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INTRODUCTION

The International Table Soccer Federation is a non-profit making organization which is subject to the laws and regulations of the country on whose territory its registered office is located.

Its functioning is regulated by the present Statutes as well as by the Administrative Rules.

The Administrative Rules are meant to clarify the principles defined by the Statutes and to regulate the normal functioning of the administrative matters of the Federation.

The Statutes are approved and modified by vote of the ITSF General Assembly.

The Administrative Rules are approved by the Executive Committee. Between two meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of the ITSF is authorized to suspend or modify the Administrative Rules in exceptional cases in response to circumstances requiring an urgent solution. These modifications will become the object of a detailed report submitted for the approval of the next Executive Committee meeting.

CHAPTER I – BASIC PRINCIPLES

1.1 AIMS

1.1.1 The aims of ITSF are:

- a) to promote the development of table soccer throughout the world and to strengthen the ties of friendship which unite players of all countries by setting up lasting relationships between the groups they represent and to nurture the improvement of our sport practice in every way;
- b) to see that the international tournaments open to Member Federations are organized in accordance with ITSF Rules;
- c) to establish Rules according to which international competitions must be organized;
- d) to organize the World Championships;
- e) to authorize and supervise the other official ITSF competitions;
- f) to ensure that in international competitions the bans, suspensions, disqualifications and all other penalties issued by one of the Member Federations are respected;
- g) to study and legislate on all matters concerning table soccer in international relations;
- h) to promote and develop the struggle against doping.

1.1.2 The ITSF is seeing that its Members respect these principles as well as the Olympic Charter established by the I.O.C.

1.2 MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE AIMS

1.2.1 The ITSF grants an international licence to compete in its official competitions.

1.2.2 The means of action of the ITSF are:

- the organization of international championships;
- the control of events, competitions, tournaments, exhibitions between individual players or between Member Federations ;

- prize distribution, awards and distinctions ;
- organizing basic training, further training and proficiency training sessions;
- organizing symposiums and seminars;
- publishing and distribution of magazines, books and technical works, leaflets, reports, programmes, posters and any written media about international table soccer as well as any audio-visual media;
- any legal mean aiming at reaching the aims defined in the present Statutes ;
- enforcing the WADA's Anti-doping Code (the 'Code') and organizing efficient in and out of competition anti-doping tests in conformity with established rules.

1.3 REGISTERED OFFICE

- 1.3.1 The registered office of the ITSF is located in Nantes (France), 27 rue Adolphe Moitié, 44 000 Nantes.

1.4 FINANCIAL YEAR

- 1.4.1 The financial year is a twelve month period from September 1st to August 31st.

1.5 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND WORKING LANGUAGES

- 1.5.1 French and English are the official languages of the ITSF
- 1.5.2 French and English are the working languages of the ITSF
All the business of the ITSF must be conducted in at least one of these two languages.
- 1.5.3 All the official texts of the ITSF are rendered in French and English. In case of a disagreement relating to the interpretation of an official text, the French version of the text is the reference document for final interpretation.
- 1.5.4 All communications of the ITSF will be available in English.
- 1.5.5 At the General Assembly, people may speak in any of the working languages.

- 1.5.6 Federations who wish to communicate in a language other than one of the working languages may do so, but they must provide the necessary translations at their own expense.
- 1.5.7 At prize giving ceremonies of official ITSF competitions, announcements must be made in at least one of the two official languages and in the local language.

CHAPTER II – FINANCIAL RESOURCES

- 2.1.1 The financial resources of the ITSF consist of:
 - a) Federations' subscriptions;
 - b) Licences;
 - c) Entry fees for the World Championships;
 - d) Fees for the organization of competitions;
 - e) Television rights;
 - f) Such other resources as may be developed.

CHAPTER III – MEMBERS OF THE ITSF

The members of the ITSF consist of national Federations and Members of Honour.

