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1.1 Origins and Principles

- (1) The International Dragon Boat Federation ('IDBF') was founded in Hong Kong on 24 June 1991 to:
 - a. encourage the development of the sport of dragon boat racing;
 - b. maintain the sport's cultural, historical, and religious traditions; and
 - c. strengthen the bonds of friendship that unite those who participate in the sport.
- (2) The founders were the governing dragon boat organisations of Australia; the People's Republic of China; Chinese Taipei; Hong Kong; Indonesia; Italy; Malaysia; Norway; the Republic of the Philippines; Singapore; the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- (3) IDBF is a non-governmental, non-profit, global organisation for the sport of dragon boating. IDBF provides governance of international dragon boat championships and IDBF-endorsed international dragon boat festivals.
- (4) International Dragon Boat Federation Limited ('IDBF Limited') is a private company incorporated in England and Wales on 30 January 2020 pursuant to the Companies Act 2006 (Company Number 12433741). IDBF Limited is the legal identity of IDBF.
- (5) The management of IDBF shall be in accordance with these Statutes.

1.2 Objectives

The Objectives of IDBF shall be:

- (1) to remain true to the founding principles of IDBF as set out in Article 1.1(1);
- (2) to be the solitary representation of dragon boating and Traditional Boat racing within the international sports associations;
- (3) to be the final authority for all international dragon boat and Traditional Boat racing championships;
- (4) to deliver international championships;
- (5) to establish and enforce competition regulations and rules for racing for international championships;
- (6) to encourage the formation of governing organisations in countries where none exist;
- (7) to promote inclusiveness in the sport;
- (8) to achieve IOC recognition; and
- (9) for dragon boating to become an Olympic sport.

1.3 Precedence of documents

IDBF's activities shall be governed by adherence to the following in order of precedence:

- (1) The Articles of Association of IDBF Limited;
- (2) the Articles in these Statutes;
- (3) Bye-laws that complement specific Articles;
- (4) Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing; and
- (5) other documents that IDBF may create from time to time.

1.4 Bye-laws

These Statutes may be complemented from time-to-time by Bye-laws. Such Bye-laws may be introduced or amended by Council in accordance with Article 6.2 or by Congress in accordance with Article 5.1.

1.5 Headquarters

The Headquarters of IDBF shall be in the country as may be decided from time to time by IDBF Congress ('Congress').

1.6 Language

- (1) The official languages of IDBF are English and Simplified Chinese. In the event of any inconsistency between documents using these languages, the English version shall prevail.
- (2) English shall be used in meetings between IDBF and its Members, and any official communication between IDBF and Members must also be in English.

1.7 Non-discrimination, Gender Equality

- (1) IDBF rejects all forms and means of discrimination against individuals, groups of people, organisations or countries participating in IDBF activities on grounds of ethnicity, gender, language, religion, politics, or sexuality.
- (2) IDBF shall promote and seek gender equality in all aspects of the sport of dragon boating.

1.8 Autonomy of Members

Membership of IDBF shall not affect the autonomy of Members. However, if IDBF becomes aware of activity undertaken by a Member that compromises or otherwise undermines the objects of IDBF (as set out in Article 1.2), or in any other way is deemed to bring IDBF into disrepute, then IDBF reserves the right to take appropriate action against that Member in accordance with Article 2.12.

1.9 Emblems and logos

- (1) Such emblems and logos of IDBF that IDBF may approve from time to time are the property of IDBF and may not be used without its express authority.

(2) The rules governing the use of IDBF's emblems and logos shall be as set out in the Bye-laws.

1.10 Key definitions

To preserve the historical and cultural traditions of the sport of dragon boating, specific definitions applicable to the sport shall only be changed by a decision of Congress. These specific definitions shall be contained within IDBF's Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing in a section titled 'Key Definitions'.

2.1 General

- (1) Membership of IDBF shall comprise Full, Ordinary, Associate and Honorary Members.
 - a. **Full and Ordinary Membership** is open to dragon boat organisations that exercise control or influence:
 - over the majority of bona fide dragon boat clubs within their country;
 - over the majority of geographically based dragon boat associations if their country is federally based; or
 - in exceptional circumstances, over the majority of bona fide dragon boat clubs within a territorial area of a country.
 - b. **Associate Membership** is available to organisations or associations that do not satisfy the requirements for Full or Ordinary Membership but wish to associate themselves with IDBF.
 - c. **Honorary Membership** is conferred by IDBF on individuals who have rendered distinguished service to IDBF. In addition, to acknowledge the cultural roots and rich history of dragon boating, the title of President of Honour may be awarded by IDBF to the individual who has been nominated from time to time by the Chinese Dragon Boat Association, such title that shall expire on the appointment of a replacement.
- (2) The status of members who were Full, Ordinary, Associate or Honorary Members prior to 15 August 2023 is unaffected by the above general requirements, but their ongoing membership is subject to compliance with these Statutes.
- (3) All Members of IDBF shall recognise and accept the authority of IDBF as the sole world governing body of international dragon boat and Traditional Boat racing.

2.2 Rights of Full Members

Full Members have the right to:

- (1) appoint up to three delegates to attend and speak at Congress;
- (2) submit proposals for inclusion in the agenda for Congress;
- (3) exercise one vote in any decision required to be made at Congress (but refer to Article 5.8(4)a for a discrete restriction on this right);
- (4) nominate candidates from their own country or region for election by Congress to Council;
- (5) enter athletes for participation in championships organised under the auspices of IDBF; and
- (6) exercise any other right accorded to Full Members within these Statutes.

2.3 Rights of Ordinary Members

Ordinary Members have the right to:

- (1) appoint up to two delegates to attend and speak at Congress;
- (2) submit proposals for inclusion in the agenda for Congress;

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- (3) exercise one vote in those decisions required to be made at Congress that do not relate to these Statutes, IDBF Competition Regulations, and IDBF Rules of Racing (but refer to Article 5.8(4)a for a discrete restriction on this right);
- (4) nominate candidates from their own country or region for election by Congress to Council;
- (5) enter athletes for participation in championships organised under the auspices of IDBF; and
- (6) exercise any other right accorded to Ordinary Members within these Statutes.

2.4 Obligations of Full and Ordinary Members

Full and Ordinary Members must:

- (1) pay an annual subscription to IDBF;
- (2) comply with any obligations set out in these Statutes;
- (3) abide by, and comply with, any decisions made by IDBF; and
- (4) notify IDBF immediately of any material change to:
 - a. its position as a representative dragon boat organisation;
 - b. its articles of association, statutes or similar; and
 - c. holders of its President/Chair and Secretary positions.

