

COLOMBIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE STATUTES

PREAMBLE

"We, the Colombian Olympic Committee, from now on "COC", an organization belonging to the Olympic Movement, duly represented by the undersigned, hereby undertake to respect the provisions of the Olympic Charter and the World Anti- Doping Code and to abide by the decisions of the International Olympic Committee, from now on "COI".

We undertake, in accordance with our mission and role at national level, to participate in actions that promote peace and to support women in sport. We also undertake to support and encourage the promotion of sports ethics, the fight against doping and to demonstrate a responsible concern for environmental issues.

CHAPTER I

NATURE, DOMICILE, OBJECTIVES, CONSTITUTION, AUTONOMY

ARTICLE 1. The COC shall be an independent, non- profit- making body under private law, established for an indefinite period, incorporated and legally domiciled in Colombia and having an international structure and functions.

In order to fulfill its mission, the COC can cooperate with governmental bodies, with which it shall achieve harmonious relations. However, it shall not associate itself with any activity which be in contradiction with the Olympic Charter. The COC may also cooperate with nongovernmental bodies.

The COC must preserve its autonomy and resist all pressures of any kind, including but not limited to political, legal, religious, or economic pressures, which may prevent it from complying with the Olympic Charter.

ARTICLE 2. The COC shall have its domicile in Bogota DC, Republic of Colombia.

ARTICLE 3. The COC shall reject any form of discrimination.

ARTICLE 4. The distinctive colors of the COC shall be yellow, blue, red and white, which shall be used for all its emblems.

ARTICLE 5. The Colombian Olympic Committee shall have as its mission the development, promotion and protection of the Olympic Movement in accordance with the Olympic Charter. In the performance of its mission it shall have the following objectives:

- A. Promoting and developing Olympism as a philosophy of life which exalts and combines physical and mental qualities, harmonizing sport with culture and education, promoting the fundamental principles and values of Olympism in the country at all levels in the institutions of the education sector, as well as supporting the creation of institutions dedicated to Olympic education, such as national Olympic academies, Olympic Museums and other programs, including cultural ones, related to the Olympic Movement.
- B. Stimulating the sporting spirit, consolidating and disseminating enthusiasm for sport and promoting friendship between athletes and sports administrators in all regions of the country and the world.
- C. Fighting against the use of substances and procedures prohibited by the COI and the international sports federations, approaching the competent authorities so that medical controls may be performed in optimum conditions. In that sense, the COC will adopt what is indicated in the World Anti-Doping Code and will ensure that its Anti-doping policies, rules and results management procedures comply with this code and all roles and responsibilities are respected.
- D. In co-ordination with the national sports federations, the COC is obliged to prepare, select and participate with its team in the games of the Olympic Cycle, patronized by the COI, and will be responsible for the behavior of the entire delegation.
- E. Representing, registering and leading, by virtue of its exclusive authority, national participants in the Olympic Games, in the competitions of the Olympic cycle and in the World Games.
- F. Organizing and supervising the mentioned games mentioned above when they are held on Colombian soil.
- G. Working with public and private entities, to encourage a healthy policy on sport.
- H. Devising, coordinating and assessing policies, plans, programs and projects associated with competitive sport, high performance sport, sports for all and the training of human resources.
- I. Encouraging the preparation of sports administrators, their participation in and representation before the international sports bodies.

- J. If one or more cities apply for hosting some Olympic Cycle Games, the Executive Board of the COC, after presentation of the applicant national cities, will choose the city and present its candidacy in front of the respective international body. The Executive Board of the COC will regulate the duties notebook the applicant cities should comply with. National Sports Events are excepted from what's mentioned above.
- K. Observing and ensuring observance what is indicated in the Olympic Charter, statutes and regulations, and take action against any form of discrimination and violence in sport.
- L. Providing advisory services, organization, operation and commercialization of sports events, as well as designing services, staffing, improvement, implementing and administration of sports facilities, in order to generate resources to invest in missional programs of the COC, with the assistance and accompaniment of the national sports federations.

