



IDO STATUTES

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Article 1: Name

The name of Association is International Dance Organization (hereinafter: IDO).

Article 2: Registered Office – Liability

The IDO is an independent non-profit organization under Danish law with its registered office / legal seat in the municipality of Slagelse, Zealand, Denmark.

The IDO is only liable for commitments made by the IDO on its own behalf; only available resources shall be a security against any liabilities of IDO. The members of the IDO are not liable for commitments of the IDO, but only for their membership fees.

Article 3: Aims and Objectives of the IDO

The aims and objectives of the IDO are to promote the art of dancing and dance sport in all its forms, including sport for all, and dancing competitions on an international level. IDO may exclude from its program-Standard and Latin American couple dancing, Rock'n Roll, Boogie-Woogie and Lindy Hop and other dance disciplines, if it is agreed in a "Memorandum of Understanding" and/or a "contract/agreement" with the relevant international body.

The IDO may enter affiliations with other international sports and culture organizations.

The IDO is politically and religiously neutral.

The IDO is committed to the principles and values of good governance and ensures that internationally recognized human rights are respected with a zero tolerance to any form of discrimination.

The IDO is committed to the principles and values of clean sport, implementing all procedures and standards of the World Anti-Doping Code – established by the World Anti-Doping Agency (hereinafter: WADA).

The IDO is always committed to the principles and values of fair play in all actions and decisions.

Detailed enactment, aims, and objectives are stipulated in the IDO By-Laws, IDO Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Procedures, and the IDO Code of Conduct.

Article 4: Language

The language of the IDO is English, and Danish when solely in relation with Danish authorities.

Article 5: Membership

IDO membership structure:

- Ordinary Members
 - Full Members
 - Full Members - Probationary Status
 - Department Members
 - Department Members - Probationary Status
 - Country Contact Person
- Affiliated Members

- Honorary Members

The IDO has different classes of membership. Detailed rules are contained in the By-Laws.

Ordinary Members

The IDO may elect as ordinary members such registered non-profit entities (federations, associations, organizations, etc.) from countries worldwide which are found to be the best representatives of the member country regarding the aims and objectives of the IDO. Ordinary Members are entitled to speak and vote at the General Assembly of IDO or its departments.

Unless decided otherwise by the General Assembly, each new Ordinary Member shall have probationary status until full membership is granted. An Ordinary Member with probationary status is entitled to speak and vote at the General Assembly of IDO and its departments.

The IDO Presidium may from time to time appoint a country Contact Person to represent a country where the IDO is not yet represented by an ordinary member. The Country Contact Person may act in his/her capacity exclusively as a representative of the IDO Presidium, without any competence to enter into agreements including financial transactions in the name of the IDO.

Other Types of Membership

The IDO may elect as Affiliated Members non-profit international entities (federations, associations, organizations, etc.) which may help to promote the aims and objectives of the IDO. Affiliate members are entitled to speak, but not to vote at General Assembly of IDO or its departments.

The IDO may elect as Honorary Members individuals who are found to have rendered outstanding services to the IDO or to the art of dancing and dance sport in all its forms. An honorary member is entitled to speak but not to vote at the General Assembly of IDO or its departments.

Termination of Membership

Membership – be it ordinary or probationary membership status, affiliated membership, or honorary membership – ceases when the member resigns from the IDO and in case of expulsion as stipulated in the By-Laws. Membership also ceases, if an honorary member dies or if an incorporated member is dissolved or subject to insolvency or similar proceedings.

Membership Fee

The IDO charges membership fees to its ordinary members and affiliated members as well as country contacts persons. The Presidium may decide, in its absolute discretion, to reduce or to lift / omit at any time payment of membership fee to a member if there are justified circumstances (i.e., Force majeure); in such case, the General Assembly shall be informed. Honorary members shall not pay membership fees. Membership fees are fixed by the General Assembly.

