



CONFÉDÉRATION EUROPÉENNE DE ROLLER SKATING

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CHAPTER I**CERS CENTRAL COMMITTEE****ARTICLE 1 – RESPONSIBILITY OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

1. The members of the Central Committee are responsible to the general body of CERS and are not representing the interests of their Member Federation.
 - 1.1 They are solely reporting to the Congress.
 - 1.2 The membership in the Central Committee does not require special activities or position within the respective affiliated Federation.
2. The President of CERS presides over the Central Committee and exercises a cooperative leadership, ensuring the proper functioning of the institution.
3. The President of CERS has the responsibility for the management of CERS finances and treasury lies with the President of CERS.
4. The Central Committee in its entirety bears the responsibility for all decisions.
5. Each member of the Central Committee, independently and on his own responsibility, shall perform the tasks assigned under the CERS statutes.
6. The Central Committee members use an emblem in gold on their jackets

ARTICLE 2 – MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. The President of the Central Committee summons meetings of same if deemed necessary.
 - 1.1 Meetings of this nature are ordinary meetings.
 - 1.2 An extraordinary meeting must be summoned, if the majority of the Central Committee makes a written request to the President giving detailed reasons.
2. The agenda for the Central Committee meetings must be forwarded to the members of the Central Committee at least 30 (*thirty*) days prior to the date of the meeting.
4. Proposals by Central Committee members for inclusion in the agenda must be in the hands of the Secretary General at least 45 (*forty five*) days prior to the date of the *meeting*.
5. Further points can be added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting with approval of the majority of the present Central Committee members.

ARTICLE 3 – WORKING PROCEDURE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. The Central Committee decides jointly on:
 - 1.1 The entire body of tasks assigned in accordance with the Statutes.
 - 1.2 Important questions and actions of elementary significance for CERS.
 - 1.2.1 This includes in particular agreements and contracts with respect to fees for services, cooperation with Television and Internet Companies, the use of the CERS-Logo/Emblem, publications of CERS, etc.
 - 1.3 All questions resulting from racial or religious discrimination or from political problems.
 - 1.4 Public relations and development measures in non-member countries and preliminary acceptance of new Member Federations.
 - 1.5 Exceptions from the temporarily suspended membership and the exclusion of those members with financial obligations to CERS
 - 1.6 There shall be no waivers considered for anti-doping violations.
 - 1.7 Participation of CERS in other organizations.
2. For the performance of special tasks the Central Committee can form special commissions.
 - 2.1 They are headed by a Vice President of the Central Committee.
 - 2.2 Up to a maximum of three other members shall be nominated for such a committee.
3. A permanent Medical and Research Committee could be formed, consisting of physicians and physical education specialists with experience in roller skating.
 - 3.1 This special committee is to be supervised by the respective member of the Central Committee to whom this task was assigned.
 - 3.2 The Medical and Research Committee shall communicate mainly in writing and take care that the Medical Regulations of the CERS are always up to date.
 - 3.3 Every effort is to be made by this committee to encourage and reward research and development of training methods that can result in the attainment of high levels of efficiency by roller skaters throughout Europe.
4. Decisions of the Central Committee are made in their ordinary and extraordinary meetings, by email, fax polling or by telephone conference call.
 - 4.1 With the proper quorum of members, all such means shall be legally binding.
 - 4.2 The presence of the President will count in establishing a legal quorum of the Central Committee, which shall consist of no less than 4 (*four*) members participating with voting rights.
 - 4.3 In case of tied votes, the President makes the final decision.
5. **INFORMATION**
 - 5.1 The members of the Central Committee inform the President regularly, at least once quarterly, about the results of their activities in accordance with the distribution of responsibilities.

5.2 The Secretary-General informs the Central Committee members:

5.2.1 Regularly about matters of general importance

5.2.2 Monthly about all important transactions of the General Secretariat

5.3 The President informs the members of CERS and the Press, by the official CERS Web Site, about all important matters concerning roller-skating in Europe in general and the CERS in particular.

