



IOA STATUTES

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Article I – The IOA

- 1.1 The International Off-road Association (IOA), a non-profit organization, aims to provide governance of off-road racing and bring together off-road racing series, promoters, teams, and other associations.
- 1.2 The IOA shall promote the protection of racers, teams, and promoters and refrain from manifesting discrimination on account of race, skin color, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic or social origin, language, religion, philosophical or political opinion, family situation or disability during its activities and from taking any action in this respect.
- 1.3 The IOA shall respect the highest standards of governance, transparency, and democracy, including anticorruption functions and procedures.

Article II – Aim of the IOA

The aim of the IOA shall be to establish a union between its members, chiefly with a view to:

- 2.1 Maintain a global organization upholding the interests of its members in all international matters concerning off-road racing of competitive motorsport.
- 2.2 Promoting affordable, safe, and clean competition, and defending the rights and safety of all off-road users regardless of their racing class.
- 2.3 Promoting the development of off-road racing, improving safety in off-road racing, enacting, interpreting, and enforcing common rules applicable to the organization and the fair and equitable running of off-road racing competitions.
- 2.4 Developing, regulating, controlling, and enforcing discipline across all virtual/electronic off-road racing activities and competitions under all forms and organizing championships in virtual/electronic off-road racing.
- 2.5 Promoting the development of the facilities and services of the member clubs, associations, and federations of the IOA and the coordination of reciprocal services between members for the benefit of their individual members when traveling abroad.
- 2.6 Exercising authority pursuant to disputes of an off-road racing nature and any disputes which might arise between its members, or in relation to any of its members having contravened the obligations laid down by the statutes, the International Sporting Code, and the regulations.
- 2.7 Preserving and conserving all documents and artefacts concerning off-road racing to retrace its history.
- 2.8 Encouraging and supporting a responsible concern for environmental issues and promoting sustainable development in its activities.



- 2.9 Promoting the following values: Member-orientation, collaboration, trust, excellence, and innovation.

Article III – Composition of the IOA

May be members of the IOA:

Members entitled to vote:

- 3.1 The established national/international Promoters that are Members of the IOA.
- 3.1.1 There can only be one Promoter per event. Its activity must embrace the entirety of off-road racing and cover mobility assistance, tourism (which may include camping) and an advocacy role in the interest of users and their safety on one hand, and off-road racing on the other. Moreover, the IOA must have granted it authority to exercise Sporting Power.
- 3.1.2 A Promoter only loses its bid authority if, no longer fulfilling all the above-mentioned conditions, the General Assembly of the IOA so decides.
- 3.1.3 The exercise of the Sporting Power shall be granted by the IOA to the Promoter.
- a. Save in exceptional circumstances (on which the President of the IOA and the General Assembly will have been consulted beforehand), provided that the Promoter has demonstrated a permanent off-road activity over the last three years at least; and
- b. In any case, on condition that the holder exercises the said power in the interests of international off-road racing and in accordance with the statutes and regulations of the IOA.
- 3.1.4 The exercise of the Sporting Power may be withdrawn:
- a. At the request of the Promoter holding the Sporting Power
- b. By appeal of the General Assembly
- c. In pursuance of Article 4.4 hereto. A Promoter which, through a decision of the General Assembly, would no longer be authorized to exercise one of the normal activities of a Promoter as specified above, shall no longer be entitled to take part in the discussions and votes on questions and matters which are no longer within its competence, but shall however be allowed to submit proposals relating to these questions and matters.
- 3.2 CEO, President, and Vice President
- 3.3 Elected members of the General Assembly



- 3.4 Members of the IOA after their first 2 years of being a member have surpassed.

Associated Members not entitled to vote:

- 3.5 Any new Member is initially without the right to vote for 2 years.
- 3.6 Any Promoter, Club, Team, Association or Federation which satisfies the requirements of Articles 3.1, 3.2, or 3.3 hereto, which has honored its financial obligations, and which may apply to become an Associate Member for an indefinite period.
- 3.7 Associate Members may not vote at the General Assembly. They may not enter any World Championship competition on the sporting calendar, nor may the travel and hotel expenses of any member of their delegation for attending a General Assembly be reimbursed. In all other respects, their rights and obligations shall be those of the full Members.

