



STATUTES
WORLD FEDERATION OF ACROBATIC DANCES
AND DANCE SPORTS

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1. NAME AND REGISTERED OFFICE

1.1. The World Federation of Acrobatic Dances and Dance Sports is an international organization established with the purpose to manage acrobatic dances and dance sports worldwide.

1.2. The full official name is the World Federation of Acrobatic Dances and Dance Sports.

The abbreviated name is WFADS.

1.3. WFADS is established in the United Arab Emirates in the form of a private company limited by guaranty. WFADS has status of a sports federation.

WFADS Registered Office is in the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) free zone.

In all legal matters and legal disputes, the law of the United Arab Emirates shall apply.

1.4. WFADS is a non-partisan and non-profit organization. WFADS does not influence the political, ideological or religious opinions of its officials and athletes.

1.5. The WFADS activity is based on the principles of voluntariness, equality, publicity and legality.

1.6. WFADS recognizes the principles, purposes and aims of the Olympic Movement.

1.7. WFADS shall have an independent balance sheet, settlement and other accounts, a seal with its name, stamps, letterheads, emblem and other requisites necessary for carrying out the activities provided for in the Statutes.

1.8. WFADS shall be liable for its obligations with all of its property. The WFADS founders and members shall not be liable for the obligations of WFADS, and WFADS shall not be liable for the obligations of its founders and members (except for the guarantee specified in the statutory documents).

1.9. The provisions of this Statutes shall be binding equally on all WFADS members.

2. PURPOSE AND AIMS

2.1. Purpose of WFADS:

- a) governing all aspects of the development of acrobatic dances and dance sports, including but not limited by Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll, Acro Swing, DanceSport, Breaking, Salsa, Boogie Woogie, Lindy Hop, Shag, Balboa in the world directly or through WFADS national member bodies;
- b) promoting and popularizing acrobatic dances and dance sports worldwide;
- c) organizing and conducting official international competitions, as well as spectacular events.

2.2. Aims of WFADS:

- a) registering of existing national federations developing acrobatic dances and dance sports, providing assistance in establishing national federations in the countries where such organizations do not exist;
- b) organizing and conducting training events for coaches and judges, as well as events aimed at their qualification improvement;

- c) organizing and conducting training events for athletes;
- d) fighting against doping and other health-damaging drugs and methods in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency, and the anti-doping rules;
- e) coordinating the activities of the WFADS member bodies, creating favorable conditions for uniting specialists for the purpose of professional unity, exchange of experience, fulfilling creative and scientific potential of the WFADS member bodies.

2.3. To implement the purposes and aims, the WFADS shall have the authority:

- a) to freely disseminate information on its activities;
- b) to develop and approve rules, regulations and standards for the sports, developed by the WFADS;
- c) to organize and conduct sport competitions and spectacular events;
- d) to delegate the right to organize the WFADS World Championships, WFADS European Championships and WFADS World Cups to the WFADS national member bodies;
- e) to join other international organizations and to acquire rights and bear responsibilities corresponding to the status of members of international organizations;
- f) to receive financial and other support for the achievement of purposes and aims stipulated by the Statutes;
- g) to maintain systems of record for WFADS national member bodies, athletes, and judges;
- h) to organize the publication and distribution of information, methodological materials, and other printed products;
- i) to organize and conduct conferences, seminars, exhibitions, and other educational events;
- j) to possess all rights to produce, use, and sell official, commemorative, and award trophies, and symbols of the WFADS;
- k) to transfer (sell) the rights to cover sports and other events and to third parties;
- l) to make transactions, enter into various types of agreements, including sponsorship agreements, donation agreements, bank deposit agreements, property trust management agreements and other agreements;
- m) to impose restrictions on participation in the events organized by the WFADS of persons who violate the provisions of this Statutes and other WFADS statutory documents, as well as on those who do not comply with the decisions of the WFADS governing and other bodies;
- n) to determine independently the WFADS internal structure, forms, and methods of operation, and financial plan;
- o) to establish the amounts and procedure of payment of admission, membership, and other fees;
- p) to act as arbitrator in the resolution of disputes between WFADS member bodies, between athletes and WFADS national member bodies, coaches and judges;
- q) to exercise other rights to achieve the aims and purposes stipulated by the Statutes.

