

CONFEDERATION EUROPEENNE DE TWIRLING BATON

STATUTES

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I. TITLE, OFFICIAL SEAT, DURATION, AIMS

Art. 1 Title

- 1.1. The Union has the title of Confédération Européenne de Twirling Baton, in abbreviation CETB.
- 1.2. It is controlled by the provisions of these Statutes and the Regulations adopted by the general assembly of the CETB.

Art. 2 Official Seat

- 2.1. The official and legal seat of the CETB is located at the address of its president.
- 2.2. It cannot be transferred to another country unless it is decided so by at least three quarters of all affiliated federations during an ordinary or extraordinary assembly.

Art. 3 Duration

The duration of the CETB is unlimited.

Art. 4 Aims

The CETB represents and defends the interests of baton twirling and of its member federations.

The aims of the CETB are as follows :

- a) To promote and develop baton twirling on the whole European Continent and in all affiliated countries according to Art. 10.
- b) To promote high-level sports
- c) To promote sports for all
- d) To safeguard social and ethical principles as mentioned in the Olympic Charter
- e) To elaborate and implement projects with the aim of a close co-operation and partnership with all member federations
- f) To support those member federations where baton twirling is not sufficiently developed, by means of promotion and support programmes
- g) To support and promote exemplary initiatives undertaken by member federations
- h) To co-operate with international sports institutions and organisms
- i) To exchange opinions, experiences and information with the member federations as follows :
 - training and advanced training courses for twirlers
 - training and advanced training seminars for coaches and judges
 - specific seminars and work groups
 - planning, organisation and realisation of competition sport events and events in sport for all.

Art. 5 Autonomy

In accordance with these Statutes, the National Federations maintain their total autonomy and independence of action.

Art. 6 Neutrality

- 6.1. The CETB does not involve itself with political, denominational, religious or racial matters.
- 6.2. In relations between affiliated federations, the federations and their members are required to conform to this principle.

Art. 7 Honorary functions

All material benefits derived from the activities of the members of the CETB Authorities are excluded.

Art. 8 Liability

Only the financial resources of the CETB are a guaranty of its engagements.

II. COMPOSITION, ACQUISITION, AND LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

Art. 9 Composition

- 9.1. The CETB unites the countries of the European continent in which baton twirling is practised according to Art. 10.
- 9.2. The CETB is formed of National Federations, hereafter referred to as “recognised federations”. Their number is unlimited.

Art. 10 Admission

- 10.1. National Federations practising baton twirling in each country of the European continent can be admitted as recognised federations of the CETB

Other disciplines close to baton twirling can be admitted following a decision taken by the general assembly of the CETB.

- 10.2. Only one National Federation per country is admitted. It represents the discipline of baton twirling in its country.
- 10.3. A National Federation wishing to be affiliated has to be recognised by the National Authority of Physical Education and Sport (National Olympic Committee of Sports, National Association of Sports Federations, Governmental Authorities).

- 10.4. A National Federation of a country not belonging to the European Continent by being geographically close can be admitted as a recognised federation of the CETB, provided that the conditions set by the CETB statutes are observed.

Art. 11 Procedure

- 11.1. A National Federation wishing to become a member of the CETB has to submit a written application (see Art. 27) to the CETB General Secretariat.
- 11.2. The following documents, written in one of the official CETB languages, have to be enclosed :
- two copies of the Statutes of the applicant federation
 - a certification of recognition signed by a competent authority (see Art. 10.3)
 - a detailed report on the structures and the activities of the applicant federation.
- 11.3. The general assembly decides on admission and can decide on a conditional admission.
- 11.4. Every admission entails a commitment to comply with the Statutes, the Regulations and the decisions of the authorities of the CETB.

Art. 12 Presentation at and participation in the Congress

- 12.1. A federation wishing to be affiliated as a recognised federation may have its application supported during the general assembly by its representatives.
- 12.2. These representatives have to leave the room while the application is considered and voting is carried out.
- 12.3. If the application is accepted, the delegates of the federation which has been admitted are immediately entitled to take part in the proceedings of the Congress.
- 12.4. A conditional admission allows the representative to attend the Congress as an observer without having the right to vote.

Art. 13 Resignation

- 13.1. A recognised federation wishing to resign has to inform the CETB in writing.
- 13.2. All the recognised federations of the CETB must be informed of any resignation in the shortest possible time.