Article IV – Sporting Power

- 4.1 The General Assembly of the IOA shall be the sole international body governing off-road racing, i.e., it shall hold the exclusive right to take all decisions concerning the organization, direction, and management of international off-road racing.
- 4.2 The IOA shall recognize one holder of the Sporting Power per event which under all circumstances shall remain responsible to the IOA pursuant to the IOA Statutes and regulations. The holder of the Sporting Power is the direct off-road racing representative and exclusive authority for its event within the IOA. It is the sole entity entitled to govern off-road racing and enforce at its event the International Sporting Code and all other IOA regulations required for the development and organization of off-road racing competitions and for the implementation of the applicable judicial and disciplinary proceedings.
- 4.3 The holder of the Sporting Power may ask the IOA for authorization to renounce this Power. If the General Assembly grants this authorization, it is incumbent on the General Assembly to designate and admit within the IOA the organization which will henceforth exercise this power.
- 4.4 Upon the decision of the General Assembly, the exercise of the Sporting Power shall be withdrawn, either temporarily or definitively, from any promoter failing to comply with the decisions of the IOA.



Article V – Exercising the Sporting Power

- 5.1 Normally, whichever Member has been entitled to exercise the Sporting Power shall exercise the said power directly and throughout its event through its “Sporting Commission” which constitutes a special executive body. The IOA must be kept informed of the composition of that body.
- 5.2 On proposal, the General Assembly exceptionally may decide that the Sporting Power be delegated to an organization other than the holder of the Sporting Power:
 - a. If the holder of the Sporting Power so requests, or
 - b. If the situation so requires, subject to prior consultation of the President of the IOA and the holder of the Sporting Power.
- 5.2.2 The organization to which the Sporting Power may be delegated must demonstrate a permanent off-road activity over the last three years at least, save in exceptional circumstances.
- 5.2.3 The delegation may be:
 - a. Total (i.e., covering all racing activities), and in favor of one single organization functioning throughout the event.
- 5.2.4 The Promoter, having received authority to delegate its Sporting Power, shall remain the holder of the said Power, and consequently shall remain responsible to the IOA for the use made of the Power.
- 5.2.5 Delegations are temporary. They may be revoked by decision of the IOA at the request of the holder or, failing such a request, if the situation so requires.

Article VI – Obligations to the IOA

- 6.1 Members of the IOA shall agree to abide without reservation by the Statutes. They shall undertake to do this when they file their application for membership.
- 6.2 They shall also undertake to accept, observe, and enforce all decisions taken by the IOA.
- 6.3 Members of the IOA must send to the administration of the IOA a list of their affiliated groups and report all changes to that list. They may only accept as affiliated groups those which adhere to the Statutes, to the general regulations established by the IOA and to the appendices thereto.
- 6.4 In the teams represented within the IOA, the Conventions regarding IOA customs documents shall be reserved for its Members.
- 6.5 All persons involved in IOA activities shall be obliged to comply with the IOA Statutes, rules, regulations, and decisions.



Article VII – Structure of the IOA

- 7.1 The structure of the IOA shall be the following:
 - a. CEO
 - b. President
 - c. Vice President
 - d. General Assembly
 - e. Administration
- 7.2 Any individual wishing to hold office within one of the bodies listed in Article 7.1 hereto must be under 70 years of age on the day of the election (or re-election) or of the appointment (or renewal of appointment).

Article VIII – General Assembly

- 8.1 Composition
 - 8.1.1 The General Assembly of the IOA shall be the following:
 - a. President (1 seat, elected every 4 years)
 - b. Vice President (1 seat, elected every 2 years)
 - c. Drivers (4 seats, elected every 2 years)
 - d. Manufacturer (2 seats, elected every year)
 - e. Promoter (1 seat, elected every year)
 - f. After Market parts Manufacturer (1 seat, elected every year)
 - 8.1.2 In addition, the President of the IOA may decide to invite to the General Assembly any person who, either by the body he represents or by his own personality, may bring useful assistance to the General Assembly.
- 8.2 Holding the General Assembly
 - 8.2.1 The Ordinary General Assembly shall be held annually.
 - 8.2.2 Each year, this Assembly shall fix the date and venue for the following Ordinary General Assembly. It may decide also to call, over the year, meetings of other Extraordinary General Assemblies, for which it shall also fix the dates and venues.
 - 8.2.3 Furthermore, either at the justified request of the Members, or following an appropriate resolution of the General Assembly, the President shall convene at the Headquarters of the IOA an Extraordinary General Assembly which shall meet within a period of 90 days from the decision or the request which shall include a well-founded draft agenda. To this compulsory agenda, each Member of the General Assembly may add any item it shall deem advisable to be dealt with by the Extraordinary General Assembly.



