

*Confédération Européenne de Roller Skating*



# STATUTES

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## CHAPTER I

## INSTITUTIONAL FRAMING – GENERAL PROVISIONS

## ARTICLE 1 – DESIGNATION AND HEAD OFFICE

1. CERS – CONFÉDÉRATION EUROPÉENNE DE ROLLER-SKATING" Is the formal and social designation of this entity, which is always promoted and publicised – *in its external and internal communication* – with the “brand name” of “**WORLD SKATE EUROPE**”.
2. The head Office of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** shall be in the country where the President resides or in any other country proposed by him and approved by the Central Committee.

## ARTICLE 2 – JURISDICTION, AUTHORITY AND OBJECTIVES

1. **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** exercises jurisdiction in Europe over all the roller-skating sports
2. **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** territorial authority and jurisdiction are recognised by the WORLD SKATE STATUTES as a “*continental representing powers on behalf of the WORLD SKATE itself*”
3. Through the reunion of its members, i.e. the affiliated National Federations, the objectives of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** are:
  - 3.1 To regulate and oversee the roller-skating sports, increase their practice and promote top-level competition,
  - 3.2 To promote and preserve the values of sport ethics and fair-play.
  - 3.3 To assist **WORLD SKATE** to achieve its objectives within the European Continental area.

## ARTICLE 3 – CURRENCY AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

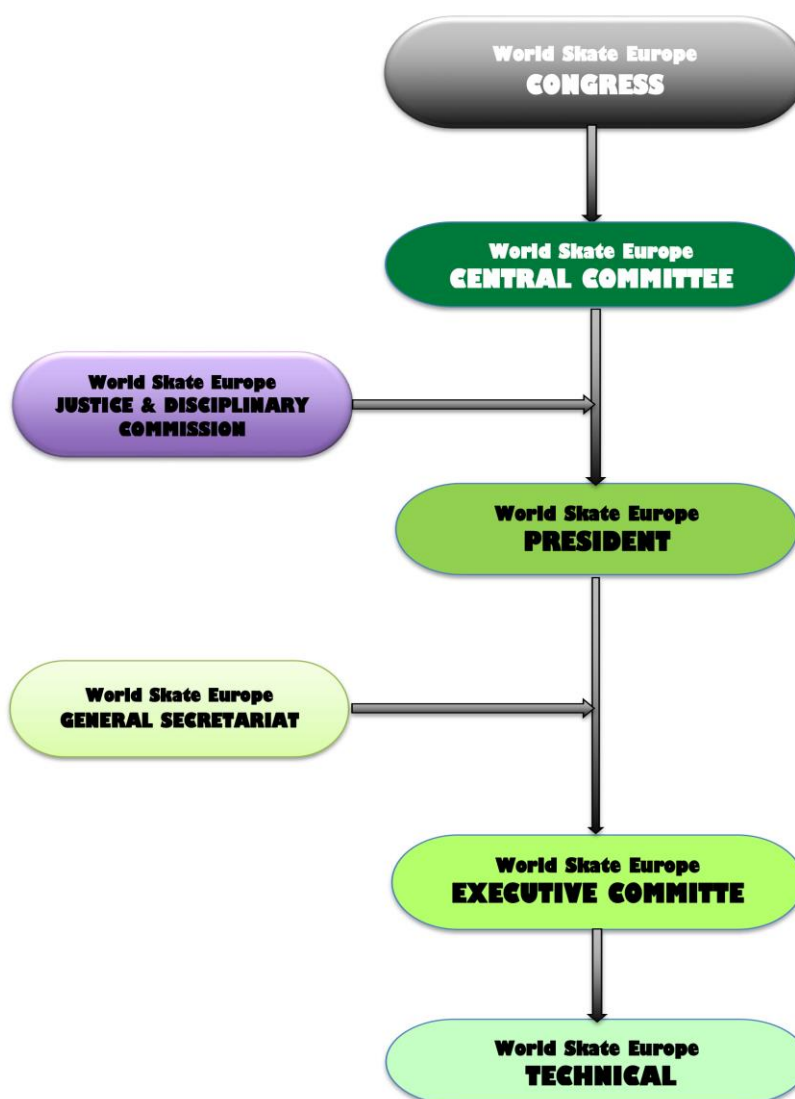
1. The EURO (€) is the currency used by **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** in all financial operations with its members.
2. ENGLISH is the official language of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** and must be used in all institutional documents and communication, namely in the Statutes, Regulations, proposals and minutes of all the meetings and **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** organic bodies (*Congress, Central Committee, Executive Committee, discipline's Technical Commissions and Justice and Disciplinary Commission*)

## ARTICLE 4 – LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNING BODIES

1. The LEGISLATIVE BODY OF WORLD SKATE EUROPE: The CONGRESS is the supreme authority of WORLD SKATE EUROPE. The provisions set down in Chapter II of these statutes rule its composition and activity.
2. The GOVERNING BODIES OF WORLD SKATE EUROPE are the following ones:
  - 2.1 The PRESIDENT, who is in charge of the overall management of WORLD SKATE EUROPE, including the direction of the Congress, Central Committee and Executive Committee.
  - 2.2 The CENTRAL COMMITTEE that is the legal authority of WORLD SKATE EUROPE between Congresses. The provisions set down in Articles 26, 27 and 28 of these Statutes rule its composition and competencies.
  - 2.3 The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE that ensures - *between the meetings of the Central Committee* - the analysis and decisions regarding the regarding the most urgent and current affairs, including the granting of the WORLD SKATE EUROPE rights related with all the European events/championships of the roller-skating disciplines. The provisions set down in Articles 29, 30 and 31 of these statutes rule the composition and the competencies of the Executive Committee.
  - 2.4 The WORLD SKATE EUROPE TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS of each one of the roller-skating disciplines, which - *on the date of adoption of these statutory amendments* - are namely the following:
    - 2.4.1 WORLD SKATE EUROPE ARTISTIC Technical Commission
    - 2.4.2 WORLD SKATE EUROPE FREESTYLE Technical Commission
    - 2.4.3 WORLD SKATE EUROPE IN-LINE AGGRESSIVE Technical Commission
    - 2.4.4 **WORLD SKATE EUROPE IN-LINE HOCKEY Technical Commission**
    - 2.4.5 **WORLD SKATE EUROPE RINK-HOCKEY Technical Commission**
    - 2.4.6 WORLD SKATE EUROPE-ROLLER ALPINE Technical Commission
    - 2.4.7 WORLD SKATE EUROPE-ROLLER DERBY Technical Commission
    - 2.4.8 WORLD SKATE EUROPE-SKATEBOARDING Technical Commission
    - 2.4.9 WORLD SKATE EUROPE-SPEED SKATING Technical Commission
  - 2.5 The denomination of any future Technical Commission must be in English, following the example of those that are referred in the previous paragraph, that is ... *WORLD SKATE EUROPE + discipline designation + Technical Commission*
  - 2.6 Each Technical Commission ensure, under the supervision and control of its President, the management of all the European events of each roller-skating discipline.
  - 2.7 The provisions set down in Articles 34, 35 and 36 of these statutes rule the composition and the competencies of each Technical Commission

3. The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** Technical and Administrative support bodies are the following ones:
  - 3.1 The **JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION**, which ensures the exercise of justice and the disciplinary power of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, as well as the legal and juridical support specifically requested by the Central Committee and/or the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE\_President**.  
The provisions set down in **Article 32 of these Statutes** regulate the composition and competencies of the **Justice and Disciplinary Commission**.
  - 3.2 The **GENERAL SECRETARIAT**, which provides administrative support to the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE\_President**, as well as to the Executive Committee and to the Central Committee. The provisions set down in **Article 33 of these Statutes** regulate the duties of the of the General Secretariat (*Secretary General and Vice-Secretary*)
4. Safeguarding the provisions set down in points 3.2 and 4.2 of this Article, the members of the governing bodies perform their functions without remuneration.
  - 4.1 The amounts received as refunds for expenses made in the exercise of their functions are not regarded as remuneration.
  - 4.2 The President and the two (2) Vice–Presidents of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, as well as the members of the General Secretariat, are designated by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** and may be remunerated or not.
  - 4.3 In any of the cases mentioned in point 4.2 of this Article, the designations must be ratified by the Central Committee, who will set – *when appropriate* – the remunerations to be awarded.
5. All members of each governing body of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** shall be jointly and severally liable for the acts and deliberations of the governing body in question, except in the case of a vote cast against that is declared it in the minutes of the meeting, without prejudice of individual responsibility with regard to acts performed by them.
6. With safeguard of the provisions of paragraph 8 of this Article, an affirmative vote of the majority of Congress members to a motion of censure or of no–confidence against a governing body of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE - and / or its members -** implies their removal from office and immediate dismissal, implying that interim elections should be carried.
7. In the case of loss of office of any member of any **Technical Commission**, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** must ensure the appointment of a substitute in accordance with the provisions of Article 40 of these Statutes.