2.5 Rights of Associate Members

Associate Members have the right to:

- (1) appoint one delegate to attend and speak at Congress; and
- (2) exercise any other right accorded to Associate Members within these Statutes.

2.6 Obligations of Associate Members

Associate Members must:

- (1) pay an annual subscription to IDBF;
- (2) comply with any general obligations set out in these Statutes.
- (3) abide by, and comply with, any decisions made by IDBF; and
- (4) notify IDBF immediately of any material change to:
 - a. the basis under which it originally wished to associate itself with IDBF; and
 - b. holders of its President/Chair and Secretary positions.

2.7 Admission to Full, Ordinary and Associate Membership

- (1) Full and Ordinary Membership.
 - a. Ordinary Membership is the first stage of membership for national dragon boat organisations.
 - b. Unless otherwise decided by Congress, Full Membership is open to Ordinary Members who have held membership status for a least three consecutive years and who have been financial members for all those years.

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- c. National dragon boat organisations wishing to become Ordinary or Full Members shall submit a written application to the IDBF Executive Committee ('The Executive Committee') at least eight weeks before the next scheduled Congress.
- d. The applicant organisation shall also pay a non-refundable application fee to IDBF as may be decided by Congress.

(2) Associate Membership.

- a. An organisation or association wishing to become an Associate Member shall notify The Executive Committee at least twelve weeks before the next scheduled Congress.
- b. The Executive Committee shall then determine the nature of the documentation required to support that specific application for Associate Membership and advise the applicant within four weeks of the notification by the applicant.
- c. The applicant shall then submit a written application to The Executive Committee at least four weeks before the next scheduled Congress.
- d. The applicant shall pay a non-refundable application fee to IDBF as may be decided by Congress.

(3) Documentation in support of applications.

- a. The minimum requirements for documentation to be submitted in support of an application shall be as set out in the Bye-laws.
- b. The Executive Committee may determine in specific circumstances that additional documentation or evidence is required to support the application.

(4) Admission process.

- a. Once the formal written application has been received, together with the appropriate application fee, The Executive Committee shall review the application and make a recommendation to Congress.
- b. For applications for Associate membership, The Executive Committee must consider if the applicant's membership should be for a specific period or time, or ongoing, and make its recommendation to Congress.
- c. Admission to Full, Ordinary and Associate Membership shall be approved by Congress in accordance with Article 5.2.

2.8 Honorary Membership

(1) The President of Honour. A President of Honour may be appointed in accordance with the principal requirements set out in Article 2.1. The President of Honour has the right to attend and speak (but not vote or propose or second motions) at meetings of Congress, Council, The Executive Committee, and Commissions.

(2) Honorary Members. Honorary Members shall be appointed in accordance with the principal requirement set out in Article 2.1. Honorary members:

- a. excepting the role of President of Honour and the treatment of a retiring IDBF President (refer Articles 2.8(1) above and 2.8(3) below respectively), shall be appointed by Congress in accordance with Article 5.2;
- b. may be accorded an Honorary title in accordance with Article 5.2;
- c. have the right to attend and speak (but not vote or propose or second motions) at Congress; and
- d. can be appointed as a delegate at Congress for a Full, Ordinary or Associate Member in accordance with Article 5.3.

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(3) Retiring IDBF Presidents.

- a. Unless otherwise decided by Congress, a person retiring from the role of President (having completed at least one full term in office) shall automatically become an Honorary Member and be accorded the title of Honorary President.
- b. The most recently appointed Honorary President shall be entitled to attend meetings of Council.

2.9 Resignations

Any Member wishing to resign from membership of IDBF shall give notice in writing to The Executive Committee. Such resignation shall be considered effective from the date of receipt of that notice and the former Member shall have no claim on IDBF from that date.

2.10 Subscriptions

- (1) Full, Ordinary and Associate Members shall pay an annual subscription.
- (2) Subscriptions shall be payable not later than 31 March in each year.

2.11 Subscriptions in Arrears

- (1) Members whose subscription and any other outstanding fees/debts are unpaid two weeks before the date of an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress shall be permitted to attend Congress but shall not be permitted to vote or take part in discussions.
- (2) Members whose subscription and any other outstanding fees/debts are unpaid shall not be permitted to participate in IDBF international championships, nor shall their member clubs be permitted to do so, until all unpaid amounts have been settled in full.
- (3) The circumstances under which the Executive Committee may modify the above shall be as set out in the Bye-laws.

2.12 Sanctions and Expulsion

- (1) If any Member does not comply fully with its obligations under these Statutes and does not remedy the situation in a manner determined by The Executive Committee, The Executive Committee must make a recommendation to Congress about sanctions on that Member.
- (2) Sanctions on Members can range from admonishment through to expulsion.
- (3) In the event of a breach by a Member, The Executive Committee is empowered to suspend the Member with immediate effect pending a decision by Congress.

2.13 Disputes between Members

- (1) In the event of a dispute arising between two or more Members (other than where the dispute relates to racing at an IDBF international championship, where IDBF's Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing shall apply), those Members shall be entitled to ask IDBF to arbitrate provided all those Members agree in writing:
 - a. to such arbitration; and
 - b. to share equally the costs of the arbitration.
- (2) The Executive Committee shall, within three weeks of receipt of all documents required under this Article, convene a panel to undertake the arbitration. This panel shall comprise:
 - a. a Vice President (who shall Chair the panel);
 - b. two other office holders;
 - c. a Chair from one of IDBF's Commissions; and
 - d. if deemed necessary by The Executive Committee, such other individuals who may be qualified to assist the panel.
- (3) The decision of the arbitration panel shall be made in writing and copies of the decision provided to the Members in dispute and to The Executive Committee.
- (4) A Member in dispute has the right to appeal the decision of the arbitration panel. Any such appeal must only be made to The Court of Arbitration for Sport, and be at the Member's cost.

2.14 Disputes between a Member and IDBF

In the event of a dispute arising between a Member and IDBF (other than where the dispute relates to racing at an IDBF international championship where IDBF's Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing shall apply), the Member has the right to appeal to Congress. Following the exhaustion of all internal appeal processes, the Member is entitled to take its case to The Court of Arbitration for Sport. IDBF shall recognise and accept any decision of that Court in respect of the matter raised.

