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## STATUTES

### OF THE INTERNATIONAL NATURIST FEDERATION (INF-FNI)

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#### **ART. 1. SEAT OF THE INF-FNI**

The International Naturist Federation (INF-FNI) is a registered association and has its seat in Bonn/Germany.

#### **ART. 2. PURPOSE**

1. Naturism/nudism is a way of living in harmony with nature. It is expressed by communal nudity, associated with self-respect, respect for the opinions of others and care for the environment.
2. The purpose of naturism/nudism is the promotion of the physical and mental health of humanity in open air or on the occasion of sporting activities. The INF-FNI supports all initiatives that contribute to the development of the body, the heart and the soul, and opposes everything detrimental to it, in particular the abuse of nicotine, alcohol, and drugs. It encourages the protection of nature and the environment.
3. The INF-FNI supports the international co-operation of all naturists/nudists in order to further this common cause.
4. The INF-FNI works for the worldwide recognition of naturism/nudism and encourages its development. The INF-FNI works together with national and international institutions.
5. The INF-FNI favours the harmonious coexistence of all peoples; the INF-FNI adopts a neutral attitude as far as party politics, religion and philosophy of life are concerned. The INF-FNI rejects every form of discrimination.

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6. The INF-FNI tries to achieve these goals by :
  - a. promoting the establishment of national federations of naturist and nudist organisations,
  - b. promoting co-operation among its members,
  - c. representing its members,
  - d. promoting the organisation of sporting activities and activities for the young,
  - e. the publication of materials about naturism/nudism,
  - f. the performance of all activities of a nature likely to promote naturism/nudism.

### **ART. 3. MEMBERSHIP : ACCESSION AND RESIGNATION**

1. Ordinary membership of the INF-FNI may be acquired by the federations of national naturist organisations. These federations must be validly incorporated in law in accordance with the law and usage of their country of origin. Only one federation from any given country can be recognised as an ordinary member.
2. As extraordinary members without the right to vote the following can be accepted:
  - a. physical persons from countries that have no national federation

and

  - b. with the consent of the national federations mentioned in the first paragraph of this article, those organisations and companies, having their seat in the country concerned and which promote or support naturism or who are concerned with naturism in one way or another.  
The Central Committee decides on the admission of members either as ordinary or extraordinary members.
3. Membership of the INF-FNI can be terminated at the end of each calendar year subject to a period of notice of three months.
4. The Central Committee has the authority to exclude ordinary and extraordinary members of their membership with immediate effect if it should appear that they no longer represent their country in a representative way, or should they no longer fulfil the purpose of the INF-FNI or for other grave reasons. A statement of the reasons for the exclusion of membership is not required. Excluded members can assert no rights to the property of the INF-FNI and cannot seek the repayment of any contributions already paid.
5. Members can only be excluded after the decision to exclude them has been communicated to them. They have a right to present their defence on condition that this defence is communicated to the INF-FNI at the address of the registered office within one month of the adoption of the decision to exclude them.

### **ART. 4. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS**

1. Ordinary and extraordinary members may take part in all events of the INF-FNI.
2. Only ordinary members have voting rights.
3. Ordinary and extraordinary members are required to encourage the activities of the INF-FNI and to pay their contributions promptly.

### **ART. 5. ORGANS**

The organs of the INF-FNI are :

1. the General Assembly (GA)
2. the Central Committee (CC)
3. the Legal Committee (LC)
4. the financial auditors (A)