Art. 14 Suspension

- 14.1. The temporary suspension of a recognised federation can be decided on by the general assembly, upon a proposal of the EC or of a recognised federation, for the following reasons :
- a) non-observance of the decisions of the authorities of the CETB
 - b) behaviour contrary to the promotion and development of baton twirling
 - c) belated payment of all financial obligations towards the CETB (Penalties) (see Art. 104 to 106).
- 14.2. Recognised federations which are suspended are not allowed to vote at the Congress. Furthermore, they cannot participate in competitions organised by the CETB.

Art. 15 Exclusion

- 15.1. The exclusion of a recognised federation may be pronounced by the general assembly upon a proposal from the Executive Committee for any of the following reasons.
- a) breach of the Statutes, Regulations and decisions taken by the CETB,
 - b) Prejudicial action against the CETB,
 - c) Complete disinterest in the activities of the CETB,
 - d) Non-fulfilment of its financial obligations to the CETB.
- 15.2. The exclusion of a recognised federation leads to the exclusion of members of the Authorities having the nationality of this country and to whom the CETB has entrusted a mandate.

Art. 16 Majority concerning the admission, suspension and exclusion

The decisions of the general assembly concerning the admission, suspension or exclusion of a recognised federation are taken by a simple majority of the votes cast. They come into force immediately.

Art. 17 Cases of necessity or urgency

- 17.1. In the case of necessity or absolute urgency, the EC can pronounce suspensions or exclusions, subject to ratification by the next Congress.
- 17.2. However, the suspension and the exclusion have immediate effect from the time of notification.

Art. 18 Defence of rights

Any recognised federation liable to suspension or expulsion has to be immediately informed in writing. It may present its defence to the executive committee.

Art. 19 Regularisation of payment of suspended recognised federations

A recognised federation suspended because of late payment of its membership fee or of sums due can regularise its position by settling the outstanding sum.

Art. 20 Readmission of excluded federations

20.1. Each readmission has to comply with the requirements of Art. 10.

20.2. A federation excluded for financial reasons can only be readmitted by settling all amounts due.

III. AUTHORITIES OF THE CETB

Art. 21 Composition of the CETB

The authorities of the CETB are :

- a) the General Assembly
- b) the Executive Committee
- c) the Technical General Assembly
- d) the Executive Technical Commission
- e) the Financial Audit Committee

The authorities mentioned under b) to e) are referred to as “CETB Authorities”

IV. THE CONGRESS

Art. 22 Period and composition

22.1. The Congress takes place every year.

22.2. The Congress includes :

- the general assembly
- the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Executive Technical Commission and the Financial Audit Committee.

22.3. During the Congress, other meetings can be organised, for example :

- a colloquium or a symposium,
- a conference with the presidents of the recognised federations,
- a conference with the responsible technicians of the recognised federations.

Art. 23 Attribution of the organisation and fixing the dates of the Congress

23.1. As a rule, the organisation of the Congress is attributed two years before the date of the event, but during the preceding Congress at the very latest.

23.2. The dates and the venue of the Congress as well as all necessary information have to be communicated to the recognised federations, the members of the CETB Authorities and to the honorary members at least five months in advance.

Art. 24 Organisation

The organisation of the Congress is under the full responsibility of the recognised Federation in charge.

Art. 25 Notification of the agenda, reports and proposals

After approval by the Executive Committee, the following documents have to be sent, at least six weeks prior to the Congress, to the recognised federations, the members of the Authorities and the honorary members of the CETB:

- the agenda,
- the report of the President of the CETB,
- the report of the Technical Commission,
- the annual accounts and the balance,
- the financial report,
- the budget,
- the proposals of the Executive Committee and the recognised federations,
- the applications for affiliation, elections and the organisation of CETB events.

Art. 26 Quorum of the general assembly

The general assembly can only have a quorum when at least have half of the total of the recognised federations are present.

Art. 27 Presentation of proposals and candidatures

27.1. All proposals, including candidatures for affiliation, have to be addressed to the president of the CETB three months before the beginning of the meeting.

27.2. The date of arrival at the office of the president of the CETB is valid for justification of the time limit.

27.3. The proposals and motions have to be set out clearly. They should be sent together with a short and precise explanation of the purpose.

Art. 28 Urgent proposals

The general assembly may, however, in case of urgency, examine proposals presented after the above-mentioned date if the voters approve by a 2/3 majority.

