** In cases involving a violation of any WORLD AQUATICS Rules, sanctions shall be applied by the Executive.

**C 12.6** In cases of a disciplinary nature referred by the Executive, sanctions shall be applied by the AASF Disciplinary Committee.

**C 12.7** In cases involving violation of the ASIA AQUATICS Code of Ethics, sanctions shall be applied by the Ethics Committee.

**C 12.8** Before any Member or individual is sanctioned by the Executive in accordance with the ASIA AQUATICS Rules, the Member or the individual or a representative of the recognised Member must be given the right to appear before to the Executive either in person or in writing.

The Executive Director shall notify the Member or individual about this right in writing, the Member or the individual must appear within a maximum of seven (7) days from receiving the notification, or otherwise the Member and the individual will lose their right.

**C 12.9** Sanctions shall be in force immediately upon the decision being made unless the deciding body rules otherwise.

**C 12.10** ASIA AQUATICS may take no action with respect to violation of this Constitution, Rules and Ethics Code unless such action is taken within five (5) years of the event to which it relates. Sexual

misconduct, bribery and corruption are not subject to such limitation period. The limitation period, when applicable, shall be prolonged if proceedings are opened and/ or suspended.

**C 12.11** Appeals:

**C 12.11.1** a Member, member of a Member or individual sanctioned by the executive may appeal to the Bureau within maximum seven (7) days after the decision of the Executive been notified,

**C 12.11.2** a Member, Member of a Member, or individual sanctioned by the Medical/ Anti- Doping Committee, the Disciplinary Committee or the Ethics Committee may appeal the decision directly to CAS,

**C 12.11.3** except in accordance with ASIA AQUATICS Rules C12.11.4, an appeal shall be submitted by the appealing party to the Executive Director within seven (7) days from the date of receipt of the decision,

**C 12.11.4** an appeal against a decision by the Bureau, the Medical/ Anti-Doping Committee, the Disciplinary Committee or the Ethics Committee shall be referred to the CAS within twenty-one (21) days from the date of receiving the decision. The CAS shall also have exclusive jurisdiction over interlocutory orders and no other court or tribunal shall have authority to issue interlocutory orders relating to matters before the CAS. Decisions by the CAS shall be final and binding.

**C 12.11.5** Appeals against financial decisions passed by ASIA AQUATICS legal bodies and against decisions passed by the Bureau or Member bodies shall be lodged only to CAS within twenty-one (21) days of notification of the decision in question.

Recourse may only be made to CAS after all ASIA AQUATICS or other internal channels have been exhausted. CAS, however, does not deal with appeals arising from a violation of Technical Rules,

**C 12.11.6** ASIA AQUATICS and Members shall agree to recognise CAS as an independent judicial authority and to ensure that their members (Clubs), affiliated athletes and officials comply with the decisions passed by CAS. Recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited.

Members shall insert a clause in their constitution/statutes or regulations, stipulating that it is prohibited to take any disputes, including disputes affecting national competitions, clubs, members of clubs, athletes, officials and other Member officials to ordinary courts of law. Instead of recourse to ordinary courts of law, provision shall be made in the Member constitution/statutes mandating arbitration. Such disputes shall be taken to an independent and duly constituted arbitration tribunal recognised under the rules of the Member and National Olympic Committees.

The Member shall also ensure that this stipulation is a binding obligation on its members. The Member shall impose sanctions on any party that fails to respect this obligation and ensure that any appeal against such sanctions shall likewise be strictly submitted to arbitration, and not to ordinary courts of law.

### **C13 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

**C 13.1** Membership shall cease with:

**C 13.1.1** The termination of membership (loss or withdrawal) from WORLD AQUATICS, or **C 13.1.2** Resignation from ASIA AQUATICS, or

**C 13.1.3** Expulsion from ASIA AQUATICS.

**C 13.2** Should any Member wish to withdraw its membership, an official notice writing must be sent to the ASIA AQUATICS Executive Director, the membership shall end immediately, but no refund of fees will be made.

**C 13.3** The Executive Board has the power to dismiss any member or official with due consideration to the report submitted by the Executive Director.

**C 13.3.1** the report shall be deliberated and prepared by the Ethics Committee and shall be duly submitted to the Executive.

### **C14 REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBERS OF THE ASIA AQUATICS ORDINARY/EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS**

**C 14.1** Only the recognised Members can attend the Congresses and each Member shall have TWO (2) representatives at the General Congress/ Extraordinary Congress, and the names and addresses shall be communicated in writing to the ASIA AQUATICS not later than one month before the Congress with a letter of confirmation.

**C 14.2** Each Member shall have one (1) vote whether having one (1) or two (2) representatives present during the Congress.

**C 14.3** The representative(s) must be citizen(s) of the Nation(s) or region(s) he/she, they represent and nominated by only the Member.

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## **C15 ASIA AQUATICS ACTIVITIES**

**C 15.1** All ASIA AQUATICS Competitions shall be approved by WORLD AQUATICS and governed by WORLD AQUATICS and ASIA AQUATICS Rules as well as the decisions taken by the Congress and ASIA AQUATICS Bureau. In case if any rules are not provided in the ASIA AQUATICS Rules, the Rules of WORLD AQUATICS shall apply.

**C 15.2** An annual calendar of Competitions and activities shall be issued on the WORLD AQUATICS Calendar.

## **C16 THE ORGANISATION OF ASIA AQUATICS**

**C 16.1** The following bodies/entities are established to govern and administer ASIA AQUATICS:

- The General Congress,
- The Bureau,
- The Executive,
- The Technical Committees,
- The Ad Hoc Committees.

## **C17 MEETINGS AND DECISION-MAKING**

**C 17.1** The Congress is the highest authority in ASIA AQUATICS within the Constitution and Rules of WORLD AQUATICS and ASIA AQUATICS and shall meet in person or virtually every two years.

**C 17.2** The Bureau shall meet in person or virtually at least one (1) time a year.

**C 17.3** The President (in his/her absence the Executive Director) shall convene the meeting of the Bureau at least seven (7) days in advance by way of letter and/or email, stating the date, time

and place of the meeting as well the item of the agenda. The meeting of the Executive shall be convened immediately by the President or the Executive Director.

**C 17.4** If at least thirteen (13) elected Members of the Bureau request a Bureau meeting, the President or the Executive Director shall convene the meeting in accordance with ASIA AQUATICS Rules C17.3.

**C 17.5** The President, as a Chair of the Bureau, Executive and the Congresses, shall conduct all the meetings in accordance with the ASIA AQUATICS Constitution and Regulations. She/he shall open and close all debates. In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice President shall conduct the meeting. In the absence of the President and the Senior Vice President, the Executive Director shall conduct the meetings.

**C 17.6** If a vote is needed on any matter, a majority of valid vote cast is required for a decision to be adopted. Each elected Member of the Bureau has one (1) vote during Bureau Meetings, and each recognized Member Federation has one (1) vote in the General Congress and Extraordinary Congress

**C 17.7** Decisions of the Bureau, Executive and the Congress shall be signed by the President.

**C 17.8** Bureau and Executive meetings are confidential. Any elected Member violates the confidentiality of the meetings will be a subject to a sanction by the Ethic Committee.

