

# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE D'ÉDUCATION PHYSIQUE (FIEP)

(International Federation of Physical Education)

## STATUTES

### Article 1

The *International Federation of Physical Education (F. I. E. P.)* founded in 1923, in *Brussels*, has as its aim to favour the development of educational, physical and keeping fit activities, in all countries and to contribute to international cooperation in this domain.

Its activity is only developed within the scientific, technical, pedagogical and social fields of physical education and sport, and excludes all discussion and discrimination of a political, religious or racial order.

### Article 2

A — The *Federation* comprises:

— *Individual members*.

— *Collective members*: Administrative departments, Schools, Institutes of *Physical Education and Sports* and *Specialized Scientific Research, Associations*, etc.

— *Honorary members*: They are people who give or have given eminent services to the *Federation*. The quality of an honorary member is attributed by the *International Council* of the *Federation*.

— *Benefactory members*: They are people or organizations who granted exceptional donations or subscriptions to the *F. I. E. P.* The quality of benefactor member is attributed by the *International Council*.

— *Correspondent members*: They are eminent personalities who are appointed by the *International Council* and collaborate in the work of the *F. I. E. P.*, without being individual members.

B — The quality of member of the *Federation* ceases:

1 — through resignation;

2 — through lack of payment of his subscription for 2 consecutive years;

3 — through elimination decided either by the *International Council*, or through a proposal from the *National Committee*, or the *F. I. E. P.*'s Delegate in the respective country, or on the initiative of the *Executive Committee* of the *Federation*, after the person has been previously notified to explain himself. The members who are excluded have no right to claim repayment of their subscriptions.

### Article 3

*Organization and Administration.*

The Organs of the *Federation* are:

— *The General Assembly.*

— *The International Council.*

— *The Executive Committee.*

— *The International Sections.*

— *The National Representative Organs.*

### A. — *The General Assembly*

a) The *General Assembly* is formed by the individual and collective members who are present.

b) The ordinary *General Assemblies* are held at least every 4 years as far as possible in connection with *World Congresses* or other important international meetings, organized or patronized by the *Federation*.

Special conditions concerning the *Agenda* and convocations are fixed by the rules annexed to these *Statutes*.

c) Extraordinary *General Assemblies* can meet at the request of at least a fourth of the *F. I. E. P.* Delegates.

### B — *The International Council*

a) The *International Council* comprises: the President, one or more Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General, the Assistant General Secretary, the Presidents of the *International Sections* and, at most, twenty other members.

The number of the Vice-Presidents and Presidents of *Section* is fixed by the *General Assembly*. The *International Council* is elected by the *General Assembly* for a period of 4 years.

b) The *International Council* unites at the request of the *Executive Committee* or that of at least five of its members. It instructs the *Executive Committee* to undertake the current administrative affairs and apply the established guiding lines which depend on the general instructions fixed during the *General Assembly*.

C — The *Executive Committee* is formed by the President, the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General who, as far as possible, though it is not obligatory, should be from the same country or from two neighbouring countries, in order to be able to establish quick and frequent relations between them.

A *General Treasurer* is chosen by the *Executive Committee* so that he can be in direct connection with the President, the Secretary General and the Assistant General Secretary.

The *Executive Committee* is directly responsible for the publication of the *F. I. E. P. — Bulletin*.

### D — *The International Sections*

a) The number and the nature of the *Sections* are fixed by the *General Assembly*.

Three fundamental *International Sections* are already organized:

1 — The *Scientific Section*: It concerns scientific research regarding physical exercises: (Anatomy, Physiology, Hygiene, Psychology, Sociology, Pedagogy, etc.).

2 — The *School Section*: It concerns technical programmes and methods of teaching at school and university level.

3 — The *Recreation and Work Section*: It studies the use of physical exercises during work (pause gymnastics) and free time (voluntary gymnastics, sport for all, relationship between physical education and sport, etc.).

Commissions can be created within each *Section* by decision of the *International Council*.

b) The *International Sections* have as their task:

1 — To study the particular problems which the *Executive Committee* submits to them:

2 — To take initiatives in organizing, in particular, the international research work and documentation, in their own field, either by exchanging correspondence and documents or by the organization of symposia, lectures, courses, etc.

3 — To select and supply the texts to be published according to the corresponding headings, in the *F. I. E. P. — Bulletin*.

c) The Presidents of the *Sections* appoint, under their own responsibility, a *Secretary* and *divers members* to collaborate with them in the particular work of the *Section*.

E — *The organs of the national representation are the Delegates and the National Committees of the F. I. E. P.*

— The *F. I. E. P.* Delegate is the representative of the *F. I. E. P.* in the country. He is appointed by the *Executive Committee* of the *F. I. E. P.*

— The *National Committee* of the *F. I. E. P.* is the organ representing the collective and individual members of the *F. I. E. P.* in the country.