Members' Declaration of Acceptance

By joining the IDO as a member, the joining member accepts and shall be bound by these Statutes, By-Laws, Internal Acts, Rules & Regulations, as well as all resolutions and decisions passed by the General Assembly, the Department Assembly, Continental Conference, the Presidium, Committees, and other IDO bodies.

Article 6: IDO Structure

IDO is organized and may act through the following bodies' structure:

- a. The General Assembly
- b. The Presidium
- c. The Executive Presidium
- d. Honorary President
- e. Ambassadors
- f. Directors & Managers
- g. Committees
- h. Commissions
- i. Internal Revisors
- j. External Auditor
- k. Continental Conferences
- l. The Department Assembly
- m. The Department Boards

Detailed rules for each of the listed IDO Bodies are contained in the By-Laws.

Equality policy (as understood with the principles of UN Women's Sport for Generation Equality initiative) should be respected in the composition of any IDO body. The body composition should strive to continental / geographical representation balance as well.

A particular person can act at the same time a maximum of two (2) elected / appointed positions.

Article 7: General Assembly

The affairs of the IDO are governed by IDO Members through the General Assembly.

The General Assembly is the highest body of the IDO and has the ultimate and supreme legislative authority in respect of the business affairs of IDO which it shall be in accordance with these Statutes and By-Laws.

Meetings of the General Assembly are held at the location/venue (including virtual) which the Presidium decides.

The ordinary meeting of the General Assembly is held once a year and shall include examination and approval of accounts, fixing of membership fees and when it occurs, election of members of the Presidium, Internal Revisor(s) and External Auditor.

An extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly is called when the Presidium so decides or when a minimum of fifteen (15) Members informs the Presidium of their wish for a general meeting to be held.

Any meeting of the General Assembly shall be called (date, venue) by e-mail not less than four (4) months before the date of the meeting.

At any meeting of the General Assembly each Ordinary Member has one (1) vote per Dance Departments which is administered by such member. Voting rights may be exercised as stipulated in the By-Laws.

Resolutions at General Assembly are passed by a simple majority of the votes of Members present with the right to vote, unless a higher majority is required by Danish law, Statutes or By-Laws. Any alteration of Statutes and By-Laws requires a majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the members present at the meeting of the General Assembly with the right to vote.

For the dissolution of the IDO a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes of all Members with the right to vote is required.

Closed (limited) Proxy to vote at General Assembly may be given to other members with the right to vote. The number of proxies held by any person is limited to one (1). Proxies cannot be used in the elections of members of the Presidium, Internal Revisor(s) and External Auditor, and in dissolution of the IDO.

Minutes shall be kept of every General Assembly held and be published immediately thereafter, but not later than thirty (30) days after the meeting of the General Assembly.

Article 8: The Presidium

The Presidium consists of the President, the Senior Vice President, six (6) Vice Presidents and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer, all with the rights to vote. Furthermore, each Chairperson of a Dance Department and each Chairperson of a Continental Conference is an ex-officio member of the Presidium without rights to vote (as stipulated in the By-Laws).

The General Assembly elects the President, Senior Vice President, Executive Secretary/Treasurer and six (6) Vice Presidents with or without special areas of responsibility. The special areas of responsibilities are decided by the Presidium.

The Department Assembly elects the Chairperson of a Dance Department.

The Continental Conference elects the Chairperson of the Continental Conference.

The Presidium oversees the management of the day-to-day business of the IDO between meetings of the General Assembly, to call a General Assembly and to perform all tasks given to the Presidium under these Statutes, By-Laws, Internal Acts, Rules and Regulations, General Meetings Resolutions, and Decisions.

The Presidium is responsible to the General Assembly.

The President, the Senior Vice President, and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer form the Executive Presidium which oversees the day-to-day business of the IDO and authorized to exercise all powers granted by the Presidium.

Presidium members are elected for a term of four (4) years and may be re-elected. Except for the ex-officio members, all members of the Presidium are elected in a staggered system as stipulated in the By-Laws.

Article 9: Committees

Committees for permanent tasks (such as a Disciplinary and Ethics Committee and Appeal Committee) are installed by the General Assembly, while other type committees may be installed by General Assembly. Details rules are stipulated in the IDO By-Laws.