2.4. WFADS is obliged:

- a) to comply with the generally recognized principles and norms of international law relating to the scope of WFADS's activities, as well as the norms stipulated in the Statutes;
- b) to ensure the development of dance sports worldwide;
- c) to develop rules, regulations, and standards for the sports developed by the WFADS;
- d) to take measures to prevent unlawful influence on the results of official sport competitions and festivals;
- e) to perform other duties in accordance with the Statutes;

3. FINANCES

3.1. The financial year of the WFADS shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

3.2. The aims of the WFADS shall be achieved by means of:

- a) admission and membership fees;
- b) registration and starting fees;
- c) fees for championships and cups;
- d) income from media rights and sponsorship rights;
- e) donations;
- f) other authorized income.

3.3. Amounts of fees shall be determined by the WFADS General Meeting annually.

4. WFADS MEMBERSHIP

4.1. The WFADS membership is voluntary. The WFADS members shall recognize the Statutes.

4.2. The WFADS member bodies are national federations, that have committed themselves to promotion of one sport or several dance sports, sport (dance) clubs, registered as legal entities, individuals who have reached the age of 18 years old. The founding members are only individuals.

4.3. Sport (dance) clubs are granted the status of provisional member bodies for the period of five years. During this period of time they shall get the status of a sport federation.

4.4. WFADS national member bodies shall have equal rights and responsibilities.

4.5. WFADS national member bodies shall pay admission and membership fees. The amount and payment procedure shall be established by the WFADS General Meeting.

5. ADMISSION TO WFADS

5.1. The applicant shall send a written application for admission to WFADS in English to the WFADS Executive Office. Legal entities shall attach to the application: a copy of the Statutes, the list of its members, the composition of the governing body (Presidium or equivalent governing body). The applicant's Statutes and other documents shall be in line with the spirit of the WFADS Statutes.

5.2. The decision on admission of new members shall be made by the WFADS General Meeting by a simple majority vote. In case of rejection the reasoning is not obligatory.

5.3. Between the WFADS General Meetings, the WFADS Presidium may decide on the admission of new member bodies with further approval by the WFADS General Meeting.

5.4. The rights and obligations of a WFADS member body shall arise and cease from the moment the decision on admission or expulsion from WFADS membership is made by the WFADS authorized body.

5.5. Only one national federation per country can be accepted.

6. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WFADS MEMBERS

6.1. The rights of the WFADS national member bodies:

- a) to attend the WFADS General Meeting, vote, make proposals, and submit motions;
- b) to elect, be elected to the WFADS governing and supervisory bodies;
- c) to discuss WFADS activities, to make proposals to any WFADS bodies on matters related to its activities;
- d) to receive information on the WFADS activities;
- e) to participate in the achievement of the WFADS purposes and aims;
- f) to conduct official sport competitions and festivals on behalf of the WFADS;
- g) to receive methodological, legal, and financial assistance from the WFADS;
- h) to participate in the WFADS sport competitions, festivals and other events.

6.2. The obligations of the WFADS national member bodies:

- a) to know and comply with the WFADS Statutes, rules, regulations, and statutory documents of the WFADS;
- b) to promote the WFADS interests, to avoid actions that could harm the WFADS business reputation;
- c) to pay admission, membership, and other fees in due time;
- d) to actively participate in the WFADS activities;
- e) to conduct competitions and festivals;
- f) to take appropriate measures to inform its members of the Statutes, as well as of all rules, regulations, and other published decisions of the WFADS General Meetings and WFADS Presidium meetings.

6.3. The WFADS provisional members shall have the rights and obligations of the WFADS ordinary national member bodies with the exception of the right to vote at the WFADS General Meeting.

7. LOSS OF WFADS MEMBERSHIP

7.1. The status of a WFADS member body shall be lost in the case of WFADS liquidation, withdrawal from the WFADS, exclusion from the WFADS, or the death of an individual. Upon losing the membership, all rights specified in the Statutes shall be terminated.

7.2. The application for withdrawal from the WFADS shall be sent by an official

letter to the WFADS Executive Office no later than one month before the estimated date of withdrawal from the WFADS. Withdrawal does not affect in any way the financial obligations for the current financial year.

7.3. The WFADS members shall be subject to expulsion from the WFADS upon:

- a) commission of dishonorable acts;
- b) gross violation of the codes of conduct, which harm or may harm the WFADS business reputation or interests;
- c) infringement of the Statutes, rules, statutory documents adopted by the WFADS General Meeting and the WFADS Presidium.

