

# **The European Confederation of Modern Pentathlon**

## **STATUTES**

### *Chapter I*

#### **NAME, DURATION, HEADQUARTERS, APPLICABLE LAW**

##### *Article 1*

The European Confederation of Modern Pentathlon (E.C.M.P.) created on 19 April 1991, is the association of all European National Federations or Associations (N.F.) of Modern Pentathlon affiliated to U.I.P.M. – UNION INTERNATIONALE DE PENTATHLON MODERNE.

##### *Article 2*

1. The E.C.M.P. has unlimited duration. It is ruled by the present Statutes in compliance with the U.I.P.M. Statutes. Within the framework of the U.I.P.M. Statutes and U.I.P.M. Rules on the Internal Organisation, the E.C.M.P. benefits from full autonomy as for representation and administration.
2. All matters not specifically covered by these Statutes shall be governed by the U.I.P.M. Statutes and U.I.P.M. Rules on the Internal Organisation.

##### *Article 3*

The European National Federations, which are part of the E.C.M.P., keep their autonomy and independence in compliance with the rules of the present Statutes.

##### *Article 4*

The E.C.M.P. has its headquarters at the residence of the current pro-tempore President.

### *Chapter II*

#### **AIMS AND PRINCIPLES**

##### *Article 5*

The aims of the E.C.M.P. are:

- a) To promote, encourage and support the practice of Modern Pentathlon or other combination of two or more disciplines of this sport in Europe;
- b) To study problems and questions related to this sport within the European continent;
- c) To supervise the organisation and conduct of the European Championships and award the winners, in a permanent and regular way, in full respect of the U.I.P.M. technical rules; to launch and promote the organisation or organise other events;
- d) To take any initiative, to give directives, to define programmes and regulations, to give any technical support to affiliated Federations, on the basis of a friendly cooperation with the aim to ensure to the European Modern Pentathlon the best success and development;
- e) To cooperate with the other Continental Confederations of Modern Pentathlon;
- f) To promote competition activities in Modern Pentathlon within all European countries;
- g) To organise courses and lectures for trainers, technicians and referees, promoting exchanges of experiences, trainers and athletes among Member countries.

## **PRINCIPLES**

### *Article 6*

- 1) The informative principles of the E.C.M.P. are those of Olympism, fairness and honesty, those of equality and reciprocal respect between all affiliated National Federations and towards any individual, and to repel any racial, religious or political discrimination.
- 2) The affiliated Federations and their members must always comply with these principles. When a member of the E.C.M.P. asks to participate in a competition or decides to organise one, he must ensure that these regulations are complied with.
- 3) The E.C.M.P., in compliance with the U.I.P.M. rules, only recognises one National Federation of Modern Pentathlon in each country.
- 4) The E.C.M.P. and all N.F.s, athletes and officials, undertake to respect the regulations of these Statutes, the regulations of U.I.P.M., and all decisions taken by the General Assembly or any other competent body of the U.I.P.M.

### *Chapter III*

## **BODIES OF THE E.C.M.P.**

### *Article 7*

1. The bodies of the E.C.M.P. are:
  - a) The General Assembly
  - b) The Executive Board
  - c) The President
  - d) The Auditors
2. All positions within the E.C.M.P. are honorary; they are only reimbursed for the expenses incurred for the carrying out of their mandate.

## **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### *Article 8*

- 1.a) The General Assembly (GA), chaired by the President, represents the supreme power of the Confederation and is composed of the Member Federations, represented by their President or a delegate with official accreditation;
- b) The members of the Executive Board and the Honorary Auditors must attend the meetings of the GA. The Honorary members and other guests must be invited.
2. The Ordinary GA decides the programmes of the European Confederation and any item related to the common interest of Modern Pentathlon in Europe, in compliance with the U.I.P.M. regulations and orientation.
3. The GA approves the budget and the annual balance sheet.
4. The GA elects the Members of the Executive Board and the Honorary Auditors.
5. The GA proclaims the Honorary Members.
6. The ordinary meetings of the GA take place every year. The electing assembly must be celebrated at least two months before the electing assembly of the U.I.P.M.
7. The President shall summon the members of the Confederation to participate in the GA at least 90 days before the date of the meeting of an Ordinary GA and 45 days before an Extraordinary GA. The convocation will include the agenda, the place, day and time of the meeting.