**ARTICLE 5 – ORGANIZATION CHART**



## ARTICLE 6 – REGULATING PRINCIPLES OF WORLD SKATE EUROPE AND ITS MEMBERS

1. **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** accepts and acknowledges that its Statutes and Regulations must not conflict with the WORLD SKATE STATUTES that are in force and of the IOC - INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, as well as:
  - 1.1 All regulations against the use of doping in sport, namely of the WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (*WADA*).
  - 1.2 As required by the WORLD SKATE Statutes, **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** accepts and recognizes the “CAS - COURT OF ARBITRATION OF THE SPORT” as a valid alternative for the resolution of disputes, allowing that – *by a specific request from the contestant National Federation, under the conditions established in the Justice and Disciplinary Regulation* – the **Central Committee** can decide to refer an appeal to the “CAS - COURT OF ARBITRATION OF THE SPORT”, to properly evaluate and deliberate the special circumstances to be considered, namely when an arbitration between two (*or more*) affiliated Federations becomes necessary.
2. Provisions in the Statutes and Regulations of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, or of its affiliated National Federations, may not contradict or reject the application of the general and basic principles of the OLYMPIC CHARTER.
3. In relation to the country and to the roller-skating disciplines under their jurisdiction, the National Federations members of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** have to perform the following duties and responsibilities:
  - 3.1 Ensure the necessary support to achieve the objectives of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, participating regularly in its activities, namely in the European championships and events of the roller-skating disciplines.
  - 3.2 Organise the national championships of the roller-skating disciplines, in accordance with the rules and regulations of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** and/or of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE Technical Commissions**.
  - 3.3 Co-operate, whenever possible, with the other **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** affiliated National Federations, in support of the development of roller-skating sports in their countries.

## ARTICLE 7 – STATUTES AND SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

1. The general principles ruling the activity of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** are set down in the present Statutes.
2. Reformulations or amendments to these Statutes must be deliberated by the Congress and approved with at least 75% (*seventy-five per cent*) of the votes represented in the Congress that deliberates on the proposals.
3. Proposals to amend the Statutes of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** may be submitted by:
  - 3.1 **The Central Committee.**
  - 3.2 **Any affiliated National Federation in good standing of WORLD SKATE EUROPE and with no pending dues.** Their proposals shall first be subject to an opinion of the **Central Committee**, which will inform the **Congress** that will deliberate on the proposal.
4. For an adequate application of the general principles set out in these Statutes, the activity of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** is also governed by the decisions approved in Congress, as well as by the following specific regulations:
  - 4.1 **WORLD SKATE EUROPE GENERAL REGULATION**, which rules the responsibilities and working procedures of the Central Committee that establishes:
    - 4.1.1 The rules of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** meetings
    - 4.1.2 The rules of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** awards and distinctions.
    - 4.1.3 The principles that rule **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** financial management, including procedures binding the legal and governing bodies of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**
    - 4.1.4 The obligations that all **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** affiliated National Federations have to comply with, not only about their affiliation and activity on the roller-skating disciplines, but also about the organization and/or participation in the sporting events organised under jurisdiction of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
    - 4.1.5 The analysis and sanctioning of all offenses regarding the practice of roller-skating sports and that were imputed to individual and/or collective persons subordinate to the justice and disciplinary powers of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**
    - 4.1.6 The analysis and resolution of protests and/or complaints submitted to it by the contesting parties.
  - 4.2 **WORLD SKATE EUROPE FINANCE REGULATION**, which rules the financial obligation of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** members and the cash and property administration of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, establishing the following:
  - 4.3 **WORLD SKATE EUROPE JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY REGULATION**, which rules the procedures related with:
  - 4.4 **WORLD SKATE EUROPE EVENTS REGULATION**, which rules the organization of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** international events, namely the European championships of each roller-skating discipline
  - 4.5 **WORLD SKATE EUROPE MEDICAL REGULATION FOR EUROPEAN EVENTS**, which rules the doping control and the gender verification.
5. **Except for the provisions set down in point 6 of this Article**, all the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** Regulations referred in **point 4 of this Article** must be approved by the **Central Committee** and, afterwards, ratified by the Congress, which requires a majority of the votes cast in the meeting.
6. Additionally, to the provisions established in **point 4 of this Article**, each one of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** roller-skating disciplines are governed by the decisions approved in the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE CONGRESS**, as well as by the following specific regulations:
  - 6.1 The provisions established by the **WORLD SKATE STATUTES**, concerning the “Continental Areas” duties and obligations.
  - 6.2 The **“Technical rules”** established by **WORLD SKATE** for each roller-skating discipline.



## ARTICLE 8 – FISCAL YEAR AND AUDIT TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. The fiscal year of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** coincides with the civil year, starting at 1 January and ending at 31 of December.
2. The **Central Committee will appoint an Auditor – who must afterwards be approved by the Congress** – having in mind the following requisites:
  - 2.1 The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** Auditor should be a qualified professional, inscribed in the Order of Auditors.
  - 2.2 Under a specific proposal from the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President, the Auditor's remuneration will have to be approved by the **Central Committee**.
  - 2.3 The appointed Auditor must certify the accounts of the prior fiscal year submitted by the Executive Committee to the Central Committee – *and to the subsequent ordinary Congress, taking into consideration the provisions set down in paragraph 1.8 of Article 22 of this Regulation* – in conformity with the applicable provisions and in accordance with the disposals of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE Finance Regulation**.
3. The **Executive Committee** is responsible for the **presentation of the WORLD SKATE EUROPE audited accounts to the Congress**, including the delivering the respective Auditor's financial report.
4. In the case of each **WORLD SKATE EUROPE Technical Commission**, its President will approve the financial report and accounts (*balance sheet and profit and loss statement*) of the immediately prior fiscal year, which she/he must submit to the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE Central Committee**, together with the respective activity report.
  - 4.1 The appointed Auditor must certify the accounts of each **WORLD SKATE EUROPE Technical Commission and the consolidated accounts of WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
  - 4.2 After the approval by the **Central Committee** of the report and consolidated accounts of each fiscal year, the **Secretary General will send these to all WORLD SKATE EUROPE members**, by registered mail, attached to the summons for the Ordinary Congress meeting.

## ARTICLE 9 – HONORARY MEMBERS

1. On a specific proposal from the Central Committee, **the Congress may appoint as "Honorary member of WORLD SKATE EUROPE"** any person upon recognition of exceptional services rendered to the cause of roller-skating.
2. **Honorary members may attend all official functions of WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, which includes the right to participate and intervene in the Congress, however without the right to vote.