Art. 29 Treatment of proposals

29.1. All proposals which are on the agenda must be voted on, unless they are withdrawn.

- 29.2. All proposals submitted by a recognised federation which is absent during the general assembly, will not be discussed unless the discussion is accepted by a simple majority of the national federations present.

Art. 30 **Agenda of the general assembly**

The agenda of the general assembly comprises, in particular, the following items :

- a) verification of credentials,
- b) approval of the agenda,
- c) approval of the minutes of the previous general assembly,
- d) approval of the reports mentioned in Art. 25,
- e) granting the Executive Committee, the Technical Commission and the Financial Audit Committee a release,
- f) admission, resignation, suspension and exclusion of recognised federations,
- g) fixing the amount of annual fees and taxes,
- h) examination of and voting on the proposed budgets,
- i) examination of and voting on the proposals of the national technical commissions, the European technical commission and the Executive Committee,
- j) elections,
- k) appointment of honorary members,
- l) designation of the venue of the CETB Congress (see Art. 23)
- m) attribution of the organization of competitions.

Art. 31 **Composition, number of votes**

31.1. The general assembly is the supreme organ of the CETB. It is formed by the delegates of the recognised federations and the members of the CETB Authorities.

31.2. Only recognised federations which have fulfilled their financial obligations to the CETB are entitled to vote.

31.3. Each recognised federation, according to Art. 10., disposes of one vote.

Art. 32 **Provenance and right of presentation of the delegates**

32.1. The delegates have to be members of the National Federation which they represent. They cannot represent any other recognised federation.

32.2. The right of representation at the Congress is limited to three delegates per recognised federation.

32.3. The names of the delegates to the Congress have to be communicated to the President.

Art. 33 **Study of proposals**

Only the delegates present and having the right to vote can decide upon the issues to be subjected to voting.

Art. 34 Delegates' Expenses

Travelling and accommodation expenses of delegates are paid for by their respective federations.

Art. 35 Presidency

The General Assembly is chaired by the President of the CETB, or, if he/she is prevented for any reason, by a Vice-president or one of the members of the Executive Committee.

Art. 36 Candidatures for the Executive Committee, the technical Commission and the Financial Audit Committee. Re-eligibility

- 36.1. Candidatures for the different posts of the Executive Committee, the Technical Commission and the Financial Audit Committee have to be submitted at least three months before the Congress on the agenda of which this item appears, and must include a curriculum vitae (CV) of the candidate.
- 36.2. The date for submitting the candidatures is communicated to the recognised federations by the General Secretariat within the deadline fixed in Art. 23.2.
- 36.3. The retiring members are re-eligible.

Art. 37 Requirements for eligibility

All candidates are eligible if they have been presented by the member federation to which they belong.

Art. 38 Engagement of the recognised federations

- 38.1. The letter of presentation of a candidate has to include the pledge on the part of the recognised federation concerned to bear all travelling and accommodation expenses occasioned by the accomplishment of the mandate of the elected candidate (including the costs for an interpreter if this should be necessary).
- 38.2. The recognised federation concerned also has to ensure that the candidate, if he/she is elected, will benefit from all assistance in order to participate in the meetings during the complete duration of his/her mandate.

Art. 39 Number of members of the Executive Committee, the Technical Commission and the Financial Audit Committee per country

- 39.1. The Executive Committee may not include more than one member belonging to the same country.
- 39.2. The Technical Commission as well as the Financial Audit Committee may not include more than one member belonging to the same country.

Art. 40 Notification of resignation. Period of notice

- 40.1. When a member does not intend to stand for election, the President must be informed by the National Federation to which the member belongs at least five months before the Congress.
- 40.2. After receiving the corresponding communication, the President will inform the recognised federations.

Art. 41 Number of posts per candidate

- 41.1. Each candidate for the Executive Committee, the Technical Commission and the Financial Audit Committee may present his/her candidature for no more than a maximum of two posts and for one of these authorities only.
- 41.2. If, during the mandate, a post in another organ than the one to which a member belongs, becomes vacant, this member has the possibility to apply for this post.
- 41.3. If a candidate is not elected according to Art. 41.2, he/she will keep the post in his/her original organ.

Art. 42 Right of vote

Only the delegates who are present have the right to vote. Vote by proxy is authorised.

Art. 43 Secret ballot

Voting for the elections is by secret ballot.