ARTICLE 6. The COC shall comprise people and affiliated sport organizations as follows:

- A. Active members and honorary COI members, of Colombian nationality. Such members have the right to speak and vote in the General Assembly of the COC. An expelled COI member, cannot be a member of the COC.
- B. All national sports federations affiliated to the respective International Federations included in the Olympic Games program.
- C. The national federations affiliated to the respective international Federation recognized by the COI and whose sports are not included in the Olympic Games program.
- D. The national sports federations of indigenous sports.
- E. One (1) representative for athletes, who has participated in the Olympic Games, designated by the Athlete Commission.

PARAGRAPH I. Affiliation may also be extended to sports or multi-sports federations or other sports organizations internationally recognized by their organization, which are capable of increasing the efficiency of the COC or have rendered distinguished service to the cause of the sport, taking into account that this provision won't represent a conflict with the Olympic Charter.

PARAGRAPH II. The COC shall have a minimum of ten (10) affiliated national Federations, which shall at the same time be affiliated to international federations whose sports are included in the Olympic Games program.

PARAGRAPH III. Only one federation shall be admitted for each sport.

ARTICLE 7. In order for a national sports federation to be admitted as an affiliate of the COC, it must prove compliance with the following requirements:

- A. It must be established in accordance with the laws of Colombia and the Statutes of the COC, at least two (2) years before starting from the registration date affiliation application.
- B. It must be affiliated to an international federation recognized by the COI, except in the cases of indigenous sports federations.
- C. It must be demonstrated that the federation has held sport events at national and international level, during the two (2) years before, starting from the registration date or affiliation application.

PARAGRAPH I. The requirements under this article will be understood without the detriment of rights to affiliation from associated Colombian Olympic Committee Federations at present.

PARAGRAPH II. The required conditions in this article will be understood as necessary for the definite affiliation that will have to be approved by the Assembly of the COC.

PARAGRAPH III. The Executive Board of the COC can affiliate the national federations legally recognized in Colombia provisionally, in order to support them and promote their development. To obtain their definitive affiliation they will have to comply with all the requirements of the present article and its regulation.

CHAPTER II

INCOME AND ASSETS

ARTICLE 8. The income and assets of the COC shall comprise:

- A. Revenue deriving from public or private organizations or institutions.
- B. Income deriving from marketing, agreements, contracts, donations and similar, carried out with natural or legal persons, both national or international.
- C. Resources in cash or in other kinds from shares in the profits of the sports championships, events and games to which it is entitled.
- D. Movable and immovable properties acquired by it for any purpose, and returns deriving from them.
- E. Results on financial investments.

- F. Affiliation dues and annual subscriptions of member national federations.
- G. Resources coming from any activity in which the COC participates.

CHAPTER III

FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE

ARTICLE 9. The Colombian Olympic Committee shall have the following functional structure:

- A. The controlling body, comprising the General Assembly.
- B. The administrative body, comprising the Executive Board.
- C. The supervisory body, comprising an Operative Auditor and his deputy to supervise the administration, and an Auditor and his Deputy to supervise finances.

CHAPTER IV

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ARTICLE 10. The General Assembly shall be the highest Colombian authority and shall be composed as stated in Article 6 of these Statutes.

PARAGRAPH I. Each national federation shall be represented by a permanent delegate and an alternate. The alternate shall also have the right to speak, but the federation shall only have right to one vote. The representation of the delegate must produce their credentials, duly signed by the president of the concerned federation, unless the delegate is the president.

PARAGRAPH II. The status of member of the COI may not be the subject of a proxy for the purposes of voting and speaking in meetings.

PARAGRAPH III. The athletes indicated on Art 6E, will be represented by one representative, in accordance with the procedures established by the Executive Board of the COC, according to the Olympic Charter. This representative will have the right to speak and vote in the General Assembly, this participation is not delegable.

ARTICLE 11. The representatives of the national sports federations whose admission is to be debated by the Ordinary Assembly, shall have the right to vote only, with effect from the session following to that at which their affiliation was ratified.

ARTICLE 12. The sessions of the General Assembly may be ordinary or extraordinary. The ordinary session shall convene once a year, in the month of March. An extraordinary session may convene at any time of the year in order to resolve upon specific matters.