8.3 Convening Notice

8.3.1 Notices convening Ordinary General Assemblies shall be sent to Members of the General Assembly 60 days before the date fixed for the meeting. This period shall be reduced to 45 days for notices convening Extraordinary General Assemblies, which must be accompanied by a complete agenda.

8.4 Remote voting before the meeting and vote by electronic data transmission during the meeting.

8.4.1 The General Assembly may decide that Members may (i) vote online remotely before the meeting and/or (ii) participate and vote remotely during the meeting through electronic data transmission means (teleconference, videoconference and any other telecommunication means allowing for their identification and actual participation). Members not attending the meeting in person may only grant proxy. Under no circumstances may a member, having voted remotely online before the meeting, vote again during the meeting.

Article IX – Terms of Reference of the General Assembly

The General Assembly shall have sovereign rights. Its main terms of reference shall be the following:

- 9.1 To determine the location of the IOA headquarters.
- 9.2 To establish a Code of Ethics.
- 9.3 To approve the accounts of the previous fiscal year and the budget for the following year.
- 9.4 To elect by an absolute majority the seats of the General Assembly, a list which shall consist of:
 - a. The President (4-year term) of the IOA standing as leader of the list.
 - b. The Vice President (2-year term)
 - c. Four Driver seats (2-year term)
 - d. Two manufacturer seat (1 year term)
 - e. One Promoter seat (1 year term)
 - f. One aftermarket parts manufacturer seat (1 year term)
- 9.4.2 These persons may be re-elected twice making a total of three terms of office, whether consecutive or not, in the same position.
- 9.5 A list shall only be submitted to the General Assembly if it satisfies the following condition:



- a. Have the support of at least six members.
- 9.5.2 To that purpose, any IOA member entitled to vote may only support one list submitted to the General Assembly as set out above.
- 9.5.3 If no list obtains an absolute majority, only two lists that polled the most votes will remain in competition, and a second round of voting will be conducted in which the candidates on the list that obtains a simple majority of the votes cast will be elected.
- 9.5.4 Nominees must demonstrate at least two of the following:
 - a. Recent/current off-road racing experience
 - b. Broad experience in sports law
 - c. Broad experience in matters of finance or accounting
 - d. Broad experience in matters of ethics
 - e. Outstanding integrity
 - f. An extreme passion for off-road racing
- 9.5.5 There must not be anything in the nominees' record that calls into question their professional integrity.
- 9.6 To approve the admission of new members into the IOA
- 9.7 To approve the Internal Regulations of the IOA
- 9.8 To Approve any amendments to the International Sporting Code, apart from its appendices.
- 9.9 To approve the IOA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.
- 9.10 To manage the funds provided for in the budget for the operation of the IOA.
- 9.11 To (i) decide that the Members may vote online remotely before the meeting and/or participate and vote remotely during the meeting through electronic data transmission means, (ii) determine the practical arrangements of such voting methods and (iii) decide, as the case may be, that the General Assembly shall be held exclusively remotely by means of electronic data transmission with no physical presence.
- 9.12 To establish if required Permanent or Ad Hoc Commissions or Working Groups to assist the work of the General Assembly.
- 9.13 To present recommendations for the admission and the striking off the rolls or expulsion of IOA members.
- 9.14 To see to the enforcement of the Statutes and the International Sporting Code.
- 9.15 To settle any sporting questions
- 9.16 To forward and distribute decisions made by the IOA to its Members.
- 9.17 To manage the funds provided for in the budget for the operation of the sport.
- 9.18 To approve the International Sporting Calendar.
- 9.19 To approve the Regulations and the list of competitions counting towards the IOA Championships, Cups, Challenges and Trophies, and to recognize their results.