Art. 44 Election of the President. Majority

- 44.1. For the election of the President of the CETB, a majority of two thirds of the votes cast must be reached in the first ballot.
- 44.2. For the second ballot and for any further ballots, should they become necessary, an absolute majority of the valid votes cast is sufficient.

Art. 45 Procedure for the election of the other members of the Executive Committee and of the Financial Audit Committee

For the other posts, the procedure is similar to the one followed in the election of the President, but only an absolute majority is required directly from the first ballot.

Art. 46 Open vote. Procedure. Majority

- 46.1. Voting on all issues takes place with the open poll (decision by *A.G. 25 janvier 2003 – Dublin*).
- 46.2. A secret vote must, however, be taken if this is demanded by one of the delegates who has the right to vote.

- 46.3. If the votes are equal, the proposal is rejected.
- 46.4. If the number of abstentions of blank ballot papers is higher than 70% of the number of the delegates present and having the right to vote, the proposal is rejected.
- 46.5. For all voting, the relative majority of the valid votes is required, except when articles of these Statutes specify otherwise.

Art. 47 Decisions. Coming into force

- 47.1. Unless determined otherwise by the general assembly, the decisions taken at the Congress legally come into force for the CETB and the recognised federations three months after the closing date of the general assembly.
- 47.2. The decisions cannot have a retrospective effect.

Art. 48 Official languages

With the exception of the meetings of the CETB Authorities, discussions are held in French and English (see Art. 114.2.) .

Art. 49 Responsibility for the minutes

- 49.1. A secretary of meeting assumes the responsibility for the drawing up of the minutes of the General Assembly. (*decision by A.G. 25 janvier 2003 – Dublin*)
- 49.2. (*removed by A.G. 25 janvier 2003 – Dublin*)

Art. 50 Minutes of the deliberations

The complete minute of the deliberations of the general assembly are sent to the recognised federations and the members of the CETB-Authorities within 2 months at the most.

Art. 51 Signature of the minutes

The minutes of the Congress have to be signed by the President and the Secretary of the CETB, after adoption.

V. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art. 52 Convocation

- 52.1. The Executive Committee can at any time convene an extraordinary general assembly.
- 52.2. At the written request of one third of the recognised federations of the CETB having the right to vote, the Executive Committee must organise an

extraordinary general assembly within the six months following the receipt of the request.

52.3. The request has to be addressed to the Secretary of the CETB. It must be drafted on an official form and be signed by the Presidents of the requesting federations.

52.4. The organising costs will be charged to the organiser and to all federations which signed the request.

Art. 53 Location, date and agenda

53.1. The convocation mentioning the location, date and agenda of the meeting should be received by the recognised federations no less than 45 days before the date of assembly is to convene.

53.2. Only the issues that appear on the agenda can be discussed.

53.3. The convocation is to be sent in writing, using modern means of telecommunication.

Art. 54 Further regulations

As a general rule, decisions will be taken at a simple majority of the recorded votes.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Art. 55 Composition

The Executive Committee is composed of :

- a) the President
- b) a Vice President
- c) the President of the Technical Commission
- d) a General Secretary
- e) a Treasurer

Art. 56 Elections

56.1. Elections for the Executive Committee are held during the first General Assembly following the year the summer Olympic Games are organised.

56.2. Members come into office during the first meeting of the Executive Committee following the Congress during which elections were held.

Art. 57 **Duration of mandate**

Members of Executive Committee are elected for a 4 year period. In the event of an additional election, the duration of the mandate is limited to the closing of the current term of office.

Art. 58 **Employees of the CETB**

Employees of the CETB are not allowed to become members of the CETB Authorities.

Art. 59 **Vacancy during term of office**

- 59.1. The quality of member of the Executive Committee is personal.
- 59.2. A vacancy during term of office can be filled on the occasion of the first General Assembly of the CETB following this vacancy.
- 59.3. The election is held according to articles 36 to 45.
- 59.4. The new member takes up his/her post at the end of the general assembly during which he/she was elected.

Art. 60 **Suspension of a member**

In the event of serious misdemeanour or proven unworthiness, the Executive Committee can :

- suspend members of the Executive Committee or the Technical Commission until the following Congress,
- take away their office as members of commissions and replace them for the remainder of their mandate.