PARAGRAPH I. In cases of force majeure, the session of the Assembly may be postponed for fifteen (15) working days following the date initially indicated in the notice upon specific matters.

PARAGRAPH II. The sessions of the Assembly may be attended by federations which are in good standing with the COC in respect of year's dues and financial duties until the 31 of December of the fiscal year of the previous year. In any case there will be exceptions to the requirements under this paragraph.

PARAGRAPH III. Whenever it can be proved there will be an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly when by any means all members can deliberate and decide by simultaneous and successive communication. In this last case, the succession of communications must happen immediately, according to the means used. This means shall not be used for election assemblies or Statute reform.

PARAGRAPH IV. The decisions adopted pursuant to this paragraph shall be valid, when any of the members does not participate in the simultaneous and successive communication.

PARAGRAPH V. The deliberations of the assembly may be suspended to be continued later on, as many times as the number of assistants who represent, at least, fifty-one per cent (51%) of the national federations, in the meeting, decides it. But these deliberations cannot be prolonged for more than three days, if the total number of sports federations are not represented.

ARTICLE 13. Ordinary meetings of the Assembly shall be convened by the Executive Board by a resolution stating the date, time, place and agenda. This resolution shall be notified in writing not less than fifteen (15) working days prior to the date of the meeting to all the affiliated federations, Coldeportes or the entity that takes its place, the Colombian members of the COI and the athletes' representative. The notice

convening the meeting shall be accompanied by the audits committee's report on the previous minutes, the report on the financial position, a report on the estimate income and expenditure for the forthcoming period, details of new federations that must be ratified for their definitive affiliation to the COC and any other business to be discussed and resolved upon at the sessions of the Assembly.

PARAGRAPH I. If the Ordinary Assembly was not convened, it shall meet automatically on the first working day of the month of April at 10:00 am at the domicile of the COC, observing the conditions laid down for meetings of this type.

ARTICLE 14. The Agenda of the session of the Ordinary Assembly shall comprise, as minimum, the following:

- A. Roll call, acceptance and inspection of credentials.
- B. Verification of quorum and constitution.
- C. Reading of report of previous minutes.
- D. President's report.
- E. Treasurer's report.
- F. Auditor's report and approval or rejection of the Financial Statements.
- G. The Operative Auditor and his Deputy's report.
- H. Analysis of the estimated income and expenditure for the forthcoming period.
- I. Any other business.

PARAGRAPH. The ordinary session for which the agenda includes the item relating to the election of the Executive Board, the Operative Auditor and his Deputy shall be held every four (4) years.

ARTICLE 15. An extraordinary Assembly shall meet when convened by the Executive Board, by a resolution indicating the matters to be discussed and the date, time and place of the meeting. The notice convening the meeting shall be issued not less than five (5) days before hand.

PARAGRAPH. At an Extraordinary Session, only the matters included in the notice convening the meeting may be discussed.

ARTICLE 16. The Operative Auditor, the Accounting Auditor or half plus one of the affiliated national sports federations in good standing may ask the Executive Board in writing to convene an Extraordinary Assembly, indicating the matters to be discussed.

The Executive Board shall be obliged to deal with the request within ten (10) working days following the date of its receipt. If refused, without good reason, to convene the Assembly, the Operative Auditor, the Accounting Auditor or the legal representatives of a majority of the affiliated national sports federations, as the case may be, may convene the Assembly, in compliance with the other requirements set out in the present Statutes. The assembly shall be chaired by an ad hoc President designated by the Assembly of the COC.

ARTICLE 17. The Assembly, meeting in ordinary or extraordinary session, may validly adopt resolutions by the vote of half plus one of the federations affiliated to the Colombian Olympic Committee, which are in good standing and according to Art. 6. Resolutions shall be adopted by half plus one of the votes validly cast, provided that a majority of the voters are federations for sports included in the Olympic Games Program. Those qualified majorities established in these statutes are excepted.

The voting majority of the General Assembly and the Executive Board shall consist of the votes cast by the representatives of federations recognized by the International Olympic Committee and included in the Olympic Games program.

PARAGRAPH. The Executive Board shall determine the voting procedure for establishing the majority referred to in this article.