## ARTICLE 10 – MEMBERSHIP – ADMISSION FEE AND "ANNUAL QUOTA"

1. **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** is remunerated through a single instalment, which is established as an "annual quota" that is fixed under this Article.
2. It falls exclusively within the remit of the Congress, on proposal of the **Central Committee**, to fix the affiliation fee for membership in **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, as well as the annual quota for each roller-skating discipline directed.
3. The National Federations must pay their contributions to **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** in accordance with the following provisions:
  - 3.1 **The payment of the WORLD SKATE EUROPE quota for membership corresponding to the first year of membership of a roller-skating discipline**, which is due when submitting the application for membership, which otherwise may be refused.
  - 3.2 **The payment of the Annual quota for membership for each roller-skating discipline directed**, which is due by January 31<sup>st</sup> each year. **Non-compliance will imply:**
    - 3.2.1 A five per cent (5%) surcharge of the quota for membership **on payments that are more than thirty (30) days late**.
    - 3.2.2 A ten per cent (10%) surcharge of the quota for membership **on payments that are more than sixty (60) days late**.
    - 3.2.3 **On payments of the quota for membership that are more than ninety (90) days late, the provisions established in point 3 of Article 14 of the present Statutes will apply.**

## ARTICLE 11 – MEMBERSHIP – ADMISSION CONDITIONS

1. To be admitted as "full member" of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, a National Federation shall submit its application for membership to the **Central Committee**, together with:
  - 1.1 **A copy of its Statutes and other documents requested.**
  - 1.2 **The payment of the required affiliation quota as set out in point 3.1 of Article 10 of the present Statutes.**
2. Completed all formalities, the Central Committee may grant provisional membership.
  - 2.1 With a provisional membership status, the new member is allowed to participate in all official European competitions.
  - 2.2 The new member can only exercise its remaining rights after the final acceptance by the Congress.
3. **The final acceptance of any National Federation as full member of WORLD SKATE EUROPE is subject to approval by the Congress, on proposal of the Central Committee.**
4. Any changes to the Statutes, fiscal address and/or composition of the governing bodies of the National Federations affiliated of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** must be communicated to the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE Central Committee**, no later than thirty (30) days after the changes occurred.

## ARTICLE 12 – EFFECTIVE MEMBERS – RECOGNITION OF FULL MEMBERSHIP

1. "Full members" of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** are all the National Federations whose membership is accepted by the **Congress**, in accordance with the following:
  - 1.1. Safeguarding the provisions set down in point 1.2 of this Article, **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** accepts membership of National Federations of countries on the European continent, without distinction of race, religion or political opinion.
    - 1.1.1 In conformity with Article 34 of the Olympic Charter, "country" is any independent state recognised as such by the international community.
    - 1.1.2 Safeguarding the provisions set down in point 1.1.3 of this Article, **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** accepts and recognises only one National Federation per country.
    - 1.1.3 **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** may accept membership and recognition of more than one National Federation in each country, when – *prove and based on the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Article* – it is found that in that country there are different National Federations to exercise effective management of different roller-skating disciplines.
  - 1.2 National Federations that do not have their head office in Europe, but are situated in its zone of influence, may also be members of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** and provided they meet the following additional conditions:
    - 1.2.1 They may not be affiliated with any other continental Confederation.
    - 1.2.2 The **Executive Board of WORLD SKATE** has given previous authorisation for their affiliation with **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
2. Each affiliated National Federation may request - *to WORLD SKATE and also to WORLD SKATE EUROPE* - to affiliate one or more roller-skating disciplines, provided the following conditions are met:
  - 2.1 Regular organization of a National Championship of the roller-skating discipline concerned.
  - 2.2 Regular participation in European and World Championships of the roller-skating discipline concerned.
3. If that Federation does not participate in 2 (*two*) consecutive years in any of the European Championships mentioned in point 2.2 of this Article, another body of the same country will have the right to request and to formalize, with **WORLD SKATE** and with **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, its application for membership and representation of the roller-skating discipline concerned.
4. The National Federations that are full members of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** and they are the only entities recognised by **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** to exercise jurisdiction, in their own country, over one or more roller-skating disciplines.

## ARTICLE 13 – EFFECTIVE MEMBERS – RESIGNATION

1. Any National Federation that wishes to resign its full membership of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** will need to submit, in writing certifiable, the corresponding request.
2. The resignation must be submitted by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of the last membership payment. Failing to comply with this implies that this National Federation remains responsible for the payment of the contributions, both overdue and coming due.

## ARTICLE 14 – SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION OF MEMBERS – LACK OF PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. If the conduct of a member is considered prejudicial to the interests of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, the **Executive Committee** has the power to request such a member to resign.
2. If the National Federation so requested does not resign within 60 (*sixty*) days, the **Executive Committee** has the power to:
  - 2.1 Decide immediate suspension of membership.
  - 2.2 Request expulsion, by submitting a proposal to the **Central Committee**, who may decide to submit it to the **Congress**.
3. If, by April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, a National Federation has not paid the annual membership quota for one or more roller-skating disciplines – *or when other financial obligations are more than 90 (ninety) days late* – the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE Executive Committee** may decide:
  - 3.1 If the entity that fails is a European club, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** may decide– *under a proposal from the Technical Commission in question* - its suspension of all the European competitions of the roller-skating discipline concerned.
  - 3.2 If the entity that fails is a National federation, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE Executive Committee** may decide:
    - 3.2.1 The temporary suspension of all membership rights of that Federation, including the participation of their representatives (*National team, Clubs or Athletes*) in any international Championship or sporting event
    - 3.2.2 The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** shall communicate, per registered letter, such decision to the National Federation concerned, as well as to the **WORLD SKATE President**.
4. The suspension remains in effect until the debts– *Including the additional payments referred in paragraph 3.2 of Article 10 of these Statutes*– have been entirely paid.
5. Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs, the **Congress** may decide, at its discretion, the expulsion of the National Federation defaulting if it considers that their conduct justifies such an option.
6. When information or reporting from a Technical Commission reveals that – *in the two years prior to the realisation of a Congress* – an affiliated National Federation did not participate in any European Championship of its roller-skating discipline, the National Federation concerned will lose the right to vote in the **Congress** with regard to that discipline.

## ARTICLE 15 – PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS – BODIES OF INSTANCE

1. All the protests, complaints or appeals are:
  - 1.1 Subjected to the guidelines formulated by the technical rules and/or regulations of the discipline's Technical Commission concerned
  - 1.2 Subjected to the payment of the required fees, according to the provisions established in the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE Finance Regulation**
  - 1.3 Regulated by the procedures and other provisions established in the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE Justice and Disciplinary Regulation**
2. The payment of the required fees will be carried out simultaneously with the submission – *according to the respective and established deadlines* – of the relevant documentation related with any protest, complaint or appeal.
3. Any protest, complaint or appeal that does not respect the established deadline – *or that is not accompanied by the respective fee* – is in direct opposition to the knowledge of the facts and will be categorically rejected, by specific decision that will be settled by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** and that will be reported to the contestant party by certifiable courier (*registered letter, fax or e-mail*).
4. No protest, complaint or appeal may be lodged when observed that the irregularity invoked is the sole responsibility of the contestant party (*Skater, Club or National Federation, as it is the case*)
5. The submission of a protest, a complaint or an appeal doesn't suspend the decisions that have been contested, except if there is a contrary decision from one of the governing bodies referred in point 2 of Article 4 of these Statutes.
6. The ultimate body of instance for judging and to decide any appeal is always the Congress.
  - 6.1 The deliberations approved by the Congress are “final decisions” and not open to any appeals, disputes or judicial claims of any kind.
  - 6.2 Only National Federations in good standing of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** and with no pending dues shall have the right to submit appeals before the Congress.

