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SECTION 1 - GENERAL

Article 1. Name & Language

Article 2. Objectives

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1. Name & Language

1.1. The organisation designated as the Confederation of Mediterranean Badminton is hereinafter called COMEBA. It is a non-profit entity, which comprises the National Badminton Federations and/or Associations of the countries of the Mediterranean basin.

1.2. The official language of COMEBA is English. Nevertheless, delegates at a COMEBA meeting may speak in their own mother tongue, provided they supply the translation of their speech in English.

All COMEBA documents are drawn up in English.

2. Objectives

The scope of COMEBA is the undertaking of all initiatives in favour of Badminton promotion and development in the countries of the Mediterranean basin

The objectives of COMEBA, for which it implements such measures, as it deems necessary, are:

2.1. Promoting and developing the sport of Badminton within the Mediterranean region in accordance with the principles of the Olympic Movement and the regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

2.2. Ensuring the development and promotion of Badminton throughout the Mediterranean countries, encouraging participation, education, and technical progress at all levels.

2.3. Striving for the retention of Badminton in the programme of the Mediterranean Games, as well as for the inclusion and retention of AirBadminton in the programme of the Mediterranean Beach Games.

2.4. Developing the spirit of friendship and mutual support among its members. Furthermore, encouraging and supporting measures relating to the protection of athletes, including medical care, health, anti-doping, fair play and safe sport, anti-manipulation, safeguarding, integrity, and the prevention of harassment, violence and abuse in sport.

2.5. Promoting Badminton as a "Sport for All"; that is, a recreational and competitive sport for persons of all ages and abilities, which is undertaken in a spirit of Fair Play and entirely free of performance-enhancing drugs and discrimination of any sort.

2.6. Supporting and supervising the organisation of competitions and/or other events organised by its members whilst ensuring that they meet the appropriate international standard.

2.7. Assuming, when entrusted, the responsibility for the technical control, direction and organisation of Badminton competitions held within the framework of the Mediterranean Games, Mediterranean Beach Games, and other recognised multisport events.

2.8. Spending the funds at its disposal in the most beneficial way for the development of Badminton in the Mediterranean countries.

2.9. To represent the sport of Badminton within the Mediterranean region and its Members before the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Committee of the Mediterranean Games (ICMG), the Badminton World Federation (BWF), the Continental Confederations, the National Olympic Committees and any other recognised international or regional sports organisation, and to cooperate with, participate in and contribute to the work of international organisations, institutions and initiatives relating to sport governance, integrity, safeguarding, transparency, anti-doping, prevention of manipulation of competitions and the fight against corruption in sport, including but not limited to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport (IPACS), the Council of Europe, the European Union and any other recognised international, regional or governmental body. COMEBA may also take part in and implement

European, international and intercontinental programmes, projects and initiatives, including those of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the National Olympic Committees (NOCs), the Badminton World Federation (BWF), the European Union and other recognised organisations, to promote the development of Badminton, education, good governance, integrity, safeguarding, social inclusion and the Olympic values, and may participate in meetings, congresses, working groups and other institutional activities concerning the organisation, governance and development of sport.

2.10. Follow the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) while making its members aware of such requirements.

2.11. Contribute to the achievement of the goals set out in the Olympic Charter, through the promotion of Olympism, Olympic education, fair play, integrity, safeguarding and ethical sport.

2.12. Provide technical assistance and expertise for the implementation of development programmes, including those related to Olympic Solidarity, regional development initiatives, and educational activities.

2.13. Submit proposals to the competent international sports bodies concerning the development of Badminton within the Olympic Movement and within regional competitions.

2.14. Collaborate in conferences, congresses, seminars and educational activities related to sport, Olympism, integrity, and the development of Badminton.

2.15. Promote the active and equal participation of both males and females in the activities of COMEBA as well as in its administration.

2.16. Guarantee respect for the Statutes and regulations of COMEBA, the Olympic Charter, the principles of fair play and sporting integrity, and the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF), and to adopt and enforce disciplinary measures, including the power to initiate proceedings and impose sanctions for breaches committed during competitions or within the framework of events and activities falling under the authority of COMEBA.

2.17. Enhancing the bonds between the existing Members whilst promoting the adherence of new Members.

2.18. Collect and process information from its members concerning governance, funding structures, public or institutional support and regulatory frameworks applicable to sport, to promote transparency, consistency of practices and the harmonious development of Badminton within the Mediterranean region, in compliance with the Olympic Charter, the principles of good governance and the applicable national and international rules.

3. Principles

3.1. COMEBA shall preserve its autonomy and political neutrality in its governance and activities and shall reject any political, religious, economic or other undue influence that could affect its independence or prevent compliance with the Olympic Charter, the regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF), and the present Statutes.

3.2. COMEBA shall promote respect for the human person, the values of Olympism, fair play, integrity, solidarity and equality through the sport of Badminton and its disciplines, and shall oppose any form of discrimination, harassment, abuse, violence, corruption or conduct incompatible with the dignity of sport or the human being.

3.3. COMEBA shall protect athletes and officials and shall adopt a zero-tolerance approach against doping, manipulation of competitions, corruption, harassment, abuse and any form of violence in sport, in accordance with the Olympic Charter, the BWF regulations and recognised international standards.

3.4. COMEBA shall act in accordance with the principles of integrity, transparency, accountability and good governance and shall adopt and maintain appropriate rules, policies, procedures and institutional mechanisms for the prevention, detection and sanctioning of conflicts of interest, corruption, bribery, collusion, manipulation of competitions and any other unethical or unlawful conduct affecting sport or its administration.

COMEBA shall ensure the publication, by appropriate electronic means of its Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors, the composition of its governing bodies, commissions and committees, the names of elected officials, annual reports, financial statements, audit reports and any other information required for the proper information of its Members.

COMEBA shall also establish confidential and secure reporting mechanisms, appropriate safeguarding structures and reporting procedures, effective financial control and independent audit mechanisms, and shall ensure the meaningful representation and participation of athletes in decision-making processes, in accordance with the Olympic Charter, the IOC Code of Ethics, the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance within the Olympic Movement, and other internationally recognised standards of sports governance and integrity.

3.5. COMEBA shall encourage harmonious relations and constructive cooperation with sports organisations, National Olympic Committees, governmental and non-governmental authorities and international institutions, in the interest of the development of Badminton, while fully respecting the autonomy of sport.

3.6. COMEBA shall promote the development of Badminton and its disciplines as a means of education, social inclusion and personal development, and shall support the protection of youth from violence, crime and harmful behaviour through sport.

3.7. COMEBA and its Members shall act in accordance with the Olympic Charter, the IOC Code of Ethics, the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance within the Olympic Movement, and the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

3.8. COMEBA shall promote equal opportunities, gender equality, diversity and solidarity within sport and shall encourage the participation of all persons without discrimination. COMEBA shall reject and condemn any form of discrimination, harassment, abuse, violence, corruption or conduct contrary to the Olympic Charter, the regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF), or the values of sport, and shall take all necessary measures within its jurisdiction to prevent, address and sanction such acts. COMEBA shall promote gender equality and shall strive for balanced gender representation in its governing bodies, committees and activities.

