

Statutes of the International Sports Federation

of

SAMBO EUROPE

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Abbreviations

CAS	Court of Arbitration for Sport
EC	Executive Committee
SE	SAMBO Europe
FIAS	International Sambo Federation
IOC	International Olympic Committee
NSF	National SAMBO Federation
NOC	National Olympic Committee
WADA	World Anti-Doping Organization
WADC	World Anti-Doping Code

Preamble

SAMBO (an acronym for SAMozaschita Bez Orujiya, meaning self-defence without weapons) is a universal combat sport and martial art, combining the most effective techniques of variety of combat and martial arts drawn from all over the world, SAMBO incorporates a variety of throws, locks, strikes, kicks, chokes and submission holds. The arsenal of SAMBO self-defence techniques enables a skilled practitioner to defend themself against most forms of physical aggression.

SAMBO system is open for development, and SAMBO experts are continually generating new opportunities and new techniques to improve this martial art.

SE's mission is to improve the safety and quality of life for people of all ages and social groups, of every race and gender through the practice of SAMBO. SAMBO philosophy is to promote physical and mental abilities, honing of essential motor skills, and to educate the people of the world to adopt an active lifestyle and high moral ideals.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Name, Composition and Headquarters

1. The International Sports Federation of SAMBO Europe (Hungarian name: *SAMBO Europe Nemzetközi Sportszövetség*; French name: *Fédération sportive internationale SAMBO Europe*; Russian name: *Международная Спортивная Федерация САМБО Европа*) hereinafter referred to as SE, is a non-governmental, non-profit association operating in the form of an international sports federation registered in the Register of Civil Organizations of Hungary, in accordance with *Act V of 2013 on the Civil Code*, *Act CLXXV of 2011 on the right of association, the legal status of public benefit, and the operation and support of civil organizations* and *Act I of 2004 on Sports* of Hungary.

2. SE is the European continental sports federation of, and supreme authority in all European matters concerning the sport of SAMBO.

3. The membership of SE consists of National SAMBO federations of European countries (NSF, SE Member) that have approved these Statutes participated in the establishment of SE, and having been admitted as SE Members.

4. The headquarters of SE is located in H-1088 Budapest (Hungary), Múzeum utca 1-3. 4. emelet, and may only be transferred to another country following a resolution passed by the Congress upon proposal of the Executive Committee as set out in Clause 116.

5. The official emblem and flag of SE are approved by a resolution of the Executive Committee.

B. Official Languages

6. The official languages of SE are English, Russian, French and Hungarian (the latter for corporate purposes due to the law of incorporation). For interpretation of the Statutes, Rules and decisions, the English text of the Statutes shall have legal precedence.

7. Unless provided otherwise, SE Members are responsible for translations of these Statues and rules and regulations into the language of their country.

C. Objectives of SE

8. SE pursues the following main objectives:

   a) to develop and promote the sport of SAMBO in Europe;

   b) to organize continental competitions and events, especially European Championships and the European Cup;

   c) to regulate the activities pertaining to SAMBO undertaken by SE Members and in line with the SE regulations and the International Sambo Federation (FIAS) regulations;

   d) to ensure strict enforcement of the FIAS Statutes, FIAS Bylaws, International SAMBO Rules, FIAS Sport-Organizational Rules and SE rules and regulations at SAMBO events falling under its competency, including European Championships;

   e) to support, promote cooperation and mutual understanding, friendly relations and bonds of friendship between SE Members and SAMBO athletes while respecting and protecting their interests;

   f) to select, train, develop and supervise SAMBO judges, referees and coaches, as well as technical and administrative personnel;

   g) to ensure the continuous development of training methods in SAMBO as well as the improvement of the quality and standards of professional activities related to SAMBO;

   h) to ensure and promote the participation of athletes in SAMBO sporting events;

i) to organize SAMBO's participation in continental sports relations, including establishing and maintaining appropriate relations with FIAS and other international organizations;

j) to represent and defend the interests of the sport of SAMBO in National and Continental Olympic Committees, and other continental sports organisations and authorities;

k) to resolve disputes and disagreements between SE Members and participants in just and fair proceedings;

l) to resist political, racial gender-based and religious discrimination at any level;

m) to assist SE Members to be recognised by National Olympic Committees (NOC) and/or the highest sports authorities of the relevant countries;

n) to respect and promote the fundamental Olympic principles set forth in the Olympic Charter, the IOC Code of Ethics and the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC);

o) to promote the development of women's SAMBO and the full participation of women at all levels of SAMBO governance;

p) to promote integrity, ethics and fair play with a view to preventing all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardise the integrity of bouts, competitions, athletes, officials and SE Members or give rise to abuse of SAMBO community;

q) to respect, develop and promote the social inclusion through para sport.