3.1 Continental Federations

- (1) For the purposes of these Statutes, a Continental Federation must be a formally established organisation whose members should include all the Full and Ordinary Members of the relevant geographic region.
- (2) The Continental Federations recognised by IDBF are:
 - a. African Dragon Boat Federation
 - b. Asian Dragon Boat Federation
 - c. European Dragon Boat Federation
 - d. Oceania Dragon Boat Federation
 - e. Pan American Dragon Boat Federation
- (3) Continental Federations shall be entitled to be represented at Congress and Council by a delegate appointed by members of that federation.
- (4) Continental Federations shall:
 - a. have no vote at Congress; and
 - b. be entitled to have a representative as a Member of Council, noting the constraints of Article 6.1.
- (5) To maintain entitlements under these Statutes, Continental Federations must:
 - a. invite The President to meetings of their congresses and council (or equivalent);
 - b. provide Council with copies of the minutes of their own congresses;
 - c. comply with any general obligations set out in these Statutes; and
 - d. provide Congress and, as required, Council, with reports on activities within their federations.

3.2 Affiliated organisations

- (1) For the purposes of these Statutes, Affiliated Organisations must be formally established international organisations or associations whose activities complement those of IDBF.
- (2) The Affiliated Organisations recognised by IDBF are:
 - a. International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission ('IBCPC'); and
 - b. International Ice Dragon Boat Federation ('IIDBF')
- (3) Organisations or associations wishing to be considered an Affiliated Organisation shall apply to The Executive Committee in the first instance. Once The Executive Committee is satisfied the applicant would be a suitable Affiliated Organisation, it shall make a recommendation to Congress for Congress's consideration.
- (4) Affiliated Organisations shall be entitled to be represented at Congress and Council by their President/Chair or their delegate.
- (5) Affiliated Organisations shall:
 - a. have no vote at Congress; and
 - b. be entitled to have a representative as a Member of Council, noting the constraints of Article 6.1.
- (6) To maintain entitlements under these Statutes, Affiliated Organisations must:
 - a. invite The President to meetings of their congresses and council (or equivalent);
 - b. provide Council with copies of the minutes of their own congresses;
 - c. comply with any general obligations set out in these Statutes and
 - d. as required by Council, provide Council with reports on activities within their organisations.

4.1 General

IDBF shall be governed by:

- (1) Congress;
- (2) Council; and
- (3) The Executive Committee

4.2 Office holders

- (1) IDBF shall have the following office holders:
 - a. the IDBF President ('The President');
 - b. five Vice Presidents;
 - c. the General Secretary;
 - d. the Treasurer; and
 - e. Deputy Treasurer.
- (2) The duties of the above office holders shall be as set out in these Statutes and as supplemented by the Bye-laws.
- (3) Office holders shall also become directors of IDBF Limited provided that they can satisfy the relevant statutory requirements set out in the Companies Act 2006 of England and Wales (or any successor legislation). If an office holder is not able to satisfy such statutory requirements, then that individual may not be able to undertake the role of director of IDBF Limited but shall still be an office holder of IDBF and obligated to discharge the responsibilities associated with the office to which they have been elected.
- (4) Excepting the Vice Presidents, a candidate for an office holder position shall be proposed only by a Full or an Ordinary Member.
- (5) In the case of the Vice Presidents:
 - a. four shall be elected from candidates proposed by Full or Ordinary Members; and
 - b. the fifth Vice President shall be appointed by IDBF following a nomination by the Chinese Dragon Boat Association.
- (6) The seniority of the Vice Presidents shall be determined by the length of time a Vice President has continuously been an office holder. In the event of equal seniority determined in this way, then the eldest shall be considered as the senior of others.

4.3 Commissions

- (1) IDBF shall maintain the following Commissions to support the work of Council and to advise Congress:
 - a. Athletes Commission
 - b. Athletes Entourage Commission
 - c. Competition and Technical Commission
 - d. Culture and Heritage Commission
 - e. Marketing and Media Commission
 - f. Medical and Sports Science Commission
 - g. Para Athletes Commission
 - h. Sport for All Commission
 - i. Women in Sport Commission

Part 4 - Governance

j. Youth Commission

- (2) The duties and administration of each of these Commissions shall be as set out in the Bye-Laws.
- (3) A candidate for the Chair of a Commission (except that of the Athletes Commission) shall be proposed only by a Full or Ordinary Member.
- (4) The Chair of the Athletes Commission shall be appointed by the members of the Athletes Commission, and Congress shall have no rights over that process but shall recognise the duly appointed Chair.

4.4 Terms of office

- (1) Following election, office holders and chairs of Commissions shall normally serve a term of four years. At the completion of this term, they may seek re-election for up to two further consecutive four-year terms.
- (2) Following completion of a term of office as an office holder and/or a Chair of a Commission, an individual may stand for another office holder or chair of a Commission position on Council. However, no individual shall be permitted to serve continuously as an office holder and/or chair of a Commission for a combined total of more than twelve years. Once this maximum has been reached, the individual shall not be permitted to seek election for any other office holder or Chair of a Commission role for the next four years.
- (3) Notwithstanding Article 4.4(2) above, an individual may seek election to the offices of The President or the General Secretary having already served all or part of the twelve-year maximum.
- (4) A person elected to the offices of either The President or the General Secretary shall be permitted to serve for a maximum of twelve years in total in those roles regardless of any previous service as an office holder or chair of a Commission.

4.5 Election cycle

The cycle of elections shall be as set out in the table below and shall occur over a repeating four-year cycle. For the purposes of these Statutes, the initial Year 1 shall be taken to be 2023.

Role	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Comments
Office holders					
The President	X				
The General Secretary			X		
The Treasurer	X				
Deputy Treasurer			X		
Vice president			X		The seniority of these vice presidents, once elected, shall be determined in accordance with Article 4.2
Vice president			X		
Vice president			X		
Vice president			X		
Vice president	X				Nomination from China in accordance with Article 4.2
Commission Chairs					
Athletes			X		Elected by members of the Athletes Commission, not by Congress
Athletes' Entourage	X				
Competition and Technical	X				
Culture and Heritage			X		
Marketing and Media	X				
Medical and Sports Science	X				
Para Athletes			X		
Sport for All	X				
Women in Sport	X				
Youth			X		

4.6 Casual Vacancies

- (1) In the event of a casual vacancy among office holders and chairs of Commissions, (except that of the offices of The President and Chair of the Athletes Commission), and except as might otherwise be determined by Congress, The Executive Committee must appoint a replacement who shall serve the remainder of the four-year term for the role.
- (2) In the event the person elected to be The President becomes unable or unwilling to continue in that role:
 - a. The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Congress to elect a replacement;
and
 - b. the most senior vice president determined in accordance with Article 4.2 shall assume the role of acting President until a new President has been elected by Congress.
- (3) In the event the person elected to be The Chair of the Athletes Commission becomes unable or unwilling to continue in that role, the remaining members of the Athletes Commission must elect a new chair.