ARTICLE 18. If the statutory quorum has not been achieved three hours after the time specified in the notice convening the meeting, the Assembly may discuss resolutions if one third of the members are present and may adopt resolutions by the votes of one more than half of those present, with the exception of revisions of the Statutes.

ARTICLE 19. The Assembly shall have the following powers:

- A. To assess and approve policies, plans, programs and projects relating to top-level competitive sport.
- B. To study, approve or reject the Financial Statements for the financial year and the draft budget for the year.
- C. To ratify de affiliation dues and annual subscriptions of the sports federations proposed by the Executive Board of the COC.
- D. To elect the members of the Executive Board, the Operative Auditor and his Deputy, and to appoint the Auditor and his Deputy.
- E. To approve or reject ratification of new members of the COC.
- F. To approve revisions of the Statutes.
- G. To interpret these Statutes.

- H. To authorize acts or contracts in connection with real state in order to buy, sell or pay derived taxes as a consequence of them.

PARAGRAPH. The general acts of the Assembly are referred to as Resolutions.

CHAPTER V

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE AFFILIATES

ARTICLE 20. RIGHTS. Those affiliated to the Colombian Olympic Committee shall have the following rights:

- A. To speak and vote at the meetings of the Assembly of the Colombian Olympic Committee, through a duly accredited representative.
- B. To elect persons whom the law or Statutes require to be appointed to the Assembly.
- C. To request the convening of the Assembly, in the cases expressly indicated in these Statutes.
- D. To request and receive assessment from the COC on administrative, sporting, technical and other matters.
- E. To participate, subject to compliance with the established requirements, in the sporting competitions and events sponsored by the Colombian Olympic Committee.
- F. Other powers as laid down by law, in the present Statutes, in the resolutions of the Assembly and in the Resolutions of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 21. DUTIES. Those affiliated to the COC hereby undertake to:

- A. Contribute, jointly, in the promotion and development of its sport in the national territory.
- B. Assume commitments that guarantee the effectiveness in the fight against corruption, against doping and the rigging in sporting competences and practice good corporate governance.
- C. To comply with the requirements of the law, the Statutes and the regulations, and with the provisions of the COC and the Olympic Charter.
- D. To participate fully through a duly accredited representative in the meetings of the Assembly of the COC, from the time set for its beginning until the completion of the agenda.
- E. To pay annual subscriptions punctually.

- F. To participate, subject to compliance with the established requirements, in the sporting competitions and events sponsored by the COC.
- G. To inform the COC in detail, each year or when requested, on the progress of their affairs.
- H. To maintain their legal status, sports recognition and international affiliation in force.

ARTICLE 22. The affiliated national sports federations may be penalized by the suspension of their rights of affiliation for the following causes:

- A. If recognition of their sports is suspended or withdrawn.
- B. If their legal status is suspended.
- C. If they fail without good reason to attend the sessions or Assemblies of the COC.
- D. If they repeatedly violate the provisions of the law, the Statutes or the regulations.
- E. If they are disaffiliated from their respective international sports federation.

PARAGRAPH I. The absence or withdrawal of the representative of a national sports federation to attend the meetings of the Assembly of the COC, except in cases of *force majeure* or *act of God*, shall incur a penalty of five (5) minimum monthly wages, without prejudice to the suspension of the affiliation.

Explanations for absence or withdrawal shall be supplied within five (5) days following the date of the meeting of the Assembly.

PARAGRAPH II. Decisions may be taken in compliance with due process, through motivated resolution and shall be subject to appeal. The Executive Board shall regulate the procedure.

CHAPTER VI

EXECUTIVE BOARD

ARTICLE 23. The Executive Board of the COC shall be composed of:

- A. Nine (9) members, elected by the General Assembly, in ordinary session for periods of four (4) years.
- B. Active members of the COI who have a Colombian nationality and honorary members of the COI, also of Colombian nationality.
- C. One representative of the athletes elected by the Athlete Commission of the COC. All these with the right to speak and vote.

The elected members in the Ordinary General Assembly shall be:

- A. President.
- B. First Vice-president.
- C. Second Vice-president.
- D. General Secretary.
- E. Treasurer.
- F. Four (4) other members.