9. SE is committed to respecting all internationally recognised human rights and shall strive to promote the protection of these rights. Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or group of people on account of race, skin colour, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, disability, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, wealth, birth or any other status, sexual orientation or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.

II. SE MEMBERS

A. Application

10. Only National SAMBO Federations (a sports federation duly registered in a European country) may be eligible for membership in the SE. National SAMBO Federations may at any time submit a written application for membership with SE.

11. SE Members shall have equal rights and bear equal responsibility and shall reserve their organizational and economic independence.

12. Applications for membership must fulfil the following requirements:

a) SE application form must be complete and duly signed by the authorized body of the applicant federation;

b) the applicant federation must provide written evidence that it

i. is a member (or applying for membership) of the National Olympic Committee or the supreme sport authority of its country irrespective of the private or public legal status of such authority, or

ii. is formally recognised (or applying for formal recognition) by the National Olympic Committee or the supreme authority of its country irrespective of the private or public legal status of such authority;

c) the federation must confirm in writing, that

i. it will abide by the SE Statutes, Rules and Regulations, hold annual national SAMBO

championships, and regularly participate in European Championships;

ii. it will pay the SE membership fees as resolved by the Congress;

iii. the president of the applicant is a citizen or permanent resident of the applicant's country;

d) The application must be accompanied by

i. the statutes and competition rules of the applying National federation, which inter alia must ensure that its members and all SAMBO athletes are bound by the SE Statutes, rules and regulations, and that the National Federation is independent and autonomous in organizational, financial and other issues, in case the federation is part of an association or other organizational and legal structure that unites different sports in the country of incorporation;

ii. a list of the members of the executive body of the applicant;

iii. an excerpt from the state register for sports organisations or registration certificate or certificate of incorporation (if available).

13. The application for membership must be submitted to the Executive Committee for review. The Executive Committee has the right to reject or return incomplete or defective applications for completion or correction.

14. The Executive Committee shall submit correct applications to the Congress for approval of membership. The Executive Committee may at its sole discretion also submit to the Congress, applications for membership which do not meet all the requirements of Clause 12.

15. Decisions on applications for membership are made by the Congress, which has full discretion in accepting or rejecting membership applications. If the Congress accepts an application, the applicant is considered an SE Member as of the date of the receipt of the notification about the decision on acceptance.

16. SE may accept as SE Member only one SAMBO federation per country.

B. Rights of SE Members

17. Each SE Member has the right:

a) to participate in the European Championships and/or any Continental competitions and events;

b) to organise national SAMBO competitions in their nation;

c) to attend, speak and vote on the Congress at all agenda items;

d) nominate candidates to the bodies of SE who must be members of that SE Member and must be citizens or permanent residents of the country;

e) to receive information on the SE's activities from the Executive Committee;

f) to be informed about the implementation and enforcement of the resolutions of the Congress;

g) to appeal and to be consulted in all matters specifically concerning the SE Member.

C. Duties of SE Members

18. SE Members must take the necessary measures to ensure that their individual members, participants (e.g. regional associations, clubs and athletes) shall be subject to the SE Statutes, to the FIAS Rules and Regulations set out in point 8.d) of Clause 8 and abide by the resolutions taken by the Congress and the Executive Committee.

19. Each SE Member must submit reports and documents to SE in accordance with the SE resolutions, hold national SAMBO championships annually, and participate regularly in SE Continental competitions and events.

20. No SE Member or member thereof (including the athletes) is entitled to participate in continental SAMBO

events, nor to receive prizes or awards from such events unless such events have been approved by SE.

21. SE Members and their athletes may only take part in SAMBO competitions organised by SE Members.

22. SE Members are responsible for organising their own domestic SAMBO competitions in their countries.

23. SE Members and organisers of SE Continental competitions must comply with the financial obligations they undertook to SE in a timely manner.