- 9.20 To ensure that all records submitted under its authority are recognized as rapidly as possible.
- 9.21 To establish and obtain approval of the IOA Internal Regulations concerning sporting activities.
- 9.22 Close the accounts for the last accounting period; study and supervise all IOA financial issues in general, including those related to the relationships between the IOA and other IOA-related entities, at the request of the IOA President, on its own initiative or as requested by law.
- 9.23 Prepare the draft budgets to be submitted and check the management of said budget.
- 9.24 On the initiative of the IOA President or on its own initiatives, review the management of IOA portfolios (including any financial investments).
- 9.25 To study the policy for risk management and is authorized to appoint external advisors to that end.
- 9.26 Authorize beforehand any investments or withdrawals of investments not provided for in the annual budget, or any conclusion of contracts or any undertakings not provided for in the annual budget, which would be decided by the IOA President and would in aggregate exceed \$500,000 US Dollars.
- 9.27 On the initiative of the IOA President or on its own initiative, study all general problems of IOA policy. It shall submit its recommendations to the President of the IOA.
- 9.28 Consider all commercial and promotional proposals for IOA championships and series.
 - 9.28.1 Examine such proposals to ensure that they are consistent with competition policies and avoid commercial conflicts of interest.
 - 9.28.2 Make recommendations on such proposals before approval of the championship or series in question.
- 9.29 The General Assembly may establish a committee that may be composed of persons who are not Members and chosen for their skills, to assist its work as required.
- 9.30 Examination of the validity of the payments related to the financial commitments of the Members.
- 9.31 Examination of the list of those Members authorized to vote.
- 9.32 Any Member of the General Assembly who has, or appears to have, a financial or personal conflict of interest regarding any proposal submitted in the meeting must:
 - a. Declare this.
 - b. Withdraw from the meeting for that proposal unless expressly invited to remain to provide information.



- c. Not be counted as a voting member for the purpose to determine the quorum for that part of the meeting.
- d. Withdraw during the vote, unless expressly invited to stay, and have no vote on the matter.

Should the President of the IOA have, or appear to have, a financial or personal conflict of interest regarding any proposal, the most senior in age non-conflicted member remaining shall serve as acting President of the IOA for the purpose of examining the proposal.

- 9.32 The General Assembly deliberates validly only in the presence of more than half its voting members.
- 9.33 It may suggest amendments to the IOA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, to the IOA Statutes or to the Regulations.
- 9.34 It examines any grounds for complaint against members of the IOA who may be accused of having failed to comply with their obligations.

Article X – Agenda of the General Assembly

10.1 Ordinary General Assembly

- 10.1.1 The agenda of the Ordinary General Assembly shall be sent to the Members 15 days before the date fixed for the meeting and must be accompanied by a report stating the proposals which will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.
- 10.1.2 The agenda must mention clearly, opposite each item, which of the Members are entitled to cast their vote on the question.
- 10.1.3 In order to be placed on the agenda for an Ordinary General Assembly, an item submitted by an IOA Member must reach the IOA Administration 45 days at least before the date fixed for the meeting, except for proposals which the IOA President might consider to be particularly interesting and urgent, subject to the agreement of the majority of Members.
- 10.1.4 The proposals on the agenda must be sufficiently detailed to permit a prior study of the matter.

10.2 Extraordinary General Assembly

- 10.2.1 The agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly shall be sent to the Members 15 days before the date fixed for the meeting.
- 10.2.2 The proposals on the agenda must be sufficiently detailed to permit a prior study of the matter.
- 10.2.3 Any proposal concerning amendments to the Statutes must necessarily be placed on the original agenda sent to all Members 15 days before the



meeting. No proposal of that nature can be added to the agenda during the meeting of the General Assembly.

