

IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Bylaws

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General Remarks:

In these bylaws and all other related rules and regulations of IWAS Wheelchair Fencing (IWF) words importing singular number or masculine gender shall include the plural number or feminine gender, as the case may be, and vice versa and references to persons shall include firms and corporations.

1. Name & Authority

- 1.a** IWAS Wheelchair Fencing is the international governing body for wheelchair fencing, under the auspices of the International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS). IWF is mentioned as a Standing Committee of IWAS and is governed by the IWAS Constitution. The legal entity for IWC is IWAS.
- 1.b** IWF shall be the sole competent authority for rules and regulations, described in chapter 3, concerning men's and women's wheelchair fencing in categories A, B and C with foil, epee and saber as endorsed by the IWF Sport Assembly.
- 1.c** In case of any questions or matter arising, which is not provided for in the present bylaws, such questions or matters shall be dealt with by the IWF Executive Committee (IWFEC) in compliance with IWAS regulations and bylaws. Its decision will be binding on all members until the next Sport Assembly when the matter will be resolved.
- 1.d** IWAS internal regulations govern the conduct of the Standing Committee and Sport Assembly, unless otherwise defined in these bylaws and the IWF undertakes to ensure compliancy on all occasions.
- 1.e** The IWF has the right to recommend sanction of fencers or IWAS member nations to the IWAS Executive Board when violating rules, bylaws or regulations of IWF or IWAS.
- 1.f** IWAS member nations and sports are entitled to right of appeal to IWAS Executive Board.

2. Neutrality

IWF shall maintain absolute political and religious neutrality and shall not tolerate any form of discrimination, racial or otherwise.

3. Aims & Objects

IWF shall develop and support the sport of wheelchair fencing in all countries worldwide.

To this end, IWF shall promote, supervise and direct the sport of wheelchair fencing throughout the world.

In particular IWF shall:

- Serve as the official body, under the auspices of IWAS, for the scheduling, award, conduct of all international competitions and championships in the sport of wheelchair fencing for which IWF has responsibility.

- Encourage the growth and development of the sport in all nations of the world through an organized programme of education and instruction, and the dissemination of technical and associated information to the relative IWAS affiliated entities.
- Establish friendly and loyal cooperation between all members of IWAS for the benefit of the sport of wheelchair fencing between nations throughout the world.
- Collaborate with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) through IWAS in respect to the sport's participation in the Summer Paralympic Games programme.
- Establish the official wheelchair fencing rules, competition regulations, the specifications for equipment and facilities, the internal regulations that govern the conduct of the Standing Committee and wheelchair fencing assemblies and ensure that they are enforced on all occasions.
- Compile classification rules and regulations governing international competition for men and women fencers and ensure their application and registration in IWAS official and sanctioned competition.
- Anti-doping regulations of IWAS are valid for IWF. IWF ensures that they are enforced in all occasions.
- Establish and maintain programmes to the highest standards for the training, certification and licensing of referees, classifiers, commissioners and examiners in the sport of wheelchair fencing.
- Organize and manage the sport to the benefit of the members, including the establishment and maintenance of databases in ranking, classification and results and directories of accredited officials and technicians.
- Develop the international calendar of official wheelchair fencing events.
- Establish such commissions as it deems necessary for the proper conduct of its duties and make appointments thereto.
- Represent IWF to all bodies and organizations concerned with wheelchair fencing internationally on which it has membership or in which its interests are involved.
- Publish all relevant rules and regulations in a handbook and on its website and maintain archives of the history of the sport.
- Foster the conditions for collaboration with FIE and other international agencies promoting the sport of fencing worldwide.
- Encourage the self-determination of athletes and the active participation of ex-fencers in all aspects of sports management.

4. Membership

Nations are allowed to participate in the official and sanctioned competitions or programmes of IWF through membership of IWAS.

Furthermore, only those IWAS members in good standing, that have sent at least one fencer to an official and sanctioned IWF competition in the last two fencing seasons (including the current season) are allowed to send delegates to the IWF Sport Assembly, (nominate candidates), put forward motions and to vote in elections and for motions. All other IWAS members in good standing are allowed to take part as non-voting observers at the Sport Assembly.

