

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SKI MOUNTAINEERING COMPETITIONS (ISMC)

ISMC Statutes

I. BASIS

ARTICLE 1

The ISMC is an internal Body of the UIAA. It is based on the UIAA Articles of Association and on the UIAA Regulations concerning International Ski Mountaineering Competitions (“the Regulations”).

II. SECRETARIAT

ARTICLE 2

The location of the secretariat of the ISMC will be decided by the Management Committee.

III. PURPOSE AND TASKS

ARTICLE 3

The ISMC is responsible for all aspects of international ski mountaineering competitions. Its principal purposes are the regulation, promotion, development and furtherance of this sport on a world-wide basis. It fosters sporting links and friendly relations among its members and their competitors and officials.

ARTICLE 4

The ISMC is in particular responsible:

- a) to establish and maintain rules and standards for competitions, in accordance with the general principles as described in Article I. of the Regulations;
- b) to establish and maintain rules for international competitions, and for the participation in such competitions, in accordance with Article II. 1 of the Regulations;
- c) to decide which international ski mountaineering competitions are officially recognised by the UIAA;

- d) to award in the name of the UIAA licences and contracts to members and other organisations that seek authorisation to organise official international competitions and associated activities;
- e) to promote and control good sporting practice;
- f) to combat doping and all other processes and procedures that might undermine sporting equality; it applies the IOC Medical Code;
- g) to respect the Olympic Charter and to develop the sport towards possible programme status in the Olympic Games.

IV. MEMBERS

ARTICLE 5

The ISMC is open to all member associations of the UIAA being or intending to be actively involved in ski mountaineering competitions and having paid an admission fee as fixed by the Plenary Assembly of ISMC.

Within the limits as stated in Art. II. 2. of the UIAA Regulations concerning International Ski Mountaineering Competitions the Plenary Assembly of ISMC may accept associations from countries where there is no UIAA member yet as aspirant members of ISMC. Aspirant members of ISMC are entitled to participate in all international competitions but have no right of vote. Their admission fee is fixed by the Plenary Assembly. Aspirant membership expires if the aspirant member does not apply for full UIAA membership within 2 years latest or if the application is not accepted by the UIAA General Assembly.

ARTICLE 6

Obligations of Members

All members undertake to participate in the development of the sport of ski mountaineering.

They shall comply with the Statutes and Regulations of ISMC and with the resolutions adopted by the ISMC Bodies. They undertake to request the same of their individual members participating in activities of the ISMC.

ARTICLE 7

The members agree to respect their mutual autonomy and shall in no way harm the development of other members.

ARTICLE 8

All members shall pay membership fees as fixed by the Plenary Assembly.

V. BODIES

ARTICLE 9

The ISMC functions through 5 bodies, each with separate defined powers and duties:

- A. Plenary Assembly
- B. Management Committee
- C. Technical Commissions
- D. Disciplinary Bodies
- E. Continental Councils (subject to ISMC decision)

VI. PLENARY ASSEMBLY

ARTICLE 10

The Plenary Assembly is the highest Body of the ISMC having ultimate authority for all activities of the ISMC. It convenes every year.

Organisation of the Plenary Assembly shall be entrusted alternately to one of its members. Its date and venue shall be agreed at the end of the previous meeting and shall take into account the dates of the General Assembly and Council meetings of the UIAA.

The Calling Notice must be sent to all members at least 3 months prior to the date set for the Assembly.

ARTICLE 11

Powers of the Plenary Assembly

The Plenary Assembly has the following duties and powers:

- a) to elect the Management Committee, the Disciplinary Bodies and the Auditors;
- b) to fix admission fees and membership fees;
- c) to approve of plans for future activities;
- d) to adopt and amend these Statutes in accordance with the Regulations, such decisions needing a quorum and majority as described in Article 14;
- e) to admit new members in accordance with the Regulations;
- f) to adopt and amend all regulations; it can however, authorise other Bodies to independently establish supplementary technical and/or ethical rules where this seems appropriate;
- g) to decide the suspension or expulsion of members which do not comply with the obligations as stated in these Statutes;
- h) to approve the Minutes of the last meeting;

- i) to decide, discuss and approve the report of the Management Committee;
- k) to review and approve the annual accounts after having heard the report of the Auditors and to give discharge to the Treasurer and to the other members of the Management Committee;
- l) to approve the budget;
- m) to decide all matters which no other Body is competent to decide or which other Bodies refer to the Plenary Assembly for final decision.

