

# **Constitution of the All European Taekwon-Do Federation**

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## **Article 1: Definition**

- 1.1 The All European Taekwon-do Federation (A.E.T.F) has the status of an international, non-governmental, non-political, non-profit organization of unlimited duration, that does not recognize differences of race, religion, politics or sex, and it is affiliated to the International Taekwon-do Federation (I.T.F)

## **Article 2: Structure**

- 2.1 The A.E.T.F. gathers the National Governing Bodies of the independent states of the European Continent.
- 2.2 From each nation, only one National Governing Body can be member, and if more associations within a nation claim representation, it will be given to the one which is recognized by the I.T.F.
- 2.3 The Member Federations are the representatives of the A.E.T.F. in their respective countries. They have the right and duty of taking part in all A.E.T.F. activities and in its Congresses, where they will report on their national development and needs and formulate and decide on any kind of proposals concerning its rules.

## **Article 3: Affiliation**

- 3.1 In order to become member of the A.E.T.F, the President of the National Governing Body must submit its statutes, activities calendar, number of clubs, grades and members, and the documentation which demonstrates its technical and organizational level.
- 3.2 The Secretary General will expose the candidature to the Directing Committee, who will discuss it and will submit it to the next Congress.
- 3.2 The Congress members will take a decision in order to accept or not the candidature. The candidate must be represented by an official delegate during the Congress.
- 3.4 Any accepted country as a member of A.E.T.F. can only be expelled as established by the Constitution.

## **Article 4: Aims**

- 4.1 To promote the Korean Art of self defence, known as Taekwon-Do (TKD).
- 4.2 To promote the friendship relations and the understanding between its members and with other Continents.
- 4.2 To coordinate the Taekwon-Do activities in Europe.
- 4.3 To study and present proposals of technical, sport and organizational regulations to the International TKD Federation.

4.4 To organize and coordinate meetings, camps, championships and other events performed in Europe.

4.5 To dissolve the possible discrepancies that may appear between the country members.

**Article 5: Headquarters and Official Language**

5.1 The A.E.T.F. official Headquarters will be at the President's residence.

5.2 English is the A.E.T.F. official language.

**Article 6: The Governing Bodies**

6.1 The Governing Bodies of the A.E.T.F. are:

- a) The Congress
- b) The Directing Committee
- c) The President

**Article 7: The Congress**

7.1 The Congress is the main sovereign decision body of the A.E.T.F.

7.2 The Congress will be held every year between January 1st and December 31st. It will be held at the place which is designated at the previous Congress. The Directing Committee will take this decision in case it has not been taken on the occasion mentioned above.

7.3 The Congress

- elects the Directing Committee (see art. 9), and approves or disapproves their reports and decisions,
- approves the Constitution, the regulations and its modifications,
- it will decide about the membership requests and about the proposals that the country members and the Directing Committee will submit,
- it will decide about any other matter which affect the A.E.T.F. aims.

7.4 The Congress may consider only items that are included in the Agenda. Any other matter will need the approval of the simple majority for it to be discussed.

7.5 Three months before the Congress, the General Secretary must submit to each country member the items to be included in the Agenda.

7.6 The proposals to be submitted for the Agenda by the country members and the Directing Committee should be written in the official language.

7.7 The Directing Committee must prepare the Agenda, and the documentation will be sent one month before the Congress meeting, by the Secretary General to all the country members.

7.8 Each country member may be represented at the Congress by two delegates who shall have the right to speak, however only one shall have the right to vote.

- 7.9 The delegates must be in possession of credentials signed by the National President of their country member in order to have voice, and must clearly indicated which one of them has the voting right. The President of the country that is attending the meeting will not need this credential.
- 7.10 The verification of the credentials will be carried out by the Vice-President, the Secretary General and the General Treasurer before the Congress. In case of any dispute the Secretary General shall submit the dispute to the Congress.
- 7.11 Members of the Directing Committee as such, shall not have the right to vote, with the exception of those who have the representation of a country member.
- 7.12 Observers may be invited to the Congress by the President or with its authorization, but with the right to speak only on the authorization of the President of the Congress.
- 7.13 The Congress shall be presided over by the President of the A.E.T.F. or in his absence by the Vice-President.  
The President shall be assisted by the Secretary General or in his absence by the Vice-President.
- 7.14 The decision and discussions of the Congress shall have validity with the majority of the country members present at the meeting.
- 7.15 The Congress shall decide by majority vote, which shall be done by raising hands or by roll call. If only one of the delegates shall demand, voting shall be by secret ballot.
- 7.16 A member Federation can be represented by other member Federation attending the Congress only if declared on an official credential signed by the National President.

**Article 8: Extraordinary Congress**

- 8.1 If at least two thirds of the country members request an extraordinary Congress, or, if the Directing Committee considers it necessary, an extraordinary Congress may be convened at the place chosen by the Directing Committee. The adopted decisions shall have equal validity and comply with the same conditions as those of an ordinary Congress.
- 8.2 The Agenda for this extraordinary meeting must indicate the reasons for this Congress.