5. Organisational Structure

Clarification of notation:

- The Standing Committee of IWAS that is the governing body for wheelchair fencing will be called „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee” or “IW FEC”.
- The members of this committee will be named „IWF Executive Committee Members“ or „IW FEC Members“.
- The Assembly of nations participating in the sport of wheelchair fencing, held every two years, is called the „IWF Sports Assembly”.
- The General Assembly of IWAS nations, the share holders of the incorporated charity so established to govern wheelchair and amputee sport, is called “IWAS General Assembly”.
- The abbreviation IWAS HQ stands for “IWAS Headquarter”.

5.a The IWAS General Assembly of Nations is the final authority in respect to general policies of international wheelchair sport, its practice and management activities.

5.b The IWF Sports Assembly of Nations is the technical policy making and ruling organ of international wheelchair fencing and is composed of representations from the member organisations of IWAS participating in the sport of wheelchair fencing, involved in the technical aspects of the sport’s management. The IWF Sports Assembly is entitled to make recommendation outside of the technical aspects of the sport’s management to the IWAS General Assembly through the IWAS Executive Board.

5.c IW FEC is a Standing Committee of IWAS and established by the General Assembly. IW FEC members are elected on a quadrennial basis by the IWF Sports Assembly in accordance with IWAS constitution/standing orders and Assembly and Election procedures to manage the sport of international wheelchair fencing.

5.d IWAS as the legal and financial entity for the sport is the ultimate authority in these regards and acts as Treasurer for the IW FEC. A wheelchair fencing sport specific account will be held at the IWAS HQ for the use of the IW FEC.

6. Operational Structure

To improve the work, IW FEC is entitled to install commissions for special tasks. IW FEC shall fulfil the duties of Chapter 3 and is responsible to the IWF Sports Assembly and the IWAS General Assembly. IWF objective is diversity in representation on the IW FEC.

6.a IWF Executive Committee (IW FEC)

The management of the IWF in between Sport Assemblies is entrusted to an Executive Committee (IW FEC).

6.b Structure of the Executive Committee

The IWF Executive Committee consists of 7 members that are elected on a quadrennial basis by the IWF Sports Assembly

- Chairman,
- General Secretary,
- 5 Members At Large (one acting as Vice-Chairman)

6.c The immediate former Chairman of the IWF has the right to be present at all the IW FEC sessions in an advisory capacity.

6.d In the event of death or resignation of the Chairman, the Secretary General performs the Chairman's duties provisionally until the next assembly, during which time the elections of a new Chairman will be organised.

6.e In the event of an IW FEC members death or resignation or absenteeism for two years, even if excused, he will be replaced by the candidate not elected who received the greatest number of votes at the Sport Assembly.

6.1 Obligations and duties of IW FEC members:

6.1a Chairman

The Chairman drives the executive management of the sport and is answerable to the sport's legal entity, the IWAS.

Furthermore he

- Convenes and presides over IWF Sport Assemblies and its Executive Committee Meetings, overseeing and ensuring the execution of the agreements of same.
- Drives the sport's administrative and economical management, in accordance with the current rulings and IWAS regulations, assisted by the other IW FEC members, especially the General Secretary.
- Is the liaison person with IWAS HQ and from this source informs all IW FEC members of relevant IWAS policies and principles and changes thereto impacting on IWF management.
- Prepares in collaboration with the General Secretary the agenda for all meetings and assemblies.
- Represents IWF in all international organisations.
- Prepares and presents the following reports:
 - * Annual to IWF Sport Assembly, IWAS Executive Board and General Assembly
 - * Annual via IWAS HQ to IPC and in accordance with IPC criteria for the justification and release of IPC Grand to the Sport.

- * Annual via IWAS HQ to IPC and in accordance with relative IPC criteria for application and report for any IPC development grant.
- * Annual to IWAS HQ for justification and release of IWAS Sport Funding
- * Activity reports at regular intervals to IWAS HQ (and IW FEC)
- Will have a deciding vote in case of a draw in Executive Committee Meetings.
- Has the responsibility jointly with the IW FEC General Secretary to authorise expenditure from the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing account
- Has the responsibility to delegate special tasks to other IWF members or members of IW FEC commissions.

6.1b General Secretary

The General Secretary is responsible for the communication between the IW FEC members and also with the nations on wheelchair fencing technical matters.

