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WORLD DODGEBALL FEDERATION

WDBF

Introduction to the sport of DODGEBALL

Traditionally played on schoolyards, Dodgeball has developed to encompass a variety of skills levels, from recreational participation to high-performance international competition. The nature of the sport is elimination, where players throw objects, usually regulation-format balls, to eliminate opponents. Balls of varying composition and size can be used in competition, including those made from "Form", "Rubber", "Fabric", "Non – Inflatable", mixture of Rubber and Foam and so forth. All ball specifications are, however, regulated within a competition. The sport can be played on any type of surface, but most sanctioned events are held on a surface court (wood, turf or concrete), on sand (beach dodgeball), or on a trampoline / elastic surface (trampoline dodgeball). Each discipline, depending on ball used and surface type, will have specific regulations in addition to the core set.

Dodgeball is played with two teams attempting to eliminate each other by throwing balls while avoiding being hit. There are many variations of the game, but generally the main objective of each team is to eliminate all members of the opposing team by hitting them with thrown balls, catching a ball thrown by a member of the opposing team, or forcing an opposing player to move outside the court boundaries when a ball is thrown at them.

The sport can be played by people of all ages in formal tournament or informal casual settings, playground, community spaces, or in organized recreational leagues.

The game has also been adapted to provide access to participants in wheelchairs, and to the blind.

PERLUDE 2

Introduction to the World Dodgeball Federation Constitution, Rules & Bylaws

The WDBF Constitution is the codification of the Fundamental Principles of Dodgeball development in accordance to Olympic Charter, Council Rules, Bylaws adopted by the WDBF General Assembly it governs the organizations, action and operation of the WDBF Sub Committees and sets the conditions for the World Dodgeball Development. The Constitution serve as the Statutes for the WDBF and is binding upon all the members.

Formation of the World Dodgeball Federation

The decision to form WDBF was discussed in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 21st March 2012 which was attended by National Federations, Organizations, and Communities in conjunction with the Malaysia World Dodgeball Invitational. The Constitution of the WDBF was formally approved and adopted in the 1st meeting.

WDBF was officially formed and established on 20th May 2012 in California, USA and has remained active through the annual World Dodgeball Championships.

At the 5th WDBF Summit, and in conjunction with Australia 2016 World Championship, the members agreed to house WDBF Headquarters in Canada and to abide by Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act S.C. 2009, c 23 including the Regulations made pursuant to the Act.

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DEFINITIONS

In these bylaws, and all other rules and regulations of WDBF unless the context otherwise requires :

"ACT" means the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act S.C. 2009, c. 23 including the Regulations made pursuant to the Act, and any statute or regulations that may be substituted, as amended from time to time;

"ARTICLES" means the original or restated articles of incorporation or articles of amendment, amalgamation, continuance, reorganization, arrangement or revival of the Federation;

"BYLAW" means these bylaws and any other bylaw of the Federation as amended and which are, from time to time, in force and effect;

"CONGRESS" means all the member of the Federation present that may consist of Delegates, Officials, Coaches, Referees and Players,

"EXECUTIVE BOARD" means the highest board member of governance of the Federation and is an "executive committee";

"PROPOSAL" means a proposal submitted by a member of the Federation that meets the requirements of section 163 (Member Proposals) of the Act;

"RESOLUTION" means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 50% plus 1 of the votes cast on that resolution;

"REGULATIONS" means the regulations made under the Act, as amended, restated or in effect from time to time; and

"EXTRAORDINARY MEETING" means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast on that resolution.

"SUMMIT" Referring to the annual WDBF Summit and also known as the GENERAL ASSEMBLY / Annual General Meeting of the Federation.

ARTICLE I:

NAME and ADDRESS

- 1.1 This organization is registered under Canada Not – For – Profit Corporation Act S.C. 2009, c.23.
- 1.2 The name of this organization shall be known as “WORLD DODGEBALL FEDERATION” and the abbreviation name being “WDBF”, hereinafter referred to as the Federation.
- 1.3 Any decision regarding the change of the Headquarters shall be adopted only if three quarter (3/4) of the Members of the Federation vote in favor of the change at WDBF Summit or Executive Board Meeting duly convened for the purpose of considering a motion to this effect.

ARTICLE 2:

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 To improve the game of Dodgeball, constantly promoting the sport globally with the principles of unifying educational, cultural and humanitarian values while focusing particularly through children and youth development programs,
- 2.2 To uphold the Laws of Dodgeball as adopted by members and make recommendations for such alterations and additions thereto as may appear necessary or desirable,
- 2.3 To organize international competitions,

- 2.4 To strengthen the bonds of friendship between the National Organizations around the world, and to prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardize the integrity of games and competitions or give rise to abuse.
- 2.5 To uphold the principles on which the Federation is founded; to take such measures as may appear expedient for advancing the interests of Dodgeball.

