



ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE LIECHTENSTEIN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (LOC)

PREAMBLE

The present Articles of Association are a revised version which has been based on texts of the Liechtenstein Sports Act of 16 December 1999 and the original version of 7 May 1992.

Preamble

Any office provided for under these Articles of Association can be held by either gender, even though the wording is not always gender-neutral.

We, the LOC – an organisation belonging to the Olympic Movement and duly represented by the undersigned – hereby undertake to uphold the rules of the Olympic Charter and the Anti-Doping Code of the Olympic Movement and to comply with the decisions of the IOC.

In accordance with our mission and our role at national level, we undertake to participate in activities which further the cause of peace and support women's sport. We also undertake to support and stimulate the promotion of sports ethics, to combat doping and show a responsible interest in environmental issues.

The LOC undertakes to comply with Rules 31 to 35 and with the Bye-Laws to Rules 31 and 32 of the Olympic Charter.

The Articles of Association of the LOC shall always comply with the Olympic Charter and refer exclusively to the latter. In the event of any doubt regarding the effect or the interpretation of the Articles of Association of the LOC, or in the event of any contradiction between these Articles of Association and the Olympic Charter, the latter shall prevail. Any subsequent amendment to these Articles of Association in the form originally recognised by the IOC must also be communicated to the latter with the request for approval.



I. NAME AND REGISTERED OFFICE

Art. 1

An association has been constituted under the name Liechtenstein Olympic Committee (LOC) in accordance with Art. 246 ff Liechtenstein Persons and Companies Act (PGR). Under the Sports Act, the LOC is the umbrella organisation of Liechtenstein sports clubs and associations. Its registered office is located at the respective site of the Head Office of the LOC.

Name and registered office

II. PURPOSE

Art. 2

The purpose of the LOC is to promote Liechtenstein sport in the fields of popular sport, competitive sport and top-class sport.

Purpose

Sport is a physical exercise, which is learned and trained, which encourages the capacity of the individual or group for experience, which promotes good health, which does not harm the environment and which offers opportunities for a responsible approach towards oneself, towards others or towards elements of nature.

Definition of “sport”

The LOC shall promote and protect the Olympic Movement and its goals in Liechtenstein, and shall endeavour to comply with the Olympic Charter and the Olympic Rules. In particular, the LOC is committed to ensuring that the Olympic principles are observed in Liechtenstein and that sports squads are trained and prepared for participation in the Olympic Games. The LOC shall assist in training sports officials and undertakes to take measures against any form of discrimination and violence in sport.

Olympic Charter

The LOC shall maintain harmonious and cooperative relations with the respective government authorities. In regard to politics and religion, the LOC is independent and neutral and shall oppose any form of pressure – including any kind of political, religious or commercial pressure – which might prevent it from complying with the Olympic Charter.

For the purposes of fulfilling its mission the LOC can work together with state authorities or non-governmental agencies. However it must never be associated with an activity which might place it in contradiction to the Olympic Charter.



The LOC undertakes to appoint and send qualified athletes to take part in the Olympic Games. The LOC shall establish, organise and lead its respective delegations for the Olympic Games and for regional, continental and worldwide multi-sport competitions promoted by the IOC. The LOC is responsible for the behaviour of the members in its delegation.

Olympic Games

The LOC has the sole authority to represent Liechtenstein at the Olympic Games and at regional, continental and worldwide multi-sport competitions promoted by the IOC.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Art. 3

The LOC consists of sports federations and individual associations and, in particular, also comprises all national federations which are affiliated to those International Federations which play a decisive role in the sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games (hereinafter referred to as “sports federations/individual associations”).

Members

Further members are:

- IOC members with Liechtenstein nationality;
- honorary members of the LOC;
- members of the LOC board.
- Special Olympics
- Paralympics of the Liechtenstein Association for People with Disabilities (LBV)

Governments or other public authorities are not permitted to appoint members of the LOC. However, the LOC can decide at its own discretion to appoint representatives of such authorities as members.

Art. 4

Upon submission of a membership application sports federations/individual associations must undergo a 3-year waiting period to be admitted as members in the sense of Art. 3 Para. 1.