## CHAPTER II

## CONGRESS

## ARTICLE 16 – CONGRESS – MEETINGS AND PARTICIPANTS

1. Without prejudice of point 2 of this Article, the meetings of the Congress will take place on a date, time and place decided by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE Central Committee**, keeping in mind that:
  - 1.1 The Ordinary Congress shall meet in conformity with the provisions set down in **Article 22 of these Statutes**
  - 1.2 An Extraordinary Congress will only meet in the circumstances mentioned in **point 1 of Article 23 of these Statutes**
2. Whenever possible, Congress meetings must take place on a date and place coincident with the realisation of a European Championship of one of the roller-skating disciplines.
3. Delegates from a National Federation that is not in order with its financial obligations towards **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** are not allowed to participate in the Congress.
4. Consequently, a Congress meeting shall only be attended by:
  - 4.1 Full members of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** with voting rights, i.e., all member Federations that are fully in order with their financial obligations towards **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
  - 4.2 Members without voting rights, i.e., members of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** governing bodies, and honorary members.

## ARTICLE 17 – CONGRESS – REQUIRED QUORUM

1. A Congress meeting needs the following quorum to take place:
  - 1.1 The quorum required for the Congress to meet on a first call must consist of National Federations with voting rights representing, at least, the majority of votes in **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
  - 1.2 However, the Congress meeting may validly take place on the second call – *at the same place and on the same date, and with the same agenda* – thirty minutes after the hour set by the first call, regardless of the number of National Federations present.
2. The quorum for an Extraordinary Congress – *convened according to point 1.2 of Article 23 of the present Statutes* – must consist, both on a first call as on a second call, of at least half of the requesting National Federations.

## ARTICLE 18 – CONGRESS – NOTICE AND AGENDA

1. Summonses for Congress meetings are responsibility of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** and shall be sent to all National Federations members of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** by registered letter at least sixty days prior to the date set for the meeting.
2. The summons for a Congress meeting shall specify the place, date and time, for the first call or the second call, as well as – *according to Article 17 of the present Statutes* – the necessary quorum for the Congress to take place.
3. The agenda – *together with copies of all proposals and documents that will be object of debate and vote by the participants* – will be sent by registered mail to all National Federations members of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** according to one of the following options:
  - 3.1 Supplied together with the summons, sixty days prior to the meeting as in point 1 of this Article.
  - 3.2 Supplied later, but always at least 30 (*thirty*) days prior to the meeting.



## ARTICLE 19 – BOARD OF THE CONGRESS AND REPRESENTATION OF EFFECTIVE MEMBERS

1. The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President will chair** - *assisted by the other members of the **Central Committee*** - the board of the Congress.
2. The National Federations could be represented in the Congress by a maximum of two delegates. Nevertheless, only one of them will be entitled to vote.
  - 2.1 Before the opening of the Congress, delegates shall give the Secretary General their credentials from the National Federations they represent.
    - 2.1.1 Each delegate must satisfy all of the following conditions:
      - a) Be a citizen of the country of the National Federation he represents.
      - b) Be an employee or a member of a governing body of the National Federation he represents.
    - 2.1.2 In agreement with **point 3 of Article 16 of these Statutes**, credentials from delegates of such National Federations will not be accepted, nor will they be allowed to participate in the Congress.
  - 2.2. Voting cards shall be issued at accreditation– *according to **Article 20 of the present Statutes*** – to the delegates of the National Federations eligible to vote.

## ARTICLE 20 – CONGRESS – VOTES ISSUED

1. **Safeguarding the provisions set in point 2 of this Article**, each National Federation represented in the Congress will be entitled to the following votes:
  - 1.1 **One vote per country** represented by one or more National Federations, in consideration of **point 2.1 of this Article**.
  - 1.2 **One supplementary vote for each roller-skating discipline** in which the National Federation concerned maintains active participation, nationally and internationally.
2. The National Federations represented in the Congress may be refused one or more votes when one of the following situations is observed:
  - 2.1 When, according to **point 1.1.3 of Article 12**, **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** accepts and recognises more than one National Federation of a country, the vote shall be issued to:
    - 2.1.1 The Federation that directs the largest number of roller-skating disciplines.
    - 2.1.2 The most ancient Federation, when **point 2.1.1 above** is not applicable.
  - 2.2 When a National Federation has not participated in, at least, 2 (*two*) organized European Championship of a specific roller-skating discipline during the preceding 3 (*three*) years of the Congress and **no vote will be issued with respect to that discipline**.

## ARTICLE 21 – CONGRESS – DELIBERATIONS AND APPROVAL

1. **Safeguarding the provisions set in point 2 of this Article**, voting in Congress shall be public. The President of the Board may decide on voting by roll call.
  - 1.1 To enable the tellers to count the votes, the delegates of the National Federations shall show their voting card, which shows the number of votes issued before the start of the Congress.
  - 1.2 When voting is by roll call, the National Federations shall be called out in English in alphabetical order.
2. Voting must be by secret ballot:
  - 2.1 When set down in the Statutes, namely for the election of members of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** governing bodies.
  - 2.2 Whenever the issue concerns the governing bodies of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** and/or their members, including any election.
  - 2.3 Upon a request approved by the majority of votes of the National Federations eligible to vote and duly represented in the meeting.
3. To be approved by the Congress, the following matters require at least seventy five per cent (*75%*) of the votes of the National Federations eligible to vote and duly represented in the meeting:
  - 3.1 Approval and/or amendment of the Statutes of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
  - 3.2 Additions to the agenda of an Ordinary Congress.
  - 3.3 Expulsion of a National Federation that is a full member of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
  - 3.4 Dissolution of **CERS (WORLD SKATE EUROPE)**
4. **Safeguarding the provisions set in point 3 above**, all other matters shall be decided by a majority of votes cast by the National Federations eligible to vote and duly represented in the meeting.

## ARTICLE 22 – CONGRESS – ORDINARY MEETINGS

1. The Ordinary Congress shall meet one time, at least, every two fiscal years. The Agenda is decided by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** and shall include:
  - 1.1 **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President's** opening remarks
  - 1.2 Appointment of tellers.
  - 1.3 Approval of Minutes of previous Congress.
  - 1.4 President's report.
  - 1.5 Vice-Presidents' reports, if applicable.

- 1.6 Report by the Secretary General concerning new memberships, meetings of the **Central Committee** and/or other issues concerning **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**'s activity.
- 1.7 **Reports by the Presidents of the Technical Commissions** of the roller-skating disciplines on activities carried out since the previous Congress.
- 1.8 Financial report and consolidated accounts of the previous fiscal year by the Auditor of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
- 1.9 Ratification of new memberships and/or resignations of members
- 1.10 Deliberations on proposals concerning reformulation or changes to the Statutes.
- 1.11 Examination and/or deliberation on issues and/or proposals duly submitted to the Ordinary Congress by member Federations and/or by the Central Committee.
- 1.12 Examination and/or deliberation on issues included on the Agenda after the approval by the Congress, according to **point 3 of Article 21** of the present Statutes.
- 1.13 Voting (*when it is the case*) related with:
  - a) The ratification of the appointment of an Auditor by the Central Committee.
  - b) The ratification of Rules and Regulations of approved by the Central Committee
  - c) The elections of the members of the Executive Committee.
2. Between two Congresses, the Central Committee must inform the national Federations of any problems or important decisions to be taken.
  - 2.1 The Central Committee can ask, within a settled delay, an opinion from the National Federations about a particular raised question, which can lead to the decision that is pertinent to the majority.
  - 2.2 However, the Central Committee may decide provisionally until the next Congress, who will decide in last instance.

#### ARTICLE 23 – CONGRESS – EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS

1. **An Extraordinary Congress may be summoned in the following circumstances:**
  - 1.1 By decision of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** Central Committee, whenever and when considered necessary.
  - 1.2 By request endorsed by at least 51% (*fifty-one per cent*) of the National Federations members of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** who are fully in order with their financial obligations.
2. In any of the circumstances referred above, the subjects to be discussed must be included on the Agenda by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President. No other subjects may be discussed, and any additions can be accepted, in the specific case of a **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** Extraordinary Congress.
3. In the event of an Extraordinary Congress meeting to be called in accordance with **point 1.2 of this Article**, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** Central Committee is bound to do so within 3 (*three*) months after receiving notice of the request.