Decision on expulsion shall be made by the WFADS General Meeting based on the Motion of the WFADS Presidium.

7.4. If the national federation displays the lack of activity for more than two years and in case there is another national federation in the country willing to become a WFADS member body, the decision on the status of the WFADS member body may be reviewed.

8. GOVERNING BODIES OF THE WFADS

8.1. The governing bodies of the WFADS are as follows:

- a) General Meeting is the principal governing body of the WFADS;
- b) Presidium is the permanent governing body of the WFADS;
- c) President is the sole executive body of the WFADS. The President shall have a status of director in the sense of the Foundation documents;
- d) Auditors are persons authorized to audit the WFADS financial activities.

9. WFADS GENERAL MEETING

9.1. WFADS General Meeting is the principal supreme body of WFADS.

The official languages shall be English and Russian.

Competences of the WFADS General Meeting:

- a) identifying the WFADS priority activity areas;
- b) determining the principles of formation and use of the WFADS property;
- c) adoption of annual reports of all bodies of the WFADS and making decisions on them;
- d) decisions on the WFADS budget;
- e) decisions to dismiss all WFADS;
- f) election, early termination of office of the WFADS President;
- g) election, early termination of the WFADS Presidium;
- h) election, early termination of the WFADS Auditors;
- i) election, early termination of the chairperson of the WFADS Arbitration Committee;
- j) determining the amount of entry and annual membership fees;
- k) admission to WFADS members;
- l) expulsion from the WFADS;
- m) reviewing membership applications for admission to the WFADS rejected by the WFADS Presidium;

- n) consideration of complaints on the decisions taken by the WFADS Presidium on exclusion from the WFADS;
- o) approval of amendments to the Statutes, approval of the Statutes with amendments (by a 2/3 majority vote);
- p) WFADS liquidation (by a 2/3 majority vote);
- q) approval of amendments to the agenda (by a 2/3 majority vote);
- r) approval of the WFADS Disciplinary Code.

9.2. The WFADS General Meeting is attended by the individual members and by one delegate per each WFADS national member federation. All delegates must be of legal age and be the members of the WFADS national member bodies.

The delegates shall be nominated for participation in the WFADS General Meeting by the decision of the organs of the WFADS national member.

Nominations shall be sent to the WFADS Executive Office no later than 20 days before the date of the WFADS General Meeting. Voting by Proxy is not allowed.

9.3. The WFADS General Meeting is held annually once a year. The date of the WFADS General Meeting shall be determined by the WFADS Presidium.

The notice of the date, time, and place of the WFADS General Meeting shall be sent in writing to all the members of the WFADS not less than two months before the WFADS General Meeting and be published on the official website of the WFADS.

The questions and petitions addressed to the WFADS General Meeting and to be included into Agenda shall be submitted to the WFADS Executive Office not less than one month before the WFADS General Meeting. The agenda as well as the necessary documents shall be sent to the WFADS member bodies not less than 14 days before the WFADS General Meeting.

The WFADS President has the status of the chairperson at the WFADS General Meetings. In case of absence, the WFADS Presidium shall choose a chairperson out of its members. If the WFADS Presidium is absent, a chairperson shall be chosen by a simple majority of votes out of the delegates of the WFADS General Meeting.

9.4. The WFADS General Meeting is legitimate if at least a half of the members of the WFADS is present. If there is no quorum, another WFADS General Meeting shall be called with the similar agenda. At this WFADS General Meeting the quorum shall be formed without regard to a number of votes.

A simple majority of votes shall be enough to make decisions binding (it means that the number of votes "FOR" shall exceed the number of votes "AGAINST", abstention votes are not counted).

In case of the equity of votes, the chairperson's vote shall be decisive one.

The majority of 2/3 of votes are required in case of decisions on amendments to the Statutes, WFADS liquidation or the amendments to the agenda of the WFADS General Meeting.

The delegates shall be entitled to vote at the WFADS General Meeting in case the legal entities – the WFADS member bodies they represent have no financial or other debts. The individual members shall be entitled to vote if they have no financial or other debts to the WFADS.

9.5. The Election of the WFADS President and the WFADS Presidium shall be held at the WFADS General Meeting every four years.

Candidates for the position of the WFADS President, as well as the candidates for the WFADS Presidium must be of legal age, be WFADS members, have no criminal records, be nominated by the decision of the permanent governing body of the WFADS national member body (for candidates nominated by legal entities).