## **ART. 6. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the INF-FNI and has the power to:
  - a. determine the contributions of the ordinary and extraordinary members and the price of the INF-FNI stamp,
  - b. approve the annual accounts, the budget and the report of the CC, to grant discharge to the CC.,
  - c. to appoint the President, the Vice-Presidents and other members of the Central Committee, the Legal Committee and the financial auditors,
  - d. to take decisions on the proposals of members concerning the activities of the INF-FNI,
  - e. to take decisions on proposals from the other organs of the INF-FNI relating to their area of authority,
  - f. to determine the regulations for INF-meetings,
  - g. modification of the statutes,
  - h. to wind up the INF-FNI.
2. The General Assembly is constituted of the delegates of the ordinary members.
3. It meets every two years for the purposes set out in these statutes. The invitation is made by the Central Committee.
4. In the years in which no General Assembly is held, the Central Committee has the authority to approve provisionally the Annual Accounts. The Central Committee will submit the provisionally approved accounts to the approval of the next forthcoming General Assembly.
5. The Central Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Assembly or organize a postal vote. The invitations may be sent by ordinary mail or by electronic mail or by fax, on condition that when the invitation is sent by email or fax the member confirms its receipt either electronically or by fax. In the absence of an acknowledgement of receipt, the invitation must be sent by registered post. The Extraordinary General Assembly must be held at the demand of at least one fifth of the ordinary members.
6. At the General Assembly every ordinary member has one vote per country and as many contribution votes as INF-FNI stamps it has paid for in the two years prior to the General Assembly. The contribution votes are calculated by taking the square root of the result of dividing the amount paid for the INF-FNI stamps by one hundred. Every member will have at least one contribution vote.
7. Insofar these statutes do not provide otherwise the General Assembly adopts its decisions by a simple majority of the contribution votes cast, where abstentions are not counted. This also applies to the postal decision-making process. On a request of a member a second vote will be held using the country vote. Should the results of the two votes be conflicting, no resolution will be adopted.
8. Voting rights on the basis of contribution votes and country votes may only be exercised if the set contribution has been paid until the end of the previous financial year.

9. Ordinary members may be represented by another ordinary member. An ordinary member may not represent more than two other ordinary members on any given occasion. A authorisation in writing has to be submitted.

No ordinary member that is representing another ordinary member may carry more than twenty total votes, including those of their own.

10. The General Assembly may adopt legally valid decisions when at least one third of the possible votes to be cast at the Assembly are present or represented.

## **ART. 7. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

1. The Central Committee takes care of the affairs of the INF-FNI in the framework of the statutes and the decisions of the General Assembly. It has all powers with the exception of those reserved to the other organs of the INF-FNI. A secretariat is attached to the Central Committee, which takes care of all internal business.
2. The Central Committee is made up of a President, two Vice-Presidents and committee members whose number is determined by the General Assembly. The number of members of the Central Committee may in no case be less than three. In the event that the number of members of the Central Committee should fall below three an Extraordinary General Assembly must be convened in order to appoint new committee members.
3. The duration of the term in office of the members of the Central Committee is four years. Members may be re-elected.
4. The President represents the INF-FNI both internally and externally. He presides over the GA and the CC. In the event of his absence the President will be represented by one of the two Vice-Presidents. The President may delegate his powers to his Vice-Presidents either wholly or in part.
5. One of the two Vice-Presidents is responsible for the secretariat, the other for finances. The other tasks are allocated by the Central Committee.
6. Jointly the President and the Vice-Presidents constitute the Executive Committee (EC). The EC is responsible for the preparation of the meetings of the Central Committee and with the implementation of its decisions. The EC may take decisions that may be necessary between two meetings of the Central Committee.
7. Should a member of the Central Committee resign, the Central Committee may designate a substitute until the next General Assembly.
8. The Central Committee makes a report on its activities, which will comprise the presentation of the annual accounts and the annual report, and which will be submitted to the approval of the General Assembly.
9. The Central Committee has the right and the duty to relieve a member of the CC of his tasks with a majority of 2/3 on the condition that a minimum of 2/3 of the members of the CC is present for the following reasons:
  - a. a violation of article 2 of the statutes of the INF-FNI (purpose-article),
  - b. when the member fails to perform his duties,
  - c. loss of confidence in the member.

The member concerned must be heard but must abstain from the vote. A record of this vote must be made in the minutes. In a period of two months following the decision of the Central Committee the dismissed member may appeal to the next forthcoming General Assembly, without suspensive effect.