#### ARTICLE 24 – CONGRESS – MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

1. For each Congress meeting, **the minutes shall be taken in English, the official language of WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, and shall include:
  - 1.1 The place and date of the assembly
  - 1.2 The given name and surname of Chairman and Secretary (*recorder of minutes*)
  - 1.3 The agenda
  - 1.4 The attendance list, identifying by name:
    - 1.4.1 The National Federations, with the indication of the number of votes issued, and their delegates.
    - 1.4.2 The members of the Central Committee and, if it is the case, of other **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** governing bodies, with the indication of their post
    - 1.4.3 The Honorary Members
  - 1.5 The assessment of a quorum
  - 1.6 The matters on the agenda, with a brief report of the decisions, acts and facts that occurred.
  - 1.7 The proposals submitted, and the motions put forthwith, the content of deliberations or resolutions, the results of the voting, as well as explanations of vote that may have been presented.
  - 1.8 The signatures of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** and of the Secretary General.
2. All the arguments produced against and/or in favour of the refusal or of the approval of any proposal or motion, will not be included in the minutes.
3. When appropriate, the Board of the Congress may decide to record the meetings, in part or all, by mechanical or audio–visual means, allowing a more reliable draft of the minutes.
4. **The Secretary General will be responsible for the preparation and issuing of the minutes**, which shall be sent – *within 60 (sixty) days from the date of the assembly* – to all affiliated National Federations and to all members of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** Central Committee.
5. The minutes will be officially accepted unless objections in writing are received within 45 (*forty-five*) days from the date of:
  - 5.1 The sending of the referred minutes by e–mail
  - 5.2 The postmark on the envelope containing the minutes

## CHAPTER III

## PRESIDENT AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE

## ARTICLE 25 – WORLD SKATE EUROPE PRESIDENT – COMPETENCIES

1. The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** is the official and legal representative of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** in all-administrative and/or financial matters. She/he is responsible for:
  - 1.1 Ensuring the proper functioning of the institution, promoting functional co-operation and articulation between the governing bodies, as well as between its Technical structures.
  - 1.2 Managing the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** finances and treasury.
  - 1.3 Chairing the meetings of the Congress and also the meetings of the Central Committee and of the Executive Committee, where he will have the casting vote.
  - 1.4 Exercising her/his mandate in cooperation with the Executive Committee.
  - 1.5 Ensuring, when necessary, the taking of all the urgent decisions, which will be later formally ratified by the Executive Committee namely in what concerns:
    - a) The ratification of the proposals of each Technical Commissions for the award of the organization of the competitions/events of the roller-skating discipline in question;
    - b) The appointment, replacement and/or removal of the Presidents and/or of the other members of any **Technical Commission**, in compliance – *where appropriate* – the provisions of **paragraph 4 of Article 34 of these Statutes**.
2. The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** is elected in the Congress from a single list, by direct suffrage and secret ballot. **The WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** is the first candidate of the single list that got the majority of votes from the affiliated National Federations entitled to vote, in the elections for the **Executive Committee**, as established in **Article 37 of these Statutes**.
3. In the event of the replacement of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** and given the provisions of **Article 40 of these Statutes**, it may be held an interim voting for the election of all the members of the **Executive Committee**.
4. In the absence or temporary disability of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President**, her/his replacement will be insured by the by the **First Vice-President of the Executive Committee**.

## ARTICLE 26 – CENTRAL COMMITTEE – COMPOSITION

1. **The Central Committee consists of the following members, with voting rights:**
  - 1.1 The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE PRESIDENT**
  - 1.2 The **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT**
  - 1.3 The **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT**
  - 1.4 The **PRESIDENTS OF EACH ONE OF THE TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS**
2. The members of the **SECRETARIAT GENERAL** are also part - *without voting rights* - of the composition of the Central Committee.
3. If required, the President of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission will attend the Central Committee meetings, without right to vote.
4. All the members of the Central Committee are not representing the interests of their Federations and they shall perform – *independently and on their own responsibility* – the tasks assigned under these Statutes.
5. The membership in the Central Committee does not require special activities or position within the respective affiliated National Federation.

## ARTICLE 27 – CENTRAL COMMITTEE – COMPETENCIES

1. **The Central Committee has the following responsibility and competencies:**
  - 1.1 Ensure compliance with the Statutes and effective implementation of the rulings and decisions of the Congress.
  - 1.2 Exercise – *between Congresses* – legislative functions; any actions taken must be ratified by the next Congress.
  - 1.3 Make decisions on all the important issues for the activity of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, particularly with regard to:
    - 1.3.1 The incidents or conflicts occurring within **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, as a result of actions or attitudes of racial, religious and/or political discrimination.
    - 1.3.2 The development of public relations actions and other measures aiming to the development of the roller-skating disciplines, especially in the European countries where **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** has no affiliated National Federations.
    - 1.3.3 The definition and establishment of the amount of quotas, fees and/or annual contributions that should be paid to **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** by the National Federations.
    - 1.3.4 The ratification of the proposals presented by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** and/or by the Executive Committee related with:
      - a) The appointment and/or replacement of the President of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission;
      - b) The appointment and/or replacement of the members of the Secretariat General
      - c) The expulsion of full members of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
    - 1.3.5 The approval of the annual accounts and the management report of each Technical Commission, submitting them to the final approval of the Congress.

- 1.4 Request the opinion or advice of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission with regard to the interpretation and/or application of the provisions of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** Statutes and Regulations
  - 1.5 Promote the creation of special Commissions with specific duties and objectives, under the direction of one of the Vice–Presidents of the Executive Committee.
2. The decisions and actions by the members of the Central Committee only have to be justified before the Congress.

#### ARTICLE 28 – CENTRAL COMMITTEE – MEETINGS AND REQUIRED QUORUM

1. The Central Committee meets at least once in each fiscal year, summoned by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President.
  - 1.1 The Central Committee will also meet whenever considered necessary by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President, or upon request of at least five (5) of its members.
  - 1.2 Minutes shall be taken for every Central Committee meeting, in accordance with **Article 24 of these Statutes**, safeguarding the necessary adjustments.
2. The Central Committee may decide and deliberate in its meetings, and can also vote by e-mail, fax or videoconference.
  - 2.1 The “quorum” required for the Central Committee to meet must consist of fifty per cent (50%) of the members with voting rights.
  - 2.2 In the event of a tie in the deliberations or voting of the Central Committee, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President shall exercise her/his casting vote.

