



INTERNATIONAL
KORFBALL
FEDERATION

BYELAWS

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1. Legal Status

1.1. The Exco shall take out liability insurance for the Federation and its officers.

2. Competitions

2.1. The IKF Council shall determine the time slots for the World Championship and the World under 23 Championship after consultation with the host.

2.2. The IKF Exco shall determine the time slots for the European Championship, the European under 21 Championship, the European Bowl , Europa Cup and the Europa Shield, within the time frames determined by the European Congress and after consultation with the host.

2.3. National Organisations shall not be entitled to participate in any IKF event while they are financially in arrears to the IKF.

2.4. For any official IKF Event, the Exco shall enter into a contract with the host national organisation.

2.5. The IKF shall publish a calendar that includes all IKF events.

3. Patronage and Recognition

3.1. IKF Official Patronage is given to high quality events, of a repetitive nature, organized by or with the support of a national organisation that is a member of the IKF, in which national or regional selections compete.

3.1.1. The conditions for patronage are:

- The event must be organized on a repetitive basis (annually, bi-annually, etc.)
- The event must have been organized at least two times before official patronage can be requested
- The name and dates of the event must be approved by the IKF at least six months before the event
- The event must include national or regional selections, with age limitations where applicable
- The event organisers must allow the IKF to appoint at least two referees
- The event may be subject to sponsoring regulations, such as a designated ball to be played with, and specific advertising to be displayed
- The organization needs to supply a complete match programme to the IKF
- The organization needs to supply the results to the IKF at the closure of every day of the event, such in consultation with the IKF Office

3.1.2. The IKF has absolute discretion in granting official patronage.

3.1.3. The benefits of patronage are:

- The organization is allowed to use the IKF logo for the patronized event
- The organization is allowed to use the phrase 'under the official patronage of the IKF'
- Supporting invitations may be sent by the IKF on IKF letterhead, if deemed desirable by the organization
- The event will be included in the OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS of the IKF
- Results will be included as official results in Korfbal International
- Results will be included in IKF Press Releases if appropriate

3.2. IKF Official Recognition is given to high quality events, not necessarily of a repetitive nature, in which elite teams compete. The teams need not necessarily be national or regional selections, but may also be club teams.

3.2.1. The conditions of recognition are:

- The name and dates of the event must be approved by the IKF at least six months before the event
- The event must include elite teams, with age restrictions where applicable
- The event may be subject to sponsoring regulations, such as a designated ball to be played with, and specific advertising to be displayed
- The organization needs to provide a complete match programme to the IKF
- The organization needs to supply the results to the IKF at the closure of every day of the event, such in consultation with the IKF Office

3.2.2. The IKF has absolute discretion in granting official recognition.

3.2.3. The benefits of recognition are:

- The organization is allowed to use the IKF logo for the recognized event
- The organization is allowed to use the phrase 'recognized by the IKF'
- Results will be included in IKF Press Releases if appropriate
- A well documented request for patronage or recognition should be sent to the IKF Office at least six months before the event is to take place.

4. Doping

4.1. The Exco will ensure that at IKF Events doping control is conducted in accordance with the IKF Anti-Doping Rules and Policy. The minimum number of tests at a tournament shall be equal to the number of participating teams. The requirement for conducting tests shall be written into the contract for the event that is signed between the IKF and the host national organisation.

5. World Games

5.1. The IKF undertakes to co-operate with the Organising Committee of The World Games in carrying out the technical organisation of the korfball competition and, as delegated by the body controlling The World Games, to supervise and control all the technical arrangements in accordance with the rules of those Games.

5.2. The qualification for The World Games shall be based on the results of the previous World Championship but may include additional play-offs.

6. Membership

6.1. The national organizations shall be obliged:

6.1.1. not to harm the interests of the IKF or one of its bodies, or the sport of korfball in general;

6.1.2. to accept and comply with all other obligations which the IKF undertakes on behalf of its members or which ensue from membership;

6.1.3. to include in their Statutes a provision that confirms the acceptance of the provisions of Article 6.1.1

6.1.4. to adopt any sanctions imposed by the IKF for the use of doping.