**C 17.9** The minutes of every Congress, Bureau and Executive meetings shall be recorded by the Executive Director. The minutes shall as a general rule be signed by the President.

## **C18 ZONAL ORGANISATIONS**

**C 18.1** The Members shall be divided into five Geographical Zones as follows:

- East Zone
- West Zone
- South Zone
- Central Zone
- South East Zone

## **C19 GENERAL CONGRESS**

**C 19.1.1** The Congress is the highest authority of ASIA AQUATICS within WORLD AQUATICS and ASIA AQUATICS Constitution and Rules, and shall have the right to decide upon any matters arising within ASIA AQUATICS.

**C 19.1.2** The Ordinary General Congress shall be held every two (2) years or earlier. The Executive shall fix the place and date of the Ordinary General Congress. The Members shall be notified in writing within twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the Congress. The Executive will decide the timeline of the notification. The formal convocation with the agenda shall be made in writing at least seven (7) days before the date of the Congress by the President or Executive Director. The quorum of the Ordinary Congress shall be twelve (12) Members.

**C 19.1.3** (a) An Extraordinary Congress may be convened by the President or Executive at any time, without time limitation, on matters of urgency; (b) If one-third (1/3) of the Members make such a request in writing, such Extraordinary Congress shall be held within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of such request. The President will decide the date, place and the agenda of the Extraordinary Congress. The President shall send notification to all recognised Members including the place, date and the agenda at least seven (7) days before the date of the Extraordinary Congress. The agenda of the Extraordinary Congress shall not be altered.

**C 19.2** The General Congress and the Extraordinary Congress of ASIA AQUATICS shall consist of:

**C 19.2.1** Only Members can attend the Congress with a maximum of two (2) duly appointed delegates of each Member, notice of the appointment of delegates by each Member, certified in writing by the Member they represent, must be lodged to the ASIA AQUATICS Executive Director before the start of the Ordinary General Congress or the Extraordinary Congress,

**C 19.2.2** each Member is entitled for one (1) vote only regardless of the number of its delegates,

**C 19.2.3** all members of the Bureau without vote; Honorary Bureau Members without vote

**C 19.2.4** the Honorary Life President without vote, and

**C 19.2.5** all Honorary members without vote.

**C 19.3** a Member may appoint delegates in accordance with ASIA AQUATICS Rules C 19.2.1 to participate and vote in a meeting of the General Congress or the Extraordinary Congress provided that:

**C 19.3.1** it has paid all membership fees due to ASIA AQUATICS in accordance to the ASIA AQUATICS Rules C11; and,

**C 19.3.2** during the preceding twelve (12) months it has participated in at least one ASIA AQUATICS Continental or WORLD AQUATICS International Aquatics Competition (the WORLD AQUATICS World Championships, other WORLD AQUATICS Competitions, Continental Competitions, ASIA AQUATICS Regional Competitions or Asian Games), and

**C 19.3.3** it is not suspended by WORLD AQUATICS or ASIA AQUATICS,

**C 19.3.4** the suspended Member, based on C 12.1.5 has the right to attend the Congress without a right to vote.

**C 19.5** Members shall only be represented by delegates. Delegates shall be affiliated to the Member which they represent. A delegate may represent only one Member.

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**C 19.6** Zonal Organisations as listed in ASIA AQUATICS Rules C18 may appoint up to two (2) representatives who may attend the Congress as observers.

**C 19.7** The President of ASIA AQUATICS, or in his/her absence the Senior Vice President, or in his/her absence the Executive Director, shall preside at all Congresses.

**C 19.8** The General Congress shall be convened every two (2) years preferably at the site and on the occasion of the ASIA AQUATICS Championships or the Asian Games. The Executive may decide other location of the General Congress if needed. ASIA AQUATICS shall inform the Members not later than twenty-one (21) days ahead of the exact date fixed for the General Congress concerned. ASIA AQUATICS shall send an invitation to all Members, together with the agenda for the General Congress and together with all duly submitted motions and applications at least seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

**C 19.9** An Extraordinary Congress may be convened by a decision of the President at any time on matters of urgency. An Extraordinary Congress shall otherwise be convened by decision of the

Executive or Bureau, or if one-third (1/3) of the Members make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. Any such Extraordinary Congress shall be held within twenty- one (21) days of receipt of such request. The President will decide the date, place and the agenda of the Extraordinary Congress. The President shall send notification to all Members, including the place, date and the agenda at least seven (7) days before the date of the Extraordinary Congress. The agenda of the Extraordinary Congress shall not be altered. The quorum shall be nine (9) Members. Should there be no quorum present, the motion shall be deemed to have been lost and shall not be raised again until the next ordinary meeting of the General Congress.

**C 19.10** The General Congress may, in order to reward exceptional merit in or service for the advancement of international Aquatics, elect an Honorary Life President, who shall be a Member of the Bureau without vote. The General Congress may also elect Honorary Members if they fulfilled three (3) terms as a Bureau Member.

**C 19.11** The General Congress has a quorum of twelve (12) Members present. If a quorum is not present at the previously announced opening time of the Congress, the meeting shall not open until the quorum is achieved. If the quorum did not achieve within one hour from the scheduled opening time, then the quorum will be declared achieved with a minimum attendance not less than seven (7) Members. Decisions by the General Congress are made on vote of a majority of those Members present and voting.

**C 19.12** The General Congress agenda shall include the following mandatory items:

**C 19.12.1** a declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Constitution,

**C 19.12.2** approval of the agenda,

**C 19.12.3** and address by the President,

**C 19.12.4** appointment of three (3) scrutinizers recognised Member Federation/Association,

**C 19.12.5** appointment of three (3) recognised Members to check and approve the minutes,

**C 19.12.6** report of the Bureau on its activities during the time since the previous General Congress presented by the President,

**C 19.12.7** a financial report of Executive Director and presentation and the approval of the audit financial report,

**C 19.12.8** appointment of auditors,

**C 19.12.9** votes on proposal for adopting and amending the Constitution, Rules and Code of Ethics (if applicable),

**C 19.12.10** releasing the President of her/his duty and responsibility and election of new President, the chair will be in accordance with C17.5 (if applicable),

**C 19.12.11** the address of the newly elected ASIA AQUATICS President, the newly elected ASIA AQUATICS President will be the chair of the Congress (if applicable), every four (4) years.

**C 19.12.12** releasing the other remaining previous Bureau from its responsibility and liability (if applicable), every four (4) years.

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**C 19.12.13** election of the other remaining Bureau Members in accordance with Constitution (if applicable) every four (4) years.

**C 19.12.14** election of Ethics, Disciplinary and the Audit and Compliance Committees members in accordance with the Constitution during the election Congress every four (4) years proposed by the Bureau.

**C 19.12.15** election for the ASIA AQUATICS (Asian Candidates) for the WORLD AQUATICS Vice President and WORLD AQUATICS Bureau Member in accordance with ASIA AQUATICS Constitution (if applicable) every four (4) years.

**C 19.13** The agenda of the Ordinary General Congress may be altered, provided three-quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the Members present at the Congress and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.

**C 19.14** Motions, applications and proposals for alteration of or addition to the ASIA AQUATICS Constitution and Rules shall be considered only if submitted by an affiliated and recognised Member Federation or by the Bureau. All motions, applications, and proposals to be considered by the General Congress must reach the Executive Director at least three (3) calendar months prior to the Congress and must appear on the agenda given to the Members in accordance with this Constitution.