ARTICLE 3: GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 Be the sole Federation in overall charge of Dodgeball development.
- 3.2 Be the representative and hold responsibilities with all other recognized bodies for Dodgeball Federations and Associations and including Regional Federations.
- 3.3 Encourage and co-ordinate the activities and competition for World and Regional events and various international development events.
- 3.4 Promote the practice of sport, encourage the construction of physical facilities and improve the standard of performance in the spirit of Honor System within the members' respective jurisdictions.
- 3.4 Co-operate with public authorities and private enterprises in the promotion of the sport without prejudice to the principles of the Federation.
- 3.5 Ensure WDBF Summit is conducted every year in accordance with the fundamental principles, objectives, regulations and by-laws of the Federation

and provide fair and equal competition to all eligible competitors of the Federation.

- 3.6 Take disciplinary action against any member of Federation employees, representatives, officials and competitors for misbehaviors or any other undesirable activities which bring discredit to the Federation.
- 3.7 Be responsible for promoting and development of the Sub Committees and noble ideas among the world representatives.
- 3.8 Be responsible to solve, as the supreme World Dodgeball Federation, sporting matters that may arise among members or between them and others as far as practically possible.
- 3.9 Do all things necessary to fulfil the principles and objectives of the Federation and the good of the sport and game.
- 3.10 Oppose any politician or commercial abuse of the sport and athletes, act against any form of discriminations that may affect the development of Dodgeball.
- 3.11 Encourage and support the effort of sports federation and public authorities to provide for the social, professional future and health of athletes.
- 3.12 Encourage and support the promotion of the crucial topics (i.e. Women and Sport in Dodgeball, Sports for All, Environment issues, Sport with Culture and Education and Peace through Sports)

ARTICLE 4:

FEDERATION LOGO

WDBF logo was officially approved and adopted during the 1st World Summit held in Kuala Lumpur, on 21st March 2012.



WDBF logo is the symbol of World Dodgeball identity, the fiery ball, differentiated by colors represent five continents and is united to hit the same target.

The logo represents team work and solidarity amongst nation and realize the dream to make Dodgeball a mainstream sport.

The logo is the sole property of WDBF and a registered trade mark. The logo in full or in part cannot be used for any purpose without the prior consent of WDBF.

ARTICLE 5:

MEMBER

A member recognized by WDBF must fulfil the following requirements:

- 5.1 Is an organization that is working to achieve National Governing Body status for dodgeball, and is responsible to promote dodgeball nationwide.
- 5.2 The National Governing Body shall be affiliated to their respective Regional / Continent Federations.
- 5.3 It shall be the official body for all matters relating to the Federation's games and competition of its own country. All arrangements concerning the country's participation in the Federation's games and competition and all communication on such matter shall be address to. It must be completely independent and autonomous and in a position to resist all political, religious or commercial pressure.
- 5.4 A member that does not adhere to the fundamental principles, general objectives, as laid down and decision of the Executive Board, shall forfeit its recognition by Federation and rights to participate in competitions and events. For failure to conform to the fundamental principles, objectives and rules, the penalty may be a warning, censure, fine or suspension for a definite period thus decision will be approved by the Executive Board.
- 5.5 Every member of the Federation will strictly adhere to WDBF Constitution / Bylaw and Olympic Charter. The articles of the Federation Constitution and any decisions of the Federation Executive Board decision may result in

sanctions such as suspension or disqualification, as deemed fit by the Federation.

- 5.6 Members of the Federation are obligated to participate in the Federation's games and competitions. A member that does not may lose its membership and voting rights, as decided by the Executive Board.
- 5.7 On conviction of an offence which is of serious nature under the Local / International Laws, or where the charges have been framed by a Local / International Court against an individual of a member of the Federation, in respect of an offence which is of serious nature of violation of its Federation approved Bylaw, then the individual/member/office bearer or executive council will resign immediately and if not then they will be suspended and will not be eligible to participate in any events or contest for position. If these individuals are members of the Federation Committee/Commission or Executive Board then they will immediately resign from the membership or will be suspended by the Federation by notification.
- 5.8 Any Members or individual members of the Federation, whose conduct / behavior is in violation of its own approved Federation Constitution / Bylaw shall be suspended immediately and will not be eligible to participate in any event or contest in any election for their respective Federation or Country. The Executive Board shall specify the length of suspension.

BYLAW to Article 5

1. *When an infraction of the fundament principle of the Federation has taken place or when a Member does not confirm to the Statues, Constitution, Bylaw and Regulations of the Federation and the decision of the Executive Board,*

the President / Director General shall bring the matter to the attention of the Executive Board, who shall appoint a fact-finding committee, whose report must be submitted to the Executive Board within two (2) months of the appointment. The report together with the decision of the Executive Board shall be dealt with at the next meeting of the Federation.