PARAGRAPH I. The active Colombian members of the International Olympic Committee and the athlete's representative shall form part of the Executive Board of the Colombian Olympic Committee, with the right to speak and vote.

PARAGRAPH II. At least half plus one of the members of the Executive Board must have been elected from national sports federations affiliated to International Sports Federations included in the program of the Olympic Games. The Executive Board shall determine the voting procedure for establishing the majority referred to in this present paragraph.

PARAGRAPH III. In development of the previous paragraph, any national sports federations shall postulate the candidate who possesses and certifies the necessary qualities, with the proof or certification issued by the respective federation, or Coldeportes, or whoever assumes the role.

PARAGRAPH IV. The members of the Executive Board of the COC, with the exception of the President and General Secretary shall not be remunerated for the services they comply in function with their positions. They shall be reimbursed their expenses on transportation and accommodation, as well as other justifiable expenses related to their functions.

PARAGRAPH V. The Executive Board shall regulate the conditions of time, amount and precedence of resources, for the planned in the previous paragraph. In no case this item shall proceed from state resources or from Olympic Solidarity.

PARAGRAPH VI. No person may run in an election, for more than one position in the Executive Board.

PARAGRAPH VII. The members of the Executive Committee shall be reelected, maximum for two consecutive periods. In other words, no person by election or appointment shall remain in the Executive Committee of the COC for more than three consecutive periods.

ARTICLE 24. In order to be elected a member of the Executive Board of the COC it is necessary:

- A. To be a Colombian National and a citizen in possession of full civil rights.
- B. Not to have been convicted of any criminal offence and to be of exemplary personal and social character. Misdemeanors and political offences constitute exceptions.
- C. During the twelve (12) years before the election, to have acted at least four (4) years of them as a member of administration and/or control body in a Colombian national sports federation, of the COC or an international organization recognized by the COI.

PARAGRAPH I. Civil servants in position of legal or civil authority and associated with government bodies at any level forming part of the national sports system, may not be elected or appointed members of the Executive Board of the COC within two (2) years of leaving the concerned post.

PARAGRAPH II. Elected and appointed members of Executive Board of the COC, should keep and preserve their quality according to the lineaments under this article.

PARAGRAPH III. The posts of President, Vice-Presidents, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Board of the COC, shall be incompatible with posts in all the other sports organizations.

ARTICLE 25. The President, Vice-Presidents, General Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by name and by simple majority votes. The other members shall be elected by list, the electoral quotient system being applied. The voting will be conducted by secret ballot. In the cases where there shall only be one candidate for a position, the Assembly may decide if the election is made by acclamation.

ARTICLE 26. The members of the Executive Board may not serve as delegates of the national sports federations to the Assemblies of the COC.

ARTICLE 27. The Executive Board shall meet, at least, once a month, except in cases of force majeure. In all cases it shall session at least twelve times a year.

PARAGRAPH I. Whenever it can be proved there shall be a reunion of the Executive Board, if by any means the members can deliberate and decide by simultaneous or successive communication. In this last case, the succession of communications shall happen immediately, according to the means used.

PARAGRAPH II. Shall not be valid the decisions adopted in accordance to this paragraph, when one of the members does not participate in the simultaneous or successive communication.

ARTICLE 28. Constitutes a deliberate and decisive quorum in the Executive Board, the presence of the majority of its members. Decisions shall be adopted with the voting in favor of half plus one of the assistants.

PARAGRAPH. When dealing with affairs related to the Olympic Games, will be taken into account only the votes placed by the members of Executive Board that represent national sports federations of the sports included in the program of the Olympic Games.

ARTICLE 29. If a member of the Executive Board fails to attend, without just cause, three (3) consecutive or non- consecutive sessions in a one-year period, the Executive Board shall declare the post vacant and appoint a replacement for the remainder of the period.

