



STATUTES WEVZA

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ARTICLE 1: GENERAL, AUTHORITY, SEAT, LANGUAGE

1.1

The Western European Volleyball Zonal Association (hereinafter known as its acronym, WEVZA) has been founded as a supporting institution of the FIVB and CEV, pursuant to the FIVB Constitution and shall represent the Association of the National Volleyball Federations (hereinafter known as NF's) of the countries of Western Europe.

The National Federations founding WEVZA are: BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND and THE NETHERLANDS.

1.2

Members of WEVZA can only be NF's which are affiliated to the CEV and FIVB.

1.3

WEVZA, as a sports organization, will have an indefinite term and shall be recognized by the CEV and FIVB.

WEVZA's Statutes, Regulations and activities shall abide by the Constitution and Statutes, Regulations, Rules of the Game in addition to all decisions of the CEV and FIVB.

The FIVB Constitution prevails in the event of disagreement

1.4

The seat of WEVZA will be in the country of the elected President.

The official language of WEVZA shall be English.

ARTICLE 2: AIMS & TASKS

WEVZA shall pursue, in the geographical area assigned to it, the aims of the CEV and FIVB which are primarily to encourage the development of Volleyball and Beach Volleyball with particular emphasis on:

2.1

Promoting the expansion and popularity of Volleyball and Beach Volleyball in all its forms.

2.2

Fostering the development of friendly relations between the NF's, their officials, coaches, referees and players.



2.3

WEVZA will organise volleyball and beach volleyball competitions, in accordance with art. 1.3 of the present Statute. WEVZA will submit its proposed calendar to the CEV office no later than 30th November in the preceding year.

2.4

Developing media & marketing activities that will gain the attention and interest of Governments (National, Regional & Local), Government Agencies and private investors and influencers to support Volleyball and Beach Volleyball at national and international levels.

2.5

The goals of WEVZA shall, under no circumstance have any political content or seek political leverage.

Based on its specific goals, WEVZA shall manage and administer its own affairs and manage them with the highest level of competency and integrity.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

3.1

An NF may only become a WEVZA member after having completed the process of affiliation, which will be regulated as follows:

The NF must apply in writing to the WEVZA Executive Committee. Any such written application shall imply the unconditional acceptance of the Statutes and General Regulations of CEV and FIVB.

When approved, the application will be forwarded to the CEV for ratification.

Upon the CEV's ratification, the WEVZA's General Assembly will decide upon the proposal. If it is approved by the General Assembly the final ratification of membership application will be determined by the FIVB.

3.2

Any NF may, at any time, leave the association, provided it has met all its obligations.

Any resignation must be notified by registered letter to the President, at least sixty (60) days before the date of the next General Assembly.

3.3

The General Assembly shall recommend to the CEV the exclusion, temporary suspension or permanent expulsion of any of its member NFs of the Association, in the following cases:

- 3.4.1 voluntary resignation;
- 3.4.2 upon a justified request of other/ its Member Federations;
- 3.4.3 after a serious breach of the Statutes or Regulations on the part of the Member Federation, its legal representatives or one of its teams.

Decision may be taken following a presentation to the General Assembly by the member NF concerned and by a majority of at least two thirds of the votes cast.



3.4

A voluntary resignation, temporary suspension or permanent expulsion decided by CEV or FIVB, will automatically lead to the same status as membership of WEVZA.

ARTICLE 4: INSTITUTIONS

4.1

The institutions of the WEVZA are:

- 4.1.1 The General Assembly
- 4.1.2 The Executive Committee
- 4.1.3 The Secretariat
- 4.1.4 The Commissions and Working Groups

ARTICLE 5: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5.1

The General Assembly of the affiliated member NF's is the supreme decision-making body of WEVZA and its decisions are binding for all Member Federations and have immediate effect on all matters and activities under the Associations authority.

Nevertheless, its decisions shall never be in contradiction with the Statutes and General Regulations of both the CEV and FIVB.

5.2

The General Assembly is composed of representatives from the NF's members.

Legal representatives of the Member Federations shall be considered the President or, in his/her absence, its Vice-President, or a person expressly delegated for that purpose by the NF's Boards of Administration.