Art. 61 **Powers, duties of the Executive Committee**

- 61.1. The Executive Committee is the executive authority of the CETB.
- 61.2. It controls the execution of Congress decisions, the observance of the Statutes and Regulations, and supervises the smooth running of the affairs of the CETB in general and its administration.
- 61.3. In the absence of any Regulations, it takes appropriate measures until the next Congress.
- 61.4. It is answerable for the affaires of the CETB.
- 61.5. The Executive Committee is required to take all decisions in the range of administration, finance and management and to make all proposals in the interest of the CETB, excluding those proposals which are within the province of the general assembly (article 30).

- 61.6. The Executive Committee prepares the agenda of the general assembly and examines the proposals made by the recognised federations.
- 61.7. The General Assembly can terminate the mandate of the Executive Committee before the normal end of its term by means of a vote carried out in the following conditions :
- the General Assembly shall be summoned for this purpose at the request of a third of its members
 - Two-thirds of the General Assembly members shall be present;
 - The termination of the mandate of the Executive Committee shall be approved by absolute majority of the ballots including spoiled ballots.
- (article 161.7. created by A.G. 25 janvier 2003 – Dublin)*

Art. 62 Number of posts

A member cannot occupy two posts at the same time, unless the general assembly decides otherwise for major reasons.

Art. 63 The President

- 63.1. The president is responsible for the general management of the CETB. He chairs the meetings of the Congress and of the Executive Committee.
- 63.2. He takes all appropriate measures in order to ensure the smooth running of the affairs of the CETB. His/her decisions are, however, subject to approval by the Executive Committee or by the general assembly.
- 63.3. The President is the representative of the CETB in all circumstances, including legal matters, in the role of plaintiff or defendant.
- 63.4. In case of necessity, he can delegate his powers or decide on the attribution of special tasks to members of the Executive Committee.
- 63.5. The President is required to present a written report to the general assembly.

Art. 64 The Vice-president

- 64.1. The Vice-president assists the President and can be entrusted with special assignments.
- 64.2. If the President is prevented from performing his/her duties or resigns, he/she will be replaced by the Vice-president.

Art. 65 The General Secretariat of the CETB

The CETB appoints the General Secretariat charged with its administration.

Art. 66 The Secretary General

The Secretary General assumes the responsibility for the writing up of the minutes of the Executive Committee.

Following a decision taken by the President of the CETB, the Secretary General can represent him/her during meetings or events.

Art. 67 Validity of the signatures

67.1. The CETB is validly engaged by the joint signatures of the President and of the Secretary General.

67.2. If one of these persons is unavailable for any reason, the joint signature of the Vice-president is required.

67.3. The invitations to participate in the CETB competitions are signed by the President of the CETB and the President of the designated host country.

67.4. Day-to-day correspondence is signed by the Secretary General.

Art. 68 Convocation

The Executive Committee is convened by the President each time the interests of the CETB so require, or if one third of the members so request.

Art. 69 Absence

Any elected member of the Executive Committee who is absent during three consecutive or five non-consecutive meetings, is considered to have resigned. His/her substitute will be elected during the next general assembly.

Art. 70 Quorum

The decisions of the Executive Committee are only valid if the majority of its members is present.

Art. 71 Majority

71.1. The decisions of the Executive Committee are taken by a simple majority.

71.2. In case of a tie, the proposal is rejected.

Art. 72 Controversy with a federation

Members of the Executive Committee or of a commission can be neither present at a meeting nor take part in the decisions if the Executive Committee or the commissions is dealing with a controversial matter in which its National Federation is involved.

Art. 73 **Coming into force of decisions**

73.1. The decisions of the Executive Committee taken that are in the province of its competence take immediate effect (Article 61).

73.2. They are mailed to all members.

Art. 74 **Minutes**

74.1. Minutes of meetings must be drawn up and signed by the President or his/her substitute and by the Secretary General.

74.2. The minutes have to be drawn up in French or in English.

74.3. The minutes have to be sent to the members of the Executive Committee within the four weeks following the meeting.

74.4. If, within 30 days after dispatch, no remarks have been received at the CETB Secretariat with regard to these minutes, the minutes are considered as adopted.

Art. 75 **Members' expenses**

75.1. Concerning meetings of the Executive Committee, the travelling expenses of all the members are paid for by the CETB while room and board are paid for by the members' respective federations.

75.2. Expenses due to the participation of a member of the Executive Committee in the organisation of an official CETB event will be settled according to specific Regulations.