3.9. COMEBA shall allow its Members complete autonomy in their respective countries, and it shall have no part in purely national issues, provided these shall not conflict with its objectives. The present principles shall apply to COMEBA as an autonomous and independent organisation and shall guide its governance, operations, committees, commissions, competitions and all activities conducted under its authority. They shall be implemented in all actions undertaken by COMEBA, without prejudice to the autonomy of its Members, which shall remain fully respected within their respective national jurisdiction

4. Headquarters

4.1. The COMEBA headquarters are at the offices of the National Badminton Federation or the Association of the President of COMEBA on duty. The headquarters and the respective administrative management costs will be covered by the National Federation or Association hosting the COMEBA headquarters, only if such costs cannot be covered by COMEBA through its own resources, as decided by the Board of Directors, and always with full respect for its administrative independence and

autonomy.

4.2. All official communication between COMEBA and its Members shall be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail), which shall be deemed a valid form of written communication, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Secretary General of COMEBA and the Member concerned.

4.3. COMEBA shall inform its Members of any change(s) to an official e-mail address. It shall keep a regularly updated list of its Members' official e-mail addresses published on its website.

SECTION 2 - MEMBERSHIP

Article 5. Membership

Article 6. Rights and Obligations of Members

Article 7. Admission to Membership Procedure

Article 8. Resignations

Article 9. Suspension

Article 10. Exclusion

5. Membership

5.1. COMEBA is composed of those National Badminton Federations or Associations that meet one of these two requirements

- Be a member of the Mediterranean Games
- Be a country that has a coast with the Mediterranean Sea.

However, in either case, the federation or national association must also be a member of the BWF in good standing to be a Member of COMEBA.

All National Badminton Federations fulfilling the conditions set out above shall be eligible to apply for membership in COMEBA. Subject to approval in accordance with the present Statutes, they shall be admitted as Full Members and shall enjoy the rights and assume the obligations provided for in these Statutes.

5.2. COMEBA may grant Associate Membership to organisations which:

- are in the process of forming a National Badminton Federation in a country or territory where none exists; or
- do not yet satisfy all the requirements for Full Membership.

Associate Members may take part in the activities and programmes of COMEBA but shall have no voting rights and shall not be eligible for election to any governing body of COMEBA.

Associate Membership shall be granted for a maximum period of three (3) years, after which the status shall be reviewed in accordance with these Statutes. The term of an Associate membership shall lapse automatically when a related properly constituted National Federation or Association is admitted to COMEBA membership.

5.3. COMEBA may recognise as Observers or Partners institutions or entities whose activities are in line with the objectives and principles of COMEBA, including those involved in development, education, competitions or cooperation programmes.

Observers and Partners may participate in meetings, events and activities upon invitation, but shall have no voting rights, no governing authority and shall not be considered Members of COMEBA. The rights, obligations and conditions applicable to Observers and Partners shall be determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with the present Statutes

6. Rights and Obligations of Members

6.1. Rights of Members

6.1.1. Full Members in good standing shall have the following rights:

- a) to participate in the General Assembly.
- b) to speak and vote at the General Assembly through their duly appointed delegates, in accordance with the present Statutes.
- c) to propose items for inclusion on the agenda of the General Assembly, in accordance with the present Statutes.
- d) to nominate candidates for election to the Board of Directors, subject to the eligibility requirements provided in the present Statutes.
- e) to take part in competitions, events, programmes and activities organised or recognised by COMEBA.

- f) to receive information concerning the activities, decisions and regulations of COMEBA.
- g) to benefit from development programmes, technical assistance and other services provided by COMEBA, in accordance with the applicable regulations.
- h) to submit proposals, recommendations or requests to the Board of Directors.
- i) to exercise any other right provided for in the present Statutes or in the regulations of COMEBA.

6.1.2. Only Members who have fulfilled their financial and administrative obligations towards COMEBA and are not under suspension shall be entitled to vote, to nominate delegates or candidates, or to exercise the full rights of membership.

6.1.3. Associate Members, Observers and Partners may participate in the activities of COMEBA in accordance with the present Statutes and the applicable regulations but shall not have voting rights and shall not be eligible for election to the governing bodies of COMEBA, unless otherwise expressly provided.

6.1.4. The exercise of membership rights shall be subject to compliance with the present Statutes, the regulations and decisions of COMEBA, the Olympic Charter, the rules of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and the recognised principles of good governance of the Olympic Movement.

6.2. Obligations of Members

Members and all applicants for membership of COMEBA shall fulfil the following criteria:

6.2.1. Be formally recognised by the COMEBA Board of Directors as the overall governing body for Badminton in the respective country. The decision of the Board of Directors shall in all cases be consistent with and subject to the recognition, regulations and decisions of the Badminton World Federation (BWF)

6.2.2. Cover the territory of a country that is recognised as an independent and sovereign state by the United Nations.

6.2.3. Have Statutes, Regulations and Governing Rules that are consistent with these Statutes and, on request, provide copies thereof to COMEBA.

6.2.4. Provide updates of any subsequent amendments to Statutes, Regulations and Governing Rules by not later than one month after the General Meeting at which such amendments are approved.

6.2.5. Recognise and accept the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and governing rules of COMEBA, and acknowledge their binding and mandatory nature and undertake to always comply with them.

6.2.6. Recognise and accept the jurisdiction and the right of COMEBA to take any decision and/or implement any sanction based on these Statutes.

6.2.7. Recognise and accept the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) as the only competent judicial authority external to COMEBA - to the exclusion of any ordinary court of law - as well as the final (that is, without appeal) status of the decisions made by the CAS.

6.2.8. Recognise and accept the WADA requirements in their entirety whilst cooperating with COMEBA fully in the implementation of measures to detect and penalise any infringements of the World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards.

6.2.9. Recognise and accept the Olympic Charter, the rules, decisions and codes of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), including the IOC Code of Ethics and the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance within the Olympic Movement, and undertake to always comply with them.

6.2.10. Commit themselves to pay the Annual Membership Fee as proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly; such payment must be made in full within sixty (60) days of the date of the relative invoice. Members who do not pay the annual fee may be subject to full or partial suspension, in accordance with the procedure provided for in the present Statutes and shall not be allowed to take part in COMEBA activities for as long as the suspension remains in force.

6.2.11. A Member shall be responsible for the implementation of any penalty imposed by COMEBA against a person dealing with it and/or sharing and/or participating in its activities; the term "person" shall include (but not be limited to) staff, volunteers, players, trainers, coaches, team managers, umpires, doctors, delegates, and representatives.

6.2.12. Associate Members shall undertake in writing to comply with the present Statutes, Directives, Regulations and Decisions of COMEBA and shall pay fifty per cent (50%) of the Annual Membership Fee payable by Full Members.