Especially the duties of the General Secretary are:

- He will carry out and authorise, with the Chairman's signature, the minutes of the meetings and assemblies
- He will keep the book of minutes.
- He will facilitate all necessary information to the executive members in order for them to develop their functions and responsibilities.
- He will carry out and ensure comprehensive databases of all IWF activities – of athletes, referees, classifiers as well as maintain a contacts directory and an up-to date directory of relative IWAS member nations. He will offer an annual report of the activities.
- He will answer all general correspondence and inform the Chairman immediately and all executive members regularly of same and ensure that any subsequent associated task or activity is completed.
- Establishes the detailed annual budget of the IW FEC with additional explanations as needed. This must be prepared at a time that coincides with the applications to IPC and IWAS for funding (October of each year for the following year)
- Will also establish an income and expenditure statement on an annual basis (January of each year for the preceding year), for the IWF Sport Assembly, IWAS General Assembly and IWAS Annual reports
- Has the responsibility to maintain financial records and supply all justification and supporting documentation for the IWAS Audit process as requested
- Has the responsibility jointly with the IW FEC Chairman to authorise expenditure from the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Account

6.1c Vice-Chairman

The Vice-Chairman is one of the elected IW FEC members at large. He

- Represents the Chairman in case of absence, vacancy or illness.
- Helps the Chairman when needed and carries out his job according to instructions.

Should the Vice-Chairman not be able to occupy this position, the oldest member of the IWF Executive Board will do so.

6.1d Members At Large

The members at large will carry out the tasks given to them by the Executive Committee and by the Chairman in their name. Each member at large will be designated a role to oversee the functioning commission of IWF. One of these five members at large acts as Vice-Chairman.

7 Commissions and Councils

The IWF will have the following permanent commissions and Councils for the improved development and management of wheelchair fencing:

- Rules Commission
- Referee Commission
- Sports Commission
- SEMI Commission
- Promotion, Advertising and Publicity Commission
- Medical Council
- Disciplinary Council
- Athlete Council
- Coach's Council

7.a It is desirable that the candidates for various Commission and Council to have specific professional knowledge or credentials as follow:

Refereeing Commission a candidate must be or have been an IWAS referee at least at two weapons during the 2 years preceding his candidature, or already be a member of the Refereeing Commission (if he is already a referee).

SEMI Commission – have a college degree in engineering or science or be practising as an engineer.

Sports Commission a candidate must to have at least two years experience to organization and development of competitions

Medical Council – have completed the educational requirements for being an MD or a physiotherapist and International classificatory for the last two years ;

7.b Each commission will be presided by a member of the IWFEF and formed by a minimum(not maximum)of three persons designated by the IWFEF, proposed by the Chairman of the commission among candidates of different zones who are experts in the Commission's theme.

7.c The meetings of the different commissions will take place with the agreement of their members or by request or the IWFEF. Meetings may take place electronically by means of email and/or electronic telephony.

7.d A Commission's meeting is valid only when the majority of members are present. Otherwise, the proposals taken will be submitted by correspondence to absent members who must express their opinion within 8 days; if they fail to do this, their silence will be interpreted as an agreement with the submitted proposal

7.e All commissions are obliged to present an annual report on its functioning and on the tasks carried out during the year to the IWFEF at a time prescribed within the activity schedule of the IWFEF.

7.1 DUTIES and FUNCTION of Commission and Council

7.1a Rules Commission

- i.** To presents a report to the Sport Assembly on any proposal concerning the organisation and running of competitions, equipment and material (in co-operation with the SEMI Commission), the way to fence an opponent, the rules for fighting a bout, behaviour on and around the piste, and the penalties relating to these proposals.
- ii.** For each change of regulations, the Chair of the committee must present it to members of the Executive. If the new proposal is approved, the Executive the members has the final decision for the application until the next Sport Assembly
- iii.** It will propose, depending on the modifications of the Regulations of International Fencing of the F.I.E., the dates for applying the changes.
- iv.** It is the appropriate commission for all annex regulations related to the organisation and development of competitions.

7.1b Referee Commission

- i.** To develop the training programme of international referees in the various countries
- ii.** To ensure that the IWAS Rules are applied by referees during the competitions
- iii.** to propose to the Rules Commission any necessary modifications of the Rules relating to refereeing
- iv.** It will maintain a permanent file on referees, their categories, dates of their diploma and performance of same.
- v.** It will carry out periodically or when necessary updating seminars for referees.
- vi** It will propose to the Executive Committee the referees that will be appointed to take part in the official competitions of IWF when these must be designated by the IWFEF.
- vii** The members of the Referee Commission may not act as referees in official competitions of the IWF. Except under exceptional circumstances

7.1c Sports Commission

- i.** It will be responsible for putting together the official calendar of competitions of the IWF.
- ii.** It will develop the rules for the concession of competitions and the acceptance of candidatures in conjunction with the IWAS HQ.
- iii** It is the responsible commission for all rules and regulations relating to the organization and development of competitions.
- iv.** It will establish the regulations of the Ranking List for IWF and will update the ranking regularly.
- v.** It will designate the Technical Delegates of the IWF competitions.