5.4 The information about rules, the performance of European Championships, the results of such Championships and other European events in roller skating as well as all sports-technical questions are directly given by the Technical Committees to the members of CERS and the Press.

5.4.1 It is recommended to include such information on the official CERS Web Site.

5.5 Decisions and information of confidential nature shall be marked as such.

5.5.1 The forwarding of such information is only permitted with the authorization of the President.

6. **THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

6.1 The General Secretariat headed by the Secretary General takes care of the business routine of the CERS.

6.1.1 This includes in particular the correspondence, preparation of circulars and reports, issue of information service, etc.

6.2 The Secretary General works in cooperation with the CERS President and within the scope of his assigned responsibilities.

6.2.1 As member of the Central Committee he has the right at any time to fulfil financial obligations of common nature within the scope of the budget.

CHAPTER II**CERS DISCIPLINES' TECHNICAL COMMITTEES****ARTICLE 4 – RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISCIPLINES' TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

1. The Presidents of the disciplines' Technical Committees are elected by the CERS Congress and they are responsible before:
 - 1.1 The discipline's General Assembly on all technical and official subjects,
 - 1.2 As a whole, the Central Committee and the President of CERS, as chief of the Central Committee and the Congress
2. The Presidents of the disciplines' Technical Committees work in close cooperation with the other members of their Technical Committees, that will be composed as established in point 2 of Article 35 of the CERS Statutes.
3. The disciplines' Technical Committee members shall wear a CERS emblem on their jackets.

ARTICLE 5 – GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE DISCIPLINES' TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

1. The General Assemblies of the CERS disciplines' Technical Committees shall take place regularly every year, in connection with European Championships.
2. One third of the member Federations that have competed in the respective sport discipline's European Championship during the previous two year period must be present to form a quorum.
 - 2.1 The same quota applies for the summoning of an Extraordinary General Assembly.
 - 2.2 The Presidents of the disciplines' Technical Committees have the right to call an extraordinary assembly whenever it is deemed necessary.
3. Under specific proposals addressed by the Presidents of the disciplines' Technical Committees, the respective General Assemblies are responsible for the approval of:
 - 3.1 The disciplines'—sporting rules and/or sporting regulations
 - 3.2 The award to an affiliated National Federation of the organization the disciplines' European Championships/Events
 - 3.3 The disciplines' General Regulation, where should be included the definition of:
 - 3.3.1 The annual Credential fees for the Discipline's international Referees/Judges/Timekeepers/Calculators, to be paid by the affiliated National Federations by January 31st of each year
 - 3.3.2 In what concerns the discipline's sporting events – *at club level as well as selection teams of their member Federations* – the fees to be paid by the affiliated National Federations, namely:
 - a) Organization fee, that is applied to the National Federation awarded with the organization of a discipline's European championship/event
 - b) Participation fees that are applied to the teams/skaters participating in the discipline's European championships/events.

ARTICLE 6 – WORKING PROCEDURE OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

1. The Technical Committees may meet by conference telephone call and/or make decisions by email.
2. During each European Championship, the Technical Committees shall meet before the beginning of each European Championship, for the purpose of checking all preparations and whenever their Presidents feel that other meetings are advisable.
3. The Technical Committees shall finance their activities themselves and are authorized to maintain their own bank accounts, which be named in accordance with point 2.3 of Article 4 of the Statutes.
 - 3.1 The responsibility for the finances lies with the Presidents of the Technical Committees.
4. The Technical Committees are authorized – *after approval of the respective General Assemblies* – to raise fees from the Member Federations as follows:
 - 4.1 For the annual activity of the international Referees, Judges, Calculators and Timekeepers
 - 4.2 For the issuing of permits in their discipline, including the hosting of European Championships
 - 4.3 For the participation in competitions and organization of competitions authorized by the Technical Committees
 - 4.4 For the regular sporting activities in their disciplines
 - 4.5 For training, seminars, tests, certification of officials.
 - 4.6 For the recommendation to the Central Committee licenses to establish officially endorsed tracks, skates and specific equipment.
5. The Technical Committees are further authorized to receive appropriate donations and allocations, in order to finance:
 - 5.1 The organizational and administrative costs of the Technical Committees
 - 5.2 The costs for business trips of the President, Secretary General and members of the Technical Committees.
 - 5.3 Purchase and donation of equipment to promote the sport discipline in developing countries and support the participation in championships and/or sending coaches to developing countries.
 - 5.4 Prizes, medals, badges and trophies.