**C 19.15** Any alteration of or addition to the Constitution agreed upon by the General Congress shall become effective immediately unless otherwise determined at the time of such approval.

## **C20 ASIA AQUATICS BUREAU**

The ASIA AQUATICS Bureau shall consist of:

**C 20.1** President.

**C 20.2** Five (5) elected Vice Presidents, one (1) for each of the above-mentioned zone, one

(1) of them will be Senior Vice President, based on longest service in the ASIA AQUATICS Bureau, if it does not apply the President will propose to the Executive one of the Vice Presidents to act as a Senior Vice President and one (1) President from the next host country of the next Asian Games and provided that the host country does not have any representative in the Bureau. And one (1) Vice President from the next host country for the Asian Championships subject to the approval of the Bureau, and provided that the host country does not have any representative in Bureau.

**C 20.3** Chair of the Athletes Committee.

**C 20.4** Ten (10) Bureau Members.

**C 20.5** Honorary Members (as per decision of ASIA AQUATICS Congress).

**C 20.6** The Asian representative in the WORLD AQUATICS Bureau.

**C 20.7** All the ASIA AQUATICS Bureau Member must pass the eligibility check by ASIA AQUATICS Ethics Committees.

**C 20.8** Only Members can nominate candidates for ASIA AQUATICS Bureau.

**C 20.9** No two (2) members of the elected Bureau shall be from the same country.

**C 20.10** If the country which confirmed to organize the Asian Swimming Championships refuses to conduct that, its representative as Vice President has been automatically omitted and this opportunity will transfer to the new host country.

**C 20.11** The term of office of a Bureau Member is four (4) years, renewable twice. Terms served are calculated cumulatively, irrespective of any interruption of the service. Such term does not apply to the President, whose term is set out at C23.

**C 20.12** A Bureau Member shall be eligible for re-election on completion of a term of office.

**C 20.13** The Bureau may decide to consider proposals relating to Technical Rules as well as other proposals.

**C 20.14** After the election of the National Federation and the deadline to submit the candidacy over for any position in ASIA AQUATICS or WORLD AQUATICS Bureau the respective Member shall no longer entitle to withdraw or replace the candidate. If the candidate wins her/his election in any ASIA AQUATICS or WORLD AQUATICS Bureau position the Member cannot apply for withdrawal or replacement.

**C 20.15** Membership from the Bureau and/or the Technical Standing Committee shall be automatically lost and revoke in following cases:

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**C 20.15.1** The Member has been absent from ASIA AQUATICS Bureau Meeting or Technical Standing Committee meeting for two (2) consecutive times without proper justification,

**C 20.15.2** Non-compliance to the ASIA AQUATICS Constitution, Rules, decisions of the Congress and the ASIA AQUATICS Bureau, in this case the membership shall be revoke by the Congress.

**C 20.15.3** Only the elected Bureau Members have a voting right at the Bureau. The Honorary Members will also be part of the Bureau but without voting right.

**C 20.16** No replacement of ASIA AQUATICS Bureau Member or technical and standing committee member may take place after she/he has been elected to ASIA AQUATICS position except for the following cases:

Member personally submitting his / her resignation to ASIA AQUATICS,

he/she deceases,

Change the Nationality,

Except cases mentioned in ASIA AQUATICS Rules C20.15.1 and C20.15.2.

**C 20.17** The Member cannot amend/nominate or withdraw the names of their candidates for any ASIA AQUATICS /WORLD AQUATICS positions once the deadline set by ASIA AQUATICS Executive/WORLD AQUATICS, has elapsed.

## **C21 ASIAN WORLD AQUATICS BUREAU MEMBER**

**C 21.1** The election of the Asian WORLD AQUATICS Bureau Member will be carried out at the ASIA AQUATICS Congress in accordance to this Constitution.

**C 21.2** The nomination of the Asian WORLD AQUATICS Bureau Member must be nominated by a recognised and affiliated Member Federations by ASIA AQUATICS only.

**C 21.3** The Asian WORLD AQUATICS Bureau Member must pass eligibility check by WORLD AQUATICS Integrity Unit.

**C 21.4** No replacement of Asian WORLD AQUATICS Bureau Member after he/she has been elected to WORLD AQUATICS position except for the following cases:

Member personally submitting his / her resignation to WORLD AQUATICS,

he/she deceases,

Change the Nationality,

Except cases mentioned in C20.15.1 and C20.15.2.

## **C22 THE ASIA AQUATICS EXECUTIVE**

**22.1** The ASIA AQUATICS Executive Committee consists of five (5) Bureau Members – the President (in case of his absence one of the Senior Vice Presidents) and two (2) Vice Presidents, as appointed by the President, one (1) ASIA AQUATICS Bureau Member, as appointed by the President, and one (1) Asian WORLD AQUATICS Bureau Member, as appointed by the President.

**C 22.2** The term of office of Executive Committee shall be four (4) years from the date of the Congress.

**C 22.3** The Executive shall meet anytime by the request of the President to take decision between the Bureau meetings and shall be eligible to act on behalf of ASIA AQUATICS regarding any decisions, and to arrange the Agenda and proposals for the next Congress, and to decide about the deadline of the congresses and the nominations of the different candidates for ASIA AQUATICS and WORLD AQUATICS positions.

**C 22.4** To discuss and make decisions on all the matters in accordance to this Constitution, or decisions of the Bureau and Congress.

**C 22.5** To decide and take action on any matter pertaining to the affairs of ASIA AQUATICS and its Members.

**C 22.6** To submit proposals to the Congress.

**C 22.7** To appoint Ad Hoc Committees for purposes of special tasks.

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## **C23 THE PRESIDENT**

**C 23.1** In principle, the highest-ranking elected officer of ASIA AQUATICS shall be the President.

**C 23.1.2** The term of office of the President is four (4) years, renewable once for four (4) years, irrespective of any previous term served as Bureau and/or Executive Member.

**C 23.1.3** The current term of the elected President shall expire in 2024. In case of re-election in 2024, the term starting in 2024 shall be considered the first four (4) year term as per C 23.1.2.

**C 23.2** The President shall inter alia have the following roles and duties:

**C 23.2.1** To call and preside at all meetings of the Congresses, the Bureau and the Executive,

**C 23.2.2** To represent ASIA AQUATICS in all dealings with the OCA and any other relevant Continental or International Organisations,

**C 23.2.3** To be an ex-officio member of all ASIA AQUATICS Committees and Commissions. In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice President or another person so designated by the President shall represent the President at Competitions, ceremonies or other activities requiring the presence of the President. In the absence of the Senior Vice President or someone else so designated, the Executive Director shall take the duty of the President,

**C 23.2.4** To evaluate the performance of the ASIA AQUATICS administration, financial and technical and make an annual report to the Bureau and the Congress in this regard,

**C 23.2.5** To create any task force or working group he may deem necessary or advisable to address any urgent situation,

**C 23.2.6** To maintain relations with the zonal organisations, recognised Member Federation, ASIA AQUATICS Committees and commissions

**C 23.2.7** The candidacy for the President will be nominated by any Member and the candidate must pass the eligibility check by ASIA AQUATICS Ethic Committee.