3.1 NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

- 3.1.1 The ITSF recognizes only one sport authority for each country (the National Federation) to rule the table soccer sport. To define a 'country', the ITSF adopts the definition of the International Olympic Committee. However, the Administrative Rules can provide for the recognition of several Federations within one country (see the 'Members' item of the Administrative Rules).
- 3.1.2 The ITSF is composed of 'national Federations': Federations, Unions, Table soccer Sections, National Sports Organizations, etc.
- 3.1.3 Any national Federation which wishes to become a Member of the I.T.S.F. can present its application to the Executive Committee. In case of dispute between two or several groups, each desiring to represent their country as an ITSF member, the Executive Committee of the ITSF will be called upon to decide which to recognize after consulting (if it's possible) the National Olympic Committee concerned.
- 3.1.4 At each of its meetings, the General Assembly rules on applications for membership.
The Executive Committee has the right to accept provisionally, until the next General Assembly, a national Federation which has applied.
When a national Federation is a provisional member it benefits from the same rights as any other Member Federation.
A refusal for permanent membership by the General Assembly later does not allow any grounds for compensation.
- 3.1.5 The Member Federations may lose their membership of the ITSF:
- by resignation;
 - by expulsion.

3.2 MEMBERS OF HONOUR

- 3.2.1 Besides the national Federations Members, the ITSF may also include Members of Honour.
The title of Member of Honour may be granted by the General Assembly to any person who, through a long and loyal service to international table soccer, has proved his or her constant commitment to the ITSF. This is granted as a mark of appreciation towards this person and also to secure for the ITSF, in all its activities, the enlightened advice of that person.

- 3.2.2 The individuals chosen as Members of Honour will receive directly from the Board of the ITSF an international licence for their whole lifetime.
- 3.2.3 Before each General Assembly, the Board may single out one or several persons with the intention of proposing their nomination as Members of Honour.
The Board must seek the approval of the Executive Committee before presenting its proposals to the General Assembly. Members of Honour are elected by secret ballot.
- 3.2.4 Members of Honour may lose their membership of ITSF :
- by resignation;
 - by expulsion.

3.3 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

- 3.3.1. Rights and duties of Member national Federations:
- a) The ITSF must not interfere with the internal functioning of its members.
 - b) The ITSF demands that each Member national Federation respect the principle of no discrimination for political, racial or religious reasons. Therefore, no competitor from a Member Federation may take part in official ITSF competitions or in other international competition if he or she refuses to meet any other competitor regularly registered unless his or her refusal is authorized by the present Statutes or the Administrative Rules. In case this rule is broken, the competitor shall be immediately disqualified and the Executive Committee shall study, if necessary, and to which extend, the possibility to request a penalty against the member national Federation to which the competitor belongs from the Discipline Commission.
 - c) The member national Federation which submits its application for organizing the General Assembly, official competitions and any other international event of ITSF must pledge its word of honour to make all the necessary efforts:
 - so that all members national Federations take part in these events without any discrimination whatsoever;
 - so that the Executive Committee of the ITSF and all the member Federations are informed of any ban, suspension, radiation, disqualification or all other penalties given by a member Federation.
 - d) Each Member Federation has the right to vote in the General Assemblies of the ITSF. However, Member Federations may be submitted to certain limitations in accordance with the Administrative Rules (see the 'Members' item of the Administrative Rules).

- e) Each Member Federation has the right to present its candidates to the different bodies of the ITSF. They also have the right to draw up proposals which may be submitted to the General Assembly.
- f) Each Member Federation is under an obligation to ensure on its territory respect for the Rules of the ITSF when events are organized under its auspices.
- g) Furthermore, each Member Federation must ensure that its own Statutes do not clash with the fundamental rules in the present Statutes.

3.3.2. Rights and duties of Members of Honour

- a) The Members of Honour of the ITSF are present by right at the General Assemblies of the ITSF. If they are not delegated by their national Federation, they may draw up proposals but they only have a consultancy role.
- b) They also have the right to be present at any of the Commission meetings of the ITSF, but in advisory capacity only.

3.4 ZONAL CONFEDERATIONS

- 3.4.1 The ITSF accepts that Member Federations group themselves according to geographic areas into 'Confederations' in order to control relationships which they think they can usefully establish among themselves..
- 3.4.2 These 'Zonal Confederations' may only include Member Federations. They are not themselves members of the ITSF
- 3.4.3 They may have no rules or statutes contrary to those of the ITSF. In the case of disagreement in the interpretation of Statutes or Rules of the ITSF and those of a Zonal Confederation, those of the ITSF have priority.
- 3.4.4 They may ask to be recognized by the first General Assembly that follows their creation after submission of their Statutes.
- 3.4.5 Zonal Confederations may choose whatever language they like as official language for their internal relations.

CHAPTER IV – LICENCES

4.1 LICENCES

4.1.1 Statutory Character of Licence

An international licence is granted by ITSF bearing the following: ‘The bearer promises not to engage in doping and to submit to all medical checks’.