7.1d SEMI Commission

- i. To be responsible at all times for any studies on the safety of the equipment;
- ii. To examine any suggestions or proposals relating to the equipment and present a report on these proposals to the Executive Committee;
- iii. It presents a report to the Congress on all the proposals submitted to it. The drafting of the Congress decisions, in their final form, must to be submitted to the Rules Commission for approval by the Executive Committee;
- iv. To supervise the control of the fencers' equipment;
- v. To approve all of the fencing equipment to be used at for official competitions and to lay down the testing procedure for such equipment.
- vi. To advise the Rules Commission on the preparation of any texts for proposals which relate to apparatus and equipment? To this end, it appoints one of its members as its representative, who is free to attend the meetings of the Rules Commission but without right of vote.

7.1e Promotion, Advertising and Publicity Commission

- i. It will be responsible of establishing the development plans for wheelchair fencing in all countries around the world attributed to IWAS.
- ii. It is the responsible commission for stimulating and coordinating the activities of the attributed federations to IWAS for the advertising and development of wheelchair fencing.
- iii. It is responsible for promoting advertising for our sport.
- iv. It will propose modifications related to the media and publicity for wheelchair fencing.
- v. It will act in the name of the IWF with the media. and advertising aspects of wheelchair fencing.
- vi. It is responsible for the technical part and – in cooperation with IW FEC – the content of the IWF website.

7.1f Medical Council

- i. It is a special Council of the IWF and cannot be presided by an Executive Member but by a classifier expert designated by the Executive Committee.
- ii. It will be in charge of establishing the classification of all fencers.
- iii. It will develop the necessary modification in the classification system, raising proposals to the IW FEC for them to be approved and presented to the Sport Assembly.

7.1g Disciplinary Council

- i. Dealing with all infractions of the regulations, of the discipline or of sport ethics in the IWF.
- ii. It will develop a disciplinary ruling that affects athletes, referees, organizers and all other entities involved in wheelchair fencing in compliance with those of IWAS.

7.1h Athlete Council

- i. Its mission is to examine all issues that concern the athletes and present suggestions or recommendations to any of the IWF commissions.
- ii. Its members are designated by elections among the active athletes to choose their representative.

7.1i.Coaches Council

The Executive Committee can consult the Coaches Council on any subject it deems appropriate including all technical questions linked to fencing rules, training methods, training of coaches and instructors.

The Coaches Council can also propose to the Executive Committee all measures, which could contribute towards improving the techniques of fencing

8. Meeting Rules & Regulations

The rules contained in Robert´s Rules Of Order: Simplified and Applied. Second Edition shall govern meetings where they are not in conflict with the bylaws, rules of order or other rules of the IWAS and the IWF.

8.1. IWF Sport Assembly

The IWF Sports Assembly is the highest authority in regard to the technical management of wheelchair fencing. It will be held biennially in odd years at an IWF authorised wheelchair fencing competition and elects the IW FEC quadrennial in the ~~post~~ Paralympic year. The Assembly is convened by the IW FEC Chairman. IWAS Secretary General acts as Nominations Officer to the Sport Assembly and will apply IWAS Procedure Regulation for nominations.

The IWF Sports Assembly shall deal with elections and motions on technical rules and regulations and recommendations to IWAS General Assembly.

IWAS member nations will be called to attend the IWF Sport Assembly by IWAS HQ with IWAS rules and regulations related to notification period, call for motions and mandates. Only those IWAS members in good standing, who sent at least one fencer to an official and sanctioned IWF competition in the last two fencing seasons (including the current season) are allowed to send delegates to the IWF Sport Assembly and to vote in elections and for motions. All other IWAS members in good standing are allowed to take part as observers in the Sport Assembly.

Quorum for conduct of business of a Sport Assembly is 50% of IWAS member nations participating in the sport of wheelchair fencing.