24. SE Members must pay to SE membership fees annually, as determined by the Congress.

D. Termination of Membership

25. Membership in SE ends if one of the following events occur:

    a) liquidation of the SE Member;

    b) withdrawal (secession) of the SE Member from SE;

    c) expulsion from SE;

    d) termination of membership by the Congress due to cancellation of the membership of the SE Member with, or recognition by, the National Olympic Committee or the supreme private or state sport authority or the registration authority of its country.

26. An SE Member may be expelled by the Congress – upon the initiative of any SE Member, the Congress or the Executive Committee and as set out in Clause 29 below – in case the conduct of the SE Member materially or repeatedly breaches any applicable law, the Statutes of SE or a resolution of the Congress.

27. Serious misconduct constituting a material breach shall include, without limitation:

    a) persistent failure, despite warning, to promote and develop the sport of SAMBO in its territory;

    b) pursuing objectives that run counter to the SE Statutes;

    c) material breach of the Statutes, Rules and Regulations of SE;

    d) failure to implement or comply with the resolutions of the SE Congress or Executive Committee;

    e) loss of independence (autonomy) of the SE Member, which is a structural part of an association or other organizational and legal structure that unites different sports in the country of incorporation due to organizational, financial and other significant issues;

    f) violation of the anti-discrimination provisions set forth in Clause 9;

    g) any act or omission that significantly and adversely affects the interests, reputation, existence or activities of the SE.

28. Misconducts which, if repeated, may constitute grounds for expulsion shall include, without limitation:

    a) repeated failure to pay the annual membership fee when due;

    b) repeated failure to participate in the European SAMBO Championships.

29. The Congress shall decide upon the expulsion of an SE Member with a simple majority of votes cast. The resolution ordering the expulsion of an SE Member must be set out in writing and duly reasoned. The reasoning shall specify the conduct or conducts forming the basis for the expulsion of an SE Member, together with the supporting evidence, and shall also include information on the available legal remedies. The resolution on the expulsion of a member must be sent to the member either by e-mail sent to the email address specified in the register of members, or by postal mail sent to the member's registered seat as recorded in the register of members.

30. A decision of the Congress regarding expulsion or suspension of membership rights shall constitute a final decision of the SE for the purposes of Clause 107.

31. An SE Member may withdraw their membership at any time by a six (6) months prior written notice to the SE Executive Committee. Paid membership fees will not be refunded (neither partially, nor fully). Any outstanding annual membership fees remain due until the end of the year of withdrawal.

E. Suspension of Membership Rights

32. The Congress may, upon the proposal of the Executive Committee, suspend the membership rights, including voting rights, of an SE Member if such SE Member:

    a) fails, without justified reason, to participate in the European Championships;

    b) fails to organise a national championship on a regular annual basis;

    c) fails to pay the annual membership fee within the prescribed time limit; or

    d) violates the anti-discrimination provisions set forth in Clause 9.

33. Before adopting a decision on the suspension of membership rights, the SE Member concerned shall be given an opportunity to present its position. The procedure and procedural safeguards set out in Clause 29 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the suspension procedure.

III. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

34. The constituent bodies of SE are

    a) the Congress;

    b) the Executive Committee;

    c) the President;

    d) the Secretary General;

    e) the First Vice-President;

    f) the Vice-President(s);

    g) the Commissions.

IV. CONGRESS

A. Supreme Authority

35. The Congress is the supreme body of SE.

B. Ordinary Congress

36. An Ordinary Congress shall be held annually. In a year when European Championships are held, the SE Congress convenes at any day of the competitions of the European Championships for adult athletes.

37. The invitations to the Ordinary Congress shall be sent to each SE Member at least 30 days before the starting date of the Congress. The invitation shall be accompanied by an Agenda approved by the Executive Committee and the supporting documents for the agenda items. SE Members can submit proposals to be included in the Congress Agenda for consideration by the SE Executive Committee in writing no later than 15 days prior to the starting date of the Congress.

38. In case of urgency, the Executive Committee may submit additional items to be included in the Agenda, no later than 7 days prior to the date of the Congress.

39. Additional items may be submitted to be included in the Agenda during the Congress, but only at the request of at least one-third of the SE Members. However, such additional items in the agenda may only be discussed, but no resolutions can be passed on the same until next Congress.