### CHAPTER IV

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### ARTICLE 29 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – COMPOSITION

1. The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE consists of the following three (3) members, with voting rights:
  - 1.1 The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** PRESIDENT
  - 1.2 The FIRST VICE–PRESIDENT
  - 1.3 The SECOND VICE–PRESIDENT
2. The members of the SECRETARIAT GENERAL are also part - *without voting rights* - of the composition of the Executive Committee.
3. If required, the President of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission will also attend the Executive Committee meetings, without right to vote.
4. All members of the Executive Committee with voting rights will be elected from a single list, by direct suffrage and secret ballot, according to the election procedures established in **Article 37 of these Statutes**.
  - 4.1 The President and the two Vice–Presidents of the Executive Committee shall all be of different nationalities and must be indicated by the respective Federations, conditions equally applicable in what regards the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President.
  - 4.2 The Vice–Presidents of the Executive Committee - *with the help of the General Secretariat* - will ensure the co–ordination of all administrative activity of the Executive Committee and of the Central Committee.
    - 4.2.1 The First Vice–President will assist the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President in all her/his duties, and replace her/him when necessary.
    - 4.2.2 The Second Vice–President will replace the First Vice–President when necessary.
5. In the event of the substitution of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President and having in mind what is established in paragraph 9 of Article 37 of these Statutes, an interim voting must be made for the mid-term election of all the members of the Executive Committee (*President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice-Presidents*)

#### ARTICLE 30 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – COMPETENCIES

1. **The Executive Committee has the following competencies:**
  - 1.1 To ensure compliance with the Statutes and effective implementation of the rulings and decisions of the Congress and/or of the Central Committee.
  - 1.2 To ensure all the decisions – *by majority of votes of its members* – related with the following duties and responsibilities:
    - 1.2.1 The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** current management, deciding on most urgent affairs, without prejudice of the provisions set down in point 3 of this Article
    - 1.2.2 The provisional suspension of affiliated National Federations that do not meet, in due time, with their financial obligations before **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
    - 1.2.3 The submission to the Central Committee, when such is justified, of a well–founded proposal for the expulsion of National Federations whose conduct is considered contrary or detrimental to the interests of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
  - 1.3 To ensure an effective control of all the financial transactions with:
    - 1.3.1 The affiliated National Federations, namely as regards compliance with the deadlines set for the payment of quotas, fees and contributions
    - 1.3.2 The Technical Commissions

2. In addition, it is the exclusive responsibility of the Executive Committee to conclude agreements, protocols and contracts regarding the granting of rights directly or indirectly related with all the European championships/events of the roller-skating disciplines, such as:
  - 2.1 Transmission rights, including television, internet and/or other audio-visual means
  - 2.2 Marketing, Advertising and Merchandising rights.
  - 2.3 Sponsorship and “Naming” rights concerning the European championships/events
  - 2.4 Other rights or sources of income related to any sporting event organized under the jurisdiction of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**
3. The Executive Committee has not the power to appreciate and/or to decide any judiciary and/or disciplinary matters.
4. All the taken decisions of the Executive Committee – *together with copies of the minutes of the meetings* – shall be sent to the Central Committee.

#### ARTICLE 31 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – MEETINGS AND REQUIRED QUORUM

1. The Executive Committee meets on the call of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President, whenever he deems it necessary.
2. The Executive Committee may decide and deliberate in its meetings, and can also vote by e-mail, fax or videoconference.
  - 2.1 The quorum required for the Executive Committee to meet consist of all the 3 (*three*) members with voting rights.
  - 2.2 In the event of a tie in Executive Committee’s deliberations and voting, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President shall exercise her/his casting vote.
3. Minutes shall be taken for every Executive Committee’s meeting, in accordance with **Article 24 of these Statutes**, without prejudice to the necessary adjustments.
4. The actions taken by the Executive Committee members are only to be justified before the Congress.

### CHAPTER V

#### WORLD SKATE EUROPE TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BODIES

#### ARTICLE 32 – JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

1. The JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION consists of the following three (*3*) members, with voting rights:
  - 1.1 The PRESIDENT
  - 1.2 The FIRST VICE–PRESIDENT
  - 1.3 The SECOND VICE–PRESIDENT
2. The members of the SECRETARIAT GENERAL are also part - *without voting rights* - of the composition of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission.
3. The President and the two Vice–Presidents of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission shall be appointed by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President**, and subsequently ratified by the Central Committee, considering that each one of them must have:
  - a) A Graduation in Law;
  - b) A different nationality.
4. The President and the two Vice–Presidents of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission may be remunerated for the functions performed, under a specific proposal presented by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President that is approved by the Central Committee.
5. The Justice and Disciplinary Commission meet on the call of its President, whenever he deems it necessary.
  - 5.1 The Justice and Disciplinary Commission may decide and deliberate in its meetings, and can also vote by e–mail, fax or videoconference.
    - 5.1.1 The quorum for the Justice and Disciplinary Commission can meet validly requires the presence of **two (2) members with voting rights**.
    - 5.1.2 In the event of a tie in any vote in any resolution, the President of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission has the right to exercise a casting vote.
  - 5.2 Minutes shall be taken for every meeting of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, in accordance with **Article 24 of these Statutes**, safeguarding the necessary adjustments.
6. The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE Statutes** and the Justice and Disciplinary Regulation rule the activity of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, which is applicable to:
  - 6.1 The affiliated National Federations and their members and clubs (*including their managers, delegates, skaters, athletes and coaches, as well as its agents and employees*)
  - 6.2 The governing bodies of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** and their members and collaborators, including Referees, Judges, Calculators and Timekeepers
  - 6.3 Other persons or legal entities that are linked to **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** or that are participating in any activities under the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** jurisdiction.
7. With regard to judiciary and/or disciplinary procedures, it falls within the remit of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission:
  - 7.1 To appreciate and to decide – *in its first body of instance* – any lodged protests and complaints, submitted by the affiliated National Federations against the decisions of the disciplines’ Technical Commissions.
  - 7.2 To appreciate and to sanction any sports infractions in the roller-skating competitions.



- 7.3 To instruct and to conduct all the disciplinary proceedings.
- 7.4 To issue opinions requested by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President, namely those regarding to the interpretation and/or application of the provisions of the CER Statutes and Regulations.
8. The Justice and Disciplinary Commission deliberate upon:
- 8.1 The reports submitted by the Referees and Judges, as well as the members and/or delegates of the Technical Commissions
- 8.2 The video records of competitions – *if any* – as well as all other documentation or information that is available.
9. Concerning the European championships and other sporting events of the roller-skating disciplines, the exercise of disciplinary powers can be delegated to a single member with voting rights of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission or – *in case of her/his absence* – to the President (*or one of the Vice-Presidents*) of the Technical Commission concerned.
- 9.1 The above-referred delegation of competencies will finish with the end of the European Championship or the sporting event in question.
- 9.2 If a serious or very serious infraction occurs and additional sanctions should be considered, it must always be ensured:
- 9.2.1 The immediate exclusion from the competition of all the persons that were responsible for the offense.
- 9.2.2 The elaboration of a “confidential report”, with a detailed information about all the facts, which – *together with the relevant documents mentioned in point 7 of this Article* – must be sent to the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, in order to decide any additional procedures that could be needed.

### ARTICLE 33 – GENERAL SECRETARIAT

1. The GENERAL SECRETARIAT includes the following members: to be appointed by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President and submitted to the ratification of the Central Committee:
- 1.1 The SECRETARY GENERAL
- 1.2 The VICE-SECRETARY, but only if the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President deems necessary its designation
2. The members of the General Secretariat shall be appointed by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President**, and subsequently ratified by the Central Committee.
3. The members of the General Secretariat may be remunerated for the functions performed, under a specific proposal presented by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President** that is approved by the Central Committee.
4. The tasks committed to the General Secretariat are carried out in close cooperation with the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President**, ensuring the secretarial work, management of office and administrative support that is necessary, in particular:
- 4.1 The issuance, management and delivering of correspondence and the preparation of circulars and information of a general nature, including the sending of notices and compilation of documents related to the meetings of the Congress, of the Central Committee, of the Executive Committee and of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission.
- 4.2 The compilation of the minutes of meetings of the Congress, of the Central Committee and/or of the Executive Committee, ensuring the implementation and/or routing of the approved resolutions.
- 4.3 The performance of specific tasks and functions to be appointed or to be charged by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President**.
5. **The members of the General Secretariat shall attend the meetings of the**
- Congress;
  - Central Committee;
  - Executive Committee; and
  - Justice and Disciplinary Commission

where they can give an opinion about the issues in question, but without having the right to vote.