Each country organizes freely its own *National Committee* in accordance with the *Statutes* of the *F. I. E. P.*

The *National Committee* appoints the *official representative of the country* at the international meetings organized by the *F. I. E. P.* or under its patronage.

The respective rôles and powers of the *F. I. E. P.* Delegate and that of the *national representative* are fixed in the *Rules* annexed to the *Statutes*. Their rights to vote are fixed in Article 6.

The *Executive Committee* of the *F. I. E. P.* can appoint Assistant Delegates.

*District Committees* (or confederated states' Committees, as in the *U. S. A.*, *U. S. S. R.*, etc.) can likewise be set up in order to make the action of the *F. I. E. P.* more efficacious in the country.

These *District Committees* and *Assistant Delegates*, have not the right to represent directly their country, but can take part in the discussions during the *General Assembly*.

#### Article 4

The activity of the *Federation* expresses itself through:

a) The publication of a periodical *Bulletin* issued in several languages;

b) The organization or patronage of international *Congresses*, *Courses* and *Sym-*

*posia* held in different countries and participation in similar meetings organized by other national or international groups having relations with the *F. I. E. P.*;

c) The scientific, technical and pedagogical research work in physical education and the information and documentation in this domain, in connection with other international organizations;

d) All other measures suitable to promote physical education in the world.

#### Article 5

##### *Fees and contributions*

a) All collective and individual members pay an annual fee. The members of the *International Council* and Delegates of the *F. I. E. P.* can receive the *F. I. E. P.* — *Bulletin* free of charge as a result of their benevolent activity for the *Federation*.

b) The amount of subscriptions is fixed each year by the *Executive Committee* according to the foreseen expenses for the functioning of the *F. I. E. P.*, also concerning the *Bulletin*.

c) The subscriptions of the *individual members* give them the right to receive the *F. I. E. P.* — *Bulletin*.

d) The fee of the *collective member* is at least the double of that of the *individual member*.

The *collective members* receive a number of copies of the *Bulletin* in relation to the amount of their fees.

e) There is no maximum limit to the contribution given by any country.

f) The fees are collected in each country, as much as possible, by the *F. I. E. P.* Delegate. The total amount of the fees determine the number of votes of which the *F. I. E. P.*'s Delegate disposes in the *General Assembly*.

In order to cover administrative expenses, the *F. I. E. P.* Delegate can retain 10 % of the sum paid.

g) The *Federation* can receive contributions and subscriptions or private subsidies on the part of different countries, organizations or persons.

The amount of these exceptional contributions does not intervene in the counting of votes in the elections.

#### Article 6

##### *Votes in the General Assembly*

A — Only the Delegates of the *F. I. E. P.* vote at the *General Assembly*.

They have at their disposal a number of votes for their countries, which is fixed as follows:

— 1 vote for the basic individual fee (annual fee) paid after the preceding *General Assembly* for a first series of 0-100 subscriptions.

— 1 vote for 2 individual fees for a 2nd series of 101-200 subscriptions.

— 1 vote for 4 individual fees for a 3rd series of 201-300 subscriptions.

— 1 vote for 10 individual subscriptions beyond this 3rd series.

Example: A country that pays a sum equivalent to 420 basic subscriptions during the four years separating two *General Assemblies* have the right to:

$$100 \text{ votes} + \frac{100}{2} + \frac{100}{4} + \frac{120}{10} = 187 \text{ votes}$$

B — The *F. I. E. P.* Delegate utilises the votes, the number of which has thus been fixed, taking into consideration the particular mandates which are given to him by:

— The individual members who are present at the *General Assembly*.

— The representatives of the collective members and *National Committees* present at the *General Assembly*. The number of the votes that correspond to the mandate granted by these representatives is estimated according to the preceding formula.

According to the proposals to be voted, the *F. I. E. P.*'s Delegate can therefore

bring forth X votes for, and Y votes against, for a total of X+Y votes that are fixed by the *Statutes*, according to:

a) the general mandate which he has at his disposal on behalf of his country;

b) the particular mandates given to him by the members of his country who are *present* at the *General Assembly*.

C — Votes by correspondence are not admitted.

#### Article 7

##### *Checking of the accounts*

The financial report is introduced by the General Treasurer or for lack of him by the President or Secretary General, to the *General Assembly* that appoints two experts to examine the accounts.

The report of the experts is then submitted to the *General Assembly*.

#### Article 8

##### *Modification of the Statutes*

The *Statutes* can only be changed by the *General Assembly* according to a proposal of the *Executive Committee*, inscribed in the Agenda of this *General Assembly*.

Modifications must be approved by at least 2/3 of the registered votes during the *General Assembly*.

#### Article 9

##### *The dissolution of the Federation*

The dissolution of the *Federation* is decided by an ordinary or extraordinary *General Assembly* which should assemble at least a third of the votes normally presented. If this number is not reached, a second *General Assembly* is convoked within a short time to come to a decision whatever the number of votes presented.

In both cases the decision demands a majority of two thirds of the votes.