5.1 Definition and Organisation

- (1) Congress is the supreme authority of IDBF.
- (2) Meetings of Congress shall be open to all Members, Continental Federations and Affiliated Organisations.
- (3) Council members may attend Congress.
- (4) Meetings of Congress may be Ordinary or Extraordinary.
- (5) Congress is to be chaired by The President or, in his or her absence, by an IDBF Vice President ('Vice President') in order of seniority and finally by the General Secretary. In the event none of these individuals is able or willing to chair the meeting, Congress shall determine who is to preside.

5.2 Powers of Congress

Congress:

- (1) may amend the Statutes;
- (2) admits, sanctions, or expels a Member, or changes or removes an honorary title;
- (3) may confer upon Honorary Members such honorary title as befits their standing within IDBF;
- (4) admits, sanctions, or expels an Affiliated Organisation;
- (5) elects the following members of Council:
 - a. office holders (per Article 4.2); and
 - b. chairs of Commissions (per Article 4.3)
- (6) selects Members to organise IDBF championships;
- (7) approves budgets and financial statements;
- (8) appoints auditors or examiners (per Article 9.2);
- (9) sets the amount of the membership application fee;
- (10) sets the amount of the subscription for Members;
- (11) may rescind decisions made by:
 - a. Council under Article 6.2(8); and
 - b. The Executive Committee under Articles 7.2(2)f and 7.2(2)g
- (12) exercises any other competence specifically attributed to it by the Statutes, regulations, and directives of IDBF.

5.3 Delegates

- (1) Articles 2.2, 2.3, 2.5 and 2.8 set out the rights of Members to appoint delegates to Congress.
- (2) Articles 3.1 and 3.2 set out the rights of Continental Federations and Affiliated Organisations respectively to appoint delegates to Congress.

- (3) Delegates must:
- a. not also be members of The Executive Committee;
 - b. only represent one Member, Continental Federation or Affiliated Organisation at any particular Congress; and
 - c. hold a letter of appointment from the Member, Continental Federation or Affiliated Organisation for whom they are a delegate.
- (4) Those Members with voting rights must identify prior to Congress (by notification to the General Secretary) which of their delegates holds their vote.

5.4 Ordinary Congress

- (1) An Ordinary Congress shall take place annually, normally at the time and place of an IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships or an IDBF Club Crew World Championships.
- (2) An Ordinary Congress shall normally be held in person. In the event an in-person Ordinary Congress is not possible, the Executive Committee shall arrange for the Ordinary Congress to be held in some other way.

5.5 Extraordinary Congress

- (1) An Extraordinary Congress shall be called when:
- a. at least one third of Full and Ordinary Members submit a request in writing/electronically to the General Secretary giving reasons thereof; or
 - b. The Executive Committee considers that circumstances have arisen warranting an Extraordinary Congress.
- (2) The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date of an Extraordinary Congress, and the method of meeting (including by teleconference or similar if circumstances dictate). The date of the meeting with respect to the date of receipt of the Members' request or the decision of The Executive Committee is not to:
- a. be sooner than two weeks; and
 - b. must be within six weeks.

5.6 Convening Notice and Agenda

- (1) Convening notices.
- a. The Executive Committee shall send a convening notice to Members, Continental Federations and Affiliated Organisations at least ten weeks before the date of an Ordinary Congress. The convening notice:
 - shall include a draft agenda;
 - shall invite Full and Ordinary Members to submit items for inclusion in the agenda; these are to be received by the General Secretary no less than seven weeks prior to the meeting; and
 - may include supporting papers.
 - b. The Executive Committee shall send the final Agenda to Members, Continental Federations and Affiliated Organisations at least two weeks before the date of an Ordinary Congress, together with all supporting papers that have not already been distributed.
 - c. For an Extraordinary Congress, The Executive Committee must:
 - give Members, Continental Federations and Affiliated Organisations notice in accordance with Article 5.5(2); and
 - circulate supporting papers as soon as is practicable.

- (2) Agenda.
- a. Information on the agenda for an Ordinary Congress shall be set out in the Bye-laws.
 - b. An Extraordinary Congress shall only deal with those matters that have caused the meeting to be convened.

5.7 Quorums

- (1) For Congress to be quorate, at least one third of financial Full Members must have at least one delegate present at the meeting.
- (2) Notwithstanding Articles 5.7(1) above, if Congress is not quorate, Congress shall reconvene four weeks later. This reconvened meeting shall:
- a. have no requirement for a quorum;
 - b. only consider items specified in the original meeting agenda; and
 - c. normally be conducted by teleconference.

5.8 Voting

- (1) General rights. In accordance with Articles 2.2 and 2.3, and subject to the provisions of Article 2.11, only Full and Ordinary Members have the right to vote at Congress.
- (2) Resolutions. Resolutions refers to any decision permitted to be made by Congress.
- a. Except as provided for in Articles 5.8(3) and 5.8(4), for a resolution to be passed, a two-thirds majority is required of all votes validly cast.
 - b. Unless a secret or recorded ballot is demanded by a Full Member, or decided by the Chair of the Congress, voting shall be by show of hands. If both a secret and a recorded ballot are demanded by Full Members on the same resolution, the Chair of the Congress must decide which voting procedure to employ.
- (3) Elections of office holders and chairs of Commissions
- a. Office holders and chairs of Commissions shall be elected by a majority of one half of the votes validly cast plus one.
 - b. If no candidate achieves the required majority then additional ballots shall take place with the candidate obtaining the smallest number of votes in each ballot being eliminated until one candidate obtains the required majority.
 - c. In the event of the above process failing to deliver a required majority, Congress shall hold further ballots until the required majority is achieved.
 - d. If, after four rounds of such voting, no outcome has been achieved in accordance with this Article, then a final vote shall take place. For this final vote any member of The Executive Committee who is present (excluding the meeting Chair) shall also be entitled to vote, and the election shall be determined by a simple majority. In the event this still leads to a tie, then the meeting Chair shall have the casting vote.
 - e. An individual shall only be elected to one position within Council. In the event the individual has been nominated for more than one position, once he or she has been so elected, any other nominations shall be void.
- (4) Selection of a Member to organise an IDBF World Championship
- a. In addition to the general rights of Members set out in Article 5.8(1) above, the only Members entitled to vote on a resolution regarding the selection of a Member to organise an IDBF world championship are those who have had a team competing in at least one of the preceding four IDBF world championships (such championships being either an IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships or an IDBF Club Crew World Championships).