Conditions of admission

Membership applications from sports federations/individual associations must be submitted to the LOC Management Board in writing together with a copy of the Articles of Association and the address list of the Management Board. The Delegates' Assembly shall decide on admittance.

Sports federations/individual associations cannot become a member of the LOC if a federation or association already represents their sport on the LOC.

If a representation already exists with the LOC, the individual association shall affiliate itself to the sports federation in which a similar sport is practised. Otherwise, the individual associations in question shall merge into a sports federation. In the event that individual associations merge in this way, membership of the previous member association shall be transferred to the newly formed sports federation.

The LOC Management Board shall rule as the body of first instance on the basis of international standards in the case of disputes concerning whether similar sports actually exist in the sense of the above. The LOC Delegates' Assembly shall be the second and final instance. In the last resort, appeals against rulings issued by the LOC Delegates' Assembly must be presented to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which shall issue a final ruling on the dispute in accordance with the mediation code in sports-related matters. The deadline for the appeal is 21 days after receipt of the resolution for appeal.

Jurisdiction

Sports federations/individual associations shall only be admitted if they

- constitute an association under Art. 246 ff Liechtenstein Persons and Companies Act (PGR) and are domiciled in the Principality of Liechtenstein;
- demonstrate in their Articles of Association that the purpose of the association is solely to pursue sporting objectives;
- carry out regular sports activities during the 3-year waiting period;



- prove that the majority of their members are resident in Liechtenstein;
- undertake to deliver an annual report to the LOC every 12 months and
- have leadership responsibilities in the field of sport.

The LOC Delegates' Assembly must vote by written ballot on a membership application.

The following organisations are excluded from membership

- organisations with primarily commercial objectives;
- organisations which primarily maintain professional interests;
- service organisations and working groups.



Art. 5

New associations can only be admitted into existing sports federations if

- the sport in question is clearly provided for in the articles of association of the federation, i.e. sports outside the federation are not permitted (exceptions can be made in the case of similar or related sports.);
- the new association for its part has its own articles of association and its domicile in Liechtenstein;
- the majority of members of the Management Board and members of the new association are resident in Liechtenstein;
- the same structures, sports and disciplines exist at international level, i.e. they must conform to international regulations and
- the new association can already demonstrate that it is pursuing activities with sporting objectives.

The admission of a new association into an existing sports federation shall be examined and approved by the LOC Management Board and the Sports Commission of the Princely Government (SC).

Conditions of admission of associations into existing sports federations



Art. 6

Each sports federation/individual association is entitled to grant licenses and permissions to start to its full members in the sports which it represents by statute and at international level. The regulations of the International Federations (IFs) must be observed for international events.

Granting of licenses and permissions to start

Foreigners who are not resident in Liechtenstein are excluded from participating in any sports events for Liechtenstein. Exceptional permits require the approval of the LOC Management Board and the SC.

The same applies to foreigners resident in Liechtenstein but who are not members of a Liechtenstein sports federation/individual association.

Art. 7

The LOC is responsible for preventing doping and organising drug tests in Liechtenstein under Art. 21 of the Liechtenstein Sports Act.

Doping

In regard to doping, members admitted to the LOC shall comply with the provisions of the Anti-Doping Code of the Olympic Movement, of the Liechtenstein Sports Act of 16 December 1999 (Art. 19-22) including relevant Ordinances and the rules of the relevant federations.

Fines and suspensions imposed by international organisations must be recognised at national level if they are delivered within the framework of the European Anti-Doping Convention.

Fines and suspensions

In the event that an athlete or athletes test positive for drugs the LOC shall transfer competence to the SC, which shall decide on further measures.



Art. 8

The organisation of individual members is a matter left entirely up to them. Sports federations/individual associations shall retain their independence, but by affiliating themselves to the LOC they undertake to work on achieving the goals of the LOC, to be bound by the resolutions and regulations of the LOC, and to fully respect them.

Independence of the federations / associations
Cooperation with LOC

Art. 9

A member can resign from the LOC with effect from 31 December. Three months' notice must be given. The Management Board must be informed of the resignation in writing. Financial obligations towards the LOC remain.

Resignations

Art. 10

Members failing to fulfil their obligations arising from these Articles of Association or from regulations issued by the LOC can be temporarily suspended by the Management Board. Any such suspension shall result in the cessation of rights in connection with the bodies of the committee, and in the cessation of financial support during the period of suspension.