**C 23.3** The Senior Vice President shall have the following roles and duties:

**C 23.3.1** in the absence of the President, conduct the Congresses, Bureau and Executive meetings with all the rights and duties of the President,

**C 23.3.2** represent ASIA AQUATICS in the absence of the President at Competitions, ceremonies or other activities requiring the presence of the highest ASIA AQUATICS authority,

**C 23.3.3** in general, to take the duty and the responsibilities of the President in his absence.

**C 23.3.4** in the absence of the Senior Vice President or someone so designated by the President, the Executive Director will take the duty and the responsibility of the President,

**C 23.3.5** the candidacy for Senior Vice President as well as the other Vice Presidents position will be nominated by any Member by ASIA AQUATICS and the candidate must pass the eligibility check by ASIA AQUATICS Ethic Committee.

**C 23.4** The ASIA AQUATICS Executive Director shall be appointed by the President, and is responsible for the following

**C 23.4.1** implementing decisions passed by the Congress, the Bureau and the Executive in compliance with the President's directives,

**C 23.4.2** properly managing and keeping the accounts of ASIA AQUATICS,

**C 23.4.3** negotiating or overseeing the negotiation of all major contracts on behalf of ASIA AQUATICS in consultation with the President,

**C 23.4.4** compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, Bureau, Executive and Committees under the supervision of the President,

**C 23.4.5** ASIA AQUATICS correspondence,



**C 23.4.6** overviewing of the operations of the ASIA AQUATICS Office and, where appropriate, taking such measures as he may deem necessary for the proper administration of ASIA AQUATICS with the approval of the President. The Executive Director shall periodically report to the Bureau and the Executive in this regard,

**C 23.4.7** the appointment and dismissal of staff working in the ASIA AQUATICS Office in consultation with the ASIA AQUATICS President; and,

**C 23.4.8** signing decisions on behalf of any ASIA AQUATICS Committee, provided that no other ruling exists in the respective regulations,

**C 23.4.9** the agenda of the ASIA AQUATICS Committees in co-ordination with the respective Chairman of the Committees,

**C 23.4.10** to issue the implementation of regulations, directives, policies, procedures, circular letters, manuals and similar documents as part of her/his range of duties and powers subject to the Constitution, with the approval of the President,

**C 23.4.11** chair the Finance Committee,

**C 23.4.12** fulfill the obligations as specified in the Ethics Code,

**C 23.4.13** be responsible for the financial planning of ASIA AQUATICS,

**C 23.4.14** oversee the current amount of income and expenditure, under the supervision and approval of the President,

**C 23.4.15** draw up and present the general four (4) years and detailed yearly budget together with the ASIA AQUATICS Accounting Department,

**C 23.4.16** The ASIA AQUATICS Office shall carry out all the administrative work of ASIA AQUATICS under the direction of the ASIA AQUATICS Executive Director, in accordance with the policies of the Bureau,

**C 23.4.17** the organization and structure of the ASIA AQUATICS general secretariat shall be dealt with through directives issued by the Executive Director.

## **C24 SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

**C 24.1** In case the post of the Presidency becomes vacant or the President is unable to execute his/her duties, the Senior Vice President will exercise all the rights and carry out responsibilities of the President, until the post is filled by the Congress.

**C 24.2** In case of the post of the Senior Vice President become vacant, The Executive will appoint one of the Vice Presidents to take the responsibilities and duties of the Senior Vice President.

## **C25 THE HONORARY MEMBERS**

**C 25.1** The Honorary Life President and Honorary Life Members shall be appointed by the Bureau with no vote.

**C 25.2** Any person who has served for a minimum of four terms as Bureau member shall be automatically become the life member in the capacity he has served as President, Vice President, Treasurer and member respectively.

They are entitled to all the rights and privileges to attend Championships Regional Games and Asian Games, as well as ASIA AQUATICS Bureau meetings and ASIA AQUATICS Congress but with no votes.

## **C26 COMMITTEES**

**C 26.1** ASIA AQUATICS shall have Technical Committees, Specialized Committees and ASIA AQUATICS Judicial Panels:

**C 26.1.1** The Technical Committees are:

The Swimming Committee,

The Open Water Swimming Committee,

The Diving Committee,

The High Diving Committee,

The Water Polo Committee,

The Artistic Swimming Committee,

The Masters Committee.

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Nominated by the recognised Member National Federation /Association, appointed by the Bureau at its first meeting after the election at the proposal of the President.

**C 26.1.2** The Specialised Committees are:

- The Medical/Anti-Doping Committee,
- The Athletes Committee,
- The Coaches Committee,
- The Finance/Marketing Committee,
- The Solidarity and Development Committee,
- The Legal Committee.

Nominated by the Members, appointed by the Bureau at its first meeting after the election at the proposal of the President.

**C 26.1.3** The Judicial Committees are:

- The Audit and Compliance Committee,
- The Disciplinary Committee,
- The Ethics Committee.

Nominated by the Members, elected by the Congress at the proposal of the Executive.

**C 26.2** The Executive shall be entitled to nominate any kind of ad hoc committee or working commission when it is considered appropriate.

**C 26.3** The Bureau appoints and dismiss the Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Technical and Specialized Committees.

**C 26.3.1** the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and the Members of the Technical and Specialized Committees shall be appointed by the Bureau on the proposal of the President. The Members and the Zonal Organization may propose the candidates of the Technical Committees and the Specialized Committees, except for the chairperson and the member of the Disciplinary Committee, the Ethics Committee, the Audit and Compliance Committee,

**C 26.3.2** the Athletes Committee who are elected by the Athletes at the occasion of the Asian Games. The Bureau shall ensure an appropriate female representation in the Committees. Their term shall last four (4) years from the day of the appointment to the closing ceremony of the Asian Games. after four (4) years,

**C 26.3.3** the Bureau at its first meeting after its election appoints the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson, and the members of the Technical and Specialized Committees. Recognised members appointed for a committee shall be from different recognised Member Federation. The Bureau, whenever it deems necessary, may appoint to the Specialized Committees additional experts in the area for which this committee has been established.

**C 26.4** Members may nominate persons for consideration for appointment to an ASIA AQUATICS Committee by providing notice of such nomination in writing, signed by the president of such Member, to ASIA AQUATICS Office before commencement of the first Bureau meeting after its election.

**C 26.5** the Bureau shall decide the maximum number of each Committee depending on the duty and responsibility of the Committee.

**C 26.6** Nominated persons shall be:

**C 26.6.1** in the case of a Technical Committee, those who are recognised experts in the respective discipline, capable of, and interested in, actively and regularly attending the meetings of such Technical Committee,

**C 26.6.2** in the case of the Medical/Anti-Doping Committee, those who are qualified sports medicine physicians or in anti-doping in active practice or academic positions with experience with Aquatic athletes and are capable of, and interested in, actively and regularly attending the meetings of the Medical/Anti-Doping Committee,

**C 26.6.3** in the case of any other Committees, those who are knowledgeable in and skilled in the area for which the committee has been established, capable of, and interested in, actively and regularly attending the meetings of such committee.

**C 26.7** The Committees shall meet whenever there is business to be transacted, all meetings being subject to the approval of the Executive.

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**C 26.8** The absolute majority of Members (50% plus one (1) Member) shall form a quorum at any meeting of a Committee.