6.2.13. All Members are required to maintain a valid and operational e-mail address. They are to report immediately to the Secretary General any technical problem(s) and/or any change(s) to it.

7. Admission to Membership Procedure

7.1 The admission application shall be initially submitted in writing, together with any supporting documentation, to the Secretary General, who shall subsequently submit it for assessment by the COMEBA Board of Directors. After verification by the Board of Directors, the application shall be notified in writing by the Secretary General to all the COMEBA Members. Any notification of dissent to such membership must be submitted within one month of the Secretary General's notification. The admission of Members falls within the competence of the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

7.2. The admission of Associate Members shall be carried out in accordance with the same procedures and formal requirements as those applicable to Full Members, including the written acceptance of the Statutes, regulations and governing rules of COMEBA, unless otherwise specified in the present Statutes

7.3. Their admission of Observers or Partner organisations, institutions or entities shall be subject, mutatis mutandis, to the formalities applicable to Full Members, including the acceptance of the Statutes, regulations and governing rules of COMEBA. Observer or Partner status shall be granted by decision of the Board of Directors.

8. Resignation

A Member wishing to withdraw from COMEBA shall give three months' notice of such intention and shall submit their resignation in writing to the Secretary General, who shall immediately inform the Board of Directors. Such a withdrawing Member must still honour its commitments to COMEBA completely

9. Suspension

9.1. The Board of Directors may propose to the General Assembly the full or partial temporary suspension of any Member which, after due warning, fails to comply with the Statutes, regulations, decisions or other governing rules of COMEBA, or does not fulfil the obligations arising from its membership. The adoption of such a proposal by the General Assembly shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the valid votes cast.

9.2. In the period between General Assemblies, the COMEBA Board of Directors has the power to suspend fully or partially a member that, in its collective view, is in breach of the Statutes, regulations, decisions or other governing rules of COMEBA or does not fulfil the obligations arising from its membership. The decision of the Board of Directors shall take immediate effect and shall remain in force until the subsequent General Assembly votes to confirm or reverse such suspension.

9.3. The said suspended Member shall have the right to speak but not to vote on its case during the General Assembly that debates it. A suspended Member shall be deprived of all rights of membership and shall not be allowed to participate in any competitive event organised or sanctioned by COMEBA, as well as attend any General Assembly (except as provided in the preceding paragraph).

9.4. During the period of suspension, the Member shall be deprived of rights deriving from its membership. Such suspension shall also apply to all athletes, officials, coaches, technical personnel, delegates and any other persons under the jurisdiction of the suspended Member, who shall not be allowed to participate in any activity organised, authorised or recognised by COMEBA. The Member shall remain bound by the Statutes, regulations and decisions of COMEBA and shall continue to fulfil its obligations, including financial obligations, unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly. The Secretary General shall inform all the COMEBA Members in writing of such suspension.

10. Exclusion

10.1. The Board of Directors may propose to the General Assembly the definite exclusion of any Member for serious or repeated breaches.

10.2. Any Member that remains suspended for more than two (2) consecutive years shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the General Assembly with a proposal for definite exclusion. The decision shall be taken in accordance with the procedure laid down in the preceding article and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the valid votes cast.

10.3. In the event of dissolution, liquidation, bankruptcy or loss of legal personality of a Member, its membership shall terminate automatically by operation of law. The Board of Directors shall record the occurrence of such termination, without the need for any decision of the General Assembly.

SECTION 3 - GOVERNMENT

Article 11. Financial Administration

Article 12. Governance

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Article 14. General Assembly Procedures

Article 15. Extraordinary General Assembly

Article 16. Board of Directors

Article 17. Elections of the Board of Directors

Article 18. Board of Directors Responsibilities

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11. Financial Administration

11.1. The financial year of COMEBA starts on the 1st of January and ends on the 31st of December. The annual Financial Report shall be prepared not later than three (3) months from the end of the Financial Year.

11.2. All payments to COMEBA shall be made in the official currency of the Confederation, which is the Euro (EUR), unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly.

11.3. COMEBA shall keep its accounts in accordance with the applicable laws and the principles of transparency, accuracy and true and fair view. Financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with recognised accounting standards.

11.4. The annual financial statements shall be prepared after the end of each financial year, audited when required, and submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

11.5. Appropriate financial control procedures shall be established to ensure proper management of funds, including separation of responsibilities and checks and balances in financial decisions. Financial obligations exceeding an amount determined by the General Assembly, upon proposal of the Board of Directors, shall require the joint signatures of two authorised persons.

11.6. The General Assembly may appoint an independent auditor or audit body to examine the accounts of COMEBA and to report to the General Assembly.

11.7. If the annual financial turnover of COMEBA, as shown in its approved annual financial statements, exceeds the amount of EUR200,000, the appointment of an independent external auditor or certified public accountant shall be mandatory.

The audit report shall be submitted to the General Assembly together with the annual financial statements.

11.8. The funds of COMEBA shall be used exclusively for the fulfilment of its objectives and for essential administrative support and shall be managed in accordance with the principles of good governance, transparency and accountability. Routine representation expenses, including travel and accommodation, shall be borne by the respective Members. By way of exception, the Board of Directors may authorise the use of COMEBA funds for urgent or extraordinary representation expenses, within the limits fixed by the General Assembly.

11.9. COMEBA shall establish appropriate internal control and risk management procedures proportionate to its size and activities to ensure the proper use of its resources and the prevention of financial or administrative irregularities.

11.10. COMEBA shall ensure transparency, equal treatment and good governance in all procurement, purchasing, contracting and financial commitment procedures relating to goods, services, works, sponsorships, grants or any other financial or economic activity.

For this purpose, the General Assembly shall adopt a Procurement Regulation which shall define the procedures, thresholds, approval requirements, control mechanisms and rules concerning conflicts of interest, in accordance with the principles of transparency, accountability, proportionality and sound financial management. Any amendment of the Procurement Regulation shall be adopted by the General Assembly by a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the valid votes cast.

The Board of Directors may assign the relevant competence to an existing committee, which shall assist in the preparation, evaluation and supervision of procurement procedures in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Until the adoption of the Procurement Regulation and the establishment of the competent committee, the Board of Directors shall be responsible for all procurement and contracting decisions, ensuring compliance with the present Statutes, the principles of good governance of the Olympic

Movement, and internationally recognised standards of integrity and transparency.

Members of the Board of Directors, committees or any other person involved in procurement procedures shall refrain from participating in any decision where a conflict of interest exists or may reasonably appear to exist.

