

STATUTE

INTERNATIONAL BOWLS CONFEDERATION

Confederazione
Boccistica
Internazionale

The CBI - International Bowls Confederation (Confederazione Boccistica Internazionale) approved this update of the statute during the Congress held in Mersin on 3 November 2022

Foreword

The CBI Confederazione Boccistica Internazionale is structured and acts as the International Federation of Sport in accordance with the requirements of the IOC/IPC/UNESCO and is a full member of TAFISA.

Competitive, leisure and educational areas shall align with sustainable development goals identified in the ONU Agenda 2030 and by TAFISA.

The CBI adopts, via their by-laws, the WADA Code concerning doping and is governed by WADA policy.

All CBI commitments are directly conveyed to the CBI Member and Affiliate organisations.

Procedures are in place to develop and update this document similar to international bodies such as ISO (International Standard Organisation) and Independent bodies such as TAS/CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport), as described in the documents supporting the CBI management system.

As per the statute's application, the CBI's organisational structures provide for two documents: 1. By-laws and 2. Sanctions. Both include deploying administrative roles and responsibilities, including sanctions for non-compliance.

By-Laws and Sanctions are part of the statute and include updating procedures.

Any conflict between Statute issues and National Laws & Regulations must be immediately brought to the attention of the General Secretary for prompt handling.

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Statute

Article 1 - Name & Founding Purpose

The International federation governed by the present statute is a nonprofit association named CBI - Confederazione Boccistica Internazionale (International Bowls Confederation).

CBI is an International Sports Federation that is constituted for an unlimited period and governed by the Swiss Civil Code and this statute.

CBI is set up to drive governance and operational continuity.

CBI is a federation of national members representing competitive and amateur players and all recreational and educational activities that use Raffa Bowls.

CBI was born thanks to the union of the following National federations: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Paraguay, Peru, San Marino, United States, Switzerland, and Uruguay.

CBI was one of the founders of the Confederation Mondiale des Sports de Boules (CMSB) until its dissolution in 2020.

Today, CBI is one of the three (3) founding organisations of the World Pétanque and Bowls Federation (WPBF), the successor of CMSB and a full member of The Association For International Sport for All (TAFISA).

Article 2 - Organisation

CBI organisation consists of:

- a. CBI National Federations
- b. CBI Continental Confederations
- c. CBI Associate Organisations (Organisations with recognised interest or activities in sports linkable to the Raffa Bowls sharing CBI Mission & Objectives.)

Article 3 - Seat

CBI has its registered headquarters in Switzerland, fulfilling all requirements required by International Sports, Administrative, Civil and Criminal codes.

The CBI headquarters may be transferred elsewhere only after the resolution of the Congress and implementation of adequate change in the statute to secure operational continuity.

Upon decision by the Executive Committee, it may establish additional offices (temporary or permanent) situated outside Switzerland.

Article 4 - Official Language

The official CBI languages are English and Italian. The proceedings and all meetings, including administrative reports, are written in English and translated into Italian.

All the documents and reports of the Executive Committee and all other Committees and Commissions of the CBI are in English and translated into Italian.

Whereby CBI documents are translated into other languages other than Italian or English, the English translation shall prevail where there are differences in meanings.

Article 5 - Mission & Objectives

CBI, through its activities, aims to:

- a. Promote the sport of Raffa Bowls at the international level, in line with IOC/IPC and Sport for All objectives, by deploying operational roles and tasks for each CBI member.
- b. Promote the practice of sport as a human right. "Everyone should be able to participate in sport and physical activity in a welcoming and inclusive way - regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ability, cultural background, ethnicity, location or life stage."
- c. Adopt an Ethic Code and a Code of Conduct.
- d. Act by the principles of the International Olympic organisation as defined in the official acts regulating the activities of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), in particular the Olympic Charter, the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the IOC Agenda 2020, of at least:
 - i. Make the international and national public and sporting authorities accept that human and social values are primordial and inherent in the practice of Raffa Bowls sport and the spirit of fraternity and human solidarity between people linked to the organisation of sporting competitions
 - ii. Taking into account the preservation of the environment by adequate policies and specific actions for future generations
- d. Develop and maintain compliance with all referenced international standards and guidelines with the support of an internal auditing process.
- e. Develop and maintain an internal and accessible qualification process for managers, officers, referees, coaches and volunteer staff.
- f. Attract and keep active the media's attention on the role of the sport of Raffa Bowls in the social context as a specific tool for psychomotor recovery and social integration.
- g. Affirming its willingness and determination to relentlessly pursue the fight against doping and social drugs in sports and comply with WADA and other authorities, respect the principles of ethics and fair play and promote healthy sports actions.
- h. CBI does not pursue any profit-making goal.
 - i. CBI supports the organisational development of its Members for both competitive and sport-related activities for all.

- j. CBI supervises all Raffa Bowls related to International, Continental and Multi-sport Events.
- k. CBI supports and supervises the activities of National federations and Continental Confederations.

Article 6 - Rights and Duties of Members

Members are sports governing bodies that can define and manage the way that the brand of Raffa Bowls operates through its Members and Associate Organisations in line with principles, policies and rules of CBI entrusting people and athletes playing their sport by ability and by age.

Article 7 - National Federation (Member)

A National or Territorial Sports Federation dealing with the sport of Raffa Bowls and recognised by Local Governmental Sport Organisation systems is eligible to be CBI National Federation. CBI National federation should secure and is responsible for complying with all national and international rules applicable to the sport of Raffa Bowls, even if certain activities or deviations are minor.

Article 8 - Provisional Member

A Provisional Member is a National Federation of a country that has submitted its application and is waiting for admission to full membership. A provisional member can participate in CBI events and Congress without voting rights.

Article 9 - Continental Confederation

The Continental Confederation oversees CBI's activities within a Geographical / Continental area. It organises Continental Championships and Sport for all Events upon request of the CBI Executive Committee.

The Continental Confederation comprises representatives of all the National federations and Associated Organisations geographically located on its continent.

Specific jurisdiction may be temporarily assigned to the Continental Confederation by the Executive Committee or by the Congress for the following purposes:

- a. To represent the local interests of the National Federation and Associate Organisations connected to the sport of Raffa Bowls or Policies within the statute limits;
- b. To temporarily support a National Federation that hasn't completed its organisational structure.

Continental Confederation may produce instances and requests to the General Assembly or the Executive Committee related to relevant continental issues and projects related to the

recommendation of the Olympic Agenda 2020 and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Continental Confederation has no voting right.

Article 10 - Associate Organisation

In recognition of historical contributions and/or outstanding support to the development of the Raffa Bowls, the committee may accept an organisation as an Associated Organisation which is not part of the CBI.

Associate Organisation shares CBI Mission & Objectives and acts according to the CBI Statute and By-laws.

Upon Executive Committee Appointment, Associated Organisation can be involved in particular activities and tasks. This organisation can attend Congress without voting rights.

If the Associate Organization represents a country or a territory that is not in conflict with an existing National Federation or National Olympic committee, it may participate in CBI competitions on behalf of the related country.

Associated Organisation may be, but is not limited to:

- Not Recognised Sport Bowls Organisation
- Education / Dissemination Organisation of the Olympic Ideal / Fair Play
- Multi-Sport Events and Sport for All Organisations
- Sport Volunteers Association
- Disabled Sport Organisation
- Sports University & College
- Sports Medicine and Sciences Organisation
- LOC - Local Organizing Committee
- Sports Equipment and Facilities Manufacturer & Organisation
- Apolitical Media Organisation

Article 11 - Member of Honor

A member of the Executive Committee or a Person that provides exceptional services or covers specific roles to CBI may be appointed as CBI Member of Honor with Honorary Title proposed by the President and ratified by Congress.