Art. 76 **Official missions**

For all travel required in the interest of the CETB and ordered by the President or decided by the Executive Committee, the members of the Executive Committee are entitled to reimbursement of the full cost of travel and sojourn.

Art. 77 **Liability of the members**

77.1. The liability of the members of the Executive Committee is limited to the execution of their mandates and to any mistakes made in their management.

77.2. If a member of the Executive Committee makes a mistake, an inquiry is set up. The Executive Committee will decide which sanction has to be applied.

VII. TECHNICAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art. 78 Composition

It is composed of a technical delegation (with a maximum of 3 members) from each affiliated federation.

Art. 79 Meetings

The Technical General Assembly is held every year on the occasion of the CETB Congress.

VIII. THE TECHNICAL COMMISSION EXECUTIVE

Art. 80 Composition

The Technical Commission is composed of 4 members :

- a) a President
- b) a Vice President
- c) a Secretary
- d) a Member

Art. 81 Procedure for elections and nominations

81.1. The members of the Technical Commission are elected by the general assembly according to the procedure described in article 45.

81.2. The elections will take place on the occasion of the first ordinary General Assembly organised the year after the Summer Olympic Games.

81.3. Art. 35 to 40 are also applicable by analogy to the Technical Commission.

Art. 82 Duration of office, vacancy, suspension, absence, majority, liability of the elected members

The dispositions regarding the Executive Committee are applicable by analogy to the Technical Commission.

Art. 83 Tasks and competence

83.1. Tasks :

The Technical Commission has to accomplish the following tasks :

- a) to ensure the observance of the technical Regulations and the Code of Points of the CETB,
- b) to ensure the execution of the decisions taken by the general assembly of the CETB,
- c) to ensure the observance of the Regulations for the European championships and for the other competitions which are in the province of the CETB,

- d) to take care of the technical organisation and to control the perfect running of the European Championships and of the other competitions which are in the province of the CETB,
- e) to organise courses (coaches, judges, etc.),
- f) to organise training stays and training courses for the athletes,
- g) to study and to make proposals on any sort of activities which are not exclusively in the province of the National Federations and to put them into operation, if so decided by the authorised organ,
- h) to present a written report to the general assembly.

83.2. Competence :

The decisions of the Technical Commission are limited to technical matters. Their decisions of general significance are subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, especially with respect to the following :

- a) the annual programme of the activities,
- b) the interpretation and the modification of the Regulations,
- c) the programmes and aims of courses.

The Technical Commission is authorised to present proposals to the Congress of the CETB.

Art. 84 Relationship with the Executive Committee

The President of the Technical Commission is a full member of the Executive Committee of the CETB. He/she has to participate in the meetings of the Executive Committee.

Art. 85 Meetings of the European Technical Commission

85.1. At the convocation of its president and with the consent of the President of the CETB, the Technical Commission will meet in order to deal with the specific issues concerning Baton Twirling whenever the interest of the CETB so requires or if a third of the members of the Technical Commission so request, within the limits of its budget.

85.2. The President of the Technical Commission establishes an agenda of the meetings he/she chairs.

Art. 86 Minutes

86.1. Minutes of meetings must be drawn up. They have to be signed by the President and the writer of the minutes.

86.2. The minutes have to be drawn up in French or in English, and have to be sent to the members of the Technical Commission and the Executive Committee within four weeks following the meeting.

86.3. If no remark is sent to the CETB headquarters within 60 days following the dispatch date, the minutes are considered as adopted.

Art. 87 Expenses of the members

- 87.1. When the members of the technical commission attend their meetings, the cost of travel of all its members will be charged to the CETB while the cost of room and board will be paid for by their respective federations.
- 87.2. Additional expenses of the President of the Technical Commission for his/her participation in the meetings of the Executive Committee will be charged to the CETB.

Art. 88 Official missions

The members of the Technical Commission are entitled to claim for reimbursement of the full cost of travel and sojourn, either from the CETB or from the organiser of the event, for trips made in the interest of the CETB and which have been ordered by the president of the Technical Commission and approved by the President of the CETB.

IX. TEMPORARY AUTHORITIES

Art. 89 Commissions

- 89.1. Temporary or permanent commissions can be appointed by the Executive Committee to assist it within its functions.
- 89.2. The Executive Committee can also charge certain persons not belonging to the CETB with special tasks (e.g. information, press, medical controls, legal matters, etc...).