**C 26.9** Where a member of any Committee has been absented from two (2) consecutive meetings without reasons acceptable to the Executive, the Executive shall have the right to declare that such a member has forfeited his/her membership. The Executive according to the Constitution shall then fill the vacancy.

**C 26.10** The Executive shall have the authority to fill any vacancy which occurs brought death, resignation or removal of any member of the Technical Committee, Specialized Committee or Judicial Panel.

**C 26.11** For the proposed candidates of membership on the Athletes Committee, all athletes on the Committee must have competed at the World/Asian Championships and/or Asian/Olympic Games for their country. In addition, each athlete must be a current athlete in the sport or be within four (4) years

of the date of their last competition. Athletes elected to the Athletes Committee must represent six

(6) aquatic disciplines and all geographical zones.

**C 26.11.1** The candidates for membership for the Athletes Committee must be proposed by the Athletes themselves at the occasion of the Asian Games. Only one athlete from a recognised Member Federation/Association can be elected as a member of the Athletes Committee. If more than one candidate from the recognised Member Federation, the candidate who received the highest number of votes will be elected. Only the Open Water members will be elected at the occasion of the Asian Open Water Championship. The High Diving member will be appointed by the Executive.

**C 26.11.2** The composition of the Athletes Committee will be 12 members as follows:

Two (2) from Swimming discipline - one (1) male, one (1) female,

Two (2) from Diving discipline - one (1) male, one (1) female,

Two (2) from Water Polo discipline - one (1) male, one (1) female,

Two (2) from Open Water discipline - one (1) male, one (1) female, elected at the Asian Championships of Open Water for four (4) years.

One (1) from High Diving discipline - male or female, appointed by the Executive,

One (1) from Artistic Swimming discipline – male or female,

Two (2) retired athletes have competed at the Asian/Olympic Games or World/Asian Championship – one (1) male, one (1) female, appointed by the newly elected Bureau.

**C 26.11.3** The Chairperson of the Athletes Committee shall be elected at the first meeting of the Athlete Committee. The chairperson will be a member of the Bureau with the right to vote,

**C 26.11.4** The Athletes Committee will appoint two (2) recognised members, one male one female, at the Congress with the right to vote,

**C 26.12** All recommendations or decisions made by any Committee, except decisions of the Judicial Panels, require the approval of the Executive before becoming effective.

**C 26.13** Audit and Compliance Committee

**C 26.13.1** The Audit and Compliance Committee shall consist of three (3) persons elected by the Congress based on the recommendation of the Executive. The members shall be experts in auditing

and financial statement matters. The audit committee shall be fully independent to be able to carry out its assistance role effectively,

**C 26.13.2** The Power and duties of Audit and Compliance Committee are:

To execute efficient financial controls and review the financial statements, budget and the external audit report,

To assist the governing bodies in monitoring ASIA AQUATICS's financial and compliance matters,

To liaise with external auditors,

To conduct risk management, and

To review the quality of the internal control system.

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## **C 26.14** Disciplinary Committee

**C 26.14.1** The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of four (4) persons, one chair and three members. No two members of Disciplinary Committee shall be from the same country or Sport Country. Members of the Disciplinary Committee shall serve for a period of four (4) years or until their successors are appointed. The members are elected by the Congress upon the proposal of the Bureau,

**C 26.14.2** At least three (3) members of the Disciplinary Committee shall also have legal training and experience. Members of the Disciplinary Committee shall be elected by the Congress meeting following. On the proposal by the President and the approval of the Executive,

**C 26.14.3** One of the members of the Disciplinary Committee must have legal training. No member of the Disciplinary Committee shall participate to a specific case when he or she is a citizen of the country of the competition suspected of violating this Constitution or Rules,

**C 26.14.4** The Disciplinary Committee shall conduct hearings and impose sanctions in all disciplinary cases of originating from violating this Constitution or Rules (except matters regarding doping control). The Sanctions determined by the disciplinary Panel are limited to those described in ASIA AQUATICS Rule C 12.

**C 26.14.5** The hearings of the Disciplinary Committee shall respect the following principles:

A timely hearing,

A fair and impartial hearing body,

The right to be represented by counsel at the hearing, with no expense to ASIA AQUATICS,

The right to be fairly and timely informed of the rule violation,

The right to respond to the rule violation and resulting consequences,

The right of each party to present evidence, including the right to call and question witnesses (subject to the hearing body's discretion to accept testimony by telephone or written submission),

The right to an interpreter at the hearing, at no expense to ASIA AQUATICS; and the right to a timely, written, reasoned decision; specifically, including an explanation of the reason(s) for any period of suspension.

**C 26.14.6** The meeting and the hearing of the Disciplinary Committee can be in present or by a conference call.

## **C 26.15** Ethics Committee

**C 26.15.1** The Ethics Committee shall consist of five (5) members, a chair and four (4) members elected by the General Congress for a term of four (4) years on a proposal of the Bureau,

**C 26.15.2** The members of the Ethics Committee shall not serve on the Bureau, a Technical Committee, a Specialised Committee or another Judicial Committee within ASIA AQUATICS. He or she must have the following:

excellent in speaking, written, reading in English,

has knowledge of Aquatics as well as ASIA AQUATICS/WORLD AQUATICS,

Has legal background.

**C 26.15.3** Members of the Ethics Committee may be elected for a maximum of three (3) terms,

**C 26.15.4** If a member of the Ethics Committee should die or resign, a replacement shall be decided by the Executive in compliance with ASIA AQUATICS Rule C 26.15.2 until the next elections of the Ethics Committee,

**C 26.15.5** Only the matters are transferred to the Ethics Committee by the Executive or by the Executive Director can be investigated by the Ethics Committee,

**C 26.15.6** At least three members of the Ethics Committee (as determined by the Chairperson) shall be appointed as required on a case-by-case basis, to investigate, hear and determine any matter,

**C 26.15.7** The Ethics Committee shall only investigate, hear and determine any alleged violation of the Code of Ethics or the Constitution or Rules and Congress, Bureau, and Executive's decisions and on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, (PMC) and to impose, sanction(s) as set out in ASIA AQUATICS Rule C 12 and referred to it by the Executive and in compliance with C 26.15.9. The Ethics Committee can suspend temporarily any person who is under ongoing investigation for a maximum period of ninety (90) days. The decision of temporary suspension cannot be appealed to CAS or any other body,

**C 26.15.8** The scope of this investigation shall only be related to a violation within "AQUATIC SPORTS". Any other political or personal issues or any other issue outside the Aquatic Sports cannot be handled and investigated by the Ethics Committee,

**C 26.15.9** Should the case be associated with judicial matters, where financial decision by the court is required. The Ethics Committee is not entitled to interfere until financial ratified decision by the court of law has been taken,

**C 26.15.10** The Ethics Committee shall act in accordance with the principles of natural justice and shall determine its own procedure. The procedure must be confirmed by the Executive,

**C 26.15.11** For any violation of the Constitution, Code of Ethics or decisions by Bureau and the Executive, the Ethics Committee may impose any or more of the following sanctions,

a warning or reprimand,

a suspension from any ASIA AQUATICS activities (competition, Congresses, any positions within ASIA AQUATICS bodies) for a fixed period of up to four (4) years until a specified set of conditions have been met to the satisfaction of the Ethics Committee,

a return of any ASIA AQUATICS award,

a ban for a fixed period of up to a lifetime from taking part in any Asian Aquatics related to any ASIA AQUATICS activity,

a recommendation to the Executive of the notification of the matter to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