C. Extraordinary Congress

40. An Extraordinary Congress may be convened at the decision of the Executive Committee at any time.

41. At least 50% of the SE Members may request an Extraordinary Congress. Such request shall be in writing and specify the matters to be considered. The Executive Committee shall thereupon convene such an Extraordinary Congress, to be held within 60 days of the date of receipt of the request at a time and place to be decided by the Executive Committee.

42. Notices of Extraordinary Congresses shall be sent in writing to each SE Member at least 30 days before the date thereof. The notice shall be accompanied by an agenda and the supporting documents for the items on the agenda. Only proposals connected to the matter for which the Extraordinary Congress has been convened may be dealt with at this Congress.

43. No additional items may be submitted for inclusion in the agenda during an Extraordinary Congress.

D. Proceedings of the Congress

44. Each SE Member is entitled to one vote only and the SE Member may be represented at the Congress by no more than three representatives.

45. Meetings of the supreme body are not public. Only the duly authorized representatives of SE Members, the members of the Executive Committee and invited guests may participate in the Congress.

46. The Congress shall be chaired by the President, or in his absence, by the Secretary General.

47. The representatives of the SE Members must submit their signed mandates to the Congress Registration Committee appointed by the Executive Committee before the starting of the Congress. Mandates are the documents which are signed and executed by the SE Member.

48. The minutes of the Congress shall be signed by the Secretary General and the President and shall be sent to the SE Members within one month after the Congress.

E. The Powers of the Congress

49. The Congress has the following powers:

a) to elect, suspend or dismiss the President, and the other members of the Executive Committee and also determine the number of members of the Executive Committee;

b) to supervise the activities of the Executive Committee as well as other bodies of SE;

c) to approve the reports submitted by the President, the Secretary General, and other SE bodies;

d) to approve applications for membership and to suspend or expel members from the SE;

e) to approve the audited annual statement and financial reports;

f) to examine and ratify the decisions adopted by the Executive Committee and the President;

g) to resolve all matters and proposals concerning the SE submitted by SE Members and related to the development of SAMBO according to the SE Statutes;

h) to amend the SE Statutes;

i) to determine the SE annual membership fees;

j) to approve the SE budget;

k) to adopt resolutions on the dissolution of SE;

l) to adopt resolutions on all claims with respect to the activities and orders of the President, Secretary General, Executive Committee and other bodies of SE;

m) to decide on all matters that do not directly fall under the jurisdiction of other bodies of the SE hereunder.

F. Voting and Elections

50. No issue may be dealt with at the Congress unless at least 50% of the SE Members with voting rights are present (quorum).

51. If less than 50% of the SE Members are present, the Executive Committee shall postpone the Congress meeting to a later date, but no earlier than one month and no later than one year from the date of the Congress. The resolutions adopted at the postponed Congress shall be considered as valid only if at least 30% of the SE Members with voting rights are present at this Congress.

52. Each eligible SE Member is entitled to one vote only. An SE Member shall be represented by a duly authorised official of the respective SE Member to cast this vote.

53. Any proxy issued by the absentee SE Member will not be allowed.

54. No SE Member may participate in any voting on matters in which it is directly affected and must abstain from that vote.

55. Unless the Statutes provides otherwise, all decisions of the Congress require a simple majority of the votes cast.

56. Congress meetings may also be held by any of the available and suitable digital, video and/or electronic media platforms. The electronic communication system used must ensure the identification of participants and the authenticity of votes. In such case, the notice convening the Congress shall include the technical information necessary for participation by means of electronic communications. In case of such a virtual Congress, all SE Members shall participate exclusively by means of electronic communications (no hybrid congress).

    Prior to the opening of the virtual Congress, participating SE Members shall submit their duly signed mandates to the Congress Registration Committee appointed by the Executive Committee in advance, in accordance with the deadline and procedure specified in the notice convening the Congress.

    A Congress held by means of electronic communications shall be recorded in such a way that the statements made and the resolutions adopted may subsequently be verified; in particular, this may take the form of an audio recording in the case of a telephone conference, and an audio recording or audio-visual recording in the case of a videoconference.

    Voting on each agenda item shall be called by the chairperson of the Congress, and SE Members shall indicate in a clear manner whether they support or reject the proposed resolution or abstain from voting; this may include, in particular, an oral declaration or, in the case of a videoconference, a clearly visible show of hands. The results of each vote shall be established jointly by the tellers and the chairperson of the Congress.