Art. 90 Nomination and duration of the mandate

- 90.1. The President and the members of each permanent Commission (see Art. 89.) are appointed by the Executive Committee for a period of four years.
- 90.2. Their mandate is renewable.

Art. 91 Composition of the commissions

- 91.1. Each commission is composed of a President and the number of members deemed necessary.
- 91.2. The President or one of the members of the commission is selected from among the members of the Executive Committee.
- 91.3. The President is responsible for the smooth running of the commission and submits the dates of the meetings to the Executive Committee for approval.
- 91.4. The representative of the Executive Committee is charged to present a report to the Executive Committee on the work performed within the commission.

Art. 92 Replacement of a member

The Executive Committee has the authority to dismiss or replace members whose work is not satisfactory.

X. THE FINANCIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

Art. 93 Composition

The Financial Audit Committee is composed of three members.

Art. 94 Skills necessary in order to be eligible

The candidates have to be experienced specialists in the province of finance and management of a federation.

Art. 95 Elections

The President and the members of the Financial Audit Committee are elected by the first ordinary general assembly in the year after the Olympic Summer Games, according to Art. 45. of these Statutes.

Art. 96 Duration of office, vacancy, suspension, absence, majority, liability of the elected members

96.1. The members of the Financial Audit Committee are elected for a period of four years subject to Art. 30 e) and 69.

96.2. The dispositions regarding the Executive Committee are applicable by analogy.

Art. 97 Tasks

The Control Authority has the following tasks :

- a) to verify the financial management of the CETB,
- b) to verify the accounts and the budget,
- c) to present a written report to the general assembly,
- d) to accomplish special tasks entrusted to it by the EC.

XI. HONORARY TITLES AND DISTINCTIONS

Art. 98 Honorary Members

The general assembly, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may confer the title of Honorary Member to persons who have rendered outstanding services to the CETB.

Art. 99 Honorary President

The general assembly, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may elevate a former CETB President to the rank of Honorary President.

Art. 100 Presentation of awards

The awards are presented to the recipients during the general assembly.

Art. 101 Rights of the honorary members of the CETB

101.1. The honorary members are entitled to free admittance to the events of the CETB and to take part in official receptions.

101.2. The honorary members can attend the Congress of the CETB. They have a consultative vote but not the right to vote.

101.3. Neither the CETB nor the organizers will pay for the costs entailed by participation at the Congress and official events.

Art. 102 Distinctions for special merits

Distinctions for special merits may be attributed by the Executive Committee, on behalf of the CETB.

XII. FINANCE

Art. 103 Financial year

The financial year of the CETB starts on the 1st January and expires on the 31st December of the same year.

Art. 104 Contribution of recognised federations

104.1. The contributions which have to be paid to the CETB by the recognised federations are the following :

- a) admission fee for new members,
- b) annual membership fee,
- c) entry-fees for competitions organised by the CETB.

104.2. The rates of fees are fixed by the general assembly which is organised the year after the Summer Olympic Games, subject to alteration due to a change in the economic situation.

Art. 105 Annual membership fee

- 105.1. The recognised federations are required to pay an annual membership fee.
- 105.2. The annual membership fee for each recognised federation is fixed by the general assembly.
- 105.3. These membership fees, payable in..... Euros, are fixed for a period of four years by the general assembly which takes place the year after the Summer Olympic Games, subject to alterations in the economic situation.
- 105.4. The total annual membership fee has to be paid by all recognised federations which, within the course of the year, join the CETB or resign from membership.
- 105.5. The annual fee for the period from the 1st January to the 31st December, has to be paid before the 31st march.

Art. 106 Entry fees

- 106.1. An entry fee, fixed by the general assembly, has to be paid by each recognised federation recently affiliated.
- 106.2. It is payable after notification of the affiliation, together with the annual membership fee for the current year.
- 106.3. This entry fee does not exclude payment of the membership fees.

XIII. SANCTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Art. 107 Sanctions

The recognised federations are bound to observe the Statutes, Regulations and Prescriptions of the CETB and can be sanctioned in the case of any failure to comply with them or with the decisions taken by the competent authorities.

Art. 108 Decisions of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee determines the following sanctions or disciplinary measures :

- a) warning,
- b) blame,
- c) fine.

Art. 109 Hearing of the parties

No sanctions can be taken without the Executive Committee having heard the party or parties concerned. The latter, however, are not obliged to be present and may send a detailed report to the Executive Committee.