- b. The selection of a Member to organise an international championship shall be by a majority of one half of the votes validly cast plus one.
- c. If no candidate Member achieves the required majority, then additional ballots shall take place with the candidate Member obtaining the smallest number of votes in each ballot being eliminated until one candidate Member obtains the required majority.
- d. In the event of the above process failing to deliver a required majority, Congress shall hold further ballots until the required majority is achieved.
- e. If, after four rounds of such voting, no outcome has been achieved in accordance with this Article, then a final vote shall take place. For this final vote any member of The Executive Committee who is present (excluding the meeting Chair) shall also be entitled to vote, and the election shall be determined by a simple majority. In the event this still leads to a tie, then the meeting Chair shall have the casting vote.

5.9 Date of taking effect

Except as provided for below, all decisions made by Congress shall take effect the day after Congress has ended. The exceptions to this are:

- (1) elections to Council, which shall take effect on the 1st of January following Congress, unless otherwise so decided by Congress;
- (2) changes to Competition Regulations and the Rules of Racing, which shall always only ever come into effect a minimum of eighteen months following the relevant Congress; and
- (3) for any other decision, on a date other than the following day if so decided by Congress.

6.1 Composition of Council

- (1) Council shall comprise:
 - a. those persons elected in accordance with Article 5.2;
 - b. the Chair of the Athletes Commission;
 - c. a representative from each Continental Federation in accordance with Article 3.1(4); and
 - d. a representative from each Affiliated Organisation in accordance with Article 3.2.
- (2) A Member of Council shall only be permitted to attend in the capacity of one Council role.

6.2 Duties of Council

Council shall:

- (1) develop and execute a strategic plan designed to achieve the objects of IDBF as set out in Article 1.2;
- (2) as necessary, review proposals submitted by Full and Ordinary Members for consideration by Congress and provide recommendations to Congress accordingly;
- (3) within its competence and authority, implement decisions made by Congress;
- (4) develop and maintain a table of authorities detailing the extent to which members of The Executive Committee can commit IDBF financially and contractually and monitor the application of this table of authorities;
- (5) task, as necessary, the Commissions;
- (6) advise Congress on matters relating to international championships;
- (7) authorise the entry of teams into IDBF championships from organisations that have applied for Full or Ordinary membership but whose membership applications have yet to be considered by Congress; and
- (8) produce or amend bye-laws to provide for the smooth functioning of IDBF and the implementation of Articles in these Statutes.

6.3 Other attendees at meetings of Council

- (1) Per Article 2.8, the following shall be entitled to attend meetings of Council:
 - a. The President of Honour; and
 - b. the most recently appointed Honorary President.
- (2) At the discretion of Council, others may be permitted to attend all or part of meetings of Council and to be included in any reports or other documentation sent to Council members.
- (3) Other attendees per this Article shall:
 - a. have no voting rights; and
 - b. not be permitted to attend in any other capacity.

6.4 Meetings of Council

- (1) Council shall meet at least once in a calendar year, and more frequently as The President or Council shall decide.
- (2) When an IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships or an IDBF Club Crew World Championships is held, a meeting of Council should normally take place in-person at the venue of those championships.
- (3) Other meetings of Council may be undertaken by teleconference.
- (4) Council shall be chaired by The President or, in their absence, by a vice president in order of seniority and finally by the General Secretary. In the event none of these individuals is able or willing to chair the meeting, Council shall not be allowed to meet.
- (5) A meeting of Council shall be quorate if, excluding the meeting Chair, at least at least one third of Council members (refer Article 6.1) are present, of which at least two of whom must be office holders.

6.5 Decisions of Council

- (1) All decisions of Council shall be by a simple majority of votes cast by those entitled to vote under Article 6.1, excluding the vote held by the Chair of the meeting. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the meeting shall then exercise the casting vote.
- (2) In circumstances where a decision by Council is required but it is not practicable to convene a formal meeting, then Council is permitted to make such a decision using email or other electronic means provided:
 - a. all those entitled to vote under Article 6.1 are included in the correspondence; and
 - b. the decisions are recorded in the minutes of the next formal meeting of Council.

7.1 Composition of The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall comprise the office holders detailed in Article 4.2 plus the Chairs of the following Commissions:

- Competition and Technical;
- Marketing and Media; and
- Athletes.

7.2 Duties of The Executive Committee

- (1) The principal duty of The Executive Committee is to manage IDBF's affairs on behalf of Congress.
- (2) The other duties of The Executive Committee are to:
 - a. take any decisions that may be required from time to time for the prudent running of IDBF;
 - b. make all necessary preparations for meetings of Congress;
 - c. keep Members and the wider dragon boat community informed about IDBF matters as appropriate;
 - d. ensure that appropriate financial controls are in place;
 - e. act in accordance with the limits of authority set out by Council;
 - f. make such decisions as might be required under Article 2.11;
 - g. determine sanctions as might be required under Articles 2.12 and 8.2;
 - h. impose penalties against athletes or club officials who behave at an IDBF international championship in a manner likely to bring the sport or IDBF into disrepute; and
 - i. establish temporary working groups as may be necessary to address specific issues.

7.3 Other attendees at meetings of The Executive Committee

- (1) The President of Honour shall be entitled to attend meetings of The Executive Committee per Article 2.8.
- (2) The Executive Committee may invite others to attend all or part of its meetings.
- (3) Other attendees per this Article shall:
 - a. have no voting rights; and
 - b. not be permitted to attend in any other capacity.

7.4 Meetings of The Executive Committee

- (1) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in a calendar year, and more frequently as The President or The Executive Committee shall decide.
- (2) When an IDBF World Nations Championship or an IDBF Club Crew World Championships is held, a meeting of The Executive Committee is to take place in-person at the venue of those championships, and shall precede the meeting of Council required under Article 6.4(2).
- (3) Other meetings of The Executive Committee may be undertaken by teleconference.
- (4) The Executive Committee shall be chaired by The President or, in his or her absence, by a vice president in order of seniority and finally by the General Secretary. In the event none of these

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individuals is able or willing to chair the meeting, The Executive Committee shall not be allowed to meet.

- (5) A meeting of The Executive Committee shall be quorate if at least one third of members of The Executive Committee (refer Article 7.1) are present excluding the meeting Chair.