ARTICLE 30. The functions of the Executive Board shall be:

- A. To implement the policy lay down by de Assembly of the COC.
- B. To present to the members the action plan, development and governance, within the six (6) months after the election.
- C. To maintain close relations with the national and international sports organizations and appoint delegates to events as necessary, selecting them from among its members or among the members of the executive bodies of the national sports federations.
- D. To manage, determine and approve, jointly with the federations where necessary, the appropriate participation of Colombia in international events and appoint the executive body of the delegation.
- E. To stimulate and protect the Olympic Movement and sport, both directly and through the national sports federations.
- F. To celebrate the Olympic Day each year, on the date indicated by the COI.
- G. To restrict the use of the words "Olympic" and "Olympiad", to activities associated with the Olympic Movement, in accordance with the terms of the Olympic Charter.

- H. To choose the Colombian candidate city to organize games of the Olympic Cycle or other events under the COI's umbrella, as well as world, continental or regional events, according to its regulations and procedures.
- I. In compliance with the Olympic Charter, to create permanent or temporary commissions by its own or by appointment of the Assembly.
- J. To strive for inclusion and participation of the different sports in the national sports games and to compose the Honor Committee for such Games.
- K. To register, by resolution, the executive bodies of the national sports federations.
- L. To promote and sponsor publications, conferences and other forms of sports dissemination and training.
- M. To hire the administrative personnel it considers for the normal performance of its duties, and determine their functions and remuneration.
- N. To examine and approve the annual estimate of income and expenditure and submit it for the consideration of the Assembly.
- O. To authorize activities and negotiations on behalf of the COC and to determine the amount of authorization of the contracts and expenses.
- P. To interpret and accomplish faithfully the provisions of the Olympic Charter like the Statutes, rules and Code of Ethics of the COC.
- Q. To decide upon the admission of new affiliates, readmissions and expulsions, in compliance with the provisions of the law, Statutes and rules and to put forward its decision for ratification by the next Assembly.
- R. To inform the COI of any discrepancy, conflict or interference that may affect the normal course of its activities and, similarly, to abide by any decision taken on the matter by the IOC.
- S. To encourage the raising of funds.
- T. To add up the estimate expenditure and report on it at the following Assembly.
- U. To regulate these Statutes.
- V. Any other business assigned by the General Assembly.

CHAPTER VII

THE PRESIDENT

ARTICLE 31. The president of the COC shall be the legal representative of that body. His functions in that shall be as follows:

- A. Authorizing and signing deeds and documents concerning the COC, and conferring the required powers in defense of its interests.

- B. Appointing delegates to the assemblies of the national sports federations.
- C. Convening, through the office of the General Secretary, the meetings of the COC and of the Executive Board.
- D. Giving an annual report to the Ordinary General Assembly and submitting the Financial Statements for its consideration.
- E. Ordering expenditure.
- F. Fulfilling all the other functions in his post and those entrusted tasks that are inherent to his position and the ones that are trusted to him by the Assembly.

CHAPTER VIII

THE VICE- PRESIDENTS

ARTICLE 32. The Vice-Presidents, in order of seniority, shall have the same powers and functions as the President during the latter's temporary absence, and such other powers as he delegates to them.

In the event of the permanent and duly verified absence of the President, the First or Second Vice-President, shall assume the post for the remainder of the established period in the Statutes.

CHAPTER IX

THE GENERAL SECRETARY

ARTICLE 33. The functions of the Secretary General shall be:

- A. Acting as Secretary at the sessions of the Assembly and of the Executive Board, keeping the Minutes of the corresponding meetings.
- B. Sending to the International Olympic Committee certified copies of the minutes of the Assemblies regarding the election of the Executive Board or revisions of the Statutes.
- C. Replying to correspondence in consultation with the president and reporting to the Executive Board on the progress of related events with the Colombian Olympic Committee.
- D. Issuing the notices convening meetings, as requested by the rules and when ordered by the President.
- E. Updating and maintaining the archives of the Colombian Olympic Committee.
- F. Authenticate with his signature all COC documents, when legally necessary.

- G. Notifying the resolutions of the Assembly and of the Executive Board as appropriate.
- H. Fulfilling all the inherent obligations and duties inherent in his post and those assigned to him by the Executive Board.