4.1.2 Compulsory character of Licence

- a) This licence is compulsory for all players taking part in any official competition of the ITSF. No entry shall be valid if the name of the player is not accompanied by the number of his or her ITSF licence.
- b) This licence is also compulsory for the following persons:
 - Members of the Executive Committee and of the Commissions of the ITSF;
 - Officials designated to the World Championships;
 - Referees of the ITSF

4.1.3 Duration of validity

The licence is valid for the current Table soccer season.

4.1.4 Annual fee

Every application for a licence or licence renewal must be handed in with a fee which is set for the following season by each General Assembly.

4.1.5 Application and issue

- a) Every licence is supplied by the ITSF Board to those entitled who qualify through their Member national Federation. Each Member national Federation must note on the licence issued to players the name of any club to which they belong.
- b) When a player usually lives in another country than his own, he must apply for his licence to the Member Federation of the country in which he lives. It is strictly forbidden for a player to possess more than one international licence. The second licence applied for from another Member Federation may only be granted after the cancellation of the first licence.

- c) When a player is only visiting another country, he must apply for his licence to the Member Federation of his own country (or to the country where he resides usually, if he resides in a different country from the country of his nationality)
- d) The Board may grant an international licence to a player who lives in a country where there is no national Federation member of the ITSF. However, if there is a national Federation member of the ITSF in the country of the player's nationality, the Board of the ITSF must consult with this Member Federation before granting the licence.

4.1.6 Procedure for Issue

The procedure for delivery and control of licences are the responsibility of the Executive Committee and subject to the Administrative Rules.

4.1.7 Refusal from the Member Federation in charge of the issue

Should a Member Federation refuse to grant an international licence, it must inform the ITSF Board in order to prevent a player living in a foreign country from applying again through a different channel. If a player appeals against the decision of the Member Federation of his country refusing to grant him an international licence, the appeal may be sent to the ITSF Board for investigation and for a General Assembly decision. When the matter is urgent, the Executive Committee makes the decision provisionally, until a decision is reached by the General Assembly.

CHAPTER V – THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5.1 MEETINGS

- 5.1.1 The General Assemblies of the ITSF are held every year on a date decided by the ITSF Executive Committee.

5.2 ROLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 5.2.1 Each year the General Assembly receives the reports on the management of the Executive Committee and on the operational and financial situation of the ITSF. It approves the accounts of the financial year that has ended and votes on the provisional budget. It approves the report of the auditors.
- 5.2.2 The General Assembly alone is competent to rule on acquisitions, exchanges and sale of real estate, on undertaking mortgages, long term leases (more than 9 years) and loans which the ITSF is intending to underwrite.
- 5.2.3 The General Assembly establishes, controls and steers the general policy of the ITSF.
It decides upon the modifications to be made to the Statutes.
It has the power to pronounce the dissolution of the ITSF

5.3 COMPOSITION AND REPRESENTATION

- 5.3.1 The General Assembly of the ITSF is made of delegates of the Member Federations, elected by their respective General Assemblies. It is also made of the Members of Honour here above described, who only have a consultancy role.
- 5.3.2 Every delegate of a Member Federation has one vote (one vote for each Federation). However, the Administrative Rules may provide for a different vote distribution, according to the membership status of the member federations (see the 'Members' item of the Administrative Rules).
- 5.3.3 The Member Federations of ITSF may be represented to the General Assemblies of ITSF by a delegation made up of one or several of their members and their names must be made known to the ITSF administrative office before the General Assembly.
Each delegation is limited to two persons, plus their members of Commissions and of the Executive Committee, as well as any candidate for roles within the ITSF

The voting right of a Member Federation is limited to its President and the list of persons designated by him in writing.

5.4 DECISIONS

5.4.1 Required majority

The General Assembly's decisions are reached by a simple majority of votes cast.

If, in exceptional cases, a General Assembly must decide on matters which are not on the agenda and not provided for by the Statutes, the decisions can only be made by a majority of $\frac{3}{4}$ of votes effectively represented at that General Assembly, and may never involve a modification of the Statutes.

5.4.2 Quorum

The General Assembly can only reach valid decisions if more than half of all the members of the ITSF are present or represented (see the rules on proxies in the Administrative Rules). If this proportion is not reached, the General Assembly will take place 24 hours later, with those members who are present, without any quorum condition.