    The resolutions adopted, statements made, matters raised and opinions expressed at a Congress held by means of electronic communications, as well as any other mandatory content elements required by applicable law, shall be recorded in minutes.

57. Voting shall be permitted by open ballot, secret ballot and/or by electronic system vote, as may be approved and notified by the Executive Committee prior to the Congress.

V. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Composition

58. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

    a) the President;

    b) the Secretary General;

    c) First Vice-President

    d) Vice-President(s);

e) and additional members (up to 10 additional members unless their number is determined otherwise by the Congress).

59. Members of the Executive Committee at the time of the founding of SE:

a) Davit Amaryan, President;

b) Laure Fournier, Secretary General;

c) Mikayel Hayrapetyan, First Vice-President;

d) Merampi Illiadis, Vice-President.

60. Any SE Member may nominate its president or any another authorized person for election into the Executive Committee. All candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of the country whose SE Member is submitting their nomination. Nominations for election to the Executive Committee must be submitted to the Executive Committee no later than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Congress.

61. The Executive Committee shall not include more than two (2) representatives from the same SE Member. The Congress must ensure that at least 25% of the members elected to the Executive Committee are of female gender. In the event that no female candidate is elected by the Congress, the seat reserved for a female member will be deemed forfeited by all members and shall remain vacant until the next election of members of the SE Executive Committee. The SE President shall not be included in this quota.

62. The electoral process shall be in accordance with the following:

- At first the Presidential election takes place;
- Then up to ten (10) Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected or as may be resolved by the Congress;
- Finally, the Secretary General, the First Vice-President and the Vice-President(s) are elected from the elected members of the Executive Committee, in accordance to the nominations proposed by the SE President.

Any first-degree family relations and spouses of existing or candidate Executive Committee members are not eligible to be nominated and / or elected to the Executive Committee.

63. All SE officials, such as Executive Committee members and Commission members, are elected according to the SE Statutes, and contribute to the work and development of SE on a voluntarily basis. Expenses may be reimbursed based on their respective costs and in accordance with the Indemnity Policy.

64. Members of the Executive Committee shall be accountable to the Congress.

B. Term of Office

65. Executive Committee members are elected by the Congress for a term of office of five (5) years.

66. Any vacancy due to incapacity to execute his/her duties or by resignation or death of an Executive Committee member shall be filled by a new member at the next Congress. The replacing member shall complete the term of office of his predecessor.

67. The Executive Committee member who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without good reason is considered as having voluntarily resigned.

68. The members of the Executive Committee are eligible for re-election. A member of the Executive Committee may serve for no more than three (3) terms of office (whether consecutive or not) subject to the consensual nomination of the said candidate by the concerned National SAMBO Federation. This rule does not apply to the period during which the member (a candidate member) of the Executive Committee is and / or was the President of SE or FIAS.

69. In case such Commission is elected, one (1) representative (the Chairperson) of the Athletes Commission

shall be included in the Executive Committee.

The induction of the Athletes Commission Member into the Executive Committee shall not be included in the Quota for representation of National Members as stipulated in Clause 61 hereinabove. The Athletes Commission member shall be elected by the athletes of the SE Members with the right to vote.

In case such Commission is elected, one (1) representative (the Chairperson) of the SE Commission for Athletes with Different Abilities shall be included into the SE Executive Committee. Induction of this Member into the Executive Committee shall not be included in the Quota for representation of National Members as stipulated in Clause 61 hereinabove. The Commission for Athletes with Different Abilities member shall have the right to vote.

C. Structure, Powers and Activities

70. Subject to the powers of the Congress and the respective Commissions, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for managing, overseeing and supervising the activities of SE.