12. Governance

12.1. COMEBA shall be governed by the following bodies:

- a) the General Assembly, which shall be the supreme governing body of COMEBA and shall meet in ordinary session as the Annual General Assembly (AGA) or in extraordinary session as the Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA). The AGA or the EGA shall be held on a date and at a location determined by the Board of Directors.
- b) The Board of Directors shall ensure the permanent functioning of COMEBA and the implementation of its objectives and decisions.
- c) Standing or ad hoc committees or commissions may be established and shall act under the authority of the Board of Directors to assist in the governance, administration and activities of COMEBA. Such committees shall perform their duties in accordance with the Olympic Charter and the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance within the Olympic Movement. In accordance with these principles, the Board of Directors may establish standing committees, including inter alia the following: 1. Ethics Commission, 2. Finance and Audit Committee, 3. Athletes' Commission, 4. Medical and Safeguarding Commission, 5. Governance and Compliance Committee, 6. Procurement Committee. For the organisation, functioning and allocation of duties of the committees, the competent bodies of COMEBA, in accordance with the present Statutes, may adopt Rules or Regulations governing the operation of the COMEBA Committees. These Regulations shall define the composition, mandate, responsibilities and procedures of each committee.

12.2. The Athletes' Commission shall represent the views and interests of athletes within COMEBA and shall contribute to the decision-making process on matters affecting athletes, competitions, safeguarding, integrity, development programmes and the promotion of Olympic values.

The Athletes' Commission may submit proposals, recommendations and opinions to the Board of Directors and to the General Assembly and may be consulted on any matter concerning athletes.

The composition, election or appointment, term of office, rights and duties of the members of the Athletes' Commission shall be determined by Regulations adopted by the General Assembly, in accordance with the principles of independence, transparency and fair representation of athletes.

The Board of Directors may invite a representative of the Athletes' Commission to attend meetings of the Board of Directors or of the General Assembly, without voting rights, unless otherwise provided by the present Statutes or the applicable regulations

13. Notices

13.1. The notification of a General Assembly shall reach all COMEBA Members by electronic means at least thirty (30) days before its fixed date. Such notification must be signed by the Secretary General and show the Assembly date, venue, time, and agenda.

13.2. Where possible, the General Assembly's organisational costs shall be covered by the National Association hosting the General Assembly. Costs for the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer shall be covered by COMEBA if the National Association cannot, provided that such coverage

shall be subject to the provisions and limitations set out in Article 11.8.

14. General Assembly Procedures

14.1. The General Assembly is composed of non-suspended Full Members. The names and personal details of the representatives must be notified in writing by e-mail to the Secretary General not later than ten (10) days before the date of the General Assembly. Members who fail to notify their representatives within this deadline shall not be entitled to participate in the General Assembly. Each Member shall be entitled to appoint not more than two (2) delegates to a General Assembly. Both delegates shall have the right to speak, but neither shall be allowed to second a proposal made by the other. Only one (1) delegate from each Member shall be entitled to cast a vote. Delegates must belong to the Member they represent and be appointed by the appropriate body of the Member concerned. Delegates must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and must hold the nationality of the Member they represent, as evidenced by a valid passport or other official document of equivalent evidentiary value, be a member of the governing committee or be an employee of the Member. In case of any dispute, the onus is on the delegate to prove the respective position within the Member concerned to the satisfaction of the Chair.

14.2. Only Members that are in good financial standing shall have the right to vote in the General Assembly.

Members who have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards COMEBA, but are not under suspension, may attend the General Assembly and may speak, but shall not have the right to vote and shall not be counted for quorum or voting majorities. Such Members shall not be considered suspended solely due to non-payment, unless suspension has been imposed in accordance with the present Statutes.

A Member shall be considered in good financial standing only if all its financial obligations towards COMEBA have been fully settled at the time of the deadline for the notification of its representatives.

The verification of the right to participate and vote in the General Assembly, including the timely notification of representatives and the settlement of financial obligations, shall be carried out by the Board of Directors.

In such cases, exclusion from voting rights shall not require the application of the suspension procedure provided for in the present Statutes.

14.3. The Annual General Assembly shall be held on an annual basis, concurrently with the Annual General Meeting of the BWF and at the same location if possible. In exceptional circumstances, the AGA may be held remotely using electronic means, provided that the identity of the participants, the proper conduct of the meeting and the voting procedures are ensured. Participation by electronic means shall be deemed equivalent to physical presence.

14.4. For the AGA, the Board of Directors may invite Associate Members and Observers, as well as the presidents or representatives of the BWF, the Badminton Confederation of Africa, Badminton Asia, and Badminton Europe. These presidents, or their representatives, will attend the AGA solely as observers and will not have any voting rights

14.5. The business of the AGA shall be to receive and, if deemed fit, to approve:

- a) The Minutes of the preceding AGA or EGA.
- b) The administrative Report of the Secretary General.
- c) The Financial Report of the Treasurer.
- d) Applications for membership, including suspensions and exclusions from such membership.

- e) Elect members of the Board of Directors.
- f) Elect Scrutineers or the ad hoc electoral committee.
- g) Proposals for amendments to these Statutes.
- h) By-laws of these Statutes as well as Regulations, Policies, Codes, Directives or any other implementing rules of COMEBA, whenever the present Statutes expressly provide that such matters fall within its authority.
- i) Approve any other proposals for which due notice has been given
- j) Discuss and decide on any other competent business.

14.6. At General Assemblies (AGA and EGA), the representation at the meeting of at least one third of the existing COMEBA Members with a voting right on the day of the General Meeting shall form a quorum.

14.7. The President shall act as Chair at all General Assemblies. In the President's absence, one of the Vice Presidents shall act as Chair. In the simultaneous absence of the President and the two Vice Presidents, the Members present shall elect the President of the General Assembly by open vote, without the need for a secret ballot. The Chair shall have the final decision upon all matters of procedure. At the beginning of each General Assembly, the Members present shall elect, by open vote, a Secretary of the General Assembly, who shall keep the minutes of the meeting. The minutes shall be signed after the conclusion of the General Assembly by the Chair and the Secretary of the General Assembly. The minutes may be kept in written or electronic form, and documents kept by electronic means shall be deemed valid and equivalent to written records.

14.8. Before a proposal recorded on the agenda is discussed, the Chair will invite the delegate of the proposing Member to explain and illustrate its purpose.

14.9. Voting shall normally take place by a show of hands. In matters concerning persons or other sensitive issues, voting may take place by secret ballot, when requested by a member or decided by the Chair, without prejudice to the cases where a secret ballot is mandatory under the present Statutes.

14.10. Notice in writing of any proposal falling under the competent business of a General Meeting shall be submitted in writing by any Member not less than thirty days preceding the date of the Meeting. It shall be sent to the Secretary General, who shall inform all the Members accordingly as soon as reasonably possible. The Chair at a General Meeting shall not accept any amendment, other than one wording, that does not alter or modify the meaning or the intent of the original proposal

14.11. Proposals to General Assemblies are decided by "votes cast"; that is, votes by a show of hands or valid votes that are submitted in a secret ballot. Blank voting slips or blank pieces of paper, or void voting papers, are not "votes cast". An abstention does not count as a "vote cast". Voting majorities will be calculated only based on "votes cast".

14.12. Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Statutes, all issues at General Assemblies shall be decided by a simple majority of the valid votes cast.