The honorary title will be confirmed during the Congress upon the President's proposal and a minimum of 2/3 favourable vote.

The various structures of CBI may invite a Member of Honor to participate without voting rights to Congress at their own expense.

Article 12 - Observer

Observer status is a privilege granted by CBI to a Non-member or a Non-Associate Organisation to allow it (where applicable) to participate as an observer in the CBI organisation's activities to acquire good governance principles and experience.

Observer status (participation, observing activities, questioning) is governed by the Code of Ethics and the approach of the By-Laws.

Article 13 - Resources & Properties

The CBI resources consist of the member's annual fees, gifts and donations and any other resources, such as incomes from competitions, tournaments, sponsors and other events organised by the CBI; its resources shall be applied exclusively to further its purpose.

The CBI Properties consist of the rights and incomes connected to possessing, using and disposing of anything, including copyrights, images, logos, fees, etc.

Article 14 – CBI Member

CBI Member is a National Raffa Bowls Federation. According to the Olympic Charter, only one National Raffa Bowls Federation for each territory or country may become a member. The name of the National Raffa Bowls Federation must reflect the territorial extent and tradition of its territory or country and must be approved by the CBI as conforming with the Olympic Charter.

A National Raffa Bowls Federation duly constituted under the laws of its jurisdiction and recognised by the Local Governmental Sport Organisation may become a CBI member.

CBI members should secure and be responsible for complying with all national and international rules applicable to the sport of Raffa Bowls.

The loss of the status of compliance with the statutory requirements automatically activates the loss of the membership.

Article 15 - Member's Admission Requirements

A National Raffa Bowls Federation organised and acting according to the Olympic Charter is eligible to become a CBI Member.

A National Raffa Bowls Federation must provide the following documents/info to the Executive Committee to apply for membership:

- a. The new applicant must submit a letter of request signed by the President of the applicant organisation and supported by documents according to the requirements of the by-laws.
- b. Pre-existing CBI members may be asked to provide all documentation/information required for admission upon written request from the Audit Team that may also need a time-lapse for a Corrective Action Plan before presenting the Deviation/Non-Conformity Notice to the Executive Committee.

The application to become a CBI member is reviewed and temporarily approved by a majority

vote of the Executive Committee. The final approval should be in Congress.

The Executive Committee may, in its sole discretion, accept or refuse a request regardless of whether the applicant meets the requirements.

The CBI Executive Committee shall not be required or compelled to provide any reason for such acceptance or rejection.

Where the CBI Executive Committee accepts an application, new members shall be deemed to act (Role, Rights and Duties) from the acceptance date of the application (or such earlier date as may be appropriate for pre-existing members).

New members will be supported on day-to-day operations by a CBI Member assigned by the CBI Executive Committee as a mentoring organisation until the new member organisation is in force and complied with.

During the provisional admission, the CBI Executive Committee may evaluate the necessity of introducing a transitory authorisation before the Congress Approval/Rejection to secure the Continuity and the Representativeness of the Raffa discipline worldwide via the new member.

Article 16 - Rights of the Members

Each member is entitled to:

- a. recognition as the sole governing body for CBI in that Member's Territory or Country,
- b. be convened and participate in the Congress,
- c. make proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress, subject to the consideration of the committee,
- d. know the agenda of the Congress in advance,
- e. take part in the Congress and express its position,
- f. one voting right during the Congress, unless it has a conflict of interest as a party in the matter being voted on in the meaning of article 68 of the Swiss Civil Code and
- g. nominate candidates for the CBI Executive Committee, including the Vice President and President.

Article 17 - Obligation of the Members

Members must observe the statute and the CBI's internal regulations, by-laws, other rules and regulations and decisions of the CBI and ensure that their members and their various bodies (including individuals, leagues, clubs and para entities) comply with them.

The statutes and regulations of each CBI member must comply with these Statutes.