5.4.3 Secret vote

The vote is secret on any point concerning a person or a Member Federation in particular or if it is requested by a Member national Federation.

CHAPTER VI – PROCESS FOR THE ELECTIONS

- 6.1.1 The President of the ITSF, the seven other members of the Executive Committee and the members of the Commission are elected by the Elective General Assembly.
They are eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office.
- 6.1.2 Candidates to any elective post may be proposed either by an I.T.S.F Member national Federation or by a Member of Honour, subject to the following conditions:
- only one candidate may be proposed by each Member Federation for each post;
 - only one candidate may be proposed by each Member of Honour;
 - a candidate for the Executive Committee or for a Commission can only be presented by the Member Federation of the candidate or by a Member of Honour with the agreement of the Member Federation of the candidate.
- 6.1.3 Should the number of candidates be inferior to the number of positions available in a Commission, the agreement of the Member national Federation to a candidate proposed by a Member of Honour is not necessary.
- 6.1.4 All applications for each of the positions for which the candidate wishes to be elected must reach the administrative office of the I.T.S.F, in writing, at least two months before the General Assembly.
The application may be accompanied by a short curriculum vitae (resume) of one page maximum.
The administrative office of the I.T.S.F will include the list of all the candidates, as well as the resumes that have been received for candidates for President and the Executive Committee in the documents relating to the General Assembly.
All resumes received, including those for the candidates to the Commissions will be displayed before the Elective General Assembly is opened.

CHAPTER VII – THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 7.1.1 The management of the I.T.S.F, between two General Assemblies, is entrusted to an Executive Committee.

7.2 STRUCTURE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 7.2.1 The Executive Committee consists of the President on one hand and seven elected members on the other.
- 7.2.2 Two members of the Executive Committee, fulfilling the roles of General Secretary and Treasurer, are appointed by the President of the ITSF
During its first session, the Executive Committee elects two Vice Presidents among its own members.
The President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and the two Vice Presidents form the Board (Bureau).
- 7.2.3 The former Presidents of the ITSF have the right to be present at all the Executive Committee sessions in an advisory capacity.
- 7.2.4 In addition, the President of each of the four continental Zonal Confederations may attend the meetings of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity.

7.3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION

- 7.3.1 The candidates for the Executive Committee must hold a licence from its Federation, except for Members of Honour, they must be at least 21 at the date of the election and be in possession of their full civic rights in their nationality country.
- 7.3.2 When a candidate for the Executive Committee withdraws his application before the election, only his Member Federation can present another candidate.
- 7.3.3 For the election to the Executive Committee, the eight members having obtained the largest number of votes are elected provided they are of different nationalities.
- 7.3.4 If, among the eight members having obtained the largest number of votes there is no woman, the Executive Committee will consist of the seven first elected members and the woman having obtained the largest number of votes among the candidates to the Executive Committee.

If the woman chosen has the same nationality as one of the seven first elected men, she will be replaced by the following woman of a non-represented nationality.

If no woman has applied or if the woman or women chosen according to the previous method have the same nationality than the seven men having the largest number of votes, the eight men of different nationality having the largest number of votes will be elected.

- 7.3.5 In case several candidates have the same number of votes, there shall be two extra rounds at the most. In case two candidates are still equal after these two extra rounds, the youngest shall be elected.

7.4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TENURE

- 7.4.1 The members of the Executive Committee are elected by secret ballot by the General Assembly for four years. They may be re-elected. The tenure of the Executive Committee expires at the latest on the 31st March following the last Summer Olympic Games. The vacant positions in the Executive Committee before the expiry of the deadline, for any reason, are provided for at the next General Assembly.
- 7.4.2 The Executive Committee, at the time of the election, continues to exercise its functions until the new president takes office.
- 7.4.3 In the case of death or resignation of the President, the first Vice President performs the President's duty provisionally, until the next General Assembly.
- 7.4.4 In the case of death or absenteeism of a member of the Executive Committee for two consecutive meetings, except through unavoidable circumstances, of which the Executive Committee will be sole arbiter, the party in question shall be regarded as having resigned. In this case, he will be replaced by the non-elected candidate who got the largest number of votes at the Elective General Assembly, still taking into account the elective nationality rules previously mentioned (see 'Executive Committee Election').

7.5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND DECISIONS

- 7.5.1 The Executive Committee of the ITSF meets in plenary session twice a year. Special meetings may be requested by the President, the majority of the Board or by the majority of Executive Committee members.