ARTICLE 12

Voting Rights

For each country, only one organisation may have the right of vote, providing that it acts as the national representative of the sport of ski mountaineering competition in its country.

ARTICLE 13

At any Plenary Assembly, each member shall be represented by one delegate who may be assisted by one or two advisors.

A member which has not paid its dues in full prior to the Plenary Assembly is not entitled to vote.

Any member having voting rights may be represented by the delegate of another member being duly entitled to vote by means of written proxy. One delegate may not represent more than two other members at the same time.

ARTICLE 14

Quorum

The adoption of amendments of these Statutes may only be considered if at least half of the members of ISMC having the right of vote are present or represented. To be adopted, such items must receive the approval of 2/3 of the votes cast.

For all other decisions of the Plenary Assembly there is no quorum. Decisions are taken with the majority of votes cast.

ARTICLE 15

Decisions

Voting at the Plenary Assembly is conducted by show of hands. Upon the request of any delegate entitled to vote, supported by at least one other delegate, any vote must be taken by secret written ballot.

Elections shall always be decided by secret written ballot.

ARTICLE 16

Agenda and the Right to Introduce Proposals

Items for inclusion in the Agenda of any Plenary Assembly may be presented by:

- a) the Management Committee
- b) the Board of the UIAA
- c) any Member

ARTICLE 17

The full Agenda of a Plenary Assembly shall be sent to the members of ISMC and the Board of the UIAA at least 8 weeks before the Plenary Assembly.

Upon affirmative vote of no less than 2/3 of the members being present and having voting rights, the Plenary Assembly itself may add items to the Agenda of any meeting. The additional items shall be treated at the end of the Agenda.

ARTICLE 18

Extraordinary Plenary Assembly

The Management Committee may at any time call an extraordinary Plenary Assembly. At the written request of 1/5 of the members entitled to vote or on the request of the Board of UIAA, the Management Committee shall convene an extraordinary Plenary Assembly within 3 months of receipt of such request.

VII. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

ARTICLE 19

The Management Committee of ISMC consist of the following officers:

- President / ISMC
- Vice-President / ISMC
- General Secretary / ISMC
- Treasurer / ISMC
- UIAA Board representative
- UIAA Mountain Protection Commission representative

and up to 4 representatives from ISMC member associations having organised one or more competitions in the 3 calendar years prior to the date of election and of one representative from each approved Continental Council.

ARTICLE 20

The members of the Management Committee are elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of 4 years. Members can be re-elected for one further term only.

Each member association can have in principle only one representative within the Management Committee (representatives of the UIAA Board and Mountain Protection Commission excepted).

ARTICLE 21

The Management Committee is responsible for implementing all the policy directives and decisions made by the Plenary Assembly. This includes in particular:

- to prepare the Agendas of the Plenary Assemblies;
- to make recommendations to the Plenary Assembly about:
 - . the long-term strategies of ISMC;
 - . regulations and rules to be decided by the Plenary Assembly;
 - . the candidates to be elected by the Plenary Assembly as members of Disciplinary Bodies;
- to decide about the creation and dissolution of Technical Commission;
- to set up the Calendar of UIAA approved competitions;
- to supervise UIAA approved competitions;
- to decide about the terms and conditions of contracts between ISMC and organisers of UIAA approved competitions;
- to make recommendations on the terms and conditions of contracts to be concluded with third parties outside UIAA;
- to decide on the formation of a secretariat.

ARTICLE 22

The Management Committee meets twice or three times every year.

ARTICLE 23

The Agenda for the Management Committee meetings is prepared by the Executive Board (see Article 25). However, any member of the Management Committee is entitled to present proposals for the Agenda. The full Agenda shall be sent by the Executive Board to the Management Committee members at least 4 weeks prior to the meeting date.

ARTICLE 24

Every member of the Management Committee has one vote. Decisions are taken by majority of the members present and no voting rights may be exercised by proxy. The Management Committee can only take decisions if a majority of its members is present.