Article 18 - Member Representative Requirements

Each member, expert or component of the CBI organisational structure, both as an employee, nominated, or voluntary staff, must comply and document their status before becoming a candidate or nominated, with having:

- a. Served a minimum of one year in a National/International Sporting Organisation.
- b. The absence of criminal records, through a certificate of criminal record, includes a summary of a person's records registered in the national judicial records that may no longer be subject to appeal. This certification incorporates the penal, civil and administrative records.
- c. Accept to cover voluntary staff management and operational duties and responsibilities following role, deadlines and tasks assigned by CBI Statute, CBI By-Laws and Commission's progress, including their full availability to travel. If, for any reason, this condition should lapse, the Executive Committee will temporarily reassign the assignment to another person (max six months), or it will be re-appointed, with the same criteria of the first election/assignment, to a new person.
- d. The same person may hold only one office on the Executive Committee except in the event of an appointment due to an office vacancy.

Article 19 - Member Resignation

Any CBI Member may resign in writing to the CBI President on a six (6) months notice. The resignation shall not affect any financial or other obligations arising during the membership term.

Article 20 - Member Suspension

CBI Executive Committee may suspend a Member or Associate Organisation that has not paid its fees or is in arrears for two years (24 calendar months). Such a suspension may be lifted by the Executive Committee when the member is again in good financial standing with the CBI.

Suspended members lose every CBI organisational right (not the obligations) until the reinstatement process has been completed and confirmed in writing by the President of the CBI Executive Committee.

The CBI Executive Committee may suspend a Member for other important reasons, particularly when the Statutes, the CBI by-laws, policies, rules and decisions are violated.

The President shall notify the Continental Confederation concerned if a member is suspended.

Article 21 - Member Exclusion

The request to exclude a member from the CBI Congress or CBI Executive Committee must be

confirmed and implemented by the President of the CBI and ratified by the CBI President based on a proposal of the CBI Executive Committee.

Article 22 - CBI Organisation

The CBI organisational structure consists of the following:

- a. The CBI Congress
- b. The CBI Executive Committee
- c. The CBI Board of Directors
- d. The CBI Committees and Commissions
- e. The CBI Voluntary Staff and Networking

Article 23 - The Congress

The CBI Congress is the supreme body of the CBI. It deliberates all the actions that will assure the CBI organisation's full functionality and operational continuity.

The CBI Congress has all the deliberative and judicial expertise that is not expressly reserved for other CBI organisational bodies.

The CBI Congress is in charge of all deliberative and judicial competencies not explicitly assigned to CBI organisational structures, including their inclusion, dismissal, or reconfiguration.

The CBI Congress must be summoned by the CBI Executive Committee at least once every four years or under the request of one-third of the CBI Members through the CBI Executive Committee that will provide for the convocation of an Extraordinary CBI Congress.

Article 24 - Congress Composition and Attendance

The CBI Congress is composed of the authorised delegates of the CBI Members. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to be represented at the CBI Congress by one delegate, which can be accompanied by one individual (without any voting right).

The President of the CBI Congress is the President of the CBI Executive Committee, who chairs the Congress but has no voting rights.

In the absence of the CBI President, the CBI Congress shall be chaired by one of the two CBI Vice Presidents or, more subsidiarily, by a member of the CBI Executive Committee.

The CBI President, Vice Presidents and the members of Committees & Commissions may attend the CBI Congress. They shall have no voting rights, except they represent their National Federation and/or receive a maximum of one proxy from another National Federation.

The Audit Team members are invited to the CBI Congress as observers and have no voting rights.