Only the representatives of NF's that have fulfilled their obligations towards WEVZA shall participate in any General Assembly.

The General Assembly can only pass resolutions when at least two thirds of the NF's with the right to vote are present or represented. If not, only discussions can take place.

5.3

Each member NF shall have one vote. The decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority i.e. when they poll more than half of the votes cast.

The Statutes shall be amended by a majority of at least two thirds of the votes cast. The same majority is required for the purpose stated in article 3.3 of the present Statutes.

All voting shall be public, except when the General Assembly decides otherwise.



5.4

The General Assembly will be held every one [1] year. The frequency may be amended only at a General Assembly and will apply for the subsequent General Assembly

Other meetings of the General Assembly shall be extraordinary and may be called at the request of the Executive Committee or by petition of the majority of its member NF's.

5.5

The date and place of the General Assembly shall be notified to its member NF's at least three [3] months in advance.

5.6

Any proposals which a NF wishes to propose to the General Assembly shall be sent, in writing, to the Secretariat at least two [2] months before the date of the opening of the General Assembly.

5.7

The agenda, administrative, financial and sports reports, accounts, budgets, proposals and applications shall be circulated to the national federations no later than one month before the date of the opening of the General Assembly.

Only items appearing on the General Assembly agenda will be discussed.

In an emergency, items which are not on the agenda may be discussed provided the General Assembly decides to do so by a simple majority vote.

The agenda for the ordinary session of the General Assembly must include the following:

- 5.7.1 Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the General Assembly
- 5.7.2 Approval of the sports, administrative and development reports of the last year.
- 5.7.3 Approval of the financial report of the last year.
- 5.7.4 Approval of the sport, administrative and development programs for the next year.
- 5.7.5 Approval of the budget for the next year, including the annual fees of member NF's and teams participation fees in official competitions
- 5.7.6 Election of the WEVZA President, Executive Committee members and members of the Commissions
- 5.7.7 Approval of any proposals made by the member NF

5.8

The General Assembly has the sole and exclusive competence to:

- 5.8.1 Recommend to the CEV amendments to the Statutes.
- 5.8.2 Create and/or, when appropriate, dissolve any of the Commissions or Working Groups.
- 5.8.3 Elect the President, members of the Executive Committee for a period of two [2] years
- 5.8.4 Elect members of its Commissions and Working Groups of the Association for a period of two [2] years
- 5.8.5 Approve the activities, administrative and financial reports of the past year and the budget for the following period



5.9

The minutes of the General Assembly shall be prepared by the Secretariat.

The minutes of the General Assembly shall be sent to the member NF's within fifteen [15] days of the closing of the General Assembly.

They shall be approved provisionally by the Executive Committee and forwarded to the CEV no later than thirty [30] days after the closing of the General Assembly and will then be approved at the next General Assembly.

Unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, its decisions shall take effect no less than sixty [60] days after the closing of the General Assembly.

5.10

Each member NF shall be entitled to submit to the General Assembly one [1] candidate for the election of President and / or Executive Committee member and one [1] candidate for a member of each of the Commissions.

5.11

The WEVZA President chairs the meeting and voting of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly may, at the proposal of the Executive Committee, award the titles of Honorary President, Honorary Vice-President or Honorary member to persons having held the respective posts or to anyone who has given outstanding service to either WEVZA, CEV or the FIVB.

ARTICLE 6: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6.1

The Executive Committee is the governing body of WEVZA and it is responsible for the overall administration of the Association, as well as of the implementation of the General Assembly's resolutions.

The Executive Committee consists of three [3] members: the President and two [2] Vice Presidents, one [1] of them holds the position of Treasurer and is responsible for the financial matters; whilst the other will be responsible for all administrative affairs.

6.2

The President shall be elected directly by the General Assembly, provided such candidates have been formally nominated for the presidency by their respective NF's.

Once elected, the President shall become a full member of the Executive Committee.

The election of the President shall be followed by the election of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.



6.3

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the administration and management of WEVZA and shall be empowered to act and take decisions on behalf of the member NF's, but within the remit decided at the previous General Assembly.