14.13. An AGA shall have the power to elect Honorary Life Presidents or Honorary Life Deputy Presidents, and this for services rendered to COMEBA in the past. Such nominations may be made by the Board of Directors or by any Member, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Honorary Life Presidents and Honorary Life Deputy Presidents shall have the right to attend and to speak at General Assemblies, but, unless they represent a Member, shall not have a right to vote.

15. Extraordinary General Assembly

15.1. On a decision of the Board of Directors or upon a request made to the Board of Directors by one third (1/3) of the COMEBA Members in good standing, which are not under suspension and have fulfilled all their financial obligations towards COMEBA, an EGA shall be convened whenever required by the general interest of COMEBA. In this case, the notification shall reach all COMEBA Members at least fifteen (15) days before its fixed date. It shall be signed by the Secretary General and shall include the date, time and agenda of the meeting, as well as the venue in case the meeting is held with physical presence. The notification shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be called; No business other than that specified in the agenda shall be discussed, proposed or decided at the meeting.

15.2. The Extraordinary General Assembly may be held by electronic or other remote means of communication, as decided by the Board of Directors, provided that the identity of the participants, the integrity of the proceedings and the voting procedures are guaranteed. Participation by electronic means shall be deemed equivalent to physical presence.

15.3. In all matters not expressly provided for in relation to the Extraordinary General Assembly, the provisions applicable to the Annual General Assembly shall apply *mutatis mutandis*

16. Board of Directors

16.1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of seven (7) members: one President, two Vice Presidents, one Secretary General, one Treasurer and two Councillors.

16.2. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of four (4) years by the General Assembly, at the first General Assembly held in the year following the Summer Olympic Games. Such General Assembly shall normally be held concurrently with the Annual General Meeting of the Badminton World Federation (BWF). If this is not possible, the election shall take place at a General Assembly to be held no later than the 30th of June of that year.

16.3. The President represents COMEBA in all activities and at all official and international instances

17. Elections of the Board of Directors

17.1 Nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be made in writing and sent to the Secretary General by a COMEBA Full Member not later than twenty (20) days before the date of the election.

The President of the Board of Directors shall be elected directly by the General Assembly. Each COMEBA Member may nominate one (1) candidate for the position of President and one (1) candidate for the position of member of the Board of Directors.

Any candidate for election shall fulfil the requirements provided in the present Statutes for Delegates, which shall constitute a condition of eligibility.

Each nomination shall be accompanied by a curriculum vitae and by an official decision of the competent governing body of the Member, from which it shall appear that the Member formally nominates the candidate and that the candidate meets the eligibility criteria laid down in the present Statutes.

The Secretary General shall circulate the nominations to all COMEBA Members without delay.

17.2 A candidate for election to the Board of Directors must:

- be at least eighteen (18) years of age
- hold the nationality of the Member he/she represents, as evidenced by a valid passport or

other official document of equivalent evidentiary value.

- be nominated by a COMEBA Full Member entitled to vote, in good standing and having fulfilled all its financial obligations towards COMEBA.
- be formally proposed by a decision of the competent governing body of the Member.
- not be subject to any suspension, sanction or restriction imposed by a competent judicial authority, disciplinary body or sports organisation at national or international level, including bodies of supranational jurisdiction, which directly or indirectly prohibits participation in sport or in the governance of sport.
- not be in a position of incompatibility or conflict with the principles of the Olympic Charter, the BWF regulations, or the present Statutes.
- comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of COMEBA.
- A candidate who has served three (3) consecutive full terms of office as a member of the Board of Directors prior to the election shall not be eligible for election, irrespective of the position held. By way of exception, such a candidate shall be eligible only if he/she obtains at least seventy per cent (70%) of the valid votes cast at the General Assembly. For the purposes of this provision, a term of office shall be considered a full term if the person has served on the Board of Directors for at least one (1) year during that term.

17.3. The eligibility criteria provided in the present Statutes shall be maintained throughout the entire term of office of the members of the Board of Directors of COMEBA. Members of the Board of Directors, being nominated by the Members of COMEBA, shall enjoy the support of the competent governing body of the Member that nominated them during the whole duration of their mandate. If the competent governing body of the COMEBA Member withdraws its support by written notification, the concerned member of the Board of Directors shall automatically cease to hold office. The Board of Directors of COMEBA shall acknowledge such cessation of office, without the need for a decision of the General Assembly.

17.4. The entire election procedure for the election of the Board of Directors shall be conducted under the supervision of Scrutineers, who shall be responsible for ensuring the legality, transparency and integrity of the electoral process. The Scrutineers shall be responsible for verifying the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria of the candidates, supervising the voting procedure, ensuring the secrecy of the ballot, overseeing both physical and electronic voting, verifying the counting of the votes and certifying the validity of the results.

The appointment, composition, powers and functioning of the Scrutineers shall be governed by a special Regulation on Electoral Procedures, which shall be approved by the General Assembly. Any amendment to this Regulation shall require a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the valid votes cast at the General Assembly.

In the absence of an approved Regulation on Electoral Procedures, the duties of the Scrutineers shall be carried out by an ad hoc electoral committee composed of three (3) delegates of Members entitled to vote, provided that such delegates represent a Member which did not nominate a candidate, are not themselves candidates and are not members of the outgoing Board of Directors seeking election. The members of the ad hoc electoral committee shall be elected by the General Assembly before the start of the election procedure by open vote. The elected persons shall assume the duties of Scrutineers for the purposes of the election and shall be responsible for ensuring the proper conduct of the voting procedure and for certifying the final results.

The Scrutineers, or the ad hoc electoral committee acting as Scrutineers, shall ensure that the election is conducted in accordance with the present Statutes, the applicable regulations and the principles of good governance of the Olympic Movement, and their certification of the results shall be final, without prejudice to any right of appeal provided by the present Statutes.

17.5. The election of the members of the Board of Directors shall be conducted exclusively by secret ballot.

The voting may take place by electronic means, including remote electronic voting, provided that the system used ensures the identification of the voters, the secrecy of the ballot, the integrity of the voting procedure and the reliability of the results, in accordance with the principles of good governance of the Olympic Movement

Each Full Member entitled to vote, in good standing, not under suspension and having fulfilled all its financial obligations towards COMEBA, shall have one (1) vote, which shall be exercised by its duly authorised voting delegate.

Each Member may vote for one (1) candidate for President and up to six (6) candidates for the six remaining Board positions other than the President. Ballots containing more than the aforementioned votes shall be considered invalid.

The candidates receiving the highest number of valid votes shall be elected, in accordance with the number of positions to be filled, as provided in the present Statutes. In the event of equality of votes between candidates affecting the determination of the members to be elected to the Board of Directors, the result shall be decided by drawing of lots between the tied candidates. In the event of equality of votes between candidates for the position of President, a second round of voting shall be held between the candidates having obtained an equal number of votes. If equality of votes persists after the second round, the result shall be decided by drawing of lots between the tied candidates.

Participation and voting by electronic means shall be deemed equivalent to physical presence at the General Assembly.