Article 25 - Congress Competences

The CBI Congress has the powers and functions expressly listed by this statute, namely:

- a. to amend the CBI Statute
- b. to elect the CBI President and the CBI Vice Presidents of the CBI Executive Committee
- c. to grant the status of Member and Associated Organisation upon a favourable proposal of the CBI Executive Committee
- d. to appoint members to the CBI's Bodies except for the CBI Executive Committee and the CBI Honorary Membership Group
- e. to decide the exclusion of a CBI Member or CBI Associated Organisation
- f. to determine the adoption of all measures towards internal bodies and/or executives that violate the CBI statutory duties, regulations and sportive and executive ethic that is not particularly given to other bodies
- g. to finalise or review the decision, in degree appeal, the requests of affiliation denied by the CBI Executive Committee
- h. to install, suspend, or withdraw Continental Confederations and members
- i. to approve the yearly financial Budget & Financial Report
- j. to grant discharge to the committee to check how CBI funds have been spent and projects carried out. Congress has the exclusive right to approve the budget implementation.
- k. to authorise the Executive Committee to define the annual membership fees and income criteria
- l. to declare the disbandment of the CBI
- m. to approve the President's report inclusive of the Ethic & Athlete commission annexe, Finance & Rules Compliance Audit annexe and Technical and Referee's annexe
- n. to approve/ask for a revision of the Strategic Plan and Economical Budget (4-year period with yearly detail)
- o. to Nominate the Audit Team

Article 26 - Congress Decision-making Proceeding

One-third (1/3) of the Members shall be present or duly represented for a vote to be validly carried out.

The delegates of the CBI Congress must be designated in writing by the President of each National Federation, including specific limitations to their roles, if any.

Steps:

- a. If the quorum one third (1/3) is not reached, the Congress shall be reconvened in six (6) weeks, and no quorum shall be necessary for the validity of this new meeting;

- b. Votes on the disbandment of the CBI require a presence quorum of four-fifths (4/5) of the Members.

Article 27 - Online Meeting

According to a decision of the CBI Executive Committee, the CBI Congress may be held electronically unless four-fifths (4/5) of the National Members require a physical meeting.

Article 28 - Congress Minutes

The minutes prepared and signed by the person chairing the Congress and the Secretary of the meeting shall be delivered to members within thirty working days.

Article 29 - The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has all the powers and functions not granted by the Statutes or mandatory law to another organ or body of the CBI.

Executive Committee Members are in charge for four (4) years. Re-election is possible. In particular, they have the following powers:

- a. to organise, supervise and manage the sport of Raffa Bowls worldwide
- b. to uphold the spirit of the Olympic Charter and the strict observation of the CBI regulations
- c. to represent CBI towards third parties
- d. to exercise overall control over the financial management of the CBI
- e. to develop and update a strategic plan for the expansion of the CBI and the CBI's general policy
- f. to set up any entity which would promote and develop Raffa Bowls
- g. to review and approve the annual business plans and financial statements prepared by the CBI management
- h. to ratify the CBI representative towards third parties, as appointed by the President
- i. to accept or reject applications for membership from National Federations and assign them to a continental area
- j. to adopt, modify and abrogate the CBI internal regulations, by-laws and other rules and regulations of the CBI
- k. to organise, govern, control and/or assign the organisation to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of International & Continental CBI tournaments, including Sport for All Events
- l. to define the international calendar of events and competitions in consultation with the Continental Organisations
- m. to be informed of any by-laws as-signed/managed by any Continental Confederation

- n. to decide on the suspension of a CBI member
- o. to join or leave umbrella sports organisations

Article 30 - The members of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of the President, the two (2) Vice Presidents, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, one representative of the athletes, seven (7) members and the presidents of the Continental Federations. There cannot be more than two (2) members representing the same National Federation.

Article 30.1 - The CBI President

The President is elected by Congress. The President's role is:

- a. to represent CBI, to exert the tasks and the assignments expected by the statute
- b. to decide without appeal, after hearing the Executive Committee's opinions, on the petitions for a reprieve
- c. to convene the responsible bodies anytime to discuss problems of specific competence
- d. to be responsible for signing all the proceedings of the Executive Committee and the financial activity reports with the General Secretary and another member of the Executive Committee

Article 30.2 - The CBI Vice Presidents

- a. The two Vice Presidents replace the President should the latter be absent or unable to, temporally, carry out the presidential duties.
- b. The two Vice Presidents are elected by Congress.