71. The powers of the Executive Committee shall include the following:

a) to establish and amend organisational, financial and other regulations relating to activities of SE, as deemed appropriate;

b) to establish and amend the European SAMBO competitions rules and the Regulations for organising and holding official SE competitions;

c) to select the venues of the SE events (e.g. SE European Competitions and Congresses, Seminars etc.);

d) to approve the European Calendar of SE competitions;

e) to enter into commercial and other agreements relating to the SE competitions and other SE activities;

f) to convene the Congresses and to make proposals to the Congress;

g) to implement and enforce the resolutions adopted by the Congress;

h) to supervise the activities of SE Members and monitor the implementation of SE requirements by the SE Members;

i) to supervise the activities of the members in the constituent bodies of SE and ensure the proper performance of their duties in accordance with the law and the SE Statutes;

j) to appoint the members of the SE Commissions;

k) to manage the SE funds;

l) to submit the budgets and reports on the financial activities of SE for the preceding period to the Congress;

m) to appoint members of the Congress Registration Committee according to Clause 47 of the Statutes;

n) to elect or suspend the Secretary General from the members of the Executive Committee upon the proposal of the President;

o) to decide on the creation, closing, reorganization of branches, representative offices of SE in any country of the world.

72. The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year. Meetings of the Executive Committee are convened by the President. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall also be convened by the President if requested by at least one-third of its members in writing. Meetings of the Executive Committee are chaired by the President or in his absence by the Secretary General or by another Executive Committee member subject to written instructions from the President.

73. The Executive Committee meeting may also be held by any of the available and suitable digital, video and/or

electronic media platforms.

74. A quorum of more than 50% of the Executive Committee members is required to adopt any Executive Committee resolution.

75. In the absence of the required quorum (more than 50%), the President shall adjourn the meeting until a later date.

76. The minutes of Executive Committee meetings shall be signed by the President and the Secretary General. The minutes are retained by the Secretary General, who is responsible for publishing the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings on the online platforms of SE.

VI. THE PRESIDENT

77. The President shall lead, direct and represent the SE. The President is primarily responsible for the management of the day-to-day activities of the SE, for authorising the expenditure of SE funds, and for hiring administrative personnel.

78. The President shall be nominated for election by an SE Member in accordance with Clause 60 of the Statutes.

79. The President is elected by the Congress for a term of five (5) years. President is eligible for re-election. President may however not serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms. A person may be elected or re-elected as the President as long as he or she has not yet reached the age of seventy (70) on the date of the election.

    In exceptional circumstances and subject to approval by absolute majority (meaning more than fifty per cent (50%) of all members of the Congress, whether present or absent) of the SE Ordinary Congress held at least one (1) year prior to the electoral Congress, the term of office of the President might be extended by additional four (4) years.

80. The elections shall be held immediately after each candidate is given an opportunity to introduce their credentials and plan of action to promote SAMBO to the participants of the Congress.

81. The President shall be elected by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of votes of all SE Members present at Congress with the right to vote. If none of the proposed candidates obtains the necessary majority in the first round of voting, a second round of elections shall be held between the two candidates who secured the highest number of votes in the first round. In the second round, the candidate receiving a simple majority of the votes cast shall be elected President.

82. The President shall be entitled solely to represent and bind the SE,

83. The President may:

    a) propose to the Executive Committee to elect from the members of the Executive Committee the Secretary General, the First Vice-President and the Vice-President(s) and supervise their activities, and to propose to suspend the Secretary General, the First Vice-President and the Vice-President(s);

    b) establish working groups, and delegate part of presidential powers to them;

    c) on behalf of the SE, delegate the appropriate authority to the members of the Executive Committee and others, authorise members of the Executive Committee, working groups to sign documents;

    d) reimburse from the SE funds any expenses of members of the Executive Committee and other SE bodies, incurred in connection with representing the interests of SE or for establishing representative offices, staging events, organising business trips, and other expenses incurred in the interests of SE. All such expenses must be justified, substantiated and certified.

84. Should the position of the President become vacant for any reason, the duties of the President shall be performed by the Secretary General of SE or, if the Secretary General is unable to perform such duties, by the First Vice-President. In cases when the Secretary General and the First Vice-President is unable to perform

the duties of the President for any reason, the Executive Committee of SE shall authorise one of the Vice-President(s), or, in the absence of any Vice-President, one of its members to perform the duties of the SE President pro tempore, and presidential elections shall be held at the next Congress.

VII. THE SECRETARY GENERAL

85. The Secretary General is elected by the Executive Committee from its members for five (5) years upon nomination by the President.