9.6. Elections to other bodies shall be conducted by submitting candidates directly at the WFADS General Meeting.

9.7. All elections should be conducted with the use of ballots or electronic ballots.

Before the election, the election manager shall be appointed to monitor the election procedures.

A simple majority of votes is required for the election to be valid.

9.8. Before voting, candidates shall be allowed a maximum of 7 minutes to speak. Candidates may be asked questions. The total time cannot exceed 15 minutes.

9.9. In the event that more than one candidate is nominated for a position, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall withdraw. This procedure shall be repeated until only one candidate remains. In case of parity of votes a maximum of two further voting procedures may be carried out in order to reach a decision, after which the decision shall be taken by lots.

Persons who are absent at the WFADS General Meeting may not be elected.

10. WFADS EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

10.1. The WFADS Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened if the WFADS Presidium decides that it is necessary or if it is requested in writing by at least a quarter of individual members and the WFADS national member bodies in total. The request shall contain items or proposals which is the subject of the WFADS Extraordinary General Meeting.

10.2. No more than three months may pass between the request and the WFADS Extraordinary General Meeting.

10.3. Notice of the WFADS Extraordinary General Meeting shall be sent in writing to the WFADS national member bodies at least one month before the meeting and shall be published on the WFADS official website.

10.4. The Agenda of the WFADS Extraordinary General Meeting, as well as all necessary documents shall be sent to the WFADS national member bodies at least 14 days before the WFADS extraordinary General Meeting.

10.5. The nomination of delegates to the WFADS Extraordinary General Meeting and their rights are the same as for the WFADS Ordinary General Meeting.

10.6. In case of early termination of office of the WFADS President, the WFADS Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened to elect a new WFADS President for a 4-year term of office.

11. WFADS ONLINE GENERAL MEETING

11.1. The WFADS General Meeting may be held in the form of a videoconference

provided the following conditions are met:

- a) identification/authentication is applicable to all participants;
- b) all participants have the opportunity to speak at the WFADS General Meeting, to hear the voices of other members, and to exercise their rights, in particular their voting rights;
- c) all participants shall be able to gather together simultaneously through electronic means of communication.

11.2. The procedure for appointing and holding the WFADS Online General Meeting is similar to the procedure for appointing and holding the WFADS Ordinary General Meeting.

12. WFADS PRESIDIUM

12.1. The WFADS Presidium is the permanent governing body of the WFADS.

Competences of the WFADS Presidium:

- a) management of the WFADS activities in accordance with the Statutes;
- b) admission to WFADS and expulsion from WFADS;
- c) fulfillment of the decisions made by the WFADS General Meeting;
- d) convocation of the WFADS Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meetings;
- e) approval of the WFADS committees and commissions and their regulations;
- f) approval of the WFADS Executive Director;
- g) approval of WFADS rules, regulations, and other statutory documents;
- h) approval of the WFADS Calendar of official sports competitions and spectacular events;
- i) delegation of the right to organise WFADS World Championships, WFADS European Championships and WFADS World Cups to WFADS national member bodies;
- j) approval of the WFADS Financial Regulations;
- k) approval of Regulations of the WFADS committees and commissions.

The WFADS Presidium is entitled to make decisions on other issues related to the WFADS activities and not referred by the Statutes to the competences of the WFADS General Meeting, the WFADS President and other bodies.

12.2. The WFADS Presidium is composed of:

WFADS President carries out general management of WFADS activities, on behalf of WFADS interacts with official bodies and organizations.

Vice-President for General Affairs manages the work of the WFADS Office, performs the duties of the WFADS President in case of the President's absence.

Vice-President for Education ensures the development and promotion of education system for coaches and judges.

Vice-President for Legal Affairs provides legal support for the WFADS activities, including anti-doping activities.

Vice-President for Communication provides media relations and promotes WFADS worldwide.

Financial Director organizes and bears responsibility for financial activities of the

WFADS in accordance with the WFADS Statutes and other documents.

Sports Director ensures the organization of competition activities, including the development of regulations for competitions and festivals, controls the conduction of the competitions and festivals, bears responsibility for activities of the WFADS judges.

12.3. If a WFADS Presidium member resigns before the end of the term, the WFADS Presidium may replace him/her until the next WFADS General Meeting.