Article 30.3 - The CBI General Secretary

The General Secretary is nominated by the CBI President and approved by Congress. The General Secretary's Role is:

- a. to run the organisation according to day-to-day activities as per the Strategic Plan, By-laws and Corrective Actions Requests
- b. to report to the President and the Executive Committee and exercise her/his power and authority following By-Laws and the directions of the President and the CBI Committee
- c. to supervise any section, entity, or commission created within the CBI in the interest of the development of Raffa Bowls
- d. to consult and seek approval of the President and the Executive Committee on any matters considered to be appropriate
- e. to prepare and organise the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Congress and the agenda in conjunction with the President

- f. to assist the President during the general meetings
- g. to cover the role of Data Protection Officer according to International and Sports laws
- h. to represent and, if necessary, defend the interests of the CBI concerning the CAS-TAS and National Courts.

Article 30.4 - The CBI Treasurer

The Treasurer is elected by Congress.

The Treasurer's role is to be responsible for the financial management of the CBI, inclusive of but not limited to the following:

- a. to prepare CBI annual budget and cash flow projections according to By-Laws and inputs received from CBI Executive Committees
- b. to prepare the annual economic report inclusive of the Corrective Action Plan on issues arising from the Audit Team
- c. to develop and keep updated the By-Laws preceding to meet and manage economic, cash flow and tax management, as required by Swiss Laws and Sports Tax Organisation, by the Congress and by the President and/or General Secretary
- d. to manage all the fiscal and administrative duties, according to deadlines required by Swiss Laws and Local Tax Organisations, to oversee or undertake financial transactions, including the payment of approved expenditures and to collect all sums of money due to taking legal action for the recovery of unpaid amounts, subject to the authorisation of the Executive Committee
- e. to provide timely economic information to the Executive Committee

Article 30.5 - CBI Executive Committee Members from National Federations

The members are elected by Congress.

- a. There shall be a member representing each Continental Confederation
- b. At least two (2) of the seven (7) members should be of different genders to comply with gender equity protocols
- c. Each member shall represent a different national federation

Article 30.6 - CBI Executive Committee Athletes Representative

- a. The athlete representative provides the committee with their athletic point of view regarding the applicability and criticality of the decisions taken and application methods.
- b. The athlete representative is elected by Congress.

Article 30.7 - The Presidents of the CBI Continental Confederations

- a. Represent within the CBI Executive Committee the interests and the activities of Continental Confederation.
- b. The Presidents of the Continental Confederations are responsible within CBI for fulfilling alignments and implementing the complete set of CBI requirements into the individual statutes and by-laws, avoiding any single misalignment and/or conflict. Terminology shall remain the same with CBI.
- c. The Presidents of the Continental Confederations are elected by their continental organisations and confirmed by Executive Committee.

Article 31 - Executive Committee Meeting and Agenda

The Executive Committee meets as often as necessary and at least once a year.

- a. The Executive Committee is convened by the President or upon request made to the President by at least five (5) members.
- b. The meeting may, for any reason, be held electronically or telephonically unless a majority of the members of the Executive Committee request a physical meeting.
- c. The invitation to the meeting and the agenda shall be sent by email or registered mail by the President at least two (2) weeks before the meeting date. The President is also in charge of the agenda.

Article 32 - Executive Committee Meeting Quorum

Nine (9) members of the Executive Committee, representing at least three Continental Confederations, shall constitute a quorum of the committee. If the quorum is not met, the committee shall be reconvened in two (2) weeks, and no quorum shall be necessary for this meeting.

Article 33 - Executive Committee, Meeting Decisions and Majority

Decisions are taken by a simple majority of the votes cast. Each member present shall be entitled to one vote. In case of a tie, the CBI President, or the person who presides over the meeting, has the casting vote.