86. The main duties of the Secretary General are:

a) enforcing and monitoring compliance with the SE Statutes, preparing the minutes of the Congress and the Executive Committee, and enforcing all the resolutions adopted by these bodies;

b) monitoring the compliance of financial obligations by SE Members;

c) accepting applications for SE membership;

d) maintaining records of SE Members;

e) safekeeping and storage of all SE documents;

f) providing necessary information to SE Members;

g) ensuring compliance with the SE competition calendar;

h) ensuring that the invitations to take part in the SE Congress and the SE Executive Committee meetings are sent out in a timely manner;

i) registering applications for SE membership;

j) performing the duties of the SE President in his/her absence.

VIII. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT(S)

87. The First Vice-President and the Vice-President(s) shall be elected by the Executive Committee from among its own members, upon nomination by the President, for a term of five (5) years.

88. The duties of the First Vice-President and the Vice President(s) shall be to:

a) assist and support the President in the performance of the President's duties;

b) represents SE when specifically authorised by the President in accordance with point 83.c) of present Statutes,

c) where necessary, coordinate and harmonize the joint activities of the Commissions;

d) perform the duties assigned to him or her under these Articles of Association, the rules and regulations of SE, and the instructions of the President.

IX. COMMISSIONS

89. The Executive Committee may establish and/or disband Commissions.

90. The following standing Commissions may be established by the Executive Committee:

a) Technical Commission;

b) Development Commission;

c) Medical and Anti-Doping Commission;

d) Marketing and Media Commission;

e) Finance Commission;

f) Disciplinary Commission;

g) Ethics Commission;

h) Athletes' Commission;

i) Women in Sport Commission;

j) Legal Commission;

k) Sports and Active Society Commission;

l) Commission for Athletes with Different Abilities;

m) Athletes' Entourage Commission.

91. The Commissions shall comprise of a fixed number of members (including the chairperson and the secretary); the number of members of a particular Commission depends on the tasks and functions it performs in accordance with the internal regulations approved by the Executive Committee. The internal regulations set out the range of powers and duties of the corresponding Commission.

92. The Executive Committee may appoint the Chairpersons of any Commission other than the Chairpersons of the Athletes Commission and Commission for Athletes with Different Abilities. The Executive Committee may dismiss the chairpersons of any Commission.

The Chairperson of the Athletes Commission and the Chairperson of the Commission for Athletes with Different Abilities shall be inducted as a Member of the Executive Committee, with the right to vote in all the Executive Committee meetings.

93. Candidates for inclusion in the Commissions are proposed by the SE Members. The Executive Committee shall select the members of the Commissions, other than Athletes Commission, upon proposals of the Chairperson of the Commissions from candidates nominated by the SE Members.

X. FINANCES

A. Financial Resources

94. The activities of SE are funded by various types of income, in particular:

a) annual membership fees;

b) donations;

c) income from licensing or selling commercial rights related to SAMBO events;

d) funds from sponsors;

e) fees for services provided by the SE;

f) fees for the participation in the SE events;

g) payment for the right to organise European Championships and continental tournaments held under the supervision of the SE;

h) fines;

i) capital gains;

j) other incomes.

B. Financial Administration and Financial Period

95. The finances of the SE shall be regulated and managed in accordance with Financial Regulations approved by the Executive Committee.

96. The financial controller reporting directly to the President shall supervise the financial administration of SE in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

97. The financial year of SE shall commence on the 1st of January and end on the 31st of December of each year.

C. Auditor

98. The Congress shall elect a suitably qualified independent auditor, who shall hold office for five years and who shall submit to the Executive Committee the audited accounts and annual financial statements and reports of SE for presentation to the Congress. The auditor may be re-appointed for successive periods of five years.

99. The Auditor at the time of the founding of SE is: Audit Assistance Kft. [seat: H-1138 Budapest, Tomori utca 32.; company registry number: 01-09-709803; person personally responsible for the audit: Mónika Varga-Molnár (mother's name: Mária Bugyi; address: H-2120 Dunakeszi, Pihenő sétány 4.; date of birth: 11 June 1974)]

D. Membership Fees

100. Each SE Member shall pay an annual SE membership fee, the amount of which shall be resolved by the Congress upon proposal of the Executive Committee and shall be due for payment on 1 January of each year.

E. Liability

101. The assets of SE are separate from those of its members and founders and therefore SE shall be liable for its debts with its own assets.