**C 26.15.12** For any violation of the PMC, the Ethic Committee may impose, in addition to the sanctions provided for in ASIA AQUATICS Rule C 12, the sanctions provided in the PMC,

**C 26.15.13** No ASIA AQUATICS staff or Bureau member or a member Federation/Association, or a member of a recognised Member Federation/Association by ASIA AQUATICS shall make any adverse comments or challenge on the policy/decisions adopted by the Congress/Bureau/Executive once any ASIA AQUATICS body's decisions have been taken, approved and circulated to the Member Federation/Association delegates that were attending. In such case the member will be in violation of the Code of Ethics and subject to sanctions in accordance with ASIA AQUATICS Rule C 12,

**C 26.15.14** The Ethics Committee may propose amendments to any Rules relevant to its functions,

**C 26.15.15** The Ethics Committee shall receive nominations and curriculum vitae of the Candidates from the recognised National Federations and/or Zonal Organisations for all positions on the Bureau, Asian WORLD AQUATICS Bureau member position, ASIA AQUATICS Committees, Judicial Panels, Honorary positions and make and make decisions on those nominations based on objective eligibility criteria for each position as determined by the Ethic Committee which must be established at least three (3) months before elections date and officials published by ASIA AQUATICS. The decisions of the Ethics Committee regarding candidates shall be circulated among the recognised National Federations, Zonal Organisations as well as Committees at least one (1) month before elections date,

**C 26.15.16** Any individual belonging to any recognised Member Federation/Association is not allowed to receive or give (Gifts, Money, Financial Assistance, Air Travel, Local Transportation and Accommodations) before, during, or after any Congress or Events,

**C 26.15.17** Any individual or Member Federation/Association shall be responsible for the acts of their respective Governmental bodies and individuals in accordance with C 26.15.16,

**C 26.15.18** The status of limitation is five (5) years. The Ethic Committee cannot investigate any violation of Rules and Constitution that happened more than five (5) years ago,

**C26.15.18** Any decision rendered by a body of WORLD AQUATICS, including the AQIU, against a Member or individual of ASIA AQUATICS shall be binding on and implemented by ASIA AQUATICS.

**C 26.15.19** If a decision of any body of WORLD AQUATICS, including the AQUU, contradicts a decision of ASIA AQUATICS, the decision of WORLD AQUATICS shall prevail.

## **C27 GENERAL RULES OF THE MEETING**

**C 27.1** No proxy shall be allowed for the Bureau meetings, Executive Committee meetings and the Congress.

**C 27.2** The Congress shall be conducted by the outgoing Bureau.

**C 27.3** The President shall have a casting vote at the Bureau and Executive meeting.

**C 27.4** For the Congress, all Members present shall be entitled to vote.

**C 27.5** A simple majority of the members present shall be required for an amendment to the Constitution and Rules.

**C 27.6** A simple majority of the members in attendance is required on discussion of other matters.

**C 27.7** Expenses arising from those attending the Congress, Bureau and Executive Committee meetings shall be borne by the participants Federations.

**C 27.8** The Minutes of the Congress and Bureau meetings shall be sent to the Members within sixty (60) days.

**C 27.9** The host Member for ASIA AQUATICS and ASIA AQUATICS events shall be entirely responsible financially for arranging and staging all meetings and the Congress. The board and lodging of the participants will be borne by the host federation. Air ticket cost and the personal expenses shall be responsibility of the participants' Federations.

## **C28 MAIL VOTE**

**C 28.1** The President may request a mail vote from the Bureau and Executive.

**C 28.2** The Executive Director may at any time, when sufficient votes have been received to either carry or reject the question, announce the result of the same and the result so announced shall be final.

**C 28.3** Within five days of closing the mail vote the Executive Director shall mail to each Bureau Member the result of the vote.

## **C29 AMOUNT AND CURRENCY**

**C 29.1** The ASIA AQUATICS Secretariat shall send to all the Members, during the last week of December each year, an official letter requesting payment of the affiliation fee in January for the subsequent year.

Note: The amount shall be determined by the Executive.

**C 29.2** The official currencies used by ASIA AQUATICS are US dollars.

## **C30 APPROVAL OF RECORDS**

**C 30.1** AQUATICS has established the following Records:

**C 30.1.1** Asian Records:

1)The best time established by an Asian Swimmer recognised by his own Federation (s) / Association (s) and in accordance with WORLD AQUATICS regulations.

**C 30.1.2** Asian Games Records:

1)The best time established in the Asian Games.

**C 30.1.3** Asian Swimming Championships Records:

The best time established in the Asian Swimming Championships.

**C 30.1.4** Asian Age Group Championships Records:

Best time established by an Asian Swimmer in the Asian Age Group Championships or any other Age Group event in Asia recognised by his / her own Federation / Association and in accordance with WORLD AQUATICS regulation.

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**C 30.2** Rules necessary for establishment of Records shall be made by the Executive Committee.

### **C31 COMPETITION RULES**

**C 31.1** The rules for the competitions or championships authorized by ASIA AQUATICS will be the rules of WORLD AQUATICS in effect, when the competition is held.

**C 31.2** Championships / Games are not officially established until they have received WORLD AQUATICS approval in accordance with Article 26 of the World Aquatics Constitution and Article 8 of the World Aquatics By-Laws.

### **C32 ASIAN GAMES**

**C 32.1** The ASIA AQUATICS shall cooperate with the OCA and the Organizing Committee for the smooth organization of the aquatic competitions during the Games.

**C 32.2** The Executive shall nominate Technical Delegates to the Games for each Discipline.

### **C33 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**C 33.1** ASIA AQUATICS shall hold Asian Swimming Championships every 4 years, (2 years after the Asian Games, and before the Olympic Games).

**C 33.2** The host Member for the Asian Swimming Championships shall be financially responsible for arranging the Championships as well as the following expenses as in Categories A and B:

Category A - Airfare, full board accommodation and local transportation and per diem allowance:

President, Senior Vice President, one (1) Vice President, Executive Director, Asian WORLD AQUATICS Bureau Members,

ASIA AQUATICS Technical Delegate,

ASIA AQUATICS Committee Chairman of TSC, TDC, TWPC, TSSC, TOWPC and the Medical/Anti- Doping Committee,

Three (3) to five (5) Jury Members,

Two (2) neutral Water Polo Referees,

ASIA AQUATICS Technical Coordinator.

Category B - Full Board Accommodation and local transportation for:

Twenty (20) Competitors and officials per country. (Ratio of officials and competitors to be determined),

The rest of the Bureau Members and Honorary Members if not covered in category A.

The rest of the Technical Committee Members of the participating disciplines including Medical Committee,

Chairman and Secretaries of Open Water Swimming and Master Swimming Committee.

**C 33.3** ASIA AQUATICS may hold the Asian Age Group Championships every 2 years depending upon availability of Sponsors/Organizers.