Article 34 - Board of Directors

The Executive Committee may establish a Board of Directors composed of at least five (5) members, including the CBI President, the General Secretary, and three members representing at least three continents.

The rights, duties, tasks and operating conditions of the Board of Directors are defined in the CBI By-laws.

Article 35 - Committees

CBI committees are responsible for monitoring and driving operational effectiveness, considering developments of international sports and proposing updating technical, organisational and training activities to ensure harmonised development and compliance with international standards and guidelines.

Article 35.1 - Technical Committee is in charge of developing, implementing and maintaining in force the rules of competition, equipment and events, LOC requirements and criteria, and list of CBI Officers & Referees, inclusive of recognitions framework at international higher levels.

Article 35.2 - The Education & Sport for All Committee is in charge of developing, implementing and maintaining the rules of developing, training and qualification process & dissemination into the specific area, inclusive of recognitions from international higher levels with international standards and guidelines.

- a. At the first meeting following Congress, the CBI Executive Committee, on the proposal of the CBI President, elects the members for the Committees.

If no members or women are nominated to secure an intercultural approach or the adequacy of presence within each committee, the CBI Executive Committee will review additional nominations.

- b. The CBI President and the CBI General Secretary are ex-officio members of all Committees.

- c. All committees must meet at least once a year in addition to the working schedule related to assigned tasks and the transposition of new regulations and by-laws.

- d. Committee members must meet with a simple majority.

- e. Members unable to attend the meeting must inform the CBI in advance and give adequate and acceptable reasons for the absence. Recurring absences will activate the internal procedure for the replacement of the member.

- f. The CBI Executive Committee may establish different committees upon specific needs.

- g. The committees shall work based on the decision and guidance of the CBI Executive Committee.

- h. The committee member shall avoid any conflict of interest during their activities.

- i. The Chair of the Committee shall report annually to the CBI Executive Committee on the activity and proceedings of their committee.

- j. The committees shall develop and maintain an active communication strategy to assist the CBI towards effective communication

with international partners, stakeholders and networks.

Article 36 - Commissions

To increase the efficiency in realising the goals and objectives and benefit from the experts' contributions, upon the proposal of the President, the Executive Committee establishes the following commissions:

1. Membership & Compliance
2. Disciplinary & Ethics
3. Anti-doping & Clean Sport
4. Research & Projects
5. Audit Team

The Executive Committee appoints their members and chairpersons who will operate according to By-Laws and may also establish further commissions, temporary or permanent.

The commissions assess the conformity of the various activities within the CBI to ensure compliance with the statute and national and international legislation.

The commissions' work is based on applicable rules, including juridical and criminal laws, CBI by-laws, regulations and guidelines of the Congress; commissions work through the Executive Committee or directly in force of this statute and connected rules.

The Audit Team is responsible for the internal auditing of Financial and Operational activities. It acts as an independent structure, assuming as reference for evaluating the complete set of applicable rules, released decisions and recorded outcomes of actions implemented to correct nonconformities and/or activities taken to improve organisational CBI operations.

Audit Team members should be competent, and the lead auditor should be adequately qualified. An annual report for each commission should be developed for internal circulation.

Article 37 - Medical and Anti-Doping

- a. CBI is acting by statute in full compliance with International Anti-doping Rules (WADA) and defined policies to contrast the use of doping practices or recreational drugs at all levels.
- b. All the CBI national and International events must comply and include Medical & Emergency services adequate to the profile of participants and athletes in charge of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).
- c. All international events organised or calendarised under the CBI, or Continental Confederation, are classified as Anti-doping Sanctioned Events.
- d. All records (World or Continental) are subject to confirmation through an official anti-doping or drug test.

- e. In case of an infringement in the anti-doping procedures or a positivity (Adverse Analytical Finding), the matter will be jointly approached, through an operative agreement with a NADO, to identify the sanctioning process that CBI will fully adopt until full WADA accreditation takes over.