6. All regulations, decisions and activities of the disciplines' Technical Committees which cannot be financed by their own income – *and as a result would affect CERS financially* – must be approved by the Executive Committee of CERS.
7. The responsibilities toward the CERS affiliated National Federations by the disciplines' Technical Committees do not include such National Federation that:
 - 7.1 Have applied for membership, but did not received any decision by the Central Committee about, at least, a preliminary membership
 - 7.2 Are suspended.
8. The representation of CERS to third parties is exclusively the responsibility of the Central Committee.
 - 8.1 The independent work of the disciplines' Technical Committees, in connection with the handling of technical matters, does not include a representation of CERS beyond this area.
 - 8.2 An authorization for the conclusion of legal arrangements with third parties through the Technical Committees is limited strictly to the necessary technical sports aspects.

CHAPTER III**CERS MEETINGS RULES****ARTICLE 7 – VALIDITY**

These Meeting Rules are based on the requirements of the Statutes of CERS and control:

1. The meetings of the CERS Congress
2. The meetings of the Central Committee
3. The meetings of the General Assemblies of the disciplines' Technical Committees

ARTICLE 8 – CHAIRMANSHIP

1. The Chairman of the meetings referred in points 1 and 2 of Article 7 will always be the President of CERS and the President of each Technical Committee will always be the Chairman of the respective meetings referred in point 3 of the Article 7.
2. The Chairman has every authority necessary for a smooth conduct of the meeting.
 - 2.1 The Chairman is the leader of the assembly.
 - 2.2 In the event of a matter not being ruled by these Meeting Rules, the Chairman decides the procedure if no agreement can be reached by the assembly.
3. For important reasons the Chairman may order suspensions or adjournments of the meeting. He decides when an adjourned meeting will be continued.
4. Any member disagreeing with the Chairman's ruling on a point of order may move dissent. The Chairman shall then vacate the Chair and such motion shall be put forthwith without debate.

ARTICLE 9 – OPENING

1. The Congress and the General Assemblies of the CERS are public.
2. The Committee meetings (*Executive Committee, Central Committee or Technical Committees of CERS*) are closed, however, upon request for specific reasons and with the approval of the committee members, the Chairman can extend invitations to persons who, in the opinion of the Committee, can assist in reaching decisions that will help the sport.
3. After opening the assembly, the Chairman confirms the statutory summoning and the presence of a quorum.
4. Meetings shall, subject to the presence of a quorum, start at the time set out on the notice
 - 4.1 Meetings shall, subject to the discretion of the meeting, continue, until all business on the Agenda is disposed of maximum 10 (*ten*) hours daily with a break after 5 (*five*) hours.
 - 4.2 However, Committee meetings can be extended by 2/3 (*two thirds*) majority of those present and entitled to vote.
5. If no quorum is present within 1 (*one*) hour of the starting time set on the notice, the meeting shall be adjourned and the President shall fix the time of the next meeting.
6. All matters on the Agenda of the adjourned meeting shall be included on the Agenda of the next meeting and shall take precedence over new matters.