Motions shall be passed by a simple majority (more than 50%) of nations present and allowed to vote at the Assembly. Only motions concerning these bylaws and/or recommendations to IWAS Executive Board/General Assembly will require a 2/3 majority of voting members present.

Minutes of the Assemblies are circulated by the IW FEC General Secretary to nations and IW FEC and IWAS Executive Board through IWAS HQ no later than 6 weeks subsequent to meeting.

8.2. IWF Executive Committee Meetings

8.2a The Executive Committee Meetings of IWF will convene at least once a year by the Chairman on the occasion of the World Championships, The Paralympics Games or other official competition of IWF. Nevertheless, the Chairman will be able to convene other meetings aside from the annual ones whenever necessary or if at least three Executive Members request it.

8.2b In the case of absenteeism of a member of the Executive Committee for two consecutive meetings, except through unavoidable circumstances, of which the Executive Committee will be the sole arbiter, the party in question will be regarded as having resigned and will be replaced by the candidate not elected who received the greatest number of votes at the Electoral Congress,

8.2c Executive Committee Meetings must be announced at least 4 weeks before the relevant date to ensure that each member has the possibility to join the meeting.

8.3. Election Process for the IW FEC

8.3a The Chairman of IWAS, the General Secretary and the Five Members at Large are elected by at the IWF Sport Assembly during the Paralympics year for a period of 4 years

8.3b They are eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office.

8.3c The voting for all position is conducted by secret ballot.

8.3d To become member of the IW FEC the candidate must be presented by his corresponding National Federation, which is a nation of good standing in IWAS, be at least 21 years of age on the date of elections and enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs

8.3e Being a member of the IW FEC is incompatible with the National roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain.

8.3f The elections take place in the following order

1. Chairman
2. General Secretary
3. Five Members At Large (one as Vice-Chairman)

No person can hold more than one of these positions (but can candidate for more than one position).

As soon as an election was made, the elected person must accept or resign this election. If this person accepts and has candidature for other positions, he has to be withdrawn from further elections.

Each nation that is allowed to vote, has one vote for Chairman, General Secretary and five votes for Members at Large.

For the election of Chairman or General Secretary the candidate must have the absolute majority of the votes. If there are more than two candidates and no one has the absolute majority, there will be a second ballot of the two best candidates. In this ballot the person with the simple majority of votes is elected. If there is only one candidate, he must receive more votes for than against him.

For Members At Large the five candidates voted most are elected. If there are candidates with an equal number of votes, there will be a second ballot of these candidates. The Chairman, from among the elected Members At Large, will appoint the Vice-Chairman.

8.4 The Election Process for Athlete Council

(see IWAS Handbook, Chapter 5 IWAS Procedures and Guidelines, Procedure 2 – IWF Athletes Council Nominations and Election Procedures)

8.4a the elections for the Athlete council are held at the World Championships in the year following the Paralympics Games.

8.4b Criteria;

All athletes who have been entered to compete in either one Paralympics Games or at least two World Championships held over the last 5 years can be a candidate

8.4c Each member federation can nominate one single athlete for the Athletes Council

8.4d At least one month before the World Championships, IWAS HQ shall send to each member federation the list of the candidates.

8.4e A list of candidates will be established, all weapons combined and each eligible voting participant shall vote for a maximum of four (4) candidates.

8.5 The Election for Coach's Council

When choosing the candidates for the Coaches Council, the Executive Committee can take into account the following

- either be current or have been a past national Team Coach
- or have participated with their team in a Senior World Championships or the Paralympics Games;
- or have fencers ranked in the IWAS rankings

8.5a The candidates cannot:

- have received a black card during the four year period preceding their candidacy;
- refereeing in IWAS competitions during their mandate.

8.5b Each member federation can nominate one single coach for the Coach's Council

8.5c A list of candidates will be established and each participant shall vote for four coach's maximum.

The candidacy must be presented on the IWAS form (one A4 format page), on which must be indicated the languages spoken by the candidate, as well as his/her diplomas and other qualifications relevant to the Coaches Council. The candidate must sign the form and swear that the information is accurate.

The candidacy package must contain:

- a photocopy of an identity document proving the candidate's date of birth and nationality (passport, identity card, driver's licence);
- a copy of his/her coaching accreditation, as well as his/her personal and professional curriculum vitae.

The IWAS office will compile all candidacy forms and joint documents about the Coaches Council candidates, and will submit them to the Executive Committee at its first meeting after the Elective Congress.