ARTICLE 25

Executive Board

The first 4 officers of ISMC as mentioned in Article 19 para. 1 form the Executive Board of the Management Committee.

The Executive Board is responsible for carrying out all those routine duties and specific tasks that have to be fulfilled between meetings of the Management Committee. This includes in particular:

- to undertake administrative duties and tasks;
- to decide about the composition of the jury of UIAA approved competitions;
- to supervise and co-ordinate the work of the Technical Commission;
- to control the ISMC finances;
- to initiate and undertake negotiations with third parties.

ARTICLE 26

The Executive Board meets as often as business requires. It may take decisions by correspondence and by any other means of communication. To be valid, decisions have to be approved by a minimum of 3 officers.

VIII. TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

ARTICLE 27

The Management Committee may appoint Technical Commissions for specific tasks. Each member of ISMC can participate in the Technical Commission. The mandate of each Commission is reviewed by the Management Committee which determines its future validity and effectiveness.

IX. DISCIPLINARY RULES AND BODIES

ARTICLE 28

The Disciplinary Rules including the designation of Disciplinary Bodies are drawn up by special Regulation of the Plenary Assembly.

X. CONTINENTAL COUNCILS

ARTICLE 29

The Plenary Assembly may allow the formation of Continental Councils that are responsible for the administration, development and furtherance of ski mountaineering in the same continent or geographic entity. They comply with and enforce the rules and regulations of ISMC and co-operate with the ISMC Bodies. They organise continental championships and other competitions in their area.

The Statutes and Regulations of Continental Councils must be submitted to the Management Committee for approval.

XI. THE PRESIDENT

ARTICLE 30

The President chairs all meetings of the Plenary Assembly, the Management Committee and the Executive Board. Together with the UIAA President he represents the sport of ski mountaineering in accordance with the rules as set up in the Regulations.

The President may delegate various aspects of ISMC-Management to other members of the Management Committee.

ARTICLE 31

In case of death or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall assume his duties until the next Plenary Assembly. Should the Vice-President in turn be unable to fulfil his obligations, the member of the Management Committee who has served on the Management Committee the longest shall assume his duties and convene an Extraordinary Plenary Assembly in order to elect appropriate replacements.

XII. FINANCES

ARTICLE 32

In accordance with the rules as stated in the Regulations the ISMC is entirely responsible for financing its own activities from income from sources such as:

- Membership and subscription fees of its members;
- Competition organisation/authorisation, competitor entry and any other fees relating to official competitions;
- All other sources (sponsorship, TV rights, etc.).

ARTICLE 33

Honorary Functions

The activities of all bodies of ISMC are conducted without compensation to the individuals who serve thereon. The expenses of the Management Committee are borne by the ISMC according to expense regulations approved by the Plenary Assembly.

In exceptional circumstances, and within approved budgets, the Plenary Assembly of the ISMC or the Management Committee shall be empowered to authorise payment of fees to individuals and/or organisations to provide specific professional service or advise.

ARTICLE 34

The financial year of the ISMC shall run from the 1st January to the 31st December annually.

ARTICLE 35

The Plenary Assembly of the ISMC shall receive and approve annual budgets detailing the forecast from all sources and the proposed annual expenditure and shall establish and maintain its own financial accounting and produce annual accounts audited by the accredited Auditors appointed by the Plenary Assembly of ISMC.

In accordance with Article VI. of the Regulations, the accounts shall be presented for approval to the General Assembly of the UIAA in conformity with the Articles of Association of the UIAA.

ARTICLE 36

The basic currency for annual accounting purposes will be the Swiss Franc.

XIII. EXCLUSION OF A MEMBER

ARTICLE 37

A member may be expelled from ISMC for the following reasons:

- being more than 12 months in arrears with any membership fees or competition entry fees;
- failure to comply with these Statutes or other regulations of the ISMC.

XIV. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

ARTICLE 38

The official languages within the ISMC are English and French.

These Statutes are to be read in conjunction with the attached UIAA Regulations concerning International Ski Mountaineering Competitions, adopted in Malacca on 10 October 1998.

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