ARTICLE 10 – DEBATE

1. Any member who is entitled to vote and desiring to speak at the meeting shall rise in his place – *or raise his hand* – and when called upon by the Chairman, shall address the Chair.
 - 1.1 If two or more members rise simultaneously, the Chairman shall call upon the member who first caught his eye.
 - 1.2 If more members desire to speak, a list of order shall be prepared.
2. The floor shall not be given again to discuss issues of the agenda already voted on, unless the assembly decides to the contrary pursuant to majority rule.
3. Personal comments are only permitted at the conclusion of the discussion and the completion of the voting.
4. The floor can be granted immediately for relevant amendments.
5. When the Chairman rises to speak, any member on his feet shall resume his seat.

ARTICLE 11 – MOTIONS

1. A motion or amendment before the Chair shall not be withdrawn, except by its mover and by leave of the meeting. No motion shall be withdrawn while any amendment is under discussion or after any amendment has been adopted.
2. If required to do so by the Chair, the proposer of any motion or amendment shall submit it in writing.
 - 2.1 Amendments to motions which are attached to the Agenda shall always be submitted in writing.
 - 2.2 A motion or amendment before the Chair may be reworded by the mover subject to leave of the meeting.
3. A member moving a motion or amendment shall speak to it.
 - 3.1 A member seconding a motion may reserve the right to speak to it subsequently.

- 3.2 Same applies to other members moving amendments or alterations.
- 3.3 A member of the meeting shall not speak more than once to any subject.
- 3.4 Only the mover shall have the right to speak again at the end of the discussion of the motion or amendment.
4. When an amendment is before the Chair, discussion shall be continued to that amendment. No further amendment shall be proposed until the amendment before the Chair has been disposed of.
5. A motion or an amendment lapsing for want of a seconder shall not be discussed any further and shall not be recorded in the Minutes.
6. Motions, departing from proposed motions, improving, abbreviating or extending same, shall be accepted as amendments. These shall be voted on in connection with the motion before the Chair.
7. A member may move “that the debate on a point of the agenda or the meetings as a whole be now adjourned”.
 - 7.1 Discussion shall be in order, but only amendments as to time and/or place shall be permitted.
 - 7.2 The motion shall take precedence over other matters before the Chair, subject to leave of 2/3 (*two thirds*) of the meeting.

ARTICLE 12 – CALLS TO ORDER

1. The Chairman can call speakers who digress from the agenda or the motion “to the point” under discussion.
 - 1.1 If a speaker offends against decency, the Chairman can “call to order”, reprimand conduct and point out possible consequences.
 - 1.2 The Chairman can withdraw the floor from a speaker called twice “to the point” or “to order” without success.
2. Members or guests invited upon prior consent of the committee in charge of the meeting, who greatly disturb the assembly by their unruly conduct, can be evicted after due warning from the assembly chamber by the Chairman.

ARTICLE 13 – TIME ALLOTTED TO SPEAKERS

1. The assembly may at any time move “that the speaker is no longer heard” or “that the speaker be heard for a further limited period only”.
 - 1.1 Such motions shall be put without amendment or debate.
 - 1.2 Only this and no other motion shall be moved while a speaker has the floor.
2. The Chairman may also of his own volition move that “**the debate be closed**”, if he feels that an adequate discussion has taken place.
3. A closure motion shall only close the debate on the point of order, the motion or the amendment dealt with at that time.
4. Prior to voting the closure of the debate, the remaining names on the list of speakers have to be disclosed, unless that – *by the majority of the votes represented in the meeting* – it will be decided that the floor shall still be given to those entered in the list.