Article XI – Voting at General Assemblies

- 11.1 The decisions of the General Assemblies, both Ordinary and Extraordinary, shall be carried by an absolute majority apart from the exceptions provided for hereto. In the event of a tie, the President of the IOA shall have the casting vote.
- 11.2 An absolute majority is made up of at least half plus one of the votes which may be cast at the General Assembly in accordance hereto by the Members present.
- 11.3 A simple majority in the cases provided for hereto is obtained when, in the same conditions, the number of votes cast in favor is greater than the number of votes cast against.
- 11.4 Votes on items added to the agenda shall only be valid if at least half the Members are attending, either in person or through electronic data transmission means, the General Assembly at the moment of the vote.
- 11.5 The number of votes cast in each election shall be announced at the meeting and published in the minutes.
- 11.6 For the General Assembly, the quorum shall be set at one third if the IOA members are entitled to vote.
- 11.7 Without prejudice to article 11.4, Members either voting remotely online before the meeting or participating to the meeting remotely through electronic data transmission means (when possible) shall be deemed present for purposes of quorum and majority requirements.

Article XII – Ethics

- 12.1 Upon complaints from one of the IOA Parties or Third parties regarding any alleged breach of the ethical principles as contained in the IOA Statutes, International Sporting Code and Regulations, or on its own initiative, the General Assembly investigates and assesses the given situation and submits a report to the President of the IOA, who may decide to take further action. A copy of this report will be submitted to the members of the IOA, the complainant and the person implicated for information.
 - 12.1.1 The IOA Parties are defined as follows:
 - a. The IOA and each of its members.
 - b. The IOA Administration (employees).



- c. The officials and delegates appointed by the IOA within its Championships.
 - d. The IOA consultants.
 - e. Any person or organization belonging in any capacity whatsoever to the IOA or to one of its members.
- 12.1.2 The IOA Third Parties are defined as follows:
 - a. Partners.
 - b. Suppliers.
 - c. Any other IOA contracting party.
- 12.1.3 The statute of limitations set out in the IOA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules (five years) applies to infringements of the ethical principles as contained in the IOA Statutes, the International Sporting Code, and the Regulations.
- 12.1.4 Any complaint must be submitted to the General Assembly as soon as possible and at the latest one year after the complainant has gained knowledge of the facts supporting the complaint. Once that deadline has passed, the President of the IOA still has the capacity to launch an investigation on its own initiative if it considers that the reported facts require such action.
- 12.1.5 It is the sole discretion of the General Assembly to determine the date of knowledge of the facts by the complainant.
- 12.1.6 In compliance with the IOA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, if the President of the IOA or any other person appearing on the presidential list is the subject of an investigation, the report will be submitted to the rest of the General Assembly, who may decide to take further action. A copy of this report will be submitted to the complainant and the person implicated for information.
- 12.2 An Ethics Committee shall be convened by the President of the IOA whenever he considers it necessary and at least once a year.
 - 12.2.1 However, at the request of the General Assembly or of at least sixty percent of its voting members, it must be convened by the President of the IOA, at the latest within twenty days following the request.
 - 12.2.2 The agenda of the Ethics Committee meetings is drawn up by the President of the IOA. He must enter on the agenda of the Ethics Committee meeting any questions submitted by the General Assembly or by at least sixty percent of its voting members.
 - 12.2.3 Any member of the Ethics Committee who has a financial or personal conflict of interest regarding any proposal submitted in the meeting must declare this and abstain from participating in deliberation and voting on the said proposal.



- 12.2.4 The Ethics Committee deliberates validly only in the presence of more than half of its voting members.
- 12.2.5 Decisions of the Ethics Committee shall be carried by an absolute majority. In the event of a tie, the President of the IOA shall have the casting vote.
- 12.2.6 If the President of the IOA so decides, the Ethics Committee may hold its meetings in the form of a conference call or videoconference or other electronic means, subject to at least two thirds of the members of the General Assembly being in attendance in person unless agreed by the President of the IOA.
- 12.2.7 In case of urgency, the adoption of a decision may be taken using electronic means (email, fax, etc.), should the President of the IOA so decide, unless more than one third of the members eligible to vote request a formal meeting which may be in person or held in the form of a teleconference, videoconference or other electronic means.
- 12.2.8 The President of the IOA may invite members of the IOA Administration to attend Ethics Committee meetings, without voting rights.