- 2. All Member of National Organization must preserve their autonomy as envisaged in the Federation Constitution / Bylaw and Rules in the Olympic Charter. There should be no interference from the Government and its agencies in the functioning of the National Organization. However strong and cordial relationship should be maintained with the Government and related agencies, any violation of the Federation Constitution / Rules shall result in suspension or withdrawal of recognition by the Federation.*
- 3. The National Organization has the sole authority to nominate its representative for any post (elected or otherwise) in the Federation or for any local, regional or international organization, if any. Any such nomination, recommendations or communications on appointment of National Organization representative or candidates post, by any Government body/agency, or any individual outside the National Organization will be considered as interference and infringement on the autonomy of the respective organizations, thus such nominations being declared illegitimate.*
- 4. The approved of the Federation Constitution / Bylaw is a condition for recognition. The same condition applies to any subsequent change or amendment to the constitution of the Federation. Such statue shall at all-time comply with the Olympic Charter / Federation Constitution / Bylaw. In the event of any conflict between the Olympic Charter / Federation Constitution*

with the National Organization's Constitution or Bylaw, WDBF Constitution / Bylaw and Regulation will prevail.

5. *Every Member shall inform the Federation the names of the duly elected office – bearers including the President and Secretary General along with the contact details of the National Organization.*

ARTICLE 6:

MEMBERSHIP

6.1 There are three (3) Membership tiers in the Federation as follows:

a) Affiliated Member:

Working to be recognized as the National Federation or National Governing Body in own country. Affiliated Members may still attend meetings of the Federation and provide input into Federation matters. The Affiliated Member may send one (1) delegate as representative from the National Federation to meetings of the Federation. Affiliated Members are observers without voting rights.

b) Full Member:

Having an established National Federation or National Governing Body, and having participated, and committed to participate, in annual regional and international competitions and events. Full Members may send two (2) delegates as representative from each National Federation to meetings of the Federation. Full Members have voting rights, and can cast one (1) vote at meetings of the Federation.

Executive Member:

The founding member nation; or a full member with five (5) years of international participation and progressive development, as decided by the Executive Members. Executive Members may send three (3) delegates as representative from each National Federation to meetings of the Federation. Executive Members have voting rights, and can cast two (2) votes at meetings of the Federation.

Movement between tiers:

Members may move between tiers dependent upon the current state of their National Federation. Movement between tiers must be approved by majority vote at the WDBF Summit or through a Special Motion to the Federation.

- 6.2 Membership of the Federation with voting rights is only open to National Federations that are recognized as the National Governing Body in their respective country, as well as National Organizations that are working to achieve NGB Status in respective country.
- 6.3 Members are entitled and expected to assist in the development of Dodgeball through various sub-committees and task forces as a condition of continuing membership.
- 6.4 The nominated representative to the Federation must be an individual representing the National Organization from the country of that organization.

BYLAW to Article 6

- 1. *Where there is no National Organization in a country, the National Governing Body is that country may be admitted to membership subject to evidence*

being provided. Such an organization should take steps to be recognized within four (4) years as the National Organization of that country. Any such Committee or Organization wishing to join the Federation shall apply to the Federation President, who shall lay the application with full facts about it bona-fides before the Executive Board for decision. The decision of the Executive Board shall be subject to ratification by the Congress. In WDBF Summit.

- 2. Every member shall inform the Federation the names of the duly elected officer-bearers including the President and General Secretary along with the contact details of the National Organization and notify the Federation whenever changes occur.*
- 3. All communication from the Federation shall be addressed to the President or the General Secretary of the Federation as per the National Organization details provided.*

ARTICLE 7: APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1 Those National Organizations who are the founding members of the Federation are automatically considered as Full Members of the Federation.
- 7.2 Apart from these founding members, other National Organizations of the World may apply for membership. Such application will be considered during the Summit and will only be accepted after two-thirds (2/3) majority vote in favor of the applicant in each case. No members shall be expelled unless the Executive Board holds them to have fundamentally breached the Constitution.

ARTICLE 8: JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERATION

The jurisdiction of the Federation is global but not limited to the territories controlled by the members, and are divided into five (5) Continents:

- 8.1 Americas Region
- 8.2 Europe Region
- 8.3 Africa Region
- 8.4 Asia-Pacific Region

The distribution of the National Organization in each zone will be the sole authority of the Region through member's affiliation with Regional Dodgeball Bodies.

ARTICLE 9: MEMBERSHIP FEE & DUES

- 9.1 To facilitate management and administration, there is one (1) time entrance fee that is determined by the Executive Committee during the Summit.
- 9.2 An annual fee is imposed and is determined by the Executive Board after consulting the congress in WDBF Summit.
- 9.3 The financial calendar cycle is 31 December annually.