The Board of Directors shall determine the technical conditions and procedures for the electronic voting system, ensuring transparency, confidentiality, security and equal voting rights for all Members.

17.6. When the results of any election are announced, the number of votes polled by each candidate shall be published.

17.7. After the election of the members of the Board of Directors, the elected President shall convene the newly elected members for the purpose of constituting the Board of Directors.

At its first meeting, the President shall assign the functions of two (2) Vice Presidents, the Secretary General and the Treasurer among its members.

In appointing the two Vice Presidents, the President, as far as possible, ensures a balanced geographical representation, so that the Deputy Presidents, where feasible, come from different geographical regions and, if possible, from regions different from that of the President.

18. Board of Directors Responsibilities

18.1. The President represents COMEBA in all activities and at all official and international instances. In the event of declared or objective absence or impediment, the President shall be replaced by the First Vice-President, and, in the absence or impediment of the latter, by the Second Vice-President, who shall exercise all the powers of the President.

18.2. The Secretary General shall draw up the reports and the minutes of all the meetings, which will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval before circulation to the members. The Minutes shall be prepared by the Secretary General, with (if necessary) assistance from the staff of the COMEBA. The minutes shall be signed by the session Chair and the Secretary General and can be kept in electronic form. Minutes kept in electronic form may be signed by electronic signature or by any other secure electronic method, and such signature shall have the same legal and evidentiary value as a handwritten signature.

18.3. All payments, financial transactions and binding financial or contractual obligations of COMEBA

exceeding the amount determined by the General Assembly shall require the joint signature of the President and the Treasurer. No financial obligation exceeding the above amount shall be valid with a single signature. For payments and financial transactions not exceeding the above amount, the Treasurer shall be authorised to sign alone. In the event of impediment of the Treasurer, the President shall be authorised to sign.

18.4. In exceptional cases, the Board of Directors may designate another member of the Board of Directors to act as co-signatory, provided that the requirement of two authorised signatures is always respected. The same shall apply in the event of declared or objective absence or impediment of the President, the Treasurer or the Secretary General, in which case the Board of Directors may appoint another member of the Board of Directors as substitute signatory.

18.5. The Treasurer is responsible for monitoring the accounts, budgets and delivering the economic and financial reports of COMEBA.

18.6. The Board of Directors shall be competent to adopt, issue, and amend regulations, directives, circulars, guidelines and any other implementing rules necessary for the application of the present Statutes and for the proper functioning of COMEBA, insofar as such matters are not reserved to the competence of the General Assembly under the present Statutes.

Such rules may be prepared through internal procedures, including consultation with, or drafting by, the competent committees or commissions of COMEBA. In all cases, the final approval and adoption of such regulations, directives, circulars or guidelines shall lie with the Board of Directors, unless the present Statutes expressly provide that approval by the General Assembly is required.

18.7. The Board of Directors shall ensure the regular publication, by appropriate electronic means, of the present Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions, the composition of the governing bodies and committees, the names of elected officials, annual reports, financial statements, audit reports and any other information necessary to ensure transparency and proper information of the Members.

Such information shall be published and kept updated within a reasonable time, unless confidentiality, disciplinary secrecy, safeguarding concerns, data protection rules or other overriding legitimate interests require otherwise.

18.8. For serious reasons affecting the integrity, reputation or proper functioning of COMEBA, the Board of Directors may decide the removal from office of a member of the Board of Directors, except for the President, following a motion of censure submitted to the Board of Directors.

Such a decision requires a majority of three-fifths (3/5) of the total number of members of the Board of Directors.

The member concerned shall be informed in advance of the motion of censure, the reasons invoked and shall be allowed to present his or her explanations before the decision is taken.

18.9. For the same reasons affecting the integrity, reputation or proper functioning of COMEBA, a motion of censure or no confidence against the President, or against the Board of Directors as a whole, may only be submitted to an Extraordinary General Assembly convened for this purpose.

The adoption of such a motion requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of votes cast.

19. Board of Directors Procedures

19.1. The Board of Directors shall be convened by the Secretary General twice per year and whenever required for the proper functioning of COMEBA or whenever the Board of Directors must make a decision. In the event of declared or objective absence or impediment of the Secretary General, the President may convene the Board of Directors.

In any case, the President or at least four (4) members of the Board of Directors may request the Secretary General, in writing, to convene the Board of Directors, specifying the matters to be

discussed. In such a case, the Secretary General shall convene the meeting within seven (7) days from receipt of the request, including in the agenda the items specified in the request.

19.2. The Board of Directors may validly deliberate only if at least four (4) out of seven (7) Directors are present, which shall constitute a quorum

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held in person, by teleconference, or by a hybrid system combining physical and remote participation, provided that the identity of the participants, the integrity of the proceedings and the possibility for all members to participate effectively are ensured. Participation by electronic means shall be deemed equivalent to physical presence for quorum and voting purposes.

Decisions of the Board of Directors shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of equality of votes, the President shall have the casting vote.

Where necessary, the Board of Directors may also validly deliberate through correspondence by e-mail

19.3. The Minutes shall be regarded as approved if, within thirty days of circulation, no written objections are received by the Secretary General.

If an objection is received, the Secretary General will seek to resolve any objection with the objecting Director(s) concerned for a maximum of thirty days. If the objection is resolved, the Secretary-General shall re-circulate the amended Minutes within fourteen days from the date of resolution, making clear what amendments have been made through track changes in the text. The amended Minutes shall be regarded as approved if, within fourteen days of circulation, no written objections are received by the Secretary General

If any such further objection is received, or if the initial objection was not resolved, the Minutes shall be placed on the agenda of the next Meeting for discussion and decision.

19.4. In case of the resignation, suspension, exclusion, removal, or death of one of its members, the Board of Directors must replace such member. Such a case of loss of office shall also include any failure to maintain the eligibility criteria provided in the present Statutes, as well as withdrawal of confidence/support by the Member who nominated the Director.

This replacement shall be approved by the next General Assembly. The replacing Director shall complete the term of the person replaced.

19.5. The different tasks required to ensure the permanent operation of COMEBA and the implementation of its objectives will be distributed among the Directors.

SECTION 4 – JUDICIAL PROVISIONS

Article 20. Discipline

Article 21. Judicial Body of COMEBA

Article 22. Sanctions and Penalties

Article 23. Appeals

Article 24. Judicial Procedural Rules

20. Discipline

20.1. COMEBA shall have disciplinary authority over its Members, Associate Members, Observers and Partners where applicable, as well as over athletes, officials, delegates, coaches, technical personnel and any other persons or entities participating in, acting under, or subject to the authority, competitions, events, activities, regulations or decisions of COMEBA.

20.2. Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated in respect of any breach of the present Statutes, the regulations, directives, decisions and other governing rules of COMEBA, the Olympic Charter, the IOC Code of Ethics, the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance within the Olympic Movement, the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF), the World Anti-Doping Code, the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, and any other applicable international sporting rule or standard recognised by COMEBA.