CHAPTER X

THE TREASURER

ARTICLE 34. The functions of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

- A. Preparing the draft annual budget and submitting it to the Executive Board for approval.
- B. Ensuring that movements of income and expenditure of the Colombian Olympic Committee take place in accordance with the accounting rules.
- C. Supervising the movements of bank assets.
- D. Signing each year the general balance sheet and financial statements and submitting them to the Executive Board's consideration.
- E. Supervising the arrangements for the budget accounts, treasury, cash and inventories in accordance with the provisions of the law and the customary techniques.
- F. Fulfilling all the inherent obligations and duties inherent in his post and those assigned to him by the Executive Board.

CHAPTER XI

THE ORDINARY MEMBERS

ARTICLE 35. The ordinary members shall fulfill the general functions of members of the Executive Board and the specific functions of the Secretary's and Treasurer's offices assigned to them by the Executive Board or the President of the Colombian Olympic Committee.

CHAPTER XII

THE OPERATIVE AUDITOR

ARTICLE 36. The Ordinary General Assembly shall elect, for a term of four (4) years, an Operative Auditor and his deputy, who shall meet the same requirements as those required for election as of the Executive Board.

PARAGRAPH. The Operative Auditor and his Deputy shall have residence in the city where the Colombian Olympic Committee has its headquarters.

ARTICLE 37. In the temporary absence of the Operative Auditor to the Executive Board meetings he shall be replaced by the Deputy Operative Auditor. In the event of his permanent absence the General Assembly shall be convened to elect replacements, who shall occupy the post until the end of the established period in the Statutes.

ARTICLE 38. The posts of the Operative Auditor and his Deputy shall not be compatible with the exercise of any role in administrative, supervisory and/or disciplinary bodies of any sports affiliated organism.

ARTICLE 39. The functions of the Operative Auditor shall be:

- A. To supervise the activities of the Executive Board on behalf of the General Assembly and to attend to the Executive Board meetings with the right to speak but not to vote.
- B. To watch over the faithful observance of the Olympic Charter, the present Statutes, Rules and the Code of Ethics of the COC.
- C. To submit an annual report on his activities to the General Assembly.
- D. To convene the Extraordinary Assembly in concordance with the Statutes.
- E. To fulfil all the inherent obligations and powers in his post and assigned to him by the Assembly.

CHAPTER XIII

THE ACCOUNTING AUDITOR

ARTICLE 40. The supervision of the budgetary, accounting and financial activities of the Colombian Olympic Committee shall be the responsibility of an Accounting Auditor, being a natural or legal person whose appointment and remuneration shall be determined by the General Assembly in ordinary session for periods of one year.

PARAGRAPH I. The office of Accounting Auditor shall be performed in full compliance of the requirements and conditions laid down by the law for the performance of such role.

PARAGRAPH II. In the event of the temporary or permanent absence of the Accounting Auditor, his position shall be filled by the Deputy Accounting Auditor. If the latter is unable to serve, the Assembly shall be convened to appoint replacements.

ARTICLE 41. The Accounting Auditor and his Deputy may not be subject to any of the established impediments by law to fulfill their functions.

ARTICLE 42. The functions of the Accounting Auditor shall be:

- A. Giving a record on the Financial Statements.
- B. Signing the basic Financial Statements submitted for consideration of the General Assembly.
- C. Submitting an annual report on his activities to the General Assembly.
- D. Fulfilling all the inherent obligations and powers in his post.
- E. To ensure that the Executive Committee complies with the statutory norms and laws.

CHAPTER XIV

ATHLETE COMMISSION

ARTICLE 43. The mission of the Athletes Commission is to look out for the interests and needs of the athletes within the COC.

ARTICLE 44. The objectives of the Commission are:

- A. To attend the concerns and interests of the athletes and present solution options to the Executive Committee.
- B. To represent the rights and interests of the Athletes and to make pertinent the corresponding recommendations.
- C. To maintain a contact with the COI Athlete Commission and with the other international sports organisms recognized by the COI.

ARTICLE 45. The composed of the Commission is as follows:

- A. Five (5) members, all from Colombia, must be at least eighteen (18) years old and have never been sanctioned for a doping offence.
- B. The Commission is composed of a majority of athletes who, at the time of their nomination/ election, be in competition at least at a national level in a sport belonging to the Olympic Games Program within the previous eight (8) years.