Article 10: Representation of IDO / Signing Authority

In all its business affairs, the IDO is bound by the President with co-signature of the Senior Vice President or the Executive Secretary/Treasurer, or by the Senior Vice President with co-signature of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

In all matters regarding revenue and expenditure, the Executive Secretary/Treasurer has single-signing authority in the ordinary course of business. For any single or revolving expenditure or transaction beyond the ordinary course of business, the Executive Secretary/Treasurer must obtain the co-signature of the President or the Senior Vice President.

Article 11: Financial Provisions

The financial year of the IDO is the calendar year (begins on the first (1st) day of January and ends on the thirty-first (31st) day of December of the same year).

The books and accounts of the IDO shall be managed by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer in accordance with prudent commercial procedures.

The Executive Secretary/Treasurer must present a financial report for the elapsed fiscal year and an annual budget for the following fiscal year to every Ordinary General Assembly.

The financial report for the elapsed fiscal year shall be reviewed by two (2) internal revisors who are elected for a term of two (2) years and may be 're-elected by' and 'responsible to' the General Assembly. Candidates for internal revisors cannot be from the same country as elected persons in the Presidium.

The annual financial statements shall be audited by an - independent of IDO - external Danish State Authorized Auditor who is elected by the General Assembly for a term of two (2) years.

Any expenditure of the IDO shall only be made in accordance with the aims and objectives of the IDO as a non-profit organization.

The Danish Krone is the currency of reference for the IDO. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer has the right to use other currency if financial situations require so.

Elected members of the IDO bodies' structure, do not receive any salary for their services. Reasonable compensation for expenses may be granted as stipulated in the By-Laws or, in accordance with guidelines set by the Presidium.

IDO is the sole holder of marketing rights, licensing, intellectual property rights, trademark, audio-visual and sound-broadcasting rights, and other rights associated with the IDO activities; these includes the production, duplication, dissemination and broadcasting of pictures, sound, or data carriers of any kind by IDO. The Presidium controls the granting of any rights.

Article 12: Liquidation

If a resolution is passed to dissolve the IDO, all outstanding liabilities of the IDO shall be covered by the sale of assets. All remaining net assets will be offered to another non-profit association with the same or similar aims as the IDO. The offer will be free of charge. If no such non-profit association exists, or that an agreement cannot be reached by simple majority vote, the assets will be given to charity.

Article 13: IDO Official Documents

In addition to these Statutes, By-Laws and Dance Sport Rules & Regulations, IDO may regulate its own activities worldwide through enactment of various Internal Acts, Rules and Regulations, resolutions, and decisions.

Article 14: Dispute Resolutions / Jurisdiction

In case of any dispute between members of the IDO, between members and bodies of the IDO or between members of bodies of the IDO, the attempt shall be made to reach an amicable solution, possibly with the assistance of internal or external mediation. If this is not the Court of Arbitration for Sport (hereinafter: CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland shall have exclusive jurisdiction. The CAS shall only intervene in its capacity as an ordinary court of arbitration if the dispute does not fall within the competence of an IDO body. The CAS is not competent to deal with matters related to the application of sporting/competition Dance Sport Rules and Regulations.

Article 15: Final Provisions

These Statutes shall be governed in all respects by Danish law. The Danish law applies to any relation between the Member and the IDO, unless otherwise specifically agreed or defined by these Statutes.

Unless the context otherwise requires in these Statutes the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, and the use of the masculine form shall be interpreted also to refer to the feminine.

These Statutes shall be published and publicly accessible on official IDO website.

These Statutes may be changed or amended by the IDO General Assembly with a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present in the Meeting of the General Assembly and entitled to vote.

Article 16: Enforcement

These Statutes have been passed and adopted at the IDO Annual General Meeting (General Assembly) in Copenhagen, Denmark on 12 July 2022. They have come into effect with the conclusion of such Annual General Meeting (General Assembly).