ARTICLE 14 – VOTING DURING THE GOVERNMENT BODIES MEETINGS

1. Voting about normal matters and issues shall be carried out by show of voting cards or by raising one hand.
 - 1.1 Excluding elections – that are ruled under the provisions of Chapter VII of the Statutes – if secret voting is required for any other issues, it may take place with a motion, made and seconded and approved by at least 51% (*fifty one per cent*) of the eligible voters.
 - 1.2 With the exception of the provisions settled by point 3 of Article 21 of the Statutes, all other voting shall be decided by majority vote.
 - 1.3 On the occasion of an equal number of votes for and against the question, the President or Chairman shall exercise his casting vote.
2. The chronological order of the motions to be put to vote shall be announced prior to the meeting.
 - 2.1 Every motion shall be read out once before voting.
 - 2.2 Only those members of the assembly entitled to exercise the right to vote can do so.
3. In the event of several motions pertaining to the same point being lodged, the one covering the widest spectrum shall be dealt with and put for vote.
 - 3.1 The acceptance of the said motion renders any further voting unnecessary.
 - 3.2 When faced with uncertainty as to which is the most extensive motion, the assembly shall decide by majority vote without debate.
 - 3.3 Voting shall be carried out in the order in which the motions were entered.
4. When the result of a vote is under rightful dispute, a recount of votes shall be implemented.

ARTICLE 15 – THE PANEL OF SCRUTINEERS

1. For the purpose of voting, the Chairman can select a panel of Scrutineers, consisting of three members of the assembly.
 - 1.1 They shall be responsible for counting the ballot–papers and controlling that the number of votes is in accordance with the signed attendance list.
2. The validity of the vote is to be explicitly confirmed to the Chairman by the members of the panel of Scrutineers.

ARTICLE 16 – ELIGIBILITY

1. It can be requested prior to elections that candidates declare their professional and statutory requirements.
2. Candidates shall be asked before elections if they will accept office in case of being elected.
3. An absentee can be elected into office only provided that the Chairman has at hand, prior to the election, a written statement of the absentee, as established in point 2 of this Article.

ARTICLE 17 – THE MINUTES

1. The minutes shall include:
 - 1.1 The place and date of the assembly
 - 1.2 The full names (*Given name and surname*) of Chairman and Secretary (*recorder of minutes*)
 - 1.3 The assessment of the statutory summoning of the meeting
 - 1.4 The agenda specifying if notification of same was given upon summoning of the meeting
 - 1.5 The assessment of a quorum
 - 1.6 The motions put forthwith and the result of the voting
 - 1.7 The signatures of the Chairman and the Secretary (*recorder of minutes*)
2. If there is no other provision in Statutes, the minutes will be officially accepted unless objections in writing are received within 45 (*forty five*) days from the date of:
 - 2.1 The sending of the e-mail.
 - 2.2 The postmark on the envelope containing the minutes.
3. The voting results shall be recorded in numerical order.
4. The elected members shall be listed with full names (*given name and surname*) and the information about their nationality and/or the National Federation that support their candidature.
5. All the arguments produced against and in favour of the refusal or approval of any proposal or motion, will not be included in the minutes.

CHAPTER IV**CERS AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS****ARTICLE 18 – EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS**

Concerning the results achieved by participants in all the roller skating European championships – *organized by sex and by age categories* – the CERS awards are attributed under the following conditions:

1. The 3 (*three*) best classified participants (*team members or individual skaters*) will be awarded with “Medals” with the following features:
 - 1.1 On the medals reverse side will be engraved the inscriptions of:
 - 1.1.1 The designation of the European championship in question
 - 1.1.2 The competition category (*by sex and by age*)
 - 1.1.3 The achieved place in the final classification
 - 1.1.4 The name of the hosting city
 - 1.1.5 The year of the organization
 - 1.2 All the medals will be supported by a ribbon with the “European Union” symbol, as shown in the image below:



- 1.3 Gold medals will be awarded by the participant that achieved the first place on the final classification (*the European championship winner*)
 - 1.4 Silver medals will be awarded by the participant that achieved the second place on the final classification
 - 1.5 Bronze medals will be awarded by the participant that achieved the third place on the final classification
2. The winner participant will be declared as the “European champion”, awarding the correspondent CERS Cup or CERS Trophy, with engraved inscriptions with the championship designation, as well as the year and the name of the hosting city.
 - 2.1 The participant declared “champion” of any other official and recognized European sporting event, will be awarded with a CERS Trophy.
 - 2.2 A CERS trophy could be awarded to other international or national events, according to a specific deliberation from the Central Committee.