Suspensions

A member can be expelled from the LOC by the Delegates' Assembly for important reasons. The Management Board is also entitled to file this motion. The vote must take place in writing.

Expulsions

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

A) GENERAL

Art. 11

The administrative bodies of the LOC are:

- a) The Delegates' Assembly
- b) The Management Board of the LOC
- c) The Olympic Committee
- d) The Presidents' Conference
- e) The LOC Auditor.

Administrative bodies



B) THE DELEGATES' ASSEMBLY

Art. 12

<p>The Delegates' Assembly is the supreme body of the LOC and consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) IOC members with Liechtenstein nationalityb) Delegates of the sports federations/individual associationsc) Members of the LOC Management Boardd) Honorary members of the LOC.	<p>Members of the Delegates' Assembly (DA)</p>
<p>The LOC President heads the Delegates' Assembly, or, in his absence, the Vice President.</p>	<p>Head of the DA</p>
<p>Each member in the category sub-sections a), c) and d) under this article has one vote.</p>	<p>Voting rights Number of votes</p>
<p>Each sports federation and individual association affiliated to the LOC (category sub-section b) in accordance with this article) has two votes.</p>	
<p>Each sports federation/individual association shall receive an additional vote for its first 1,000 members and an additional vote for every 500 members thereafter.</p>	
<p>The Special Olympics and Paralympics members have only two votes each.</p>	
<p>Delegates from sports federations/individual associations must be present at the Delegates' Assembly in order to vote. Voting by proxy is not permitted.</p>	
<p>The Delegates' Assembly shall meet by no later than 31 May of each year. The financial year shall coincide with the calendar year.</p>	<p>DA meeting dates; financial year</p>
<p>The invitation shall be published at least 20 days before the intended date and include a list of items on the agenda.</p>	<p>Invitation deadline</p>

Extraordinary Delegates' Assemblies shall be convened:

Extraordinary DAs

- a) through a resolution adopted by the LOC Management Board
- b) at the request of 1/5 of the members

An extraordinary Delegates' Assembly must be convened within 30 days.

All members must be invited to the Delegates' Assemblies in accordance with Art. 3.

In particular, the following items of business are dealt with by a Delegates' Assembly:

Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of last year's Delegates' Assembly
2. Acceptance and approval of the annual reports of the members of the Management Board
3. Acceptance and approval of the annual financial statement
4. Approval of the annual budget
5. Election of the President and the other members of the Management Board
6. Election of the President of a summer sports federation and the President of a winter sports federation in the Olympic Committee referred in subsections e) and f) of Art. 17
7. Election of the Auditor in accordance with Art. 24
8. Handling of proposals submitted by members
9. Admission and exclusion of members
10. Staging of special occasions and events
11. Nomination of honorary members
12. Amendments to the Articles of Association
13. Determination of a possible annual contribution
14. Decisions on appeals and on any matters which do not fall under the competence of the Management Board or the Auditor in accordance with the present Articles of Association.

Members of the Management Board are not entitled to take part in votes or elections in regard to items 2, 3 and 7.



A Delegates' Assembly which has been convened in conformance with the Articles of Association shall constitute a quorum.

Quorum

With the exception of sub-section 9 (admission and exclusion of members) the items of business of the Delegates' Assembly shall be conducted in an open vote, unless at least 10 delegates request a secret ballot. Votes on the admission or exclusion of members must be held in the form of a written ballot. Resolutions of the Delegates' Assembly shall require a simple majority of votes with the exception of resolutions to amend the purpose of the LOC or the dissolution of the LOC. In the event of the latter, resolutions can only be adopted with a 3/4 majority. At least 2/3 of all members must be present in such cases.

Voting rules
Business transactions

Alterations to purpose;
dissolution

Each election held by the Delegates' Assembly for each particular office shall take place separately in the form of a secret and written ballot unless 95% of the delegates present decide on an open vote. The Delegates' Assembly can also resolve to hold an election of the entire Management Board with the same quorum.

Voting rules:
Elections

In the case of elections the absolute majority of valid votes shall apply in the first round of voting and the relative majority of valid votes shall apply in the second round of voting. Members must be present at the Delegates' Assembly in order to vote.