7.5 Decisions of The Executive Committee

- (1) All decisions of The Executive Committee shall be by a simple majority of votes cast by those entitled to vote under Article 7.1, excluding the vote held by the Chair of the meeting. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the meeting shall then exercise the casting vote.
- (2) In circumstances where a decision by The Executive Committee is required but it is not practicable to convene a formal meeting, then The Executive Committee is permitted to make such a decision using email or other electronic means provided:
- a. all members of The Executive Committee are included in the correspondence; and
 - b. the decisions are recorded in the minutes of the next formal meeting of The Executive Committee.

8.1 Code of Ethics

- (1) IDBF and its Members shall comply with a Code of Ethics approved by Congress.
- (2) This Code of Ethics shall:
 - a. be made available to all Members;
 - b. published on the webpage of IDBF; and
 - c. only be amended by Congress.

8.2 IDBF Ethics Committee

- (1) IDBF shall maintain an IDBF Ethics Committee ('The Ethics Committee'). The Ethics Committee shall be responsible for:
 - a. monitoring the implementation of the Code of Ethics;
 - b. investigating complaints made about non-respect of the Code of Ethics and making recommendations about sanctions if appropriate; and
 - c. monitoring trends in other international sports organisations and bodies in their codes of ethics and making recommendations to Congress as necessary.
- (2) The Ethics Committee shall be independent and be ultimately responsible only to Congress.

Further to Article 8.2(1)b above, recommendations for sanctions:

- a. where they relate to members of The Executive Committee, shall be made by The Ethics Committee to Congress; and
 - b. for other cases, shall be considered by The Executive Committee which may act as it sees fit.
- (3) Congress shall appoint the Chair of The Ethics Committee for a period not exceeding four years. Congress shall be permitted to reappoint that person for a second, and then a third, further period of the same maximum duration. No person shall be permitted to serve more than three terms in the role.
- (4) The Chair of The Ethics Committee shall appoint at least three individuals of good standing and suitable expertise to be members of The Ethics Committee. These appointments shall only be for the duration of the period for which the Chair has been appointed.

9.1 Financial authority

- (1) The Treasurer has the right to distribute IDBF monies in accordance with a budget that has been approved by Congress. The Treasurer is entitled to delegate this right to the Deputy Treasurer or to The General Secretary, but such delegation must be in writing and copied to The Executive Committee before it shall become effective.
- (2) For expenditure items not specifically covered by the budget approved by Congress, and for the payment of expenses, The Executive Committee shall act in accordance with the limits of authority table that shall be decided from time to time by Council in accordance with Article 6.2.

9.2 Auditing / examination of accounts

- (1) There must be either an annual audit of IDBF's accounts and financial statements or an annual examination of those accounts and statements.
- (2) The decision on whether an audit or an examination is required shall be based on statutory obligations. However, Congress can decide to impose a more rigorous review than that obligated under statutory requirements.
- (3) The appointment of an auditor or examiner shall be made by Congress.

IDBF Bye-laws

The IDBF Bye-Laws supplement and, where necessary, clarify the intention of Articles within the Statutes. Bye-Laws are prescribed by Council under Article 6.2(8) of the Statutes.

Bye-law 1 – Emblems and logos

- BL1.1 The IDBF emblem ('The Emblem') shall be a distinctive and representative of the nature and history of dragon boat racing. The Emblem shall be the identifying symbol of IDBF. The Emblem may also be in the form of a corporate logo.
- BL1.2 Use of The Emblem shall be in accordance with a style guide published separately.
- BL1.3 The design of The Emblem shall only be changed with the approval of Congress.
- BL1.4 The Emblem, incorporated in a flag, shall always be flown at IDBF international championships, and embossed on all medals awarded at such championships.
- BL1.5 The Emblem shall be prominently displayed at meetings of Congress.
- BL1.6 The Emblem shall appear on all IDBF printed matter and on all official correspondence and publications.
- BL1.7 The Emblem shall only be permitted to be incorporated into merchandising of any nature with the authority of The Executive Committee.
- BL1.8 In addition to The Emblem, Council may approve a logo or logos for use in promotional material provided that the use of such logo(s) is always subordinate to The Emblem.

Bye-law 2 – Documentation in support of membership applications

- BL2.1 Article 2.7 provides for The Executive Committee to determine the documentation required to be submitted by organisations wishing to become Full, Ordinary or Associate Members. There is no requirement for any documentation to be provided in support of recommendations to Congress for an individual to be admitted as an Honorary Member.
- BL2.2 Organisations wishing to become Full, Ordinary or Associate Members shall submit a written application in a form decided by The Executive Committee from time to time.
- BL2.3 In addition to the application form, the following documents shall be submitted:
- a. Ordinary Member.
 - a copy of the organisation’s governing documents (for example, Constitution, Statutes, or Articles of Association);
 - documents demonstrating that the applicant has the support of the majority of bona fide clubs within their geographic area;
 - a list of clubs comprising their membership;
 - details of their office holders;
 - a history of the sport in their geographic area
 - b. Full Member.
 - a copy of the organisation’s governing documents or, if there has been no material change since their submission as part of the organisation’s application for Ordinary Membership, a statement to that effect;
 - updates as necessary to documents previously submitted as part of their application for Ordinary Membership; and
 - a copy of the Rules of Racing used for races organised by the organisation.
 - c. Associate Member.
 - a copy of the organisation’s governing documents (for example, Constitution, Statutes, or Articles of Association); and
 - other documents that would assist IDBF in determining their suitability for Associate Membership
- BL2.4 The Executive Committee may require, on a case-by-case basis, other documentary evidence to be provided.

Bye-law 3 – Subscriptions in arrears

- BL3.1 Article 2.11 provides for The Executive Committee to adjust the obligations and rights of a Member whose subscription is in arrears. This BL3 sets out the extent of that provision.
- BL3.2 A Member that knows it cannot arrange for its subscription for the current year to be in the IDBF bank account by the deadline required in Article 2.10 shall inform The Executive Committee as soon as this becomes apparent. The Executive Committee shall consider the circumstances as set out by the Member and decide whether to permit the Member to settle its subscription in an alternative way.
- BL3.3 If at the time an annual subscription is due in accordance with Article 2.10 and a Member is also in arrears for any previous year or years, The Executive Committee shall decide if the Member concerned should retain the rights of membership.
- a. To this end, The Executive Committee is entitled to demand from the Member concerned such information as it deems necessary to establish the ongoing conformance with the requirements for, and obligations of, membership. The response from the Member concerned must be received by The Executive Committee within three weeks of the demand being made.
 - b. Upon receipt of the response from the Member concerned, The Executive Committee shall review the information received and, within a further three weeks of receipt, decide its adequacy or otherwise.
 - c. If The Executive Committee is satisfied with the information received, the Member concerned shall be informed and, provided it settles all subscriptions in arrears within two weeks of such notification (or reaches agreement to other arrangements as permitted under BL3.2), shall have all rights of membership restored.
 - d. If The Executive Committee is not satisfied with the information received it may decide either:
 - i. to give a further opportunity to the Member concerned to provide the relevant information to allow it to proceed in accordance with BL3.3c above; or
 - ii. to continue to withhold rights of membership.
 - e. The ongoing membership of the Member concerned which does not, within six months of The Executive Committee taking action in accordance with BL3.3a, remedy the situation in accordance with BL3.3c, shall be referred to the next Ordinary Congress for a decision.
- BL3.4 Notwithstanding the above, The Executive Committee is not empowered to decide to:
- a. delay payment outside of the calendar year in which the subscription falls due; and/or
 - b. permit any change to the removal of voting rights set out in Article 2.11.