- 6.2. The national organizations shall be obliged, moreover, to include a provision in their Statutes by virtue of which:
- 6.2.1. the national organization shall have the power to undertake obligations on behalf of its own members;
 - 6.2.2. the national organization, on joining the IKF, shall accept on behalf of its own members the obligation to comply with the Statutes, Regulations, Bye-laws and Playing Rules of the IKF and the resolutions of each of its bodies;
 - 6.2.3. the members of the national organization, on joining that national organization, shall undertake to conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions laid down in 6.2.2.
- 6.3. The national organizations shall, furthermore, be obliged:
- 6.3.1. when desired, to give the Executive Committee or one of the other IKF bodies, on first request, full and correct information and data concerning the national organization and its members, both orally and in writing, insofar as IKF membership is concerned;
 - 6.3.2. to send the Executive Committee a copy of their Statutes and Regulations, their editions of the Playing Rules, official announcements, annual reports and other documents requested by the Executive Committee, and to ensure that the Executive Committee is notified of all alterations to their Statutes and Regulations, within three months of their adoption;
 - 6.3.3. to ensure that their Statutes and Regulations do not contain any provisions that are contrary to the IKF Statutes and/or Regulations;
 - 6.3.4. to abide by the conditions attached to the granting of membership, unless dispensation is given by the Executive Committee;
 - 6.3.5. to ensure that offices in a national organization are only held by members of that national organization;
 - 6.3.6. to notify the Executive Committee within fourteen days of any alterations in the composition of the committee of the national organization;
 - 6.3.7. to ensure that only candidates who are members of the national organization are proposed for offices in the IKF;
 - 6.3.8. to take responsibility for the financial obligations of their members towards the IKF;
 - 6.3.9. to send other national organizations, on request, their Statutes, Regulations and official announcements.

7. Subscriptions and levies

- 7.1. Statutory subscriptions and levies must be paid within 90 days following the invoice, unless payment terms are agreed between the National Association and the Executive Committee. For subscriptions and levies over 250 Euros, the IKF may issue invoices in three instalments.
- 7.2. The Executive Committee has the right to charge interest on any amount outstanding or in default.

7.3. Payment of subscriptions and levies must be accompanied each year by a declaration signed by the President and Secretary of the National Association stating the maximum number of members at any moment during the previous year and certifying that this information is true and correct.

7.4. Although the subscriptions are payable in Euros, the Executive Committee may agree that they be paid in another currency and in such case may fix the rate of exchange.

8. Extension of General Meeting term

8.1. The Council shall ask for permission in each General Meeting held in odd years to hold the next General Meeting not later than 23 months after the completion of the next calendar year for which an annual report is due.

9. Honorary Membership

9.1. Honorary Membership of the IKF is granted by the General Meeting if the person concerned has:

9.1.1. fulfilled a function within the IKF demanding a great deal of time and energy, for a period of at least 12 years, and to have fulfilled that function with obvious imagination and creativity; or

9.1.2. worked successfully in a certain country for a period of at least 10 years, on the introduction of korfbal and on the establishment of a well-structured organisation, or has been responsible for a spectacular korfbal development in that country.

10. Badge of Honour

10.1. The IKF Badge of Honour is awarded by the Council if the person concerned has:

10.1.1. fulfilled, with excellence, an IKF function for a period of at least 12 years, or has fulfilled a function as defined under byelaw 9.1 for a period less than 12 years, but for at least 6 years, or

10.1.2. fulfilled a function as defined under byelaw 9.1.1 for a period of less than 10 years, but for at least 5 years.

10.2. The Council may deviate from these guidelines in special circumstances.

11. Pin of Merit

11.1. The IKF Pin of Merit is awarded by the Exco in accordance with the following guidelines:

11.1.1. Persons who have fulfilled to the Exco's entire satisfaction a function within the IKF for at least 6 years but who do not qualify for the Badge of Honour;

11.1.2. IKF Referees who have served as such for at least 6 years and who have been very active during that period;

11.1.3. Presidents and/or members of Organising Committees of major IKF Championships;

11.1.4. Presidents or other Executive Committee members of member associations who have greatly contributed to the development of korfbal in their countries on

their retirement or on a special occasion such as an anniversary of their Association;

11.1.5. IKF Staff members who have served at the IKF office for a long period of time;

11.1.6. Persons inside or outside the korfbal world who have made a significant contribution to the development of korfbal or to the success of a major IKF event.