12.4. Documents and letters concerning current activities shall be signed by the WFADS President or the WFADS Vice-President for General Affairs. Contractual obligations can be also signed by the WFADS Executive Director.

12.5. The WFADS President shall chair the WFADS Presidium meetings. If this is not possible, the WFADS Vice-President for General Affairs shall chair the meeting.

12.6. A meeting of the WFADS Presidium is legitimate if more than half of its members are present. The WFADS Presidium shall take decisions by simple majority of vote. Decisions of the WFADS Presidium may be made by online meeting or by absentee votes. Decisions of the WFADS Presidium shall be formalized in the form of Minutes and signed by the chairperson of the meeting.

12.7. Meetings of the WFADS Presidium shall be convened by the WFADS President at least once every three months. Agenda shall be sent to the WFADS Presidium members one week before the meeting.

12.8. WFADS Presidium is entitled to appoint commissioners for different divisions or special projects, who give advice to the Presidium on specific questions and prepare decisions.

13. PAYMENT OF ADMISSION AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

13.1. WFADS members shall pay admission and membership fees.

13.2. The amount of admission and membership fees, as well as the payment procedure shall be approved by the WFADS General Meeting.

14. WFADS OFFICE

14.1. The WFADS Office ensures day-to-day activities of the WFADS.

14.2. Vice-President for General Affairs manages the activities of the WFADS Office. WFADS Executive Director subordinates to the Vice-President for General Affairs directly.

14.3. The Executive Director shall be a resident of the UAE and be domiciled in the UAE. The Executive Director shall be in charge of interaction with the official bodies of the UAE, with banks and organizations located in the UAE.

15. MINUTES

15.1. Minutes shall be taken at each WFADS General Meeting and WFADS Presidium meeting and signed by the chairperson and recording secretary.

15.2. The Minutes shall be kept in English and Russian.

15.3. The Minutes shall be posted on the official WFADS website within three

weeks after the WFADS General Meeting or the WFADS Presidium meeting.

16.AUDITORS

16.1. The WFADS General Meeting shall appoint two auditors for a 4-years term. Auditors shall represent different WFADS national member bodies and shall not be WFADS Presidium members. The appointment of external auditors is allowed.

16.2. Auditors shall be responsible for auditing correct payments made by the WFADS, and submit a written report on the results of such audit to the WFADS General Meeting.

17. WFADS ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

17.1. The WFADS Arbitration Committee consists of five members representing different national federations and acts on the basis of the regulations approved by the WFADS Presidium.

The Chairperson of the WFADS Arbitration Committee shall be elected by the WFADS General Meeting for four years.

The Composition of arbitrators for considering a dispute shall be proposed by the Chairperson of the WFADS Arbitration Committee and approved by the WFADS Presidium.

17.2. If the Chairperson of the WFADS Arbitration Committee is interested in any way in the settlement of a dispute, he/she shall declare of the interest and withdraw from participation in the settlement of a dispute. In this case, the Chairperson shall be elected out of the appointed arbitrators by lots.

17.3. The WFADS Arbitration Committee is free in making decisions. The decisions shall be taken by a majority of votes. The arbitrator cannot abstain from voting.

17.4. The WFADS national member bodies shall accept the decisions on the disputes, agree to fulfill the decisions, and shall refuse from the right to pass such disputes to the court.

18. SANCTIONS

Sanctions to persons who have committed violations of the WFADS Statutes, rules, regulations, and statutory documents shall be applied in accordance with the WFADS Disciplinary Code.

19. DISSOLUTION

19.1. A resolution to dissolve WFADS may be passed by a two-thirds majority vote at a the WFADS General Meeting. After dissolution and deduction of all debts, the remaining assets of WFADS shall be used for charitable purposes as determined by the WFADS General Meeting.

19.2. The WFADS General Meeting shall appoint a Dissolution committee (liquidator) and establish the procedure and terms of the WFADS dissolution.

Upon the appointment of a Dissolution committee, the Dissolution committee shall assume authority to manage the WFADS affairs. The Dissolution committee shall represent the WFADS in the court.

19.3. The Dissolution committee shall take steps to identify creditors and collect accounts receivable and notify creditors in writing of the WFADS dissolution.

19.4. Upon completion of settlements with creditors, the Dissolution committee shall prepare a dissolution balance sheet, which shall be approved by the WFADS General Meeting.