Article XIII – President, Vice President

- 13.1 The President of the IOA is endowed with the broadest powers in respect of third parties to act in all circumstances on behalf of the IOA within the limits of its business and subject to powers expressly granted to other bodies of the IOA under the terms hereto.
- 13.2 The President of the IOA, assisted by the Vice President, and the Chief Executive Officer, is responsible for the management of the IOA. The President of the IOA authorizes expenditure.
- 13.3 The President of the IOA represents the IOA in all circumstances, in all acts of civil life and before the courts.
- 13.4 The President of the IOA may delegate some of his powers. However, in the absence of the President of the IOA, in matters of legal proceedings the IOA may be represented only by an agent acting by virtue of a special proxy.
- 13.5 The President of the IOA presides over the General Assembly.
- 13.6 The President of the IOA may assign missions and delegate specific responsibilities to the Vice President of the IOA.
- 13.7 The President of the IOA may attend, without voting rights, any meeting of the IOA.



- 13.8 The President of the IOA may not serve more than three terms of office, whether consecutive or not, i.e., a maximum duration of 12 years, subject always to Article 13.10.
- 13.9 If during his term of office the President of the IOA were permanently prevented from continuing in his duties or were to resign, an Extraordinary General Assembly must be held for the election of the President alone, within a period of not less than 2 months and not exceeding 4 months as from the date of the prevention or resignation. In the meantime, the Vice President assisted by the General Assembly shall deal with day-to-day business.
- 13.10 This Extraordinary General Assembly will elect, for the remainder of the term of office, The President of the IOA alone from among the candidatures that will be presented for that position by the IOA Members. This remainder of the term shall not be considered in the sense of Article 13.8 hereto.

Article XIV – Court of Appeal

- 14.1 The Court of Appeal shall be entrusted with judging definitively any dispute or conflict resulting from the application of the present Statutes, of the Statutes of the body governed by US law, of the International Sporting Code, and more generally of the rules and regulations decreed by the IOA, with settling any dispute relating to IOA activities, and with hearing any litigation which may be submitted to it by the President of the IOA.
- 14.2 The prerogatives, composition and operating procedure of the Court of Appeal are defined in the Judicial and Disciplinary Rules approved by the General Assembly.

Article XV – The Founding Members Club

- 15.1 *Composition:* The Founding Members' Club shall consist of a representative from each of the founding Members of the IOA.
- 15.2 *Presidency*
- 15.2.1 The Presidency of the Founding Members' Club shall be exercised by one of the founding members for a two-year period, but no more than once over a ten-year period.
- 15.2.2 The President shall be assisted by two Vice-Presidents who shall be designated by the President every two years from among the founding members.



- 15.2.3 The President and the two Vice-Presidents shall propose the President's successor.
- 15.3 *Missions:* The Founding Members' Club shall have the missions of:
- a. Preserving the history and heritage of the IOA, consistent with Article 2.7 hereto.
 - b. Initiating events and celebrations in relation to the history and heritage of the IOA.
 - c. Giving advice, at request of the President of the IOA, on matters relating to the IOA's traditions and fundamental principles.
- 15.4 The Founding Members' Club may appoint a working group, made up of representatives of the Members of the IOA and/or experts, to conduct any of the abovementioned missions.
- 15.5 The Founding Members' Club shall be convened by its President whenever he deems it necessary and at least once a year.
- 15.6 The Founding Members' Club may invite former Presidents of member organizations of the Founding Members' Club to attend its meetings.

Article XVI – Administration

- 16.1 The administrative business shall be managed at the IOA Headquarters, to which all correspondence must be addressed.
- 16.1.1 This Administration is placed under the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer.
- 16.1.2 Under the direct authority of the President of the IOA, the above coordinates the operation of the administration of the IOA and its activities (including those of the body governed by US law called International Off-road Association (IOA)) and ensures that decisions made by the IOA bodies are implemented.
- 16.1.3 The Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the President of the IOA in agreement with the General Assembly and dismissed by the President of the IOA in agreement with the General Assembly.
- 16.1.4 He may attend any meeting of the IOA bodies in a consultative capacity.
- 16.1.5 The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for implementing IOA general policies defined by the IOA President and the General Assembly.
- 16.1.6 He shall maintain contact with affiliated Members and various organizations with which the IOA collaborates on in all matters relating to off-road racing.
- 16.1.7 He is responsible for the fulfillment of all IOA administrative tasks in all IOA activities.