BYLAW to Article 9

1. *Members that failed to provide annual fee after a grace period of three (3 months) shall not be eligible to vote and to be voted for the remainder of the year.*
2. *National Organizations shall make one (1) for every once for 4 years and a receipt shall be issued by the treasurer.*
3. *Changes to annual and registration fee is determined by the Congress and the Executive Board during the Summit.*

ARTICLE 10 : RESIGNATION & TERMINATION

- 10.1 Any member who wishes to resign from the Federation shall give 3 month notices in writing to the General Secretary.
- 10.2 Resignation is not valid until the Member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligation towards WDBF and its other members.
- 10.3 Members which do not participate in the last two (2) World events organized by the Federation over a period of four (4) consecutive year shall be suspended from voting at the Summit until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.
- 10.3 Any member who fails to comply with the rules of the Federation or has acted in a manner to bring disrepute upon the Federation may be expelled or suspended for a period of time as the Executive Committee deems fit. Before the Committee expels or suspends the member, the member shall be informed of the ground for such expulsion or suspension in writing and be

given an opportunity to explain and clear himself in person. Such suspension or expulsion shall be enforced, unless otherwise reversed by a general meeting upon appeal by the said member.

- 10.4 The presence of an absolute majority of Members entitled to vote at the Summit is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a three-quarter majority of the voting taken.

BYLAW to Article 10

- 1. A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Meeting for the Federation by three quarter (2/3) majority of the votes taken. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.*
- 2. A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights. Other members may not entertain sporting contract with a suspended member.*
- 3. Any complaint arising will result in opening case to be investigated by the President and the General Secretary who will then form the ad-hoc committee to investigate and shall present the background of complaint to the Executive Board.*
- 4. The subject of the complaint has the right to be heard along with the information and recommendation presented to the Executive Board. The subject will be given reasonable time and opportunity to present the case to the investigation party.*

5. *If the subject is the President or the General Secretary, the Deputy President and a representative from the Executive Board to process and undergo the investigation.*

ARTICLE II: FEDERATION ORGANIZATION

The powers of WDBF Federation are exercised by its organization namely,

11.1 Summit Meeting

11.2 The Executive Board (EB)

11.3 The President.

ARTICLE 12:

SUMMIT and EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

12.1 Only National Federations that are Full Members of the Federation shall have the right to vote at the Summit.

12.2 The following may attend the Summit of the Federation:

a) With Vote:

Full Members of the Federation. Each National Organization may be represented by not more than three (3) delegates and attend the Summit or any other meetings of the Federation.

c) Without Vote:

- i. Affiliate Members of the Federation. Each National Organization may be represented by one (1) delegate; additional delegates may attend as agreed-to by the Executive Committee,
- ii. The Federation Honorary Life Presidents, the Honorary Life Vice-Presidents and the Honorary Life Members,
- iii. IOC Members and Olympic Solidarity,

12.3 The under-mentioned persons may be invited to attend Summit Meeting at their own cost without voting rights:

a) The President or Secretaries of Regional Federation.

- b) No other representative shall be allowed inside the Summit without the prior approval of the Executive Board.
- 12.4 Proxies are not allowed. Maximum vote allocated for each Members is in accordance to Article 6.
- 12.5 WDBF Summit shall meet every year at a time and place to be decided by the President. These meetings shall be called ordinary meeting for which sixty (60) days' written notice together with agenda for the meeting shall be circulated by the Federation President or General Secretary to all members. The agenda for the Summit will include the following sequence:
- a) Roll Call,
 - b) Welcome Address by WDBF President,
 - c) Report by WDBF President,
 - d) Report by Vice Presidents,
 - e) Reports by the Chairmen of the Sub Committees,
 - f) Approval of Audited Statement of Accounts,
 - g) Report on Admin Management,
 - h) Appointment of scrutinizers for election if required.
 - i) Election of the Executive Board every four (4) years,
 - j) Election of the Host City for competitions
 - k) Next Summit, Meeting date and venue.
- 12.6 The quorum for the Summit will be 51% members. Decision of the Summit are taken by a simple majority of votes cast; however, a two third (2/3) majority of the Federation members is required to amend WDBF Constitution / Bylaw / Regulation.

- 12.7 Extraordinary Meetings of the Federation may be called at any time by the President at his discretion and also be called at the written request of not less than 51% of its members, not later than sixty (60) days after receiving the request for an Extraordinary meeting. The President will circulate in written to all Members in thirty (30) days before the extraordinary meeting, the place, date and agenda of the extraordinary meeting. The quorum for the Extraordinary meeting will be two third (2/3) of the Members recognized by the Federation.
- 12.8 The President or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents will take the Chair at a meeting. If neither of the President nor Vice President are willing to take the Chair, the meeting shall elect one of the Members from the Executive Board present to act as Chairperson of the meeting.
- 12.9 The chairperson of the meeting, upon a written request from a Member may permit the inclusion of a new item in the agenda without notice. No decision on such an item will be made, however valid unless passes by a two-third (2/3) majority of the members present and voting.
- 12.10 A secret ballot may be applied for Election of Executive Board and Host City of the World Championship, a simple majority of votes (51%) will decide the result.
- 12.11 A secret ballot may be taken if the Chairperson of the meeting so decides of if not less than fifteen (15) of the members present to make a demand.
- 12.13 Except as otherwise provided in this Article, a simple majority of votes (51% or more) will decide all matters. If votes are equal, the Chairperson of the meeting may exercise his casting votes.