Article 38 - Voluntary Staff

CBI organisation may be supported by some voluntary staff that serve or act in a specified function of their own accord and without compulsion or promise of remuneration.

Voluntary staff may be requested to cover roles with organisational responsibilities

Article 39 - By-Laws & Sanctioning

Key activities of CBI are regulated by operational rules and practices established to secure the full coverage and compliance of activities, including delegated activities. The By-laws structure is also the basis for proper auditing and corrective action.

Article 40 - Disciplinary Acts

National Federation and other CBI-related organisations may not make decisions or enforce rules contrary to the CBI Statute and regulations unless specifically prescribed by the National Olympic Committee or legally prescribed.

Infractions to the duties contemplated in the Statute or By-Laws in force are subject to disciplinary measures defined by the Sanction Regulation, including expulsion from CBI and/or National Federation or other subjects connected to this statute.

Article 41 - Dissolution and Liquidation

The dissolution of the CBI can only take place in the contextual presence of the following factors:

- a. The dissolution proposal should be included in the CBI Congress Agenda upon the request of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members with voting rights.
- b. Two-thirds (2/3) of those entitled to vote are present at the Congress or represent two-thirds (2/3) of those entitled to vote through proxies that should specify the authorisation also for the termination of the CBI.
- c. The dissolution proposal obtained the quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of the vote expressed.

Once the dissolution is determined, Congress appoints, with a simple majority, a Commission composed of five (5) members to support the CBI liquidation. This activity may require legal, juridical and financial involvement and or decision.

In the event of the dissolution or winding up of the CBI, any surplus assets and funds of the CBI,

after the expenses caused by the operations of disbandment have been covered, shall be applied as the committee sees fit for the benefit of Raffa Bowls in such country or countries that the committee determines.

Article 42 - Jurisdiction for Disputes

Any dispute arising from these Statutes, their by-laws and/or any CBI regulations and not explicitly subject to the jurisdiction of another body according to the same shall be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively.

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Terminology

To facilitate the understanding and interpretation of this document, the terminology used as a reference for first-level legislative and regulatory documents is provided below:

By-laws - are rules or laws established by an organisation or community to regulate itself, as allowed or provided for by some higher authority. The higher authority, generally a legislature or some other government body, establishes the degree of control that the by-laws may exercise.

Good Standing - A person or organisation in good standing is regarded as having no financial obligations

IOC - The International Olympic Committee is the Olympic Games guardian and the Olympic Movement's leader.

IOC Agenda 2020 - is a set of 40 detailed recommendations whose overarching goal was to safeguard the Olympic values and strengthen the role of sport in society.

IPC - The International Paralympic Committee act for an inclusive world through para sport. IPC lead the Paralympic Movement, oversees the delivery of the Paralympic Games and supports members to enable Para athletes to achieve sporting excellence.

ISO - International Organisation for Standardization is an independent, non-governmental international organisation with a membership of 167 national standards bodies.

Olympic Charter - is the codification of the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, Rules and Bye-laws adopted by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). It governs the organisation, action and operation of the Olympic Movement and sets forth the conditions for celebrating the Olympic Games.

Strategic Plan - is an organisation's process of defining its strategy or direction and making decisions on allocating its resources to attain strategic goals.

TAFISA - is the world leading governing body of Sport for All movement. TAFISA has over 383 member organisations in more than 170 countries on all continents.

UNESCO - uses education, science, culture, communication and information to foster mutual understanding and respect for our planet. We

work to strengthen humankind's intellectual and moral solidarity and bring out the best in our shared humanity.

UN Sustainable Development Goals - are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing in a global partnership. The 17 SDGs are integrated—they recognise that action in one area will affect outcomes in others and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability.

WADA - The World Anti-Doping Agency leads the collaborative worldwide movement for doping-free sport. Key activities include scientific research, education and development of anti-doping capacities.