10. The Central Committee will meet at least once a year, and for the rest whenever such is necessary.

**ART. 8. LEGAL COMMITTEE**

1. The Legal Committee judges according to law and equity and in final instance on complaints by ordinary or extraordinary members about decisions of the Central Committee or the General Assembly concerning:
  - a. the exclusion of a member from the INF-FNI,
  - b. a change in the status of a member (from ordinary to extraordinary or vice-versa),
  - c. the number of contribution votes at the GA,
  - d. violation of membership rights as set out in these articles,
  - e. violation by the CC of the statutes or a regulation of the General Assembly.
2. The Legal Committee consists of a President, a Vice-President, as well as an ordinary member and two substitutes.
3. The Legal Committee is elected for four years and is made up, if possible, of practising lawyers belonging to the various federations. The Central Committee may propose competent persons to the General Assembly.
4. A member of the Legal Committee must abstain in a case in which the federation of which he is a member is involved.
5. The Legal Committee takes decisions by majority vote taken either at a meeting or by post.
6. The complaint must be communicated to the President of the Legal Committee within two months after the moment when the member was informed of the decision concerned.
7. If the Legal Committee decides that a complaint is justified, it will annul the disputed decision and will give - if necessary or reasonable - obligatory indications for an ameliorated decision.
8. The Legal Committee also judges disputes between the INF-FNI and its members or between members if these are submitted to the Legal Committee.
9. The President of the Legal Committee gives opinions to the organs of the INF-FNI, in particular to the Central Committee and the General Assembly, to the best of his abilities and on the basis of the statutes and the applicable law.

**ART. 9. FINANCIAL AUDITORS**

1. The General Assembly elects two financial auditors, as well as a substitute, for a period of two years, for the scrutiny and administration of its affairs and its accounts as well as for the usual audit of the financial resources, in accordance with the statutes. A re-election is possible.
2. The financial auditors report to the General Assembly and propose the acceptance or otherwise of the Annual Accounts and the granting of discharge to the Central Committee.

## **ART. 10. EXPERTS**

1. The Central Committee is authorized to appoint experts or establish committees for the purpose of matters that require special expertise or skills.
2. Such persons or committees report to the Central Committee.

## **ART. 11. FINANCES**

1. The INF-FNI finances its activities in the first instance by the sale of INF-FNI stamps which serve as proof that the person concerned is directly or indirectly connected to the INF-FNI.
2. Every year ordinary members are required to take and pay for as many stamps as they have members over the age of 18. The reference date is December 31 of the previous year. Persons under the age of 18 receive the stamps free of charge.
3. The capital of the organisation is devoted solely to the responsibilities of the INF-FNI. Members of the INF-FNI are only liable for the amount of their contribution. Members cannot be required to bear any additional expenses other than those provided for in the statutes and in the decision of the General Assembly.
4. The financial year starts on January 1 and ends on December 31.
5. The Central Committee prepares the Annual Accounts for the previous two years and which must be approved by the General Assembly.
6. The Central Committee prepares the budget for the two years following the General Assembly and which must be approved by the General Assembly.
7. The Central Committee provisionally approves the annual accounts for the year in which no General Assembly is held.

## **ART. 12. NATURIST/NUDIST MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

1. INF-FNI makes an international naturist/nudist membership card available to its ordinary members.
2. To be valid this card must bear the INF-FNI stamp for the current year.

## **ART. 13. INTERNAL AND OTHER REGULATIONS**

1. The General Assembly draws up regulations that contains provisions relating to :
  - a. the procedure for calling the General Assembly,
  - b. the procedure for decisions and elections.
2. Insofar the statutes and the regulations do not provide otherwise the organs of the INF-FNI determine their own working procedures.
3. Other regulations are determined by the Central Committee.

**ART. 14. MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES**

1. Decision about modification of the statutes may only be adopted by two thirds of the attending contribution votes and by a simple majority of the votes of the attending countries.
2. Proposals for modification of the statutes are submitted to the secretariat at least six months prior to the General Assembly and from the secretariat to the ordinary members at least three months prior to the General Assembly.

**ART. 15. WINDING UP**

1. A resolution to wind up the INF-FNI must be taken by written ballot in which at least four fifths of the ordinary members take part.
2. The resolution to wind up is adopted when four fifths of the ordinary members taking part in the voting support the resolution (country votes).
3. A decision to wind up is only valid if the disposal of the results of the liquidation is according to the purpose of the INF-FNI.
4. When the decision to wind up does not provide otherwise, the winding up will be carried out by the executive committee.

**ART. 16. LANGUAGE**

The statutes are drafted in English, French and German. All three versions must be consulted for the interpretation of their provisions.

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