12.14 All matters of procedures at meeting, not provided for in this Article, shall be decided by the Chairperson of the meeting unless there is an appeal in the meeting.

12.15 Members can duly propose other items in addition to the agenda circulated by the President or Director General sixty (60) days before the meeting. All the agenda proposed by Members shall be dealt with at the meeting or Summit.

BYLAW to Article 12

- 1. Life Members: Honorary Life Presidents, Honorary Life Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Members may attend meetings of Federation and take part in deliberations but shall neither vote nor propose, nor second, any motions unless they are the duly appointed representatives of National Organization of the Federation.*
- 2. Any decision of the Summit including decision of amendment to WDBF Constitution / Bylaw / Regulation comes into effect immediately, unless otherwise decided at the Summit.*
- 3. The President establishes the regulations for all election. Any matter of procedure concerning the Summit and votes which are not covered by the Federation Constitution / Bylaw / Regulation are determined by the President.*
- 4. In case of urgency, a resolution may be submitted to a vote by correspondence, including by fax or electronic mails to the member by the President.*

5. *Minutes of all meetings and other proceedings of the meeting are established under the authority of the Federation's President. The President can delegate this authority to Members or one of the Federation Vice Presidents.*
6. *No motion other than those included in the agenda paper shall be moved at an extraordinary meeting.*
7. *No motion, unless expressly sanctioned by a majority of Members present and no amendment which notice has been given as required by the Rules, shall be put up to any meeting other than the following procedural motions:*
 - a) *Motion to change the order of the Federation,*
 - b) *That a vote has been taken.*
 - c) *For adjournment,*
 - d) *To pass on the next item of discussion on the agenda paper,*
 - e) *To divide the main motion,*
 - f) *To amendment which may be accepted by the Chairperson as purely formal.*
8. *At the time appointed for a meeting, the General Secretary shall take note whether a quorum is present. If there is not and if a quorum is not present within sixty (60) minutes, the meeting shall be adjourned. For an adjourned meeting to be held on the same day no quorum is necessary. The decision taken at such an adjourned meeting shall be circulated to Members by electronic mediums or post official letters for their acceptance or otherwise. If and when a majority acceptance is received, the decision will be deemed to be ratified; otherwise, it shall be null and void.*

9. *An adjourned meeting due to no quorum may be held with thirty (30) days' notice. The decision taken in his meeting will be considered as valid.*

10. *The representative who first rises to speak at the conclusion of a speech has the right to be heard. When two (2) or more representative rise to speak at the same time, the Chairperson shall decide who shall speak first and the duration of his speech.*

11. *Every speech shall be relevant to the motion or amendment under discussion. No language of a personal nature shall be deemed to be in order.*

12. *Save as otherwise provided, no Member shall speak more than once on any motion or amendment.*

13. *If during a debate the Chairperson is satisfied that no Members desire to speak on the subject, he shall call on the mover of the motion to reply provided that the mover of an amendment or of a motion for dissolution or a motion to pass to the next business on the agenda paper shall not have a right to reply.*

14. *No Member shall speak on a motion after the mover has been called upon to reply,*

15. *Any Member may, with permission of the Chairperson, rise even while another Member is speaking, to explain any expression used by him which may have been misunderstood by the speaker but he shall confine himself strictly to such explanation. During such explanation the previous speaker shall resume his seat.*

16. Any Member may call the Chairperson's attention to a point of order when another Member is speaking, but no speech shall be made on such a point or order.

17. The chairperson shall decide all points or order and his decision shall be final.

ARTICLE 13:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

13.1 The Executive Board (EB) consist of the following:

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| a. President | 1 person |
| b. Deputy President | 1 person |
| c. Treasurer | 1 person |
| d. General Secretary | 1 person |
| e. Chair of Executive Committees | 1 person |
| f. Regional Presidents | 4 people |
- (4 Regional Presidents as elected by Regional bylaws)

13.2 The Executive Board shall elect every two (2) years, from the candidates nominated by the Member at its meetings, nine (9) members of the Executive Board which shall include, a President, a Deputy President, four (4) Vice Presidents, one (1) from each Regional Federation, a General Secretary, a Treasurer and the Chair of Executive Committees, to hold office for a period of four (2) years.