- 16.2 The Compliance Officer is appointed and dismissed by the President of the IOA, in agreement with the General Assembly.
- 16.2.1 The Compliance Officer may attend any meeting of the IOA bodies as an observer.
- 16.2.2 Under the direct authority of the President of the IOA, the Compliance Officer is tasked with ensuring compliance with:
- a. The IOA rules; and
 - b. Policies and procedures within the organization
- And for reviewing and assessing compliance issues or concerns.
- 16.2.3 The Compliance Officer also acts as an advisor to the IOA President, Vice President and the Chief Executive Officer (clarifying the risk associated with potential decisions and proposed course of action) and as the main contact of the Ethics Committee within the IOA.
- 16.2.4 The Compliance Officer shall assist the Ethics Committee, upon its request, in its work and report to the Ethics Committee in this respect.
- 16.2.5 The Compliance Officer shall investigate any suspected irregularities and make a report to the IOA President. In the event of suspected irregularities concerning the IOA President or any other person appearing on the presidential list, the Compliance Officer will make a report to the General Assembly and the Ethics Committee.
- 16.2.6 The Compliance Officer has the duty to report to the Ethics Committee any facts brought to its attention which may fall within their respective remit.
- 16.2.7 The Compliance Officer shall review regularly, and at least annually, the compliance with the best practices throughout the organization. A copy of the annual report of this review will be submitted to the members of the IOA and the General Assembly.
- 16.3 The personnel of the IOA Administration shall be hired, dismissed, and directed by the President of the IOA. They shall be remunerated by the IOA budget.

Article XVII – Finances

- 17.1 Resources: IOA resources shall be derived from:
- a. Annual subscriptions paid by its members.
 - b. Income and interest from any personal estate or real estate which the IOA might own.



- c. Any fees and taxes which the General Assembly should decide to collect.
- d. Income arising directly or indirectly from sporting activities, including IOA Championships.
- e. Charter fees for race teams and members
- f. Income derived from selling content to partners and sponsors.

17.2 Subscriptions

17.2.1 The subscription of each IOA Member shall be payable by March 31st of each year.

17.2.2 The annual General Assembly shall fix the scale.

17.2.3 On April 1st of each year, the Members, Clubs, Associations or Federations which have not yet paid their subscriptions shall be notified that they must affect their settlements.

17.3 Automatic suspension: Members of the IOA which have not paid to the IOA any debt of an amount greater than \$1000 US dollars at the latest 120 days after its due date, save in exceptional circumstances that are duly justified (at the discretion of the General Assembly) or in the event of an alternative payment plan approved by the General Assembly, shall automatically be suspended after a formal demand by registered letter is sent with official acknowledgement of receipt or by any other means providing proof of receipt of the formal demand.

17.3.1 Suspension shall entail:

- a. Loss of the right to vote at the General Assembly.
- b. Incapacity to apply for the registration of a competition on the International Sporting Calendar (including World Championships).
- c. Non-refunding of travel and hotel expenses for taking part in the General Assembly or in any other IOA meeting for which costs are normally refunded.
- d. Incapacity to propose candidates on a presidential list or to support a candidate in the presidential election.
- e. Incapacity to propose candidates for election to any IOA body.
- f. Incapacity for its elected representatives to take part in meetings of the IOA bodies.
- g. Incapacity to apply to the IOA for funding.
- h. Incapacity to use the IOA logo with effect from 6 months from the date of entry into force of the suspension.
- i. And the consequences listed in Article 11 of the IOA Internal Regulations

17.3.2 Such Members shall cease to be suspended as soon as all debts justifying the automatic suspension have been paid. Of exception:



- a. The consequences of the automatic suspension as referred to in points a, b, and c, of Article 17.3.1 hereto are definitive if the Members concerned remain suspended 15 days before the date of the said General Assembly; and
 - b. The consequences of the automatic suspension as referred to in points d and e or Article 17.3.1 hereto are definitive if the Members concerned remain suspended respectively by the deadline for proposing a candidate or by the deadline for supporting a presidential list.
- 17.4 Fiscal year: The fiscal year starts on January 1st and ends December 31st each year.
- 17.5 Funds: Sums of money may be drawn only on checks bearing two signatures from among those accepted by the President of the IOA.