Art. 110 Appeals

A recognised federation which has been sanctioned can, by intervention of the Executive Committee, lodge an appeal with the general assembly. The general assembly decides as a last resort.

XIV. LITIGATIONS

Art. 111 Disputes between the CETB and a National Federation

111.1. In case of litigation between the CETB and a National Federation, the parties concerned try to find an amicable solution. The negotiations are headed by representatives of the Executive Committee.

111.2. If the conciliation anticipated in the above article is not reached, the litigation is submitted to the General Assembly.

Art. 112 Disputes between National Federations

Disputes between National Federations can be submitted to the General Assembly.

Art. 113 Hearing of the parties

For each dispute or appeal involving the Executive Committee, the parties concerned have to be convened. They are, however, not obliged to be present and may send a detailed report to the General Secretariat.

XV. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES, CORRESPONDENCE AND STATUTES OF THE RECOGNISED FEDERATIONS

Art. 114 Official languages

114.1. The official languages of the CETB are French or English.

114.2. These two official languages are used in meetings of the different CETB Authorities.

Art. 115 Basic text

With regard to all correspondence, the original text written in one of the official languages of the CETB is valid in the event of differing interpretations.

Art. 116 Languages of the document

All documents sent to the recognised federations, such as the minutes of the Congress, the decisions of the Executive Committee and the communications of the General Secretariat, are drawn up in French or in English.

Art. 117 Official correspondence

Each recognised federation has to inform the CETB of the name and address of the person authorised to have official contacts, in the name of the federation, with the CETB and other affiliated federations.

Art. 118 Statutes of the recognised federations

Every recognised federation has to sent to the CETB any modification of its Statutes.

XVI. REVISION OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Art. 119 Competent authorities. Quorum

119.1. Only the general assembly can modify the Statutes and Regulations.

119.2. To debate validly upon a modification of the Statutes and the Regulations, at least half of the recognised federations with the right to vote have to be present at the general assembly.

Art. 120 Majority for a modification of the Statutes and Regulations

120.1. In order to be adopted, the proposed modifications of the Statutes require a 2/3 majority of the delegates present with the right to vote.

120.2. The modifications of the Regulations require a simple majority of the delegates present with the right to vote.

Art. 121 Partial revision of the Statutes and Regulations

121.1. The Executive Committee and the recognised federations can propose modifications.

121.2. The proposals have to be received by the General Secretary at least five months before the Congress is held.

121.3. The date of arrival at the General Secretariat of the CETB is valid for justification of the time limit.

121.4. All proposals have to be explained. The new article has to be drafted in the form proposed by the initiators.

121.5. The Executive Committee can make a counterproposal

121.6. The proposals have to be communicated to the members of the CETB Authorities, to the recognised federations and to honorary members within the deadlines fixed in Art. 25 of the present Statutes.

Art. 122 Total revision of the Statutes and Regulations

- 122.1. A total revision can be proposed by the Executive Committee or by at least 1/5 of the recognised federations.
- 122.2. The proposal has to be duly explained, in writing. It has to arrive at the General Secretariat at least five months before the Congress.
- 122.3. During the Congress, the delegates decide on the relevance of a total revision. If the case should arise, the delegates, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, will designate a revision commission, composed of three members.
- 122.4. The draft will be submitted to the following general assembly. Prior to this, the General Secretariat distributes the draft amongst the recognised federations and the members of the CETB Authorities within the deadlines fixed in the present Statutes.

XVII. DISSOLUTION OF THE CETB

Art. 123 Dissolution

- 123.1. The dissolution of the CETB can only be decided by an extraordinary general assembly summoned to this effect and having only this point on the agenda.
- 123.2. The CETB can only be dissolved if a 4/5 majority of all recognised federations so decide.

Art. 124 Financial situation

- 124.1. In the case of dissolution, all financial obligations have to be met.
- 124.2. Any remaining property will be used in the best interest of the affiliated federations.

XVIII.FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 125 Unforeseen cases

All cases not foreseen by these Statutes are resolved by the Executive Committee of the CETB, subject to ratification by the general assembly which follows the date of their resolution.

Art. 126 Observance of the Statutes and of the Regulations

All activity of the authorities and the commissions is subject to the strict observance of these Statutes and of the Regulations of the CETB.

The Secretary

The President