System of election

In the event of a tie, the LOC President has the casting vote. In such cases, he is not permitted to abstain from voting.

Casting vote

Art. 13

The Delegates' Assembly shall only deal with items of business on the final, adjusted agenda. Proposals from members intended for consideration by the Delegates' Assembly must be submitted to the Management Board at least 10 days prior to the Delegates' Assembly (postmark of the registered letter).

Deadline for members' proposals

C) THE LOC MANAGEMENT BOARD

Art. 14

The Management Board shall consist of seven members:

1. the President of the LOC
2. five members of the Management Board
3. the President or a representative of the SC (by virtue of his office).

Members of the
Management Board

By virtue of their office, IOC members are members of the LOC, in which they have voting rights.

Among other things, the Management Board is responsible for the fields of training, popular sport, Olympic sport, elite sport as well as services and finances. The Management Board can delegate the operative implementation of all or individual elements of these competencies to the Head Office.

Competence

With the exception of the President of the SC or his deputy, each member of the Management Board shall be elected by the Delegates' Assembly for a period of four years and can be re-elected.

Term of office

In each case, elections of three members under items 1 and 2 shall be held in stages every two years to ensure the continuity of the work of the Management Board. The President of the SC or his representative is, by virtue of his office, a member of the LOC Management Board.

System of election

Elections of replacements can be held in the event that one of the members under items 1 and 2 leaves office before expiry of the 4-year term of office. A member elected as a replacement is only permitted to serve for the remaining period of office of the departing member and can be re-elected at the start of the regular period of office.

Elections of
replacements

The Management Board shall elect a Vice President and the Chief Financial Officer from the circle of members of the Management Board. The President of the SC or his representative is not permitted to serve as Vice President of the LOC.

Vice President



In general, members of the LOC Management Board should not hold a senior position in a sports federation or serve as president of an individual association.

Duties of the Management Board

In particular, the Management Board is responsible for:

1. any matters of sport in Liechtenstein that are not regulated by the government
2. the management of the LOC and its representation in relation to third parties, specifically in dealings with the competent authorities
3. the use of finances in accordance with the budget available
4. appointing the Executive Director of the LOC Head Office.
5. the appointment of commissions, project groups, working groups or committees for individual projects or special issues
6. establishing regulations (in consultation with the Presidents' Conference)
7. appointing LOC members to the Elite Sports Committee
8. appointing LOC members to the SC
9. suspensions in accordance with Art. 10 of these Articles of Association and
10. honours and awards in accordance with a special regulation.

By virtue of his office, a staff member at LOC Head Office shall take part in meetings of the Management Board in an advisory capacity and keep the minutes. Together with the LOC President he is responsible for preparing meetings and drawing up resolutions of the LOC Management Board.

Art. 15

The Management Board shall meet at the invitation of the President or at the request of two other members of the Management Board.

Calling meetings of the Management Board

The President shall chair meetings of the Management Board, the Presidents' Conference and the Delegates' Assemblies. In the event that the President is unable to attend such meetings shall be chaired by the Vice President.

Chairmanship of Management Board meetings

To be effective, resolutions of the Management Board shall require the simple majority of votes of those members present. In such cases at least 4 members must be present for a quorum to be established.

Quorum of the Management Board



In the event of a tie, the LOC President shall have the casting vote. In such cases, he is not permitted to abstain from voting. Casting vote

Art. 16

The President shall represent the LOC with individual signatory powers. In addition, any two other members of the Management Board are authorised to sign together. Alternatively, a member of the Management Board is authorised to sign together with the Executive Director. Details of signatory powers shall be defined in a regulation to be issued by the Management Board. Authority to sign

D) THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Art. 17

The Olympic Committee shall consist of:

- a) Two members of the LOC Management Board (the LOC President and a member of the Management Board) as well as the Executive Director of the LOC.
- b) The President of the SC
- c) A member appointed by the SC
- d) The respective chef de mission
- e) A President of an Olympic summer sports federation
- f) A President of an Olympic winter sports federation.