- 13.3 Four (4) Vice Presidents are elected to represent each respective Regional Federations.
- 13.4 The Executive Board Committee tenure will be two (2) years and they are eligible to be re-elected,
- 13.5 In the absence of the Federation President, or while he is unable to act, the Deputy President will perform the duties and functions of the Federation President and act in his place, as may be convenient and agreed by the majority of the Executive Board.
- 13.6 Should the President vacates the office, the work of the office will be carried on in accordance with the above procedure until a new Federation President is elected at the next Summit, which must be convened by the General Secretary within sixty (60) days of the occurrence. If the General Secretary falls vacant during the term, it shall be lawful for WDBF President to nominate a temporary Secretary to perform the duties and functions of the office.
- 13.7 The Executive Board meeting shall be held at least once a year on a regular basis. For a meeting of the Executive Board, a minimum of fifteen (15) days written notice by letter, fax, email or other electronic mediums, will be given by the Federation President or General Secretary to all its Executive Board Committees.
- 13.8 Five (5) members shall form a quorum. Extraordinary Executive Board meetings shall be held within fifteen (15) days after a requisition us received from Five (5) members, or upon request of the President,

13.9 At the time of the opening of the meeting, if a quorum is not present within sixty (60) minutes, the meeting shall be adjourned. For an adjourned meeting of the Executive Board, a fresh notification, as laid down shall be issued,

13.10 The agenda for the Executive Board meeting is as listed in Article 12.5

BYLAW to Article 13

- 1. In case of a vacancy created in the Executive Board / Standing Committees on the demise of a member or for other reasons, the Executive Board shall be empowered to have authority to appoint a new member in his place for the remaining term from any of its Member.*
- 2. Wherein an Executive Member / Standing Committee Member has been absent from three (3) consecutive Executive Board / Standing Committee Meeting, with one (1) term, without reasons acceptable to the Executive Board, the Executive Board shall have the right to declare such member has forfeited his membership. The Executive Board may accordingly fill the vacancy.*
- 3. The Vice Presidents, nominated / appointed by Regional Federation will solely be responsible for all dodgeball activities with own respective jurisdiction area.*
- 4. The President shall have full authority to appoint individuals and/or ad-hoc Committees/teams for some particular mission or position and to define their privileges, duty and perquisite, as per WDBF Constitution and Financial Guidelines. These nominations shall be from amongst those sports leaders who have significant prior experience and who have contributed for the Federation Mission and/or who are experts of the related subject. Such*

nomination however, shall be reported to the next Executive Board Meeting / Summit.

5. *The President of the Federation is authorized to appoint Advisors / Experts and assign them such duties as he might deem in the interest of the administration. The Advisors / Experts may be invited to attend the Executive Board Meeting / Summit as Observers, only if required, without any vote.*

ARTICLE 14: RESPONSIBILITIES and AUTHORITY

14.1 The defined role and duties of the Summit / Executive Board Meetings, Executive Board and Office – Bearers are as follows:

a) Summit

The Summit, is the final authority on all matters concerning the Federation. In particular, it has the power to enforce the fundamental principles, objectives, Regulations and Bye – Law of the Federation. The summit is responsible for the following, on which their decision is final :

1. Selection of permanent of Headquarters and/or branch office of the Federation.
2. Election of Executive Board Committees,
3. Adoption of audited statements of accounts and the financial estimates for the ensuring years,
4. Selection of the host nation for the World Championships.

5. Admission of new Members to the Federation which will require a two-third majority (2/3) vote in the Summit.
6. Expulsion of Members that will require a two-third majority (2/3) vote in the Summit.

b) Executive Board

The Executive Board is a body constituted for the effective control, they set the policies of the administration and the business of the Federation, the Executive Board shall meet at least once a year for discharging their duties. The decision taken by the Executive Board will be forwarded in the Summit for information or ratification,

1. The EB shall supervise the Federation and hold meetings.
2. The EB shall decide on all Federation activities, marketing, sales of TV and broadcasting rights and other commercial issues,
3. The EB shall decide on all appointment of the auditing firms,
4. The EB shall ensure host countries organize in accordance to regulations determined by the committees.

c) Office - Bearers of the Federation

I. President of the Federation.

Elected by secret ballot in the Summit, he is solely responsible for the management and all activities of the Federation. He is the official spokesperson and represent the Federation at Law Court as the plaintiff or defendant. The President may take any action or decision on behalf

of the Federation when circumstances prevent them from being taken by the Summit or the Executive Board. President duties :-

1. Preside over the Executive Board and in the Summit and Executive Board Meetings.
2. Represent the Federation.
3. Delegate all or part of his powers to the Deputy President or Vice Presidents or General Secretary as considered necessary.
4. Establish minutes of all meeting and other proceedings,
5. Ensure and supervise all the work of all the committees formed by the Federation.
6. Responsible for the financial affairs and administration of the Federation,
7. Sanction expenditure as prescribed in the financial guidelines approved by the Executive Board.
8. Co-ordinate between the programs of sports associations and bodies around the world with Regional Federations.
9. Convene the meeting of all Sub Committees, ad-hoc commissions and working groups and to preside the meeting during his attendance.
10. Do all other things as may be required for the fulfillment of the objectives of the Federation and the directives of the Executive Board.