- C. Both genders must be represented within the Commission.
- D. The members of the Commission are elected by participant athletes in the first international multi- sporting games of the respective four- year period and according to the regulations issued by the COC.
- E. The period of the term is four years, counted since the date of the election and may be reelected in the same conditions established for the Executive Board.
- F. The following are ex officio members of the Athletes Commission of the COC:
 - 1. Members of Colombian nationality, of the Athletes Commission of the COC.
 - 2. Members of Colombian nationality, of the Athletes Commission of the continental and/or regional associations of the National Olympic Committees.

They have the right to vote at meetings of the Commission.

ARTICLE 46. The representation of the Commission within the COC shall be as follows:

- A. In the COC General Assembly, by one (1) member, elected by the Commission, who shall have the right to speak and to vote within this Assembly.
- B. Within COC Executive Committee, by one elected member by the Commission, who shall have the right to speak and to vote within this Committee.

ARTICLE 47. The meetings of the Commission:

- A. The Commission meets at least three (3) times a year.
- B. The COC is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Commission shall meet.

CHAPTER XV

THE STATUTES

ARTICLE 48. The adoption of revisions to the present Statutes shall be the exclusive prerogative of the Assembly meeting in extraordinary session for that sole purpose. In this case, the Quorum for the convening and holding of the Assembly shall comprise the presence of three-quarters (3/4) of the affiliated federations in good standing, and resolutions shall be adopted by the favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those affiliated to the Colombian Olympic Committee.

PARAGRAPH. At the time of the convening of the Extraordinary Assembly for the adoption of revisions, a draft and an explanation of the reasons shall be sent to the members, within two calendar months in advance.

CHAPTER XVI

DISSOLUTION

ARTICLE 49. The Colombian Olympic Committee shall be dissolved and arrangements made for its liquidation:

- A. By decision of three quarters of the member federations, taken in an Extraordinary General Assembly.
- B. As a result of a reduction in the number of members required for its creation.
- C. For any other reason laid down in the Olympic Charter and the laws of Colombia.

ARTICLE 50. Once dissolution has been decided upon, the General Assembly or by default the Executive Board shall appoint two liquidators of known probity to make the necessary required by law arrangements to carry on the economic business of the Colombian Olympic Committee and submit the accounts in liquidation at the end of the action which may not take more than six months. At the end of that period, in Extraordinary General Assembly, results will be pointed out and all the assets of the Colombian Olympic Committee shall be handed over to the custody of "COLDEPORTES", or any successor institution.

CHAPTER XVII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 51. No Federation or association affiliated to the Colombian Olympic Committee may include in its Statutes any provision contrary to these rules, or restrict their meaning or scope.

ARTICLE 52. Any decision made by the General Assembly may be impugned exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport who resolves the dispute definitely in accordance with the Code of Sports- Related Arbitration. The time-

limit for appealing is twenty- one (21) days, after the reception of the decision concerning the appeal.

ARTICLE 53. Interpretations with the authority of the Statutes, and the adoption of solutions in cases no covered herein, shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board, until they can be considered and decided upon by the Assembly of affiliates.

ARTICLE 54. The present statutes shall, always be in concordance with the Olympic Charter and refer expressly to the latter. If there is any doubt as to the implication or the interpretation of the present statutes or if there is a contradiction between such statutes and the Olympic Charter, the latter takes precedence.

PARAGRAPH. Any subsequent change to the statutes as originally approved by the International Olympic Committee, shall also be communicated to the latter with a request of approval.

The approval of the statutes of the COC by the IOC Executive Board is a condition for recognition. The same condition applies to any subsequent change or amendment to the statutes of the COC.

Furthermore, the statutes of the COC must be approved by the District's Secretary of Culture, Leisure and Sports of Bogotá D.C.



Baltazar Medina
President



Ciro Solano Hurtado
General Secretary

Approved during the Extraordinary General Assembly celebrated on December 11th, 2017, in Bogotá and during the Executive Board on February 26th, 2018.