Article XVIII – Admissions

- 18.1 Groups, clubs, associations, and teams wishing to join the IOA must send an application to its Administration in due form signed by the President and one member empowered to do so by the group, club, association, or team concerned. They must also send two copies of their Statutes and a list of the members, as well as any information that might be asked for.
- 18.2 The General Assembly provisionally grants admissions for 2 years on recommendation. Upon the expiry of that period, a further vote is required for the admission to become final. If the vote relating to the final admission is not conducted, the applicant may be maintained under temporary affiliation. Members affiliated provisionally have the status of Associated Members.

Article XIX – Resignations – Striking off the Rolls – Expulsion – Withdrawal of Sporting Power

- 19.1 *Resignations:*
 - 19.1.1 Resignations must be given in a registered letter signed by the President and one member empowered to do so by the group, club, association, or team concerned and can only take effect on December 31st of the current year.
 - 19.1.2 Resignations must be notified to the IOA Administration no later than June 30th of the current year, to take effect on December 31st of the same year.
- 19.2 *Striking off the Rolls*
 - 19.2.1 Members may be struck off the rolls on the event that:



- a. Their Statutes or activity, in opinion of the General Assembly, no longer meet what the IOA expects of them, or
- b. They have not paid all debts justifying their automatic suspension, within one year from the date of entry into force of the suspension, or
- c. They have not met their financial commitments with respect to the other Members of the IOA when they have defaulted on the payment of their financial obligations on several occasions without being able to give a valid reason.

19.2.2 Striking off the rolls shall be proposed and pronounced by the General Assembly.

19.3 *Expulsion*

19.3.1 Members who, in the opinion of the General Assembly, have seriously infringed the IOA regulations, may be liable to expulsion.

19.3.2 The General Assembly shall pronounce expulsion.

19.4 *Withdrawal of Sporting Power*: Withdrawal of Sporting Power shall be pronounced by the General Assembly in compliance with the procedure provided for hereto.

19.5 *Procedures in the event of striking off, expulsion or withdrawal of Sporting Power*

19.5.1 Every Member concerned shall be entitled to state its case.

19.5.2 To this end:

- a. The Members concerned shall be informed by registered letter with official acknowledgment of receipt of the measure proposed against it and of the reasons put forward to justify the said measure.
- b. The Members concerned shall be invited – with 30 days' notice – to appear in the person of one of its legal representatives before the General Assembly to state its case.
- c. The deliberations of the General Assembly shall take place without the representatives of the Members concerned being present.

19.5.3 Excluding if the General Assembly should decide otherwise, striking off the rolls, expulsion and withdrawal of Sporting Power shall take effect as from the date of the decision.

19.5.4 In either case, subscriptions relating to the current year shall accrue to the IOA in full.



Article XX – Dissolution

- 20.1 The IOA shall be established without a time limit.
- 20.2 Dissolution may only be pronounced by an Extraordinary General Assembly convened especially for this purpose.
- 20.3 The vote must be carried by no less than two thirds of the votes cast, according to the conditions laid down in Article 11 hereto.
- 20.4 If it has not been possible to decide dissolution under these conditions, a further Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened after a period of no less than 3 months, and this Assembly shall be able to pronounce on simple majority of the votes cast.
- 20.5 Furthermore, in both cases, the Members present or represented must number two thirds of the Members composing the IOA at the time of voting.
- 20.6 In the event of the dissolution of the IOA, the assets it holds at that moment shall be transferred, by decision of the General Assembly, to one or more renowned institutions whose objectives are as similar as possible to those of the IOA.
- 20.7 On no account may the IOA assets at the time of dissolution be transferred to the Members or used totally or partly for their benefit, nor may they be returned to the Founding Members.

Article XXI – Amendments to the Statutes

- 21.1 Amendments to the Statutes shall be decided only in a General Assembly provided they were on the original agenda and had been communicated to all the IOA Members within the statutory time limits.

Article XXII – Interpretation of the Statutes

- 22.1 The Statutes shall be printed in English and Spanish. In the event of a misunderstanding, dispute, etc. regarding their interpretation, the English text shall be definitive.
- 22.2 In the event of a conflict between the Statutes and any other IOA regulation, the Statutes shall be definitive.