8. In order to allow varied debate, the GA shall be composed of at least half of the active members in good standing of the Confederation. If this condition is not fulfilled, another GA shall be convened immediately by the President and the resolutions shall be valid regardless of the number of members present; however, these resolutions may concern only the objects on the agenda of the first Assembly.
9. The agenda for the ordinary meetings of the GA must include:
  - a) Roll call of the members;
  - b) Adoption of the agenda;
  - c) Approval of the minutes of the last GA;
  - d) Election of two scrutinisers for the elections;
  - e) Report of the President on the activities of the Executive Board, the annual expenses and profits of the E.C.M.P. and the resume of the activities of the Confederation members;
  - f) Report of the Honorary Auditors;
  - g) Decision concerning the annual membership fee;
  - h) Adoption of the budget plan for the next year and approval of the balance sheet;
  - i) Election of the President, two Vice Presidents and four Members of the Executive Board;
  - j) Election of the two Honorary Auditors;
  - k) Decisions on motions submitted;
  - l) Election of Honorary members;
  - m) Any other business.
10. The agenda can be modified with the agreement of at least 2/3 of the attending delegates having the right to vote.
11. The Extraordinary GA is the only body qualified to modify the Statutes and to decide the dissolution of the E.C.M.P. Its calling undergoes the same regulation as the ordinary one.
12. The Extraordinary GA shall also take place on request of the Executive Board or on request of at least 1/3 of the affiliated active Federations in good standing of the total number of affiliated NFs.
13. The persons admitted to attend the assembly without vote may be authorised by the Chairman to express their opinion and give their point of view on questions included in the agenda of the meeting.

## **MOTIONS**

### *Article 9*

1. The complete text of motions to be submitted to the GA must reach the E.C.M.P. Secretariat at the latest 60 days prior to the meeting of an Ordinary GA or 30 days prior to an Extraordinary GA.
2. Motions must be accompanied by all arguments needed to explain them, and each motion should not mix different subjects.
3. Candidatures to the election of the Board of Directors, members and Honorary Auditors must reach the E.C.M.P. Secretariat by letter 60 days before the meeting, at the latest.
4. Motions received within the fixed terms must be mailed from the E.C.M.P. Secretariat to the affiliated Federations and to all members of the Executive Board at least 30 days prior to the meeting (20 days if it is an Extraordinary GA).

5. If one of the confederation members refers to the GA a matter which is not included on the agenda, or proposes a motion after the fixed delay, or even from the floor, the GA, if at least 2/3 of the voting members at the GA approve, may accept immediate discussion of the matter. It also may request the Executive Board to provide it with a report.

## **RIGHT TO VOTE**

### *Article 10*

Each active Member National Federation present in good standing (dues paid) has the right to express one vote. Member federations not paying annual membership fee cannot exercise their voting power at the annual General Assembly and will not be eligible to participate at any European Championships.

## **VOTING**

### *Article 11*

1. A simple majority of the attending participants in the Assembly is enough to approve any proposal, motion or candidacy, except amendments of Statutes, when a favourable voting of 2/3 is necessary, and dissolution of E.C.M.P., which must be decided with a majority of the present members entitled to vote, in two successive GAs specially convened for this purpose.
2. Votes are expressed by raising the hand unless any member present requests a secret ballot.
3. The positions within the Confederation bodies are elected by secret ballot.
4. The President, two Vice Presidents and the other members and the two Honorary Auditors elected take office after the U.I.P.M. General Assembly.