II. Deputy President of the Federation.

He is solely responsible to assist the President on all the management and all activities of the Federation. The Deputy President may chair the meeting in the event the President is absent.

III. Vice Presidents

- a) The Vice Presidents discharge duties and functions as assigned by Federation President, the Executive Board or in the Summit.
- b) All the activities of the zone under the supervision of the Vice Presidents, especially those which are organized with local and international authorities
- c) The Vice President must hold meetings with the National Federations in their respective region at the time of the Summit or during regional tournaments to strengthen sports relations.

IV. General Secretary

- a) Shall be responsible for running the day to day administration and managing the financial affairs of the Federation under the authority and direction of the Federation President,
- b) Appoint and dismiss the Federation matters after consulting the President and/or Executive Board,
- c) Shall ensure all accounts of the Federation are kept in an appropriate manger and audited by certified auditors every year and submit to the Executive Board the financial estimation for the year.
- d) Shall execute initiatives recommended by the Federation and assist the Executive Board in performing their duties,
- e) Shall assume any responsibilities related to the Federation decided by the President, Executive Board or in the Summit.
- f) Shall sign agreement / contracts on behalf of the Federation, as authorized by the President

- g) Can take the responsibilities of other roles in the Federation as authorized by the President.

V. Treasurer

- a) Is responsible to keep track of operation and program costing and budgeting.
- b) Assist in the selection of an auditor, if needed and meet the auditors annually.
- c) Ensure development and Executive Board review of financial procedures and system.
- d) Ensure appropriate financial reports are made available for the Summit and/or required by the Executive Board or President.

14.2 Qualifications (Eligibility) of Executive Board Members.

The candidates who can stand or be appointed for any of the following office must satisfy the following conditions:

- a) President & Deputy President
 - i. Must be a member of his own National Federation, Executive Board Member or equivalent.
 - ii. Nominated by at least two (2) recognized (Affiliated or Full) member of the Federation.
 - iii. Has been the President or second (2nd) in command for the last two (2) years.
 - iv. Must speak the official language of the Federation.

- b) Vice Presidents (Regional), General Secretary and Honorary Treasurer

1. Must be a member and nominated by the National Federation of their own respective country.
2. Must be or have been a member of a policy-making body of a National Federation.
3. Must speak the official language of the Federation.

c) Executive Committee Chair

- I. Must be a member of his own National Federation, Executive Board Member or equivalent.
- II. Must be nominated by their National Federation,
- III. Must have experience and knowledge of the sports movement internationally.
- IV. Must speak the official language of the Federation.

ARTICLE 15:

HONORARY – LIFE PRESIDENTS, VICE PRESIDENTS and Members

- 15.1 All presidents of the Federation, on completion of four (4) full terms of office and not elected for another term, shall ipso facto become Honorary Life President upon termination of office. All existing Honorary Life Presidents of the Federation shall retain their status in the Federation Council. Similarly, all existing Honorary Life Vice-President and Honorary Life Members of the Federation shall retain their status in the Federation.
- 15.2 All Executive Board Members on completion of four (4) full terms of office and not elected or appointed for another term, shall ipso facto become

Honorary Life President, Honorary Life Vice – President or Honorary Life Member,

- 15.3 The President has the right to appoint Honorary status may be invited by the President to attend the Summit and other meetings without voting rights.

BYLAW to Article 15

1. *The Federation shall maintain a register of Honorary Status of Life Committee Members.*

ARTICLE 16:

ELECTIONS

- 16.1 If the number of candidates proposed and seconded does not exceed number of vacancies to be filled, the Chair shall declare the candidates to be elected. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of such vacancies, a vote shall be taken by secret ballot,
- 16.2 If an election is a single appointment is contested, a secret ballot shall be taken in which each Affiliated and Full Member shall be entitled to cast only one vote in the meeting, and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.
- 16.3 No candidate shall be considered elected to any office unless he polls a majority of the votes cast. A fresh ballot shall be taken until a majority is achieved,