Bye-law 4 – Duties of office holders

This Bye-law supplements the duties of the following office holders that are set out in the Statutes.

- BL4.1 The President** is the highest office holder in IDBF and leads IDBF. The President:
- a. shall always act in the best interests of IDBF;
 - b. has overall responsibility for the integrity of the processes and actions of The Executive Committee and of Council;
 - c. shall guide and control the strategy and direction of IDBF as directed by Congress;
 - d. when able and willing to do so, shall chair meetings of Congress, Council and The Executive Committee;
 - e. shall represent IDBF (or, if unable to do so, shall decide who shall represent IDBF) at meetings:
 - with other international organisations and bodies;
 - with national organisations and bodies that are involved with the delivery of international championships;
 - of Continental Federations in accordance with Article 3.1
 - of Affiliated Organisations in accordance with Article 3.2
 - f. shall ensure that financial commitment of IDBF is in accordance with financial authority levels that may be set from time to time by Congress or Council
- BL4.2 The Vice Presidents** shall support The President in the delivery of his or her duties. Vice presidents shall:
- a. represent IDBF when reasonably required to do so by The President;
 - b. as decided by The President, assume oversight responsibility for specific aspects of IDBF operations or activities; and
 - c. as required, be members of race juries at international championships that they are attending.
- BL4.3 The General Secretary** shall direct the administrative work of IDBF. The General Secretary shall:
- a. provide administrative support to the President, Congress, Council, and The Executive Committee;
 - b. maintain all official records of IDBF;
 - c. for meetings of Congress, Council, and The Executive Committee:
 - prepare and circulate appropriately the calling notices and agendas (including ensuring supporting papers and other documents are similarly prepared and circulated);
 - make any necessary administrative preparations; and
 - prepare minutes
 - d. manage any person engaged by IDBF to provide support services
- BL4.4 The Treasurer** shall direct the financial management of IDBF. The Treasurer shall:
- a. ensure maintenance of financial records that meet statutory requirements, or any more stringent requirements as might be decided from time to time by Congress;
 - b. ensure that Congress, Council and The Executive Committee are aware, as necessary, of the financial implications of any decision they might make;
 - c. develop annual budgets for IDBF;
 - d. prepare IDBF's accounts for audit or examinations as required;
 - e. present financial reports to meetings of Congress, Council and The Executive Committee;
 - f. review and approve all expenditure that exceeds financial authority levels that may be set from time to time by Congress or Council;
 - g. advise and support the organising committees of international championships;
 - h. monitor and facilitate collection of monies due to IDBF; and
 - i. review any contractual commitment proposed to be made by IDBF

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BL4.5 The **Deputy Treasurer** shall support The Treasurer.

Bye-law 5 – Duties and administration of the Commissions

- BL5.1 **General.** The specific duties of each Commission shall be as set out in this Bye-Law. Duties that are common to all commissions are to:
- a. ensure that meetings are held at least once every six months;
 - b. ensure minutes are taken of every meeting and copies provided to Council and to The Executive Committee as they might require;
 - c. liaise with similar commissions that might be established within Continental Federations; and
 - d. provide written reports about their work to Congress and to Council.
- BL5.2 **Membership of Commissions.** Except for the Athletes Commission (see below), the Chair of each commission shall be permitted to select individuals to serve on the commission for the duration of the Chair's appointment. In making such appointments, shall:
- a. where practicable, ensure Commission membership is drawn from across all regions covered by Continental Federations;
 - b. address the gender equality requirements set out in Article 1.7;
 - c. ensure that the individual experience and expertise of members reflects the purpose of the commission; and
 - d. note that Council shall have the right to exclude an individual from membership of a commission.
- BL5.3 **Membership of the Athletes Commission.** The Athletes Commission shall comprise up to five members selected in accordance with The IDBF Athletes Commission Election Procedure (version dated 26 July 2019), plus up to two members appointed by The President in accordance with The IDBF Athletes Commission Regulations (version dated 26 July 2019).
- BL5.4 **Other attendees at meetings of commissions.**
- a. An office holder shall be entitled to attend any meeting of a commission.
 - b. A commission may invite anyone to attend its meetings.
 - c. Other attendees shall have no vote.
- BL5.5 The **Athletes Commission** shall act in accordance with The IDBF Athletes Commission Regulations (version dated 26 July 2019).
- BL5.6 The **Athletes Entourage Commission** shall:
- a. provide advice and resources to Members to help ensure athletes are appropriately supported;
 - b. promote awareness on the delivery of safe sport and the importance of safeguarding; and
 - c. encourage delivery of high quality services to athletes.
- BL5.7 The **Competition and Technical Commission** shall:
- a. for IDBF's Competition Regulations and associated Rules of Racing;
 - act as custodian;
 - advise on implementation and interpretation; and
 - recommend changes as necessary
 - b. develop specifications required to be used by manufacturers of boats and equipment and issue licenses for those designs that conform to those specifications;
 - c. maintain a database of all licence applications for boats and equipment and decisions made in respect of same;
 - d. maintain detailed records of all international championships including, but not limited to, all race results and medals awarded;
 - e. for IDBF race officials:
 - develop the syllabus for each level of accreditation;

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- develop appropriate training programmes for each level of accreditation;
 - manage the assessment process; and
 - approve movement by individuals through accreditation levels
- f. for international championships:
- assist the organising committee in the development of event bulletins
 - advise on event-specific technical issues;
 - support and advise race officials at the event;
 - report after the event to The Executive Committee on technical delivery of the event
- g. develop as required and maintain IDBF's water and event safety policies and associated procedures; and
- h. on request, advise Members on technical matters.