XI. ANTI-DOPING

102. The use of substances and methods listed in the annual list of prohibited substances issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is prohibited and will be pursued and sanctioned according to the provisions of the Anti-Doping Regulation of SE, along with the regulations of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

103. Neither any participants in competitions held under the auspices of the SE, nor its officials nor officers may interfere with the collection of samples for doping control.

XII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

A. SE Rule Violations and Sanctions

104. Any SE Member, member of the Executive Committee, member of any Commission, or any other person under the jurisdiction of SE (in particular SAMBO athletes, SAMBO sport professionals) may be subject to sanctions in case such person or entity:

a) fails to fulfil any financial obligation due to SE, or

b) is in breach of these Statutes or any other rule or regulation of SE, or

c) contravenes the principles of fair play, or violates the applicable competition rules of SE, or

d) harms the reputation of SAMBO or SE, or

e) otherwise commits conduct constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion under these Statutes.

105. The Executive Committee (or the sanctioning bodies as determined by the respective regulations such as the Legal Commission, Disciplinary Commission or the Anti-Doping Commission) may take such action as determined by the respective internal sanction regulations against any person or entity determined to be guilty of any violation as described above. Such sanction may include:

a) a written caution notice;

b) a fine;

c) withholding of any grants or subsidies otherwise due;

d) removal or denial of official SE accreditation;

e) proposal to the Congress for the expulsion of an SE Member or the suspension of its membership rights;

f) disqualification.

The Executive Committee shall take appropriate measures to safeguard the fundamental rights of the person or entity affected by such proposed sanction, to appeal or make representations.

The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and binding, subject to the right of appeal contained in Clause 107.

106. All disputes arising out of, or related to the SE Rules and Regulations for organising and holding official SE competitions, the SE Disciplinary Rules, or SE Anti-Doping Rules shall be resolved in accordance with the respective rules and regulations.

B. Appeals

107. Any final decisions made by SE that may be considered to have violated these Statutes or mandatory legal provisions, may be appealed against by any entity or person that/who is a party to such a decision, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland (CAS), which shall resolve the dispute finally in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration.

108. The time limit for filing such an appeal with the CAS shall be 21 days after the reception of the decision against which the appeal is directed. The governing law of the appeal shall be the Statutes and the Regulations of the SE; to the extent that a matter is not regulated therein, the applicable provisions of Hungarian law shall apply. The arbitration proceeding shall be conducted in English, unless the parties agree otherwise.

109. Pending the determination by CAS, the appealed decision shall continue in force.

C. Other Disputes

110. Any sport-related dispute between

(i) SE and SE Member, or SE Members inter se, in the course of their activities connected to SE, and

(ii) SE or SE Members and their athletes or other sports professionals

which does not fall under Subsection A of Section XII of the present Statutes shall be settled by arbitration by the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland (CAS), according to the Code of CAS.

111. The governing law of such arbitration shall be the Statutes, Rules and the Regulations of the SE; to the extent that a matter is not regulated therein, the applicable provisions of Hungarian law shall apply. The arbitration proceeding shall be conducted in English, unless the parties agree otherwise.

D. Governing Law

112. SE and its rules and regulations shall be subject to the laws of Hungary. Any matters not regulated by the Statutes shall be subject to the governing Hungarian law, in particular *Act V of 2013 on the Civil Code*, *Act I of 2004 on Sports* and *Act CLXXV of 2011 on the Freedom of Association, Non-profit Status and the Operation and Support of Civil Organizations*.

XIII. AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES

113. These Statutes may be amended by a decision of an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress with a vote in favour of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of votes validly cast.

XIV. DISSOLUTION

114. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, or upon request of at least half of SE Members, SE may be dissolved by a decision of an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress. Such resolution shall require the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of all SE Members entitled to vote as of the date of the Congress, irrespective of attendance.

115. In the event of the dissolution of SE, after satisfaction of all creditors and settlement of all liabilities, the remaining assets of SE shall be transferred to one or more non-profit organisations, public-benefit organisations (e.g. sports organisations or sports federations operating on a non-profit basis) pursuing objectives similar to those of the SE, as determined by the Congress in the resolution on dissolution. No part of the remaining assets may be distributed among the members of the SE.

116. The transfer of the registered seat of SE outside Hungary shall require a resolution of the Congress adopted by the same majority as required for dissolution. The consequences of such transfer, including the treatment of the assets of SE, shall be determined by the Congress in accordance with applicable law.