Members of the Olympic Committee

Art. 18

The respective chef de mission shall be elected by the LOC Management Board accordance with sub-section d) of Art. 17. The delegates of the presidents of the Olympic Federations shall be elected by the Delegates' Assembly in accordance with sub-sections e) and f) each year. Entitlement to membership

Art. 19

Each member of the category sub-sections a) to f) under Art. 17 shall have one vote. Voting rights
In the event of a tie, the LOC President or his deputy shall have the casting vote. In such cases, he is not permitted to abstain from voting. Casting vote



The following items of business are subject to the adoption of resolutions by the Olympic Committee: Agenda

1. Decisions on participation in the Olympic Games
2. Determination of Olympic limits
3. Selections of Olympic athletes, support staff and officials
4. Decisions on participation in other Olympic events
5. Description of duties for chef de mission, support staff and officials.

Art. 20

The Olympic Committee shall meet as and when required. It shall be convened and headed by the LOC President. In the event that the LOC President is unable to attend, the Olympic Committee shall be headed by a member of the LOC Management Board in accordance with Art. 15 sub-section a). Meeting dates

E) THE PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE

Art. 21

The Presidents' Conference is a consultative body. In particular it serves as a forum for exchanging information, for planning and coordinating common concerns of the LOC and the members. Presidents' Conference

The Presidents' Conference shall be held as and when required. It is convened and headed by the LOC President or his deputy.

The Presidents' Conference must be convened in writing with a clear indication of the items on the agenda at least 14 days prior to the scheduled date.

The LOC President is required to convene a Presidents' Conference if requested to do so by at least 7 members of the Presidents' Conference or 3 members of the LOC Management Board.

Art. 22

Members of the Presidents' Conference are:

- The Presidents of the sports federations and individual associations;
- The members of the LOC Management Board.

Members of the Presidents' Conference

If the president is unable to attend, each of the members can appoint a replacement.

Art. 23

The Presidents' Conference shall advise and assist the Management Board particularly in regard to the following matters:

- Amendments and additions to the Articles of Association;
- Preparation of and amendments to regulations;
- Preparation of the annual programme of LOC activities;
- Issues regarding the funding of the LOC and issues in regard to its activities;
- Issues in regard to training athletes and officials.

Intent and purpose of the Presidents' Conference

F) AUDITOR

Art. 24

Annual financial statements shall be audited each year by a licensed Auditor which shall be elected each year by the Delegates' Assembly.

Auditor for the annual financial statement

V. LOC HEAD OFFICE

Art. 25

The LOC shall maintain a Head Office to support its activities.

Head Office

The Head Office shall perform the tasks of the LOC in the framework of the regulations to be enacted. In addition, it shall serve as a central point of contact for federations, associations, athletes and officials, etc.

The Head Office shall also serve as an information centre for the general public.



Staff members at the Head Office shall be appointed through a resolution of the Management Board.

Appointment of staff members at Head Office

The Head Office is subject to the instructions and supervision of the LOC Management Board, which is represented by the President. The Management Board shall determine the organisational structure of the Head Office.

VI. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Art. 26

Sports federations/individual associations affiliated to the LOC are entitled to stage national championships in the sport they supervise and tender these at national or international level. The LOC shall devise an award scheme for the national championship.

National championships

The Management Board of the LOC shall be informed in good time, i.e. at least 30 days in advance of the staging of national championships.

Registration for staging national championships

The regulations of the sports federations/individual associations in regard to staging national championships shall apply after they have been approved by the LOC Management Board.

Approval of regulations

VII. FINANCES

Art. 27

The LOC shall be funded from the following sources:

Finances

- funding provided by the state;
- resources from sponsors and private individuals;
- resources from LOC activities and actions;
- contributions of the IOC and from other Olympic organisations which are earmarked solely for specific purposes;
- funds for Olympic purposes;
- other contributions.



VIII. DISSOLUTION

In the event that the LOC is dissolved the assets of the Federation shall be transferred to the Government for administrative purposes. If a federation is founded on the same basis and with similar objectives at a later date, the assets shall be transferred to the latter.

Dissolution of the
LOC

The present Articles of Association supersede those of 30 May 2012 and were approved and came into force at the DA in Schaan on 22 May 2013.

Liechtenstein Olympic Committee

Schaan, 26 May 2014

Signed:
Leo Kranz (President)