**C 33.4** The host Member Federation/Association shall be financially responsible for arranging the Asian Age Group Championships as well as the following expenses as in Categories A and B:

Category A - Airfare, full board accommodation and local transportation and per diem allowance:

President, Senior Vice President, one (1) Vice President, Executive Director, Asian WORLD AQUATICS Bureau Members,

ASIA AQUATICS Technical Delegate,

ASIA AQUATICS Technical Committees Chairman of the Participating disciplines and Medical Committee,

Two (2) to Three (3) Jury Members in each discipline,

Two (2) neutral Water Polo Referees provided that the discipline is held,

ASIA AQUATICS Technical Coordinator.

Category B - Full Board Accommodation and local transportation for:

Fifteen (15) Competitors and officials per country. (Ratio of officials and competitors to be determined),

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Five (5) persons of the Bureau members if not covered by category A,

Three (3) persons of each Technical Committees Member of the participating disciplines including Medical Committee.

**C 33.5** Necessary Rules for meeting concerning the Asian Championships and the Asian Age Group Championships shall be drafted by the Executive Committee and presented to the Congress.

**C 33.6** The Event under the auspices of ASIA AQUATICS are:

**C 33.6.1** Asian Swimming Championships every four (4) years,

**C 33.6.2** Asian Age Group Championships every two (2) years,

**C 33.6.3** Asian Open Water Swimming Championship annually,

**C 33.6.4** Asian Diving Cup annually,

**C 33.6.5** Asian Water Polo Clubs Championship annually,

**C 33.6.6** Asian Masters Swimming Championship annually,

**C 33.6.7** Asian Junior Water Polo Championship every two (2) years.

**C 33.7** Terms and conditions in staging all ASIA AQUATICS events shall be sent to the host country for final review and approval, consequently, contract signing will be finalized.

**C 33.8** All Asian Games and Asian Aquatic Championships can be considered as Qualification Tournaments for the Olympic Games & WORLD AQUATICS Events with prior approval from proper authorities.

### **C34 REGIONAL GAMES**

**C 34.1** ASIA AQUATICS shall approve Regional Games in Asia and provide among Member Federation(s)/Association(s) Technical assistance, if necessary. It shall nominate Technical Delegates on the request of the Organizing Committee of the Games.

**C 34.2** The host Member for the Regional Games shall abide by this Constitution.

**C 34.3** The host Member Federation/Association for the Regional Games shall be financially responsible for arranging the aquatic events of the Games as well as the following expenses.

Airfare, full board accommodation and local transportation and per diem allowance:

President, Senior Vice President, one (1) Vice President, Executive Director, Asian WORLD AQUATICS Bureau Members,

ASIA AQUATICS Technical Delegate,

ASIA AQUATICS Committees Chairman of the participating disciplines including Medical Committee,

Two (2) to Three (3) Jury Members,

WORLD AQUATICS Delegate if required by the host country.

### **C35 APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES**

**C 35.1** ASIA AQUATICS must select and appoint delegates and officials which shall be consequently coordinated to the Organizing Committee of the Asian Championships, Asian Age Group Championships and Asian/regional Games ASIA AQUATICS championships other Regional Games.

### **C36 RIGHT**

**C 36.1** All the administrative, technical, marketing and advertising rights of the Asian Championships and Asian Age Group Championships and other championships are owned by ASIA AQUATICS.

**C 36.2** All income generated by the exploitation of these rights will be the property of ASIA AQUATICS, including the TV rights and sale.

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## **C37 RELATIONSHIPS AND RULES**

Matters not mentioned in this Constitution and By- laws shall be covered by WORLD AQUATICS rules.

## **C38 BY-LAWS**

**C 38.1** The by-laws that will govern ASIA AQUATICS will reflect those of WORLD AQUATICS. However, indispensable addition to these rules will be carried out and decided during the Executive Board Meeting and ratified in the General Congress.

**C 38.2** By Laws included from 2011-2013.

**C 38.3** For Conducting Asian Junior Championships or/and Asian Age Group Championships, the Organizer (Federation/Association) will pay 20.000 US \$ to ASIA AQUATICS as royalty.

**C 38.4** In order to conduct Asian Swimming Championships, the Organizer (Federations/Associations) must pay 50.000 US \$ as royalty.

**C 38.5** Per Diem for ASIA AQUATICS Representatives, Delegates and Technical Officials in all ASIA AQUATICS Events:

- 1) ASIA AQUATICS Bureau, Representatives, TD and officials - USD 100/day,
- 1) Jury Members - USD 75/day.

**C 38.6** If any National Federation Confirms to Organize an event or championships but cancel the agreement the National federation/Association must pay the penalty of USD 10,000 to ASIA AQUATICS. Failure to pay the penalty the right of the membership of the National Federation/Association will be suspended until the payment is settled in full to ASIA AQUATICS.

**C 38.7** The Asian Age Group Championships will be held biannually (in odd years).

**C 38.8** The doping rules of the WORLD AQUATICS will take effect in all the Members of ASIA AQUATICS

and the sanction will also be applicable as per WORLD AQUATICS rules for all ASIA AQUATICS events.

**C 38.9** A three (3) Members Committee will screen the future proposals received from the Members for amendments to the By-Laws before submitting to ASIA AQUATICS Bureau.

**C 38.10** Host City Contract: In all future Championships and ASIA AQUATICS events the Contract will be signed with the Host Federation. Any failure to honor any of the terms of the HCC will be liable to suspension.

**C 38.11** All competitors shall be registered with their National Federation to be eligible to compete in ASIA AQUATICS events and Asian Games.

**C 38.12** When a competitor represents his/her country in a competition, she/he shall be a citizen, whether by birth or naturalization, of the nation he/she represents, provided that a naturalized citizen shall have lived in that country for at least one year prior to that competition.

Competitors, who have more than one nationality according to the laws of the respective nations must choose one "Sport Nationality" and be affiliated to one Member only.

**C 38.13** The rules regarding the Sport Nationality of the Athletes are governed primarily but not exclusively by Article 3 of the Rules Applicable to all Aquatics Disciplines section of the World Aquatics Competition Regulations.

**C 38.14** Should there any dispute on the nationality or an athlete arise, the ASIA AQUATICS Bureau will form an inquiry commission to look into the case. This commission will have the power to investigate the case with all relevant documents including of: 1- language test 2- ID card which the date and place of birth included in 3- Considering the date of birth and the date of issue of ID card (these dates must be approximately at the same period) 4- The ID cards of his/ her mother and father 5- Academic documents (from primary school) which show the committee the residency of athlete, If necessary. Commission decision in this regard will be final.

**C 38.15** Any athlete in an age category event or competition, whose age is reasonably called into question, shall be removed from the competition until such time when the tournament committee could verify athlete's age. Any affected party may offer documentary evidence or testimony regarding the athlete in question and all necessary steps will be undertaken to determine form including but not limited to:

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Physical and Medical examinations,  
Document examination,  
Examination of previous competitive history and entry forms.

A hearing will commence immediately to determine all evidence and testimony offered by all concerned parties. Decision of the ASIA AQUATICS Bureau in this regard will be WORLD AQUATICS. If it is determined that the age on the entry form is incorrect, the athlete will be removed from the competition immediately and any awards from previous in the competition shall be returned and the athlete's results shall be struck from all records.