9. Operational Regulations

All official notifications of Sport Assemblies and events where membership status verification or issues concerning IWAS member nations, or potential members are involved must be conducted through IWAS HQ.

All contracts and agreements involving the sport with another legal entity must be reviewed by the IWAS Executive Board and signed off with the sport and the third party by the President/Secretary General IWAS.

Officers

Any of the positions mentioned in chapter 6 shall be automatically vacated and replaced by the candidate not elected who received the greatest number of votes at the Electoral Congress under the following conditions:

- Resignation in writing to the Chairman of the IWFEF.
- Is found by a court to be of unsound mind.
- Is removed by a resolution passed by the majority of members present and voting a special meeting of the IWF Sport Assembly, convened for that purpose.
- Does not attend two consecutive regular meetings of the IWFEF without justification.
- Death.
- His/her refusal or inability to perform the duties of the office or comply with the IWAS code of conduct and ethics.
- He/she acts against the IWF bylaws, rules or regulations

All elected officers and accredited/appointed/authorised personnel acting on behalf of the IWFEF are bound by the IWAS Constitution (Memorandum & Articles of Associations) and bylaws (Internal Regulations) and are further accountable under corporation law as defined in the country of registration at that time in force.

10. Financial Issues

The IWFEF is bound by the financial regulations as defined within the IWAS organisation and operational regulations. All financial activities of the Committee are subject to annual audit in accordance with the statutory fiscal policies and standard operating practices of an incorporated body registered in law. The financial year runs from January 1st to December 31st.

The IWAS General Assembly approves an annual budget allocation to the IWF within the IWAS budget, for which the IWFEF is accountable and responsible for justification and reporting for audit to the IWAS HQ in March of each year.

Furthermore, the Chairman of the IWF Executive Committee has to present a detailed report of the financial activities to the IWFEF members and a summary to the IWF Sport Assembly.

The IWF, by virtue of being an IWAS sport on the Paralympic Games programme, receives an annual funding allocation from IPC for application in matters concerned with the activities undertaken by the IWF via the IWAS HQ, for application and financial justification to the IPC through the IWAS as above.

The IWF is entitled to apply and administer a sanction fee. The IWAS Executive Board is entitled to prescribe a capitation fee for official championship events in wheelchair fencing, which will be applied and collected by organizers of such events and transferred to IWAS HQ.

In addition, IWF is entitled to raise funds by inviting contributions, fees and honoraria (associated with competitions and officials, classifier training and licensing situations), donations and sponsorship, provided that it shall not undertake any permanent trading activities, and subject to approval/ endorsement of all related contracts/agreements.

11. Other Rules & Regulations

- The Technical Rules and Regulations concerning the regulations of wheelchair fencing, its handling in competitions and technical aspects on wheelchair fencing equipment are described in the Official Wheelchair Fencing Rulebook.
- Rules and Regulations for the Organisation of World Cup competitions, World and Regional Championships are described in the Rules of Competitions.
- The Classification System and its application to the Classification and Reclassification of fencers and protest procedures are described in the Classification Rules.
- The Regulation for calculating the International Ranking List as well as the World Cup Ranking List are described in the Calculation of Ranking Lists.

12. Relationship

IWF as a Standing Committee of IWAS will ensure that the internal regulations and bylaws in wheelchair fencing are consistent with IWAS regulations.

IWF regularly is in contact and relationship with IPC to ensure the quality of wheelchair fencing in Paralympic Games and with FIE to promote integrated competitions of FIE and IWF.

IWAS acts as the IF in membership with the IPC on behalf of the sport of wheelchair fencing.

13. Language

English will be the official language of the IWF, in the IWF Sport Assembly and Regional Assemblies. In the case of dispute regarding the interpretation of bylaws, rules and internal regulations, the English version shall prevail.

14. Amendments & Duration

Amendment proposals to these bylaws must be sent at least 3 months before the IWF Sport Assembly as motions to the IWFEF through IQAS HQ. These motions must be voted for with 2/3 of the legal nations present at the Sport Assembly.

These bylaws become effective following the IWF Sport Assembly in July 2007 and can be amended at following IWF Sport Assemblies. Amendments and appendices may be made by the IWFEF to ensure the validity and correct interpretation of regulations and internal regulations. These changes must be confirmed by the following IWF Sport Assembly.