## CHAPTER VI

### WORLD SKATE EUROPE TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

#### ARTICLE 34 – WORLD SKATE EUROPE TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS – COMPOSITION

1. At the European level and within **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, the sporting activity of each **WORLD SKATE EUROPE roller-skating discipline is managed autonomously – both in technical and in financial terms – by the respective WORLD SKATE EUROPE Technical Commission**, which will ensure – *under the direction of its President* – the scheduling, planning and organization of all the events and competitions of the roller-skating discipline in question.
2. The following members will be included in each one of the Technical Commissions:
- 2.1 THREE (3) MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS, as follows:
- 2.1.1 The PRESIDENT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMISSION
- 2.1.2 The FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
- 2.1.3 The SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT
- 2.2 SIX (6) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, at most, *without voting rights*, where must be included:
- 2.2.1 The members of the “GENERAL SECRETARIAT”, namely the SECRETARY and – *if it is the case* – the DEPUTY SECRETARY

- 2.2.2 The members that could be allocated to the EUROPEAN REFEREEING/JUDGING COMMISSIONS – *if and when formally constituted* – that will be headed by the PRESIDENT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMISSION in question and that will be supported by GENERAL SECRETARIAT referred in the previous paragraph.
3. The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** PRESIDENT is responsible for the designation of all the members of each Technical Commission, as follows:
- 3.1 The PRESIDENT OF EACH TECHNICAL COMMISSION will be appointed – *safeguarding the provisions of Article 44 of these Statutes* - according to the provisions established in **Article 37 of these Statutes**, namely in its **paragraph 4.2.1**
- 3.2 The TWO VICE-PRESIDENTS OF EACH TECHNICAL COMMISSION –*with voting rights and that must have different nationalities* – and all the other Commission members without voting rights will be appointed under the proposal of the President of the Technical Commission in question.
4. If – *during the term of office* – there is a "loss of confidence" in the performance of any of the members of a Technical Commission, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** PRESIDENT must ensure the following:
- 4.1 If the "loss of confidence" respects the President of a Technical Commission, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** PRESIDENT will have to:
- 4.1.1 Send a formal information to the President of the Technical Commission in question about her/his suspension of all functions, as a preventive measure.
- 4.1.2 Submit for urgent decision of the Central Committee a specific proposal aimed at the approval of:
- a) The removal from office of the President of a Technical Commission concerned; and
- b) The designation of the candidate suggested by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President the immediate replacement of the removed President of the Technical Commission in question.
- 4.1.3 Once known the decision approved by the Central Committee, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President will have to make the disclosure, ensuring its immediate implementation.
- 4.2 If the "loss of confidence" respects the performance of any other member of the Technical Commission, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President may formalize her/his dismissal, ensuring immediately – *under the proposal of the President of the Technical Commission concerned* – the appointment of her/his substitute.

#### ARTICLE 35 – WORLD SKATE EUROPE TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS – COMPETENCIES

1. The main responsibilities of each Technical Commission, under the direction and coordination of its President, are the following:
- 1.1 To ensure the proper functioning of the Technical Commission and the development of the respective discipline, promoting functional co-operation and articulation between the other governing bodies of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
- 1.2 To ensure the approval from the Central Committee and the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** Congress the approval of:
- 1.2.1 The annual accounts and the management report that are related to the activity carried out in each calendar year
- 1.2.2 The changing and/or correcting the specific regulations of the discipline in question – *including the framework of the rules and procedures of refereeing / judging the events and competitions* – ensuring that they do not contravene the provisions of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** Statutes and Regulations.
- 1.3 To ensure the organization of roller-skating competitions/events, by sex and age categories, where shall compete:
- 1.3.1 The representative teams and skaters of the affiliated National Federations
- 1.3.2 The representative teams and skaters of the European clubs
2. The decisions of the Technical Commission could be subjected to complaints, under the provisions settled in the Justice and Disciplinary Regulation.

#### ARTICLE 36 – TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS – MEETINGS AND REQUIRED QUORUM

1. Each Technical Commission shall meet, on a call of its President, once in every fiscal year, at least, in order to approve the activity report and accounts that will be submitted to the Ordinary General Assembly, in accordance with point 4 of Article 8 of these Statutes.
- 1.1 Each Technical Commission shall also meet whenever considered necessary by its President.
- 1.2 In the event of a tie in the deliberations and voting of a Technical Commission, its President shall exercise her/his casting vote.
2. Each Technical Commission may decide and deliberate in its meetings, and can also vote by e-mail, fax or videoconference.
- 2.1 The quorum required for each Technical Commission to meet must consist of 2 (*two*) members with voting rights.
- 2.2 Minutes shall be taken for every meeting of each Technical Commission, in conformity with **Article 24 of these Statutes**, without prejudice of the necessary adjustments.

**CHAPTER VII**

**GOVERNING BODIES – ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES**

**ARTICLE 37 – ELECTION PROCEDURES**

1. In normal conditions, the elections for the Executive Committee will be held every four years, in a single list, by direct suffrage and secret ballot. The elected members shall complete a four-year term of office, which coincides with an Olympic cycle.
  - 1.1 When elections are not held at the proper time, the members in exercise of the Executive Committee stay on after the end of their term of office, however, for a period no longer than hundred and twenty (120) calendar days.
  - 1.2 In the event of partial revocation of the term of office of the Executive Committee, interim elections shall be called – *in accordance with point 2.2 of this Article and as established in Article 40 of these Statutes* – in order to guarantee its functional continuity.
  - 1.3 In the event of interim elections, the new elected members for the Executive Committee will serve only the remainder of their predecessors' term of office.
  - 1.4 When there is a need for the replacement of the President or other member of any Technical Commission, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**\_President is responsible for securing the appointment of her/his replacement.
2. The electoral process always starts with the summons for the Congress, whose agenda includes the election – *normal or interim* – of the Executive Committee. The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**\_President in office must send the call, taking into consideration the following deadlines:
  - 2.1 In the case of normal elections, the call must be made sixty (60) days before the day of the electoral Congress, at least.
  - 2.2 In the case of interim elections, the call must be made forty-five (45) before the day of the electoral Congress, at least.
3. To be accepted, all candidatures to the elections of the Executive Committee must be sent or handed thirty (30) days before the day of the electoral Congress, at least.
4. Any candidature for the election of the members of the Executive Committee – *President, First and Second Vice-Presidents* – must be signed by the respective affiliated National Federation that – *being in full possession of their statutory rights*– is responsible for submitting the suffrage its candidate.
  - 4.1 Each one of the affiliated National Federations mentioned before can only present a candidate for one of the positions of the Executive Committee.
  - 4.2 Each single list of candidates for the Executive Committee must also enclose the following documents:
    - 4.2.1 A list signed by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE President candidate**, with the names of all the Presidents of the Technical Commissions to be designated by her/him, if elected.
    - 4.2.2 An individual declaration of each candidate - *as well as of all the Presidents of the Technical Commissions, to be designated* - stating that they will accept office in case of being elected (*or designated*).
5. The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President in office – *who chairs the Board of the Congress* – will decide on the acceptance or refusal of the lists of candidates submitted, bearing in mind that will not be subjected to any suffrage any list that:
  - 5.1 Has been delivered after the deadline established in paragraph 3 of this Article or which reveals the introduction of any changes and/or the existence of erasures.
  - 5.2 Presents any candidate who has not been proposed for election by the National Federation of his own country.
  - 5.3 Have been presented or signed by an affiliated Federation that is not in full possession of their statutory rights or has any financial or other obligation owed to **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**.
  - 5.4 Does not fulfil the conditions defined in paragraph 4 of this Article or which contains one or more candidates who – *in the same or different position* – present themselves for election in more than a competing list.
6. If there are doubts about the regularity of a candidate list, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President must require to the applicants National Federations to prove – *within three (3) working days* – the absence of any irregularity. Otherwise the list in question cannot be accepted and put to vote.
7. The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President will assign a 'letter' – "A", "B", "C" and so on – to designate each list admitted for the election of the Executive Committee.
8. The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President will ensure – *fifteen (15) days before the day of the electoral Congress* – the release of all the candidature lists (*and the letters assigned to them*) to be submitted for election, as below exemplified.