11.2. The Exco may deviate from these guidelines in special circumstances.

12. Committees

12.1. The IKF shall have the following committees in addition to those mentioned in the Statutes:

- Competitions Committee
- Playing Rules Committee;
- Referees and Referees Education Committee;
- Development Committee
- Coaching Education Committee;
- Marketing Committee;
- Medical Committee;
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Committee;

12.2. The duties, powers, working methods and number of members of these committees shall be defined by the Exco.

12.3. The Exco may decide to install working groups reporting to IKF Committees or Project Groups reporting directly to the Exco.

12.4. The members of all committees mentioned under 12.1 and working groups and project teams mentioned under 12.3 shall be appointed and dismissed by the Exco.

12.5. The chairman of a committee shall represent the committee and convene meetings when he or two other members deem it necessary, subject to the budgetary constraints imposed by the Treasurer.

12.6. The secretary of a committee shall notify the members of the meetings scheduled and shall be responsible for the correspondence and the minutes. He shall also arrange for a copy of the annual report to be sent to the Headquarters within fifteen days after completion of the financial year. He shall also send the Headquarters a copy of all committee meeting documents and minutes. All electronic communication between the Council, the Exco, the Headquarters, the Committees, the Working Group and the Project Groups shall have the same validity as postal communication.

12.7. The appointment of members of the committees referred to in this Byelaw under clause 12.3 shall each be for a period of two years, unless the mandate for the stipulated period is revoked or the appointment cancelled, before the end of that period.

12.8. In addition to Committee members, the Exco shall publish a list of international referees, instructors for coaching courses, instructors for referee courses and qualified jury members. Each list may be split into different categories.

13. Expenses

13.1. Delegates on behalf of the IKF that are subject to reimbursement of expenses include referees and jury members at IKF events, and instructors appointed by the IKF for a

specific course. Referees appointed by the IKF for events that are not under the jurisdiction of the IKF, including international matches, patronaged events and recognized events, shall not be reimbursed by the IKF unless explicitly stated by the Exco.

- 13.2. IKF Council members, committee members and delegates on behalf of the IKF shall not accept direct payment from other sources than the IKF unless approved by the Secretary General. Any payments offered should be channelled through the IKF.
- 13.3. In principle, travel expenses will be paid on the basis of public transport costs; this means that the most economic means of transport must be chosen. When use is made of a car, for reasons of efficiency (travelling whenever possible with two or more people), the kilometre allowance will be based on that set by the Exco.
- 13.4. If hotel accommodation is necessary, the cost of a middle class hotel (according to Western European standards) will be allowed for.
- 13.5. The cost of normal nutritious meals will be covered for activities lasting more than one full day.
- 13.6. General expenses such as postage, telephone, meetings etc. can be claimed at standard prices.

14. Rules of the Game

- 14.1. The main definition of korfbal is: "Korfbal is a sport played by hand within a rectangular field of play whereby a team of four female players and four male players tries to shoot a ball into a korf (basket). The sport's main characteristics encompass all-round skills, cooperative play, controlled physical contact and gender equality."
- 14.2. The basic characteristics of korfbal are:
 - Korfbal is ball sport played by hand.
 - Korfbal is aimed at a korf (basket)
 - Korfbal is aimed at a korf that can be approached from all sides.
 - Korfbal is aimed at a korf that is high enough to discourage dunking.
 - Korfbal is based on cooperative play.
 - Korfbal is a mixed team sport where men and women compete on equal terms.
 - Korfbal is a 4-4 duel within a rectangular division.
 - Korfbal is a sport where all-round skills are encouraged.
 - Korfbal is a sport where contact is controlled.
- 14.3. Apart from korfbal, the IKF also recognises and governs other disciplines of korfbal, including beach korfbal and outdoor korfbal.
- 14.4. The Executive Committee can instruct a national organization which observes the Rules of the Game inadequately, to ensure their observance. Such an instruction shall be carried out within three months of its receipt.
- 14.5. The national organisations are allowed to conduct playing rules experiments provided that these have been announced well in advance, have been approved by the IKF, and are reported on shortly after completion of the experiment.
- 14.6. The Council may decide to conduct playing rules experiments during World under 23 Championships and Continental under 21 or under 23 Championships.
- 14.7. The national organizations are obliged to send to the Executive Committee a copy of their edition of the Rules of the Game and of their official publications in so far as these