20.3. Disciplinary proceedings may also be initiated in respect of any conduct contrary to the principles of fair play, sporting integrity, safeguarding, non-discrimination, human dignity, ethical conduct, transparency, good governance, or any conduct liable to harm the reputation, interests or proper functioning of COMEBA or of the sport of Badminton.

20.4. All disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of legality, impartiality, independence, proportionality, due process, and the right to be heard.

20.5. Any person or entity subject to disciplinary proceedings shall be informed in writing of the alleged breach, the essential facts and the possible sanctions, and shall be given a reasonable opportunity to submit observations, evidence and defence, either in writing or orally, before any final decision is taken.

20.6. Disciplinary decisions shall be reasoned, notified in writing and shall indicate, where applicable, the available remedies and the relevant time limits for appeal.

20.7. Provisional measures, including provisional suspension, may be imposed where necessary to protect the integrity of the proceedings, the safety of persons, the integrity of competitions or the interests of COMEBA, provided that the person or entity concerned is granted an opportunity to be heard within an appropriate time.

21. Judicial Body of COMEBA

21.1. The judicial body of COMEBA shall be the “COMEBA Disciplinary Commission”.

21.2. The COMEBA Disciplinary Commission shall be independent in the exercise of its functions and shall act in accordance with the present Statutes, the applicable regulations and the fundamental principles of due process, impartiality, proportionality and good governance.

21.3. The COMEBA Disciplinary Commission shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide on disciplinary matters, breaches of the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and governing rules of COMEBA, and any other matter expressly referred to it under the present Statutes or the applicable regulations.

21.4. The composition, appointment criteria, terms of office, incompatibilities, independence requirements and replacement of the members of the COMEBA Disciplinary Commission shall be determined by the Judicial Procedural Rules. In all cases, members of the Commission shall not participate in any matter in which they have, or appear to have, a conflict of interest.

21.5. Members of the Board of Directors shall not sit in the COMEBA Disciplinary Commission when acting in its judicial capacity in the same case.

21.6. The COMEBA Disciplinary Commission may be assisted by a secretary, rapporteur, legal officer or other administrative support, as provided by the applicable regulations.

21.7. The Board of Directors may refer matters to the COMEBA Disciplinary Commission where this is provided by the present Statutes or the applicable regulations but shall not interfere in the judicial assessment or decision-making of the Commission.

21.8. Notwithstanding the provisions relating to the COMEBA Disciplinary Commission, and by way of transitional and exceptional measure, until the establishment and effective operation of the Commission and the adoption of the relevant Judicial Procedural Rules, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to examine disciplinary matters and to impose sanctions in first and final internal instance.

In the absence of specific procedural rules, the Board of Directors shall decide on any alleged breach based on the present Statutes, the regulations, directives, circulars and decisions of COMEBA, as well as in accordance with the Olympic Charter, the IOC Code of Ethics, the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance within the Olympic Movement, the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF), the World Anti-Doping Code and any other applicable international sporting rules and standards.

The Board of Directors shall ensure that the principles of fairness, impartiality, proportionality, absence of conflict of interest and the right to be heard are respected.

If the matter under examination concerns a member of the Board of Directors, directly or indirectly, the member concerned shall not take part in the discussion, deliberation or voting on the matter.

The present provision shall apply only until the formal establishment of the COMEBA Disciplinary Commission and the approval of the Judicial Procedural Rules by the General Assembly.

Decisions adopted under this transitional provision shall remain subject to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with the present Statutes.

22. Sanctions and Penalties

22.1. Without prejudice to sanctions provided by the BWF, WADA, CAS, the IOC, or any other competent sports authority, the COMEBA Disciplinary Commission may impose one or more of the following sanctions, considering the seriousness of the breach, the degree of fault, repetition, mitigating and aggravating circumstances, proportionality and the protection of sport:

- a) warning.
- b) reprimand or censure.
- c) fine.
- d) temporary suspension from office, membership, participation or activity.
- e) exclusion from a specific meeting, event, competition or activity.
- f) withdrawal of rights, privileges, accreditation or eligibility.
- g) removal from committee, commission or office, where permitted under the present Statutes.
- h) annulment of results, where applicable and permitted by the relevant sporting rules.
- i) ineligibility for a specified period.
- j) expulsion or definite exclusion.
- k) any other appropriate disciplinary or protective measure permitted by the present Statutes and the applicable regulations.

22.2. Sanctions may be imposed on Members as well as on natural persons or entities falling under

the jurisdiction of COMEBA.

22.3. In cases concerning anti-doping, manipulation of competitions, safeguarding, harassment, abuse, violence, corruption or ethical misconduct, the COMEBA Disciplinary Commission shall apply the present Statutes and regulations in harmony with the applicable international rules and standards, including the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions.

22.4. Where a breach falls within the jurisdiction of another competent sports body, including BWF, WADA or another duly recognised international authority, COMEBA may refer the matter to such authority, recognise its decision, or adopt corresponding measures within its own jurisdiction, in accordance with the present Statutes and the applicable regulations.

22.5. The imposition of a sanction by COMEBA shall not prevent the adoption of provisional, administrative or sporting measures where necessary to safeguard the integrity of competitions, proceedings or persons.

23. Appeals

23.1. Any person or entity directly affected by a final disciplinary or judicial decision of COMEBA shall have the right to appeal in accordance with the present Statutes and the applicable regulations.

23.2. Decisions of the COMEBA Disciplinary Commission, as well as any other final decision of COMEBA for which the present Statutes or regulations so provide, shall be final within COMEBA.

23.3. Such final decisions may be appealed exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in Lausanne, Switzerland, in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration.

23.4. CAS shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear such appeals, to the exclusion of any ordinary court of law, except where mandatory law expressly provides otherwise.

23.5. Appeals to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) shall be lodged within the time limits provided for in the Code of Sports-related Arbitration of CAS.

23.6. In proceedings before CAS, the applicable law shall be the Statutes and regulations of COMEBA and, subsidiarily, Swiss law, unless mandatory law or the CAS Code provides otherwise.

23.7. The language of the CAS proceedings shall be English, unless otherwise agreed by the parties or ordered in accordance with the CAS Code.

24. Judicial Procedural Rules

24.1. The organisation, composition, competence, independence requirements, appointment, incompatibilities, replacement, operation and procedures of the COMEBA Disciplinary Commission shall be governed by the Judicial Procedural Rules.

24.2. The Judicial Procedural Rules shall ensure, inter alia:

- The right to be heard.
- The right to be informed of the charges.
- Reasonable time limits.
- Independence and impartiality.
- Confidentiality where appropriate.
- The right to submit evidence and observations.
- The right to a reasoned decision.
- The right to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with the

present Statutes.

- The rules on conflicts of interest and recusal.
- The admissibility and assessment of evidence.
- the possibility of hearings in person, remotely or by hybrid means.
- The validity of electronic notifications, filings and records.
- The rules on provisional measures.
- The publication or non-publication of decisions where appropriate.