6.4

- 6.4.1 The Executive Committee shall meet at least once [1] a year
- 6.4.2 Other Executive Committee meetings, where necessary, shall be Extraordinary
- 6.4.3 In both cases, the President shall call these meetings

6.5

In urgent and exceptional cases the Executive Committee can take decisions that normally would need to be decided by the General Assembly. These emergency decisions must then be ratified at the next General Assembly.

6.6

The WEVZA President chairs the meeting and voting of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 7: THE SECRETARIAT

7.1

The Secretariat of the Association is the body providing official, administrative and other general services to WEVZA.

The NF of the elected President of WEVZA shall perform the duties of the Secretariat of the Association for the duration of the President's term of office, unless different agreement adopted by the General Assembly.

All documents and communications issued by the Secretariat of the Association must be signed by the President or by another member of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 8: COMMISSIONS & WORKING GROUPS

8.1

- 8.1.1 The General Assembly may create as many Commissions as necessary, which shall be responsible for delivering the stated aims of WEVZA.
- 8.1.2 WEVZA Commissions shall consist of a President and a minimum of two [2] members, elected by the General Assembly among the candidates proposed by the member NF's.
- 8.1.3 The term of office for each Commission shall be two [2] years.

8.2

- 8.2.1 The General Assembly and/or the Executive Committee may create Working Groups for specific tasks.



- 8.2.2 Working Groups shall last for a specific term according to the project or task and shall consist of persons appointed by Executive Committee or General Assembly.

ARTICLE 9: SPORT EVENTS

9.1

The appointment of the countries hosting the official WEVZA Championships will be decided by the General Assembly.

9.2

All the official WEVZA Championships will take place according to the rules and regulations of the CEV and FIVB.

9.3

- 9.3.1 Due care must be taken to ensure that the dates selected for the official WEVZA Championships will not interfere with official CEV or FIVB events/competitions.
- 9.3.2 WEVZA must notify the CEV annually; and before 30th November, of the official calendar of its activities in order to have them incorporated into the European events calendar for the following year.

ARTICLE 10: FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1

- 10.1.1 Every year, the Executive Committee shall submit to the General Assembly for approval, the final accounts, which shall include, for the fiscal year, an internal audited report of profit and loss and the balance sheet
- 10.1.2 The accounting period shall last one (1) year and begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st of the same year.
- 10.1.3 The WEVZA Secretariat and in particular the Treasurer will be entrusted to manage and control the financial matters of the Association
- 10.1.4 For this purpose, the General Assembly shall elect two internal auditors of accounts among its own members
- 10.1.5 Internal auditors will have full access to examine any economic content or document that has been prepared for the presentation of the financial report to the General Assembly

10.2

Financial resources of WEVZA and its income shall come from:

- 10.2.1 The annual membership fee of the member NF's, which will be fixed by the General Assembly
- 10.2.2 Competitions and event entry fees (set by the General Assembly)
- 10.2.3 Income from Sponsorship and TV rights.



- 10.2.4 Contributions, grants and donations from member NF's, the CEV and FIVB
- 10.2.5 Grants or contributions from NGO's or any other agencies
- 10.2.8 Any other legitimate income

ARTICLE 11: FINAL PROVISIONS

11.1

- 11.1.1 The Association logo shall show clearly the initials of WEVZA.
- 11.1.2 The WEVZA logo must appear on the flag and the stamp of the Association
- 11.1.3 All official documents and communications from the Association must include the WEVZA, CEV and FIVB logos.

11.2

These Statutes of 12 articles, written in English, have been approved by the National Volleyball Federations of BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND and THE NETHERLANDS, hereafter known as the founding members of the Western European Zonal Volleyball Association (WEVZA) in the constituent General Assembly meeting, in Copenhagen (DEN) on September 26th, 2013.

11.3

The eight (8) founding Volleyball National Federations of WEVZA, shall confirm their agreement with the Statute providing Letters of compliance, signed by their Presidents and Secretaries General.

ARTICLE 12: OMISSIONS

Any subject not explicitly provided for in the WEVZA Statutes shall be regulated by the CEV or FIVB Statutes or Regulations.