### **C39 AMENDMENTS TO THE ASIA AQUATICS CONSTITUTION**

**C 39.1** Notice for the amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted by Members to the ASIA AQUATICS Office at least ninety (90) days before the Congress.

**C 39.2** All amendments received shall be circulated to the Members at least thirty (30) days before the Congress.

**C 39.3** Any changes in the ASIA AQUATICS Constitution and Rules must be approved by the Executive and approved by WORLD AQUATICS. Consequently, all amendments must be presented to the General Congress or Extraordinary Congress for adoption and endorsement.

**C 39.4** The amendments of the ASIA AQUATICS Constitution will be valid and enforced immediately after the General Congress/Extraordinary Congress meeting is over unless decided by the Congress of the effective date.

### **C40 ARBITRATION**

**C 40.1** Disputes between ASIA AQUATICS and any of its Members or members of Members, or between Members that are not resolved by an Executive decision may be referred for arbitration by either of the involved parties to the CAS within twenty-one (21) days of the decision of different ASIA AQUATICS bodies. The appealing party must have a direct interest in the appeal and the decision. Any decision made by the Arbitration Court shall be final and binding on the parties concerned.

**C 40.2** The zonal organizations shall agree to recognize CAS as independent juridical authority and ensure that their members (Clubs) affiliated athletes, coaches and official comply with the decisions passed by CAS. The same obligation shall apply to intermediaries and athlete's agents.

**C 40.3** Recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited unless specifically provided for in WORLD AQUATICS/ASIA AQUATICS Rules. Recourse to ordinary court of law for all types of provisional measures is also prohibited.

**C 40.4** The Member shall insert in their Constitution or Rules, stipulating that it is prohibited to take disputes in the federations/ associations or disputes affecting the any national Championship of the clubs, members of clubs, athletes, coaches, officials and other association's officials to ordinary court of law. Instead of recourse to ordinary court of law, provisional shall be made for arbitration. Such disputes shall be taken for independent and duly constituted arbitration tribunal recognised under the rules of the federation/ association or CAS. The Member shall also ensure that this stipulation is implemented in the Member if necessary, by imposing a binding obligation on its Member. The associations shall impose sanctions on any party that fails to respect this obligation and ensure that any appeal against such sanctions shall likewise be strictly submitted to arbitration, and not to ordinary courts of law.

**C 40.5** In case of temporary suspension imposed by the Ethics Committee, the suspended person cannot appeal to CAS or any other body until a final decision has been made by the Ethics Committee or The Executive.

### **C41 DOUBTFUL CASES IN AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**C 41.1** Three (3) members task force Committee check all doubtful cases and employ, if necessary, medical examination and other records in Age Group Championships. For any positive case where forgery of age proven:

**C 41.1.1** The National Federation whom that athlete represents will be levied US \$ 1,000.00 (U.S. Dollars one thousand only) per case.

**C 41.1.2** Suspend the athlete for four (4) years for participating in all Competitions and recommend to WORLD AQUATICS to take necessary measures in WORLD AQUATICS events.

**C 41.1.3** The Officials of the National Federation will be subjected to hearing by the task force and recommend actions to ASIA AQUATICS Bureau.

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**C 41.2** The three (3) members task force Committee will be appointed by the ASIA AQUATICS President or Executive Director.

#### **C42 CHANGING OF NATIONALITIES**

**C 42.1** The rules regarding requests for the change of the Sport Nationality of the Athletes are governed primarily but not exclusively by Articles 3.3 and 3.4 of the Rules Applicable to all Aquatics Disciplines section of the World Aquatics Competition Regulations.

#### **C43 TECHNICAL RULES**

**C 43.1** WORLD AQUATICS Technical Rules will be followed by ASIA AQUATICS and while the corresponding rules will be added:

**C 43.1.1** Artistic Swimming Team event is added to Asian Age Group Championships & Asian Games. Team routines shall consist of at least four (4) but not more than eight (8) Swimmers.

**C 43.1.2** Asian Master Championships will be organized in Asia.

**C 43.1.3** All ASIA AQUATICS events must be subject to Doping Control as prescribed by WORLD AQUATICS.

#### **C44 DISSOLUTION**

**C 44.1** ASIA AQUATICS may be dissolved only by a 2/3 majority vote at a special Congress convened for this purpose.

**C 44.2** In the event of dissolution, the Congress shall appoint a liquidator who shall discharge all debts and liabilities incurred on behalf of ASIA AQUATICS. The remaining assets, if any, shall be donated as directed by the Congress to a suitable body for the ongoing promotion and development of Aquatics.

**C 44.3** At the conclusion of the liquidation, the liquidators shall submit a final report to the Congress, which shall declare the liquidation closed.

#### **C45 COMPLIANCE TO THE WORLD AQUATICS CONSTITUTION**

**C 45.1** This Constitution will be in compliance with the WORLD AQUATICS Constitution and Rules. However, in case of any conflict the WORLD AQUATICS Rules will prevail.

**C 45.2** Compliance with WORLD AQUATICS Rules. The Constitution and Rules of the Member must not be in conflict with WORLD AQUATICS Rules (including but not limited to WORLD AQUATICS Constitution, WORLD AQUATICS By-Laws, WORLD AQUATICS Technical Rules, WORLD AQUATICS Facilities Rules, WORLD AQUATICS Medical Rules and WORLD AQUATICS Doping Control Rules, which may be amended and/or updated from time to time by WORLD AQUATICS). Where there is a conflict, WORLD AQUATICS Rules shall prevail.

**C 45.3** Compliance with WORLD AQUATICS decisions. The Member is obliged to act in accordance with the decisions of the WORLD AQUATICS Congress and the WORLD AQUATICS Bureau.

**C 45.4** Members of the National Federation/Association in compliance with WORLD AQUATICS Rules. The recognised National Federation/Association is obliged to ensure that their own members comply with the WORLD AQUATICS Rules, regulations, directives and decisions of the WORLD AQUATICS bodies. Where there is a conflict, WORLD AQUATICS Rules shall prevail.

**C 45.5** WORLD AQUATICS as the Governing Body. The Member shall acknowledge in its national rules that WORLD AQUATICS is the only recognised body in the world which governs Aquatics internationally.

**C 45.6** Autonomy and No government interferences. The recognised National Federation is obliged to manage its affairs independently and not be influenced by third parties. Emphasize of the autonomy of the recognised National Federation regarding external interferences in its management.

**C 45.7** Approval of Constitution and Name. The recognised National Federation must seek approval from WORLD AQUATICS for any change of name and/or constitution before such changes are valid.

**C 45.8** Minutes of Elections. The Member is obliged to notify WORLD AQUATICS/ASIA AQUATICS of the dates and the location of the elections at least ten (10) days before the Congress/General Assembly date and to provide the minutes of its

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congress/General Assembly to WORLD AQUATICS/ASIA AQUATICS no later than sixty (60) days after conclusion of the Congress/General Assembly.

**C 45.9** WORLD AQUATICS Bureau Member from Asia he/she must be an ex-officio member, with a voting right in the Bureau/Board of director and the General Assembly of his/her National Federation. This must be clearly stipulated on the Member Federation/Association Statutes.

#### **C46 ENFORCEMENT**

This constitution shall take effect from 12 February 2024.

**The President/ Sheikh Khalid Al Bader Al Sabah**

**The Executive Director / Farid Fattahian**