BL5.8 The **Culture and Heritage Commission** shall:

- a. promote the cultural aspects of the sport and advise on their correct presentation at IDBF events;
- b. educate the wider dragon boat community about the sport's history, cultural aspects, and traditions;
- c. maintain a library of historical documents; and
- d. maintain a record of heritage artefacts and articles of interest associated with the sport.

BL5.9 The **Marketing and Media Commission** shall:

- a. advise IDBF on the management of the IDBF brand;
- b. develop and deliver IDBF's digital marketing and communications strategy and plans;
- c. advise IDBF on, and assist with, marketing and sponsorship negotiations;
- d. develop product licensing agreements as required;
- e. develop corporate designs and logos as required;
- f. develop and implement content creation strategy and plans;
- g. write copy, create visuals, and produce multimedia content;
- h. support the development of key publications;
- i. act as webmaster for IDBF's web presence;
- j. manage and monitor IDBF's website as 'webmaster';
- k. manage and monitor IDBF's social media channels;
- l. through IDBF's online presence, promote IDBF championship events and other initiatives;
- m. draft press releases as required by President IDBF or by Council;
- n. organise media interviews;
- o. advise The Executive Committee on the communications strategies to deal with unforeseen events and assist The Executive Committee in the delivery of those strategies;
- p. chair IDBF's Technical Working Group to guide policy decisions for investment in business technology and the management of such technology;
- q. implement and integrate technology into IDBF's business processes; and
- r. provide marketing and communication advice and support to other Commissions.

BL5.10 The **Medical and Sports Science Commission** shall:

- a. provide general advice on medical matters including sports medicine, sports psychology, sports science, sport hygiene, training, and general welfare;
- b. liaise with the World Anti-Doping Agency ('WADA') as necessary to ensure:
 - proper promotion and management of WADA's Anti-Doping Education and Learning Platform (ADEL) ;
 - international championships are conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code;
 - Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) are correctly recorded and managed;
 - appropriate access is provided to athletes for in-competition testing by a WADA-appointed agency;

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- appropriate support is provided to WADA-appointed agencies for out of competition testing; and
 - IDBF maintains all records required by the World Anti-Doping Code
- c. assist the organising committees of IDBF international championships to ensure appropriate witnessing of WADA testing is carried out and support provided to athletes being tested;
 - d. provide reports to The Executive Committee and/or Council as required; and
 - e. support IDBF dialogue with external agencies regarding medical matters

BL5.11 The **Para Athletes Commission** shall:

- a. promote the participation of Para Athlete paddlers (Paradragons) at all levels of the sport;
- b. develop specific rules regarding Paradrakon racing for consideration by the Competition and Technical Commission;
- c. develop coaching materials and other resources to assist the participation and development of individual Paradragons and Paradrakon teams;
- d. as required, advise on suitability and safety of equipment and equipment adaptations developed by others for use by Paradragons;
- e. advise on suitable equipment to enable safe competitions for Paradragons; and
- f. support IDBF dialogue with external agencies regarding Para Athlete matters

BL5.12 The **Sport for All Commission** shall:

- a. advise on the ways in which IDBF can ensure the sport of dragon boating is as inclusive as possible;
- b. promote dragon boat racing to all sections of the community;
- c. advise on strategies to promote opportunities to all sections of the community can participate in dragon boat racing; and
- d. promote dragon boating as a way of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

BL5.13 The **Women in Sport Commission** shall:

- a. promote the participation of women in all levels of the sport, including as athletes, coaches, team management, race officials, race organisation, and leadership roles within IDBF;
- b. advise on strategies to promote opportunities for women; and
- c. liaise with third party organisations that are also charged with promoting the participation of women in sport.

BL5.14 The **Youth Commission** shall:

- a. assist and advise on aspects of the organisation of IDBF World Championships that affect Junior and under 24s participation;
- b. monitor trends in youth dragon boating at national and international levels;
- c. support the development programmes for junior racing and schools' participation; and
- d. assist Members to increase youth participation

Bye-law 6 – Agenda for Ordinary Congress

Further to Article 5.6, the agenda for an Ordinary Congress shall normally include:

- BL6.1 Opening remarks by the Chair
- BL6.2 Identification of delegates, confirmation of any authority they hold, and confirmation of quorum
- BL6.3 Appointment of scrutineers
- BL6.4 The President's report
- BL6.5 The Treasurer's report
- BL6.6 Auditor's / Examiner's report
- BL6.7 Appointment of Auditor / Examiner
- BL6.8 General Secretary's report
- BL6.9 Reports from Commissions
- BL6.10 Proposals from Full and Ordinary Members, and from The Executive Committee
- BL6.11 Appeals against decisions of:
 - a. Council under Article 6.2(8); and
 - b. The Executive Committee under Articles 7.2(2)f and 7.2(2)g
- BL6.12 Membership matters:
 - a. Applications for membership; and
 - b. determination of membership application fees and subscriptions
- BL6.13 IDBF budget for next two years
- BL6.14 Elections to Council as appropriate (noting that, in accordance with Article 4.5, such elections shall normally be held every other Ordinary Congress)
- BL6.15 IDBF world championships:
 - a. report on recently completed championships;
 - b. updates on championships that have been awarded but not yet held; and
 - c. selection of a Member to host a championship
- BL6.16 IDBF-endorsed international festivals
 - a. report on recently completed festivals;
 - b. updates on upcoming festivals;
- BL6.17 Any other business
- BL6.18 Closing of Congress

IDBF Statutes and Bye-laws – Change Register

The following information does not form any part of the IDBF Statutes and bye-laws as set out above. Rather, it provides an historical record of the changes made to those Statutes and bye-laws. Note that the Statutes and Bye-laws adopted on 14 August 2023 (and effective from 15 August 2023) reflected a major re-write of those that existed before that date and it is not possible for this Change Register to detail the ‘changes’. Instead, the earlier versions of the Statutes and Bye-laws are simply acknowledged in the register below but any subsequent changes will appropriately documented in this Change Register.

Editions		Effective Date	Changes
Statutes	Bye-laws		
1		1991 – June	Initial Constitution of IDBF
	1	1992 - June	Initial set of bye-laws
2	2	1997 – January	Various amendments made by Congress to the Statutes and by Council to the bye-laws
	3	2000 - March	
3		2001 – August	
4		2004 – January	
	4		
5		2007 – September	
	5	2008 - January	
5.1		2009 – August	
6.1		2012 – January	
6.2		2014 – January	
	6		
7		2018 – January	
8		2020 – January	
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9		2022 – January	
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10		2023 - August	Full re-write of Statutes and Bye-laws
10.1		2023 - December	Amendment by Council to Bye-law 3