16.4 In case of a tie another ballot will be held until the tie is broken,

16.5 The tally of votes shall be the responsibility of scrutinizers appointed by the President.

BYLAW to Article 16

- 1. Nominations, together with candidate's CV, shall be submitted in writing to WDBF Headquarters by members of the Federation at least ninety (90) days before the Summit or Meeting takes place,*
- 2. The President will form an Ad-Hoc Committee to scrutinize all the nominations received for elections and ascertain the legitimacy of all such nominations before being put for the Executive Board for consideration. The candidates whose nomination has not been accepted will be provided a period of three (3) weeks to appeal to the President.*
- 3. The President establishes the regulations for all elections. Any matter of procedure concerning the members, memberships and votes, which are not covered in the Constitution / Bye – Law or Regulations, it shall be determined by the President.*

ARTICLE 17:

VOTING

- 17.1 When the Chair puts a question to the vote, he shall request first those in favor of the motion and then those against the motion to raise their

- hands, after the result shall declare whether the question is adopted or rejected,
- 17.2 If the majority of the Members present in the meeting demand a secret ballot, the Chair shall elect from among the representatives present, scrutinizers and shall hand over to them a voting paper(s) rule in two (2) columns marked "FOR" and "AGAINST"
- 17.3 The voting for the election of Executive Board Members as well as the World Championship will always be by Secret Ballot. The President will appoint a scrutinizers panel to scrutinize the results.

ARTICLE 18:

AMENDMENT OF RULES

- 18.1 The Summit is the supreme authority to amend or alter WDBF Constitution / Bye – Law / Regulations.
- 18.2 The Executive Board has the authority to alter the Bylaw subject to the ratification of the Summit.
- 18.3 Any proposal of amendment to WDBF Constitution and Rules can only be received from Associated and Full Members of the Federation, the President and the Executive Board. The President will forward the proposal to the relevant Committees for their study and evaluation, the Committee will forward their recommendation and views on the proposal to the Executive Board for their consideration. The decision of the Executive Board will then be put forward to the Summit for adoption,

- 18.4 An amendment must be relevant to and within the scope of the motion to which it is moved,
- 18.5 The Rules and Regulations of the Federation and the protocol of the World Championships may only be altered if two-third (2/3) of the members present and voting at the Summit in favor of the alteration, provided always the proposed amendments have been previously presented to the Committee and submitted through the Executive Board for the consideration of the Summit.
- 18.6 If any amendment is adopted it will be effected immediately.

ARTICLE 19:

ACCOUNTS and AUDIT

- 19.1 For each financial year, the Honorary Treasurer and her Assistant under the supervision of the President and the General Secretary shall prepare the Annual Statement of Accounts.
- 19.2 These accounts shall be audited by certified auditors.
- 19.3 The President with the assistance of General Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer will be responsible to reply to any queries from the Finance Committee, Executive Board and in the Summit.
- 19.4 The financial year of the Federation commences of 1st January and ends on 31st December of the same year.

ARTICLE 20:

DISPUTES and SETTLEMENT

- 20.1 Every member of the Federation shall be deemed to hold its membership of the Federation on specific condition that it voluntarily surrenders its rights of seeking redress against WDBF in any Court of Law.
- 20.2 There shall be a "Court of Arbitration" appointed by the President for all unresolved disputes.
- 20.3 The President at his discretion shall nominate a sole Arbitrator or an ad-hoc Arbitration Committee to resolve the dispute. The decision of the Arbitrator will be reported to the Executive Board and can be appealed to the appointed Court of Arbitration.
- 20.4 The terms and conditions as well as the time frame for the proceedings to be completed will be specified by the President.
- 20.5 The Court of Arbitration, appointed by the President will be responsible for investigating complaints raised in relation to the disrespect of ethical principles laid down in WDBF Constitution / Bylaw / Regulations. If necessary proposed sanctions will be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

ARTICLE 21:

APPEALS

- 21.1 Final decision of the Arbitration Panel or Ad-hoc Arbitration Committee can be appealed to the President and then to the Court of Arbitration for Sports.
- 22.2 The dateline to appeal is 21 days as of notification of the decision.
- 23.3 Court of Arbitration shall not however hear appeals on violation of Technical Rules or Laws of the Games.

ARTICLE 22:

RESIDUAL POWERS

- 22.1 The Executive Board will decide on all matters relating to the interpretation and application of the Constitution, as well as all matters not provided herein,
- 22.2 In the event of disagreement concerning the Rules, the interpretation to these Rules shall be within the competence of the Summit whose decision shall be final.
- 22.3 In the absence of any provision to the contrary in the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations of the Federation, the decision of the Executive Board will be final.

ARTICLE 23:

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

- 23.1 ENGLISH will be the official language of the Federation. The Executive Board will decide on other languages to be used by the Federation from time to time and in the event of a special occasion.
- 23.2 In the interpretation of this by-law, words in the singular include the plural and vice-versa, words in one gender include all genders, and "person" includes an individual, body corporate, partnership, trust and unincorporated organization. Other than as specified above, words and expressions defined in the Act have the same meanings when used in these by-laws.

General Secretary	Deputy President	President of the Federation
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