24.3. Proceedings before the COMEBA Disciplinary Commission may be conducted in writing, orally, remotely by electronic means, or by a combination thereof, provided that the identity of the participants, the integrity of the proceedings and the rights of defence are ensured.

24.4. Notifications, submissions, decisions, minutes, records and other procedural documents may be made and kept in written or electronic form and may be signed by electronic means, which shall have the same validity and evidentiary value as a handwritten signature and written records, subject to the applicable rules.

24.5. The Judicial Procedural Rules, and any amendments thereto, shall be adopted by the General Assembly and may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the valid votes cast.

24.6. In the absence of a specific provision in the present Statutes or in the Judicial Procedural Rules, the COMEBA Disciplinary Commission shall decide the procedure in a manner consistent with the Olympic Charter, the IOC Code of Ethics, the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance within the Olympic Movement, the CAS Code and the applicable international sporting rules.

SECTION 5 - AMENDMENTS

25. Amendments to the Statutes

Amendments to the COMEBA Statutes and By-Laws may be decided only by the General Assembly by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the valid votes cast by the Members present.

SECTION 6 – DISSOLUTION & DEVOLUTION

Article 26. Dissolution

Article 27. Devolution

26. Dissolution

The dissolution of COMEBA may be decided only at a specially convened General Assembly by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the valid votes cast by the Members present.

27. Devolution

In case of dissolution, the General Assembly shall designate the institution or institutions best suited to continue the work undertaken by COMEBA, with special reference to its spirit, for the transfer of its assets. Alternatively, the Assembly can decide to distribute and divide such assets equally among the Members.

SECTION 7 – MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 28. Miscellaneous

Article 29. Transitional Provisions

28. Miscellaneous

28.1. Where the context so requires, words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders, and words in the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa.

28.2. Wherever reference is made in the present Statutes to Badminton, such reference shall be deemed to include AirBadminton and any other discipline, event, format or activity governed now or in the future by the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

28.3. Matters not expressly provided for in the present Statutes shall be decided by the Board of Directors, in accordance with the objectives of COMEBA, the regulations and decisions of COMEBA, the Olympic Charter, the IOC Code of Ethics, the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance within the Olympic Movement, and the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

28.4. Any question relating to the application of the present Statutes, or of any regulation, directive, decision or governing rule of COMEBA, shall be decided by the competent bodies of COMEBA in accordance with the present Statutes and the applicable regulations.

28.5. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the present Statutes, whenever a provision requires a qualified majority of two-thirds (2/3) or any other special majority for its amendment, such requirement shall apply only to the modification, amendment or repeal of that provision.

28.6. Wherever in the present Statutes a fraction, percentage or proportion of members, votes or persons is required for the validity of a quorum, the adoption of a decision or the calculation of a majority, the resulting number shall always be rounded up to the next higher whole number, unless the present Statutes expressly provide otherwise.

28.7. The initial adoption or approval of such provision, regulation or rule shall be made by simple majority of the valid votes cast, unless the present Statutes expressly require the same qualified majority also for its adoption.

28.8. Unless otherwise expressly provided, the General Assembly shall be the supreme authority of COMEBA and shall have the final power to interpret the present Statutes. In matters of administration and implementation, the Board of Directors shall be competent to take any decision necessary for the proper functioning of COMEBA, provided that such decision is not reserved to the General Assembly under the present Statutes.

28.9. The present Statutes, as well as all regulations, directives and decisions adopted thereunder, shall be interpreted in harmony with the Olympic Charter, the IOC Code of Ethics, the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance within the Olympic Movement, and the rules and regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

28.10. The present Statutes shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with Swiss law, subsidiarily to the internal rules of COMEBA and the rules of the Olympic Movement, unless mandatory law provides otherwise.

28.11. Any dispute of an international sporting nature arising out of or in connection with the present Statutes, the regulations, decisions or activities of COMEBA, after exhaustion of the internal remedies provided for in the present Statutes, shall be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in Lausanne, Switzerland, in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration.

28.12. The English version of the present Statutes shall be the only authentic text. In case of interpretation issues, the English text shall prevail.

28.13. The present Statutes shall enter into force immediately upon their adoption by the General Assembly and shall replace any previous Statutes of COMEBA.

29. Transitional Provisions

29.1. By way of transitional provision, the first regular elections of the Board of Directors in accordance with the present Statutes shall take place after the Summer Olympic Games of 2028, at the General Assembly to be held within the time limits provided in the present Statutes.

29.2. Until the completion of the above electoral process, the Board of Directors in office at the time of the adoption of the present Statutes shall remain in full function and shall continue to exercise all powers provided for in the present Statutes. The mandate of the current Board of Directors shall remain valid until the election of the new Board of Directors in accordance with the present Statutes, and such extension shall not be considered as an additional term of office for the purposes of any limitation of mandates.

29.3. By way of transitional provision, and until the adoption of the Regulations governing the Athletes' Commission, the Board of Directors may appoint one or more athletes to act in an advisory capacity on matters concerning athletes, competitions, safeguarding, integrity, development and any other issue affecting athletes.

Such athletes shall be selected among persons having significant sporting experience or recognised sporting achievements at national or international level and shall act in the interest of the sport and of the athletes, in accordance with the principles of the Olympic Charter and the present Statutes.

This transitional arrangement shall remain in force until the formal establishment of the Athletes' Commission in accordance with the present Statutes and the relevant Regulations.

29.4. By way of transitional provision, and until otherwise decided by the General Assembly, the maximum amount referred to in Article 11.8 of the present Statutes for urgent or extraordinary representation expenses shall be fixed at one thousand euros (EUR 1,000) per individual case. The General Assembly shall have the exclusive competence to modify the above amount.

29.5. Until the General Assembly determines the amount referred to in Articles 11.5 and 18.3, financial obligations exceeding three thousand euros (EUR 3,000) shall require the joint signatures of two authorised persons, one of whom shall normally be the President or the Treasurer, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors. The General Assembly may modify this amount at any time.

29.6. All acts, decisions and measures adopted by the Board of Directors during the transitional period shall be valid, if they are consistent with the present Statutes, the Olympic Charter and the applicable international sporting rules.

29.7. Any procedural or regulatory measure necessary for the implementation of the present Statutes during the transitional period may be adopted by the Board of Directors until the adoption of the corresponding regulations by the competent bodies of COMEBA.

The present Statutes, consisting of twenty-nine (29) Articles, were adopted by the Annual General Assembly of the Confederation of Mediterranean Badminton (COMEBA), held in Horsens, Denmark, on 26 April 2026, and shall enter into force on the same date, replacing any previous Statutes.

This is being certified by all the members of the Board.

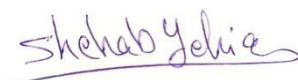
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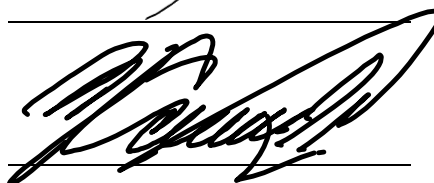
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