- The expenses of attending two of these meetings are the responsibility of the Federations having a member in the Committee. All other meetings are the financial responsibility of the ITSF

- The agenda of the Executive Committee meeting shall reach each member of the Executive Committee at least 10 days before the meeting.
 - Members of the Executive Committee must meet in person at least twice a year. All other meetings can be held by other appropriate means (Internet, videoconference, etc.)
- 7.5.2 The deliberations of the Executive Committee may be valid only if more than half of its members are present.
- 7.5.3 One member cannot give proxy to another one. If a member cannot attend the Executive Committee meeting, he may vote by correspondence on the matters placed on the agenda by the President.
- 7.5.4 Its decisions are passed by simple majority and the President has a decisive vote in case of a tie.
- 7.5.5 In a matter of urgency, the Executive Committee may be consulted with by the President. The decisions will be made by a majority of its members.

7.6 THE PRESIDENT

- President's election -

- 7.6.1 The candidate President must hold a licence from his or her Federation, except if he or she is a Member of Honour, he or she must be at least 21 at the date of the election and be in possession of his or her full civic rights in his or her nationality country.
- 7.6.2. If a candidate President withdraws his application before an election, there may be new applications until the time of election to the Presidency provided they are presented in accordance with the general conditions specified in Chapter VI.
- 7.6.3 The President is elected by absolute majority of the votes cast.
- 7.6.4 In case no candidate should obtain the absolute majority of the votes cast, new applications may be submitted after the announcement of the result.
In this case, for the next vote, the absolute majority of cast votes will be required to be elected President.
In the case that in the first round or in the following round new candidates have applied and the absolute majority was not reached by a candidate, extra rounds will take place and the President will be elected by relative majority.
In case of equality between two candidates for two rounds, another candidate may run for Presidency.

- Responsibilities of the President -

- 7.6.5 The President, assisted by the General Secretary and the Treasurer, attends to all the current matters and subsequently obtains the Executive Committee ratification of decisions.
- 7.6.6 The President represents the ITSF in a court of law. If he is prevented from attending personally, the first Vice President automatically takes his place.
- 7.6.7. The President may employ, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the necessary staff to run the Federation efficiently.
- 7.6.8. The President has the power to open and operate a bank account in a banking establishment on his sole signature, and to carry out every-day transactions.
- For these every-day transactions, the President may give the General Secretary or the Treasurer power of attorney.
 - The President can make no deposit into this account nor make any commitment to third party, unless previously agreed to, in each case, by the Executive Committee.

7.7 THE BOARD (BUREAU)

- 7.7.1 During the financial year, the Board (Bureau) informs the Member Federations of urgent measures which may concern them, by way of news letters and articles published in the official publications of ITSF
- 7.7.2 Because of the official duties entrusted to them, the President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer may not fill any other positions in official competitions of the ITSF, with the exception of protocol supervision.

CHAPTER VIII - COMMISSIONS

8.1 COMMISSIONS

8.1.1 The ITSF includes the following permanent commissions:

- Legal Commission;
- Administrative Commission;
- Sports Commission;
- Rules Commission;
- Discipline Commission;
- Communication Commission;
- Medical Commission;
- Data Processing Commission;
- Women's Commission;
- Technical Commission.

8.1.2 The General Assembly may also create special Temporary Commissions whenever it considers necessary to do so.

8.2 PERMANENT COMMISSIONS

8.2.1 Each permanent commission is made up of three voting members elected by the General Assembly. However, the Executive Committee, between two General Assemblies, when necessary, may appoint three voting members who are co-opted until the next General Assembly, who will make the definitive election (or not).

8.2.2 The elected members of the Commissions elect their President on their first meeting.

8.2.3 The Executive Committee will delegate one of its members to liaise with each Commission.

8.2.4 In order to study special issues, the Commission may invite temporarily one or more experts.

8.3 ELECTION TO PERMANENT COMMISSIONS

8.3.1 Nobody may be candidate to more than one permanent Commission.

8.3.2 To be candidate to a Commission, the person must be at least 21 at the date of the election, have been granted a licence by the Federation to which he or she is affiliated and be in possession of his or her full civic rights in his or her nationality country.

If a candidate to a Commission withdraws his application before the election, only his Member Federation may present another candidate.