**SINGLE LIST OF THE CANDIDATES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THAT WAS ASSIGNED WITH THE LETTER "..."**

CERS GOVERNING BODY	OFFICE	FULL NAME	PROPOSING FEDERATION
<b>CERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CERS President</b>	<b>AAAAAA</b>	<b>FFFFFF</b>
	<b>1st. Vice-President</b>	<b>BBBBBB</b>	<b>FFFFFF</b>
	<b>2nd. Vice-President</b>	<b>NNNNNN</b>	<b>FFFFFF</b>

**ARTICLE 38– BALLOT PAPERS**

1. In the election for the Executive Committee will be used "ballot papers" provided by **WORLD SKATE EUROPE**, printed on strictly equal role, without marks or external signs.
2. In the "ballot paper " must be included:
  - 2.1 The "letter" corresponding to each one of the candidates lists, followed by the candidate name presented to become the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President;
  - 2.2 To the right of the referred candidate's name, is printed a square box to be marked with a cross according to the voter's choice.

<p><b><u>LIST A</u> - has as candidate to President of World Skate Europe</b>                  Ms./Mr. ... .. <i>(name of the candidate)</i> ... ..</p>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b><u>LIST B</u> - has as candidate to President of World Skate Europe</b>                  Ms./Mr. ... .. <i>(name of the candidate)</i> ... ..</p>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b><u>LIST C</u> - has as candidate to President of World Skate Europe</b>                  Ms./Mr. ... .. <i>(name of the candidate)</i> ... ..</p>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/>

**ARTICLE 39 – ELECTORAL CONGRESS – PROCEDURES**

1. Arriving at the agenda item of the election of the governing bodies, the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President shall conduct the voting procedures and ensure:
  - 1.1 The opening and closing of the ballot box.
  - 1.2 Calling each National Federation's delegate to hand over the ballot papers. When these are filled in, they are introduced in the ballot box.
2. After the voting, the tellers will count the votes cast, sign the result report – *which mentions the votes cast for each list, abstentions and null votes* – and hand it over to the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President
  - 2.1 The "blank votes" – *ballot papers not marked with a cross, and showing no notes, signs or erasures* – shall be considered "ABSTENTIONS".
  - 2.2 Ballot papers with notes, signs or erasures – *regardless of having a box marked with a cross or not* – shall be considered "NULL VOTES".
3. The list elected is the list that obtains at least one more vote than the 50% (fifty per cent) of votes of the National Federations eligible for voting and duly represented in the Electoral Congress.
  - 3.1 If none of the lists obtains the required majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be held to choose between the two most voted lists.
  - 3.2 The second ballot shall be held thirty (30) minutes after the announcement of the outcome of the first ballot.
4. The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President will announce the final results counted by the tellers, and proclaim as the winning list of the elections the list that obtained the majority of votes, as established in point 3 of this Article.

**ARTICLE 40 – VACANCIES IN THE WORLD SKATE EUROPE FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE**

In the event of a vacancy in any of the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** bodies – *due to destitution, substitution, resignation, incapacity or death* – the following procedures shall be followed in order to fill the vacant post for the remainder of the term of office:

1. When the vacancy occurs less than twelve (12) months before the end of the term of office, no interim election is needed. The necessary replacements will be made according to the following provisions:
  - 1.1 The **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President will be replaced by the First Vice-President of the Executive Committee.
  - 1.2 The President of a Technical Commission will be replaced by the First Vice-President of the Technical Commission concerned.
  - 1.3 The President of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission will be replaced by the First Vice-President of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission.
  - 1.4 With regard to any other filling of vacancies that can occur in the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** governing bodies (*referred in [paragraph 2 of Article 4 of these Statutes](#)*) and/or in the Technical or Administrative support bodies (*referred in [paragraph 3 of Article 4 of these Statutes](#)*), the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President will decide – *if that is the option* – all the appointments to be made, which will be after ratified by the Central Committee.
2. When it is not applicable the timeframe referred in paragraph 1 of this Article, the necessary replacements will be made according to the following situations and specific provisions:
  - 2.1 When there is a need to ensure the replacement of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President, a call for an interim election of the Executive Committee must be provided, according to the procedures established in **Article 37 of these Statutes**.
    - 2.1.1 The election will take place in the next Ordinary Congress, if this is scheduled to take place within 6 (six) months but no less than 3 (three) months.

- 2.1.2 Otherwise, an Extraordinary Congress must be called by the acting **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President to take place within maximum 3 (three) months.
- 2.2 When there is a need to ensure the replacement of a Vice-President of the Executive Committee, her/his substitute will be appointed by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President, whose decision will be after ratified by the Central Committee.
- 2.3 When there is a need to ensure the replacement of the President of a Technical Commission of a roller-skating discipline, she/he will be designated by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President, which can imply the designation of new members the Technical Commission concerned, which will be insured by the elected President, whose decision must be after ratified by the Central Committee.
- 2.4 When there is a need to ensure the replacement of any member with voting rights of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, her/his substitute will be appointed by the **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** President, whose decision will be after ratified by the Central Committee.
- 2.5 In the event of any other vacancies, it must be followed the procedures that are established in paragraph 1.4 of this Article.

## CHAPTER VIII

### FINAL PROVISIONS

#### ARTICLE 41 – DISSOLUTION OF CERS (WORLD SKATE EUROPE)

1. Dissolution of **CERS (WORLD SKATE EUROPE)** shall only be possible by decision of an Extraordinary Congress, specially convened with that purpose, and **by majority of at least 75% (seventy-five per cent) of the member countries**.
2. In the event of a dissolution, it will be decided what to do with the assets and whether to appoint a winding-up committee.
3. Besides the legal grounds for extinction, **CERS (WORLD SKATE EUROPE)** may only be dissolved for major and insurmountable reasons making it impossible to achieve its aims.
4. **The dissolution of CERS (WORLD SKATE EUROPE) must be approved by the Congress, with at least 75% (seventy-five per cent) of favourable votes cast in the said Congress.** In the event, arrangements will immediately be made to:
  - 4.1 Set up a “Winding-up Commission” to distribute the net assets of **CERS (WORLD SKATE EUROPE)**, in accordance with the following provisions:
    - 4.1.1 A part of the **CERS (WORLD SKATE EUROPE)** funds will be withheld to pay all debts.
    - 4.1.2 The remaining part of the **CERS (WORLD SKATE EUROPE)** funds, if existing will be divided proportionally to the National Federations, after pondering the number of roller-skating disciplines each of them governs.
  - 4.2 Limit the powers of the governing bodies and their members to mere administrative acts, namely those necessary to wrapping up pending activities and/or liquidating assets.

#### ARTICLE 42 – GAPS, OMISSIONS AND HIERARCHY OF NORMS

1. To gaps and/or omissions that may exist in these **Statutes** – *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 existing gaps and/or omissions will be examined by the Central Committee, which will take a specific deliberation, after taking into consideration:
  - 2.1 All similar rules which, eventually, could exist on the **WORLD SKATE Statutes or Regulations**
  - 2.2 The opinion of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission
3. **The Statutory rules prevail over all the other Regulations, when overlapping or incompatibility is observed.**

#### ARTICLE 43 – REVOCATIONS, APPROVAL AND ENTRY IN FORCE OF THE PRESENT STATUTES

1. Having in mind what is established in **paragraph 2 of this Article**, the entry in force of the present Statutes entirely repeal all rules and regulations of **WORLD SKATE EUROPE** that are opposed or in contradiction with them.
2. The present Statutes were approved in the **Congress, held in Viana do Castelo, Portugal, on the 22<sup>nd</sup>,<sup>h</sup> of September of 2018, entering in force immediately.**