## **THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### *Article 12*

1. The Executive Board is composed of the President, two Vice Presidents plus four Members, all of them from different European nations.
2. The Executive Board:
  - a) Meets at least once a year, and when the President or the majority of the members decide to examine important or urgent questions;
  - b) Prepares the meetings of the GA;
  - c) Elaborates the working of the E.C.M.P. to be submitted for approval of the GA;
  - d) Carries out the decisions taken by the GA;
  - e) Prepares the balance sheet and the budget to be submitted for approval by the GA;
  - f) Deals with the current administrative affairs;
  - g) Supervises the strict application of the Statutes and the U.I.P.M. regulations;
  - h) Presents its motions to the E.C.M.P. GA;
  - i) Keeps the Member Federations informed on the major items;
  - j) Decides upon the bid-documents, the organisers of the European Championships.

3. If one of the members of the Executive Board is absent from the activities of the Confederation, including the GAs and meetings of the Executive Board for two consecutive years, he must be replaced and a new member must be elected.
4. If a position on the Executive Board becomes vacant, the Executive Board shall procure a temporary replacement. The next GA shall decide a final replacement.

## **THE PRESIDENT**

### *Article 13*

1. The President of the E.C.M.P.:
  - a) Assumes the general direction of the E.C.M.P., and chairs the meetings of the GA and the Executive Board;
  - b) Adopts useful measures to ensure the correct carrying out of the E.C.M.P., with reserve to have his decisions approved by the Executive Board;
  - c) Legally represents the E.C.M.P.;
  - d) Proposes the Secretary and controls his activities.
2. If necessary, he can delegate his powers inside the E.C.M.P. and for internal affairs.
3. The President himself is a member by right to the Executive Board of the U.I.P.M.

### *Article 14*

1. The Vice Presidents assist the President; they can be entrusted with special missions.
2. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is the one who has obtained the greater number of votes or, in case of equal number of votes, the oldest in age. He replaces the President in his absence.

## **THE SECRETARY**

### *Article 15*

1. The Secretary is the executive organ of the E.C.M.P. The Executive Board, upon proposal of the President, nominates him.
2. The Secretary:
  - a) Organises the meetings of the Executive Board, of which he is the Secretary;
  - b) Supervises the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and of the Assembly;
  - c) Keeps the minutes and the archives of the E.C.M.P.;
  - d) Prepares the balance sheet and the budget according to the disposition expressed by the Executive Board;
  - e) Prepares the bulletin of the European Confederation and supervises the correspondence with the various National Federations and the U.I.P.M.

## **ELECTIONS**

### *Article 16*

1. The President, Vice Presidents, four members of the Executive Board and two Honorary Auditors of the European Confederation are elected for a four year mandate. They may be re-elected.
2. The Member Federations propose the candidates.

3. The elections to the various positions are carried out in the following order:
  - a) President
  - b) Two Vice Presidents
  - c) Members of the Executive Board
  - d) Honorary Auditors
4. Should, for any reason, the E.C.M.P.'s President become permanently unavailable or resigns, the senior Vice President takes over temporarily until the next GA. A new President shall be elected at the next GA.

## **THE AUDITORS**

### *Article 17*

1. The Honorary Auditors must be from two different European nations, elected by the GA for the duration of the same four year Olympic period as the Executive Board.
2. They verify the accounts of the E.C.M.P. and certify the balance sheet.
3. They keep their position even if the Executive Board undergoes dissolution before the end of its mandate.

### *Chapter IV*

## **FINANCE**

### *Article 18*

1. The financial year starts May 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
2. The income/receipts consist of the annual membership fees, U.I.P.M. contributions, other contributions from private or public bodies and eventual marketing profits.

## **SANCTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

### *Article 19*

Disciplinary regulations are enforced by the relevant bodies of the U.I.P.M.

## **OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

### *Article 20*

English and French are the official languages of the Confederation.

## **DISSOLUTION**

### *Article 21*

1. In the event of dissolution of the E.C.M.P., the property of the Confederation may be liquidated either by the General Assembly or by the liquidators appointed by the GA for this purpose.
2. The net assets shall be allocated to the U.I.P.M.