- 8.3.3 For the Commissions elections, the three candidates having the largest number of votes are elected provided that they are of different nationalities.
- 8.3.4 If, among the three members elected there is no woman, the Commission will consist of the two first elected members and the woman having obtained the largest number of votes among the candidates to the Commission.
If the woman chosen has the same nationality as one of the two first elected men, she will be replaced by the following woman of a non-represented nationality.
If no woman has applied or if the woman or women chosen according to the previous method have the same nationality than the two men having the largest number of votes, the three men of different nationality having the largest number of votes will be elected.
- 8.3.5 In case several candidates have the same number of votes, there shall be two extra rounds at the most. In case two candidates are still equal after these two extra rounds, the youngest shall be elected
- 8.3.6 Elections to other non-permanent Commissions may be organized on decision of the General Assembly, with the same vote process, but in this case the tenure of this Commission must be determined by the General Assembly and may not extend beyond the next Elective General Assembly.

8.4 OFFICE TENURE OF THE COMMISSIONS

- 8.4.1 Members of permanent commissions are elected for the duration of the Olympiad.
In the event of a member's death or resignation or absenteeism for two years, even if excused, he will be replaced by the non-elected candidate who obtained the largest number of votes at the Elective General Assembly, still taking into account the electoral rules of nationality above mentioned.
Members thus appointed will only stay in office for the remaining period of the mandate.
In case of non-attendance to an ITSF Commission for two consecutive meetings, except through unavoidable circumstances, of which the Executive Committee will be sole arbiter, the party in question will be regarded as having resigned.
- 8.4.2 The office tenure of special temporary commissions is determined by the General Assembly and may not extend beyond the next Elective General Assembly.

8.5 COMMISSION MEETINGS

- 8.5.1 As a general rule, in the years when there is an Elective General Assembly, the Commissions meet twice: once for the General Assembly and once at least two months before. In other years, they meet as determined by the Executive Committee. Except from the meeting that takes place when there is a General Assembly, all commission meetings can be held at a distance (via Internet, videoconference, etc.).
- 8.5.2 A Commission meeting is valid only when the majority of members are present. Otherwise, the proposals taken are submitted by correspondence to absent members who must express their opinion within 8 days; if they fail to do so, their silence will be interpreted as an agreement with the submitted proposal.
- 8.5.3 Commissions must admit to their meetings the authors (or their representatives) of the proposals submitted to the General Assembly and placed on the agenda by the Executive Committee of the ITSF. The attendance of the author or his representative is restricted to when the proposal is being discussed.
- 8.5.4 During the Commission meetings immediately preceding the Ordinary General Assembly, no new matters will be discussed other than those on the agenda and which have already been reported on by the Commissions at their previous meeting.
Only suggestions from the different national Federations or from members of the Executive Committee, members of the Board, members of another Commission or Members of Honour, submitted to these Commissions and concerning their previous report, will be examined.

CHAPTER IX - DISCIPLINE

- 9.1.1. To be accepted to take part in all the official events of the ITSF and in all international and national events, a player must observe and respect the rules established by the ITSF
- 9.1.2. Medical Rules
- a) Doping is forbidden ; the list of prohibited substances is drawn up by the Medical Commission of the ITSF, in keeping with the list of prohibited substances published and updated by WADA.
 - b) Each player taking part in official events of the ITSF must submit to medical checks and medical tests carried out in accordance with the Rules of the Medical Commission of the ITSF.
 - c) Any player who refuses to submit to a check or test or who has been convicted of doping will be turned out of the event and excluded from ranking.
 - d) The above mentioned rules do not prejudice, in the official events, the subsequent penalties that may be inflicted later by the ITSF
- 9.1.3. Any individual holding a licence or any affiliated legal entity is liable to penalty
- if he offends:
 - ✓ statutes and different national Rules;
 - ✓ the law relating to prevention and suppression of doping products use in sport competitions and events;
 - if he hinders the activities of the ITSF and/or Member Federations or violates by his behaviour, in writing or by a statement their unity or their dignity.
- 9.1.4. Disciplinary Rules
- a) The Disciplinary Rules determine the details of composition and operation of the Discipline Commission and the penalties that may be applied to the different offences.
 - b) As stated in the Disciplinary Rules, the decision of the Discipline Commission of the ITSF may be subject to appeal exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (TAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will reach a final decision according to the Code for Sport-related Arbitration.

Saint Vincent, November 3rd 2006

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