ARTICLE 19 – CERS SPORTIVE MERIT DISTINCTIONS

1. All CERS Sportive Merit Distinctions will be awarded after an evaluation and approval from the Central Committee – *or from the Congress, if it is the case* – about the specific proposals received from the affiliated National Federations or from any member of the CERS government bodies, concerning their attribution.
 - 1.1 A “curriculum vitae” of each one of the suggested candidates should be sent with the referred proposals, together with a summary description of the most relevant facts that could demonstrate the sportive merit of the entities or individuals in question.
 - 1.2 All the “sportive merit distinctions” approved for awarding, shall be delivered within a public ceremony to be handled during a European championship or other important sporting event under the jurisdiction of CERS or of an affiliated National Federation.
2. The CERS Sportive Merit Distinctions are the following ones:
 - 2.1 **SPORTIVE MERIT DIPLOMA**

This distinction could be attributed by the Central Committee to award all those entities or individuals that, by the merit showed in their work, gave an important contribution for the development and promotion of roller skating throughout Europe and/or throughout their own countries, namely:

 - 2.1.1 Affiliated National Federations
 - 2.1.2 European Clubs
 - 2.1.4 Members from the government bodies of CERS, from affiliated National Federation and from European Clubs
 - 2.1.5 Press and other Media Information entities

2.2 GOLD MEDAL FOR SPORTIVE MERIT

This distinction could be attributed by the Central Committee to award individuals or entities from roller skating, in recognition of their sportive merit, namely:

- 2.2.1 A member of CERS
- 2.2.2 An affiliated National Federation
- 2.2.3 A European Club Team

2.3 SILVER MEDAL FOR SPORTIVE MERIT

This distinction could be attributed by the Central Committee in order to award the sportive merit of individual personalities that have already finished their sporting career, due to its age or illness, namely:

- 2.3.1 Athletes and Skaters
- 2.3.2 Referees/Chief Referees/Judges/Calculators/Time Keepers
- 2.3.3 Officials from affiliated National Federations

2.4 BRONZE MEDAL FOR SPORTIVE MERIT

This distinction could be attributed by the Central Committee to award:

- 2.4.1 Individual members of media information vehicles – *press, radio, television or internet* – in recognition of the merit of their work in favour of the roller skating disciplines
- 2.4.2 Staff members of the European national teams – – *Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Physical Trainers, Physicians, Masseurs/Masseuses, Mechanicals, etc.* – in recognition of the merit of their work in favour of the good performances of athletes and/or skaters.

2.5 CERS GOLDEN INSIGNIA

This is the most important distinction for former CERS members, which could only be awarded by a Congress decision – *under a proposal addressed and supported by the Central Committee* – in recognition of an exceptional work that was provided by the person concerned, for the promotion and development of the roller skating disciplines.

CHAPTER V**FINAL PROVISIONS****ARTICLE 20 – GAPS, OMISSIONS AND HIERARCHY OF NORMS**

1. To gaps and/or omissions that may exist in these **General Regulation** – *and without prejudice to the subsequent incorporation of provisions to fill these gaps on deliberation of the Congress* – are applicable the procedures established in the **following points of this Article**.
2. All the situations will be examined by the Central Committee, who will specifically deliberate after taking into consideration:
 - 2.1 All similar rules which, eventually, could exist on the FIRS Statutes or Regulations
 - 2.2 The opinion of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission
3. The Statutory rules prevail over all the others when overlapping or incompatibility is observed.

ARTICLE 21 – APPROVAL AND ENTRY IN FORCE

1. In accordance with **point 2 of this Article**, the entry in force of this **General Regulation** entirely repeal the former “Awards and Distinctions Regulation” – *that stays in force until the 31st of December of 2012* – and that was approved in the CERS Congress held in Montreux, Switzerland, on the 22nd of April of 1984 and amended on the 1st of April of 1988.
2. This **General Regulation** was approved in the Congress of CERS, held in Paredes, Portugal, on the 27th of October of 2012, and **it will enter into force on the 1st of January of 2013**.