**Article 9: Directing Committee (DC)**

- 9.1 It is composed of 7 members:

- The President
- The Vice-President
- The Secretary General
- The General Treasurer
- Three (3) Members

The Secretary General and the General Treasurer will be proposed by the President and ratified by the Congress, and the rest of the members will be elected by the Congress.

- 9.2 Candidature for the Directing Committee must be sent to the Secretary General

signed by the President of the country member of the candidate.

- 9.3 With the exception of the President, a country member will only have one member within the Directing Committee.
- 9.4 The meetings will be called by the Secretary General according to the President's decision.
- 9.5 The Directing Committee members may candidate themselves for re-election, and shall hold their position for at least four years.
- 9.6 The Directing Committee will discuss the items of the Agenda which have been established by the President and the Secretary General, and about the urgent matters. Every decision must be ratified at the next Congress.
- 9.7 In case of vacancy, the Directing Committee will call the first not elected candidate of the last elections and so on.

**Article 10: The President**

- 10.1 **The President is elected by the Congress.** He directs the A.E.T.F. and represents it before third parts.
- 10.2 In case of temporary or permanent absence during his mandate or for any other reason his rights shall be assumed by the Vice-President until the next Congress.
- 10.3 In case of an equal vote, the President has the final decision.

**Article 11: Vice-President**

- 11.1 The Vice-President is elected by the Congress shall assist the President and will replace him whenever necessary.**

**Article 12: Secretary General**

- 12.1 The Secretary General will be proposed by the President and ratified by the Congress. He will be in charge of the General Secretariat work, with the assistance of administration staff, and of the regular contacts and reports with the country members and third parties, as delegate of the President.

**Article 13: General Treasurer**

- 13.1 The General Treasurer will be proposed by the President and ratified by the Congress. He will be in charge of the Treasury, especially for keeping regular accounts.

**Article 14: Committees**

- 14.1 The A.E.T.F will have the following Committees.**

- Technical Committee
- Umpire Committee
- Tournament Organisation Committee
- Disciplinary Committee

Each Committee will consist of one (1) Chairman and two (2) Members.  
The Chairman and Members are elected by the Directing Committee and shall hold their position for at least four years.

**Article 15: Income and Expenditure**

15.1 Operating and administrative expenses of the A.E.T.F. are covered by the resources provided by the annual affiliation fees, by donations, and by all remittances from other sources.

15.2 Country members must pay an annual fee as fixed by the Congress.

15.3 The members of the Directing Committee will offer their services freely, as honorific title. Nevertheless, their travelling and living expenses will be covered by the A.E.T.F. in the case of all meetings and official commissions.

15.4 All expenses before being incurred shall previously be authorized by the President.

**Article 16: Control of Accounts**

16.1 During each Ordinary Annual Congress a commission of three members shall be elected, for the control of the accounts, whose report will be given to the President.

16.2 The three delegates elected for auditors will be those that have achieved more number of votes.

A delegate that belongs to a country member represented in the Directing Committee can not take part in the commission.

**Article 17: Expulsion, Résignation, Suspension**

17.1 The A.E.T.F. member condition can be withdrawn for the following reasons:

- expulsion
- resignation
- dissolution of the national country member

17.2 A country member may be expelled definitively for:

- omission of payment of three annual fees
- by majority decision of the Congress

17.3 Country members who have not paid their annual fee on the fixed date, will be suspended from all international activities, until complete payment of all amounts due is made.

17.4 Country members who are in due with the treasury at the date fixed for the Congress, shall have the right to participate in the Congress but not the right to speak or vote.

17.5 Any country member may resign whenever from the A.E.T.F., but they must report to the Directing Committee by a certified written document.

17.6 The Directing Committee may financially of disciplinary sanction the

country members that do not fulfil their obligations with the organization of a championship or any other activity as previously fixed in a written document.

**Article 18: Grades**

18.1 The A.E.T.F. only recognizes those grades which are given officially by the International TKD Federation

**Article 19: Honorary Members. Distinctions**

19.1 The A.E.T.F. may bestow the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member to personalities who have been of service to Taekwon-Do. Nominations shall be presented to the Congress by the Directing Committee, and to the Directing Committee by a country member.

19.2 Honorary Presidents or members shall have the right to attend Congresses or meetings organized by the A.E.T.F., with the right to speak but not to vote.

19.3 The Directing Committee may bestow distinctions (medals, diplomas, cups etc.) on to persons who have rendered special services to the development of Taekwon-Do.

**Article 20: Modification to the Statute**

20.1 For matters which are not included in the present Constitution, the Directing Committee may take action in accordance with the decisions of the Congress or take the necessary decision which must then be submitted for approval to the next Congress.

20.2 Future modifications must be approved by a majority vote of the Congress.

**Article 21: Dissolution**

21.1 The dissolution of the A.E.T.F. will need the two thirds of majority vote from all country members.

21.2 In the case of dissolution, the property of the A.E.T.F. will be given to a charitable society.

**Final Disposition**

The actual Constitution will be in force from the day after it has been approved by simple majority of the Congress.