concern the observance, the correct interpretation and application of the Rules of the Game. The Executive Committee can instruct a national organization to revoke or revise all or part of these editions and official publications. Such an instruction shall be carried out within three months of its receipt.

14.8. The Executive Committee shall only take the decisions mentioned in this article after receipt of a reasoned advice of the Playing Rules Committee.

15. Continental Associations

15.1. The IKF recognized the Asian-Oceanian Korfball Federation on 16 July 1999.

15.2. The Asian-Oceanian Korfball Federation is responsible for the organisation of the Asian-Oceanian Championship and the Asian-Oceanian under 23 Championship.

15.3. The IKF has the right to form Continental Associations or Confederations and shall determine the area covered by such bodies.

16. Transfer of Players

16.1. No player is entitled to play in more than one national organisation at any one time. The Exco or Council may grant dispensation from this rule.

16.2. A player may only transfer from one national organisation (hereafter referred to as the former national organisation) to another national organisation (hereafter referred to as the new national organisation) with the formal permission of the former national organisation.

16.3. The new national organisation must apply for this permission to the former national organisation by mail, fax or e-mail. The former national organisation shall inform the new national organisation within two weeks, by mail, fax or e-mail whether or not permission is granted. If at the end of this period no reply has been received, permission is deemed to have been granted.

16.4. The former national organisation may only refuse permission if

16.4.1. it can prove that the relevant conditions of its own regulations have not been fully honoured, or

16.4.2. if, and for as long as, a player is undergoing a disciplinary punishment, or

16.4.3. the player has failed to fulfil his financial commitments within the organisation.

16.5. If the new national organisation judges that permission has been unjustly refused, the Exco, at the new national organisation's specific request, may, nevertheless, grant permission. The Exco's decision is binding and no appeal is possible.

17. Doping of Players

17.1. Doping as defined by the World Anti-Doping Association (WADA) Code and in the IKF Anti-Doping Rules is forbidden.

17.2. Players are obliged to submit to drug testing as described in the IKF Anti-Doping Rules and Policy.

17.3. Players shall not be allowed to participate in any IKF match if they refuse to submit themselves to unannounced drug testing (both in- and out-of-competition) by any body designated for that purpose.

17.4. All doping offences shall be reported to the authorised disciplinary body.

18. List of Referees

18.1. Each year the Exco draws up a list of IKF referees, following consultation with the Referees Committee.

18.2. The Exco may divide the IKF referees on the grounds of their experience into categories determined by the Exco.

18.3. Every national organisation may each year before 1st December, propose in writing the names of candidates, the actual number being set by the Exco, for inclusion on the IKF list of referees. The inclusion on the list may be subject to the payment of a fee to be determined by the Exco.

19. Advertising

19.1. Advertising is permitted on any of the clothing worn by players and team officials at a match or match series.

19.2. Limited advertising is permitted on any of the clothing worn by IKF referees and other officials at a match or match series.

19.3. Advertising at a match or match series is permitted on the field of play, on the posts and on the korfs.

19.4. All advertising mentioned under 1, 2 and 3 is subject to the conditions laid out in the IKF's Advertising Regulations. Furthermore, advertising on korfs is subject to the conditions laid down in the Korf Regulations and Competition Regulations.

20. Liability for Spectator Conduct

20.1. All member national organisations shall take note of, observe and shall be bound by the terms of the "Liability for Spectator Conduct" document that forms an appendix to these Bye-laws.