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ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN
SPORTS CONFEDERATIONS

CONSTITUTION

Amended by the Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly
holding Brazzaville, on 9th September 2015

ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN SPORTS CONFEDERATIONS

(A A. S. C.)

CLAUSES OF INTERPRETATION

AASC	:	Association_of_African_Sports_Confederations
ASC	:	AfricanSportsConfederation
AU	:	AfricanUnion
SCSA	:	SupremeCouncilforSport inAfrica
ANOCA	:	AssociationofNationalOlympicCommitteesofAfrica
ISF	:	InternationalSportsFederations
GAISF	:	GeneralAssemblyofInternationalSportsFederations
IOC	:	InternationalOlympicCommittee
NOC	:	NationalOlympicCommittee
ASOIF	:	AssociationofSummerOlympicInternationalFederations
AWOS	:	AssociationofWinterOlympics
AASJ	:	AssociationofAfricanSportsJournalists
AASM	:	AssociationofAfricanSportsMedicine
WADA	:	WorldAnti-DopingAgency
CIP	:	InternationalParalympicsCommittee

**PART I: NAME- ACRONYMS- DURATION – EMBLEM- FLAG -
LOGO- HEADQUARTERS–AIMS**

Article 1: Name and duration

An apolitical, non-profit sport Association which aims to oversee recognized sport disciplines is hereby constituted among African Sports Confederations called **ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN SPORTS CONFEDERATIONS**.

The Association of African Sports Confederation shall have a legal personality and its duration shall be indefinite.

Article 2: Acronym

The acronym of the Association of African Sports Confederation in English shall be **A.A.S.C.** in English and **U.C.S.A.** in French.

Article 3: Duration

The duration of A.A.S.C shall be indefinite.

Article 4: Emblem

The A.A.S.C emblem is characterized by the map of Africa in rainbow colors framed by two palms crossed down and slightly shifted up in a form of a circle with the acronym in English and French under.

Article 5: Flag

The A.A.S.C flag is white with its emblem featuring in the centre.

Article 6: Logo

The A.A.S.C logo is made up of Africa map in rainbow colors.

Article 7: Headquarters

The Headquarters of the A.A.S.C shall be in Yaounde, Republic of Cameroon, and may be transferred elsewhere only by decision of a two thirds majority of member confederations present at the General Assembly and in good standing as regards the payment of their contributions. This decision is made by secret ballot.

Agreements relating to the headquarters shall be signed between authorities of the country hosting the headquarters and the A.A.S.C Bureau.

Article 8: Aims

The A.A.S.C shall pursue the following aims:

- Promote understanding, cooperation and mutual assistance among African Sports Confederations;
- Promote and encourage women's participation in sport practice and administration of sport structures;
- Foster the exchange of experiences in relation to technical and administrative organization;
- Help in harmonizing the schedule for training courses, competitions and other events organized by African Sports Confederations;
- Contribute in drawing up programmes of the African Games, ensure their organization and be technically responsible for them;
- Represent African Sports Confederations within the African Sport Movement;
- Cooperate with African Union, African States and international sport organizations in drawing up and implementing sports policies in Africa ;
- Contribute to the promotion of traditional sports and the development of Olympic and non-Olympic sports in Africa;
- Encourage and support research in the domain of sport and physical education;
- Harmonize the points of view of members on issues pertaining to African Sport Policy and the management of sport at the international level;
- Combat all forms of racial, political, sexual or religious discrimination in sport;
- Maintain fruitful relations with the General Assembly of International Sports Federations (GAISF), and the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF);
- Cooperate with ANOCA, IOC and IPC (International Paralympic Committee) and ICSD (International Committee of Sports for the Deaf) in

promoting Olympism, visibility of Sport in Africa and its performance at the global level as well as inclusion of gender and all other categories of people.

- Cooperate with AASM in promoting sports medicine in Africa;
- -Contribute to the campaign to eradicate HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, protection of the environment and the fight against poverty alongside African countries;
- Contribute through appropriate measures to curb the phenomenon of uncontrolled exodus of budding African talents to other continents, in collaboration with other stakeholders of the African sport Movement;
- Cooperate with the world Anti-doping Agency (WADA) to fight against doping, protect the physical and moral health of athletes;
- Cooperate with Governments in order to seek solutions to the problems existing between them and national sport federations.

PART II: MEMBERSHIP

Article 9: Admission

1. Any Confederation legally constituted and which aims to oversee a known or recognized sport discipline and which is also made up of at least (18) eighteen national federations affiliated to their respective international federations and wishes to become an AASC member shall submit an application duly signed by the President of the said association to the AASC Executive Bureau together with the membership fees.
2. Confederations comprising more than eight and less than eighteen national federations could be admitted as observers till they fulfill the condition above. Provisional admission shall be decided by the Executive Bureau. However, final admission shall be exclusively incumbent upon the General Assembly.
3. Any membership applications must include, among other documents, the Constitution of the Association, composition of the Bureau of the Association, recognition by the International Federation, a formal undertaking to abide by the AASC Constitution, and Minutes of the Constitutive General Assembly.

Article 10: Loss of Membership

Membership in the Association may be lost as a result of a resignation, exclusion or expulsion. Provisional suspension may be decided by the

Executive Committee as a result of serious violation of the constitution or the nonobservance of the financial obligations stated in the AASC Constitution.

Article 11: Ex-officio member

Only one confederation per sport code is recognized by A.A.S.C. The status of Ex-officio member is conferred to any confederation recognized by AASC under the conditions provided for in Article 9, paragraph 1 above, and which is in good standing towards AASC.

Article 12: Honorary Members

The General Assembly may, upon recommendation of the Executive Bureau, confer the status of honorary member on persons who have rendered outstanding services to AASC. It can also confer the status of **honorary life President**.

PART III: ORGANS

The Association of African Sports Confederations shall carry out its activities through the following organs:

- The General Assembly ;
- The Executive Bureau.

The A.A.S.C may set up, if need be, permanent specialized or ad hoc committees to assist it in the discharge of its duties

SECTION I: General Assembly

Article 13: Definition-Convocation

The General Assembly shall be the supreme governing body of AASC.

It shall meet once every 2(two) years in ordinary session, upon convocation by the AASC President.

Elective General Assemblies shall be held once every four years, preferably on the margins of the All Africa Games. In the event that elections take place during the Games, the terms of office of elected members shall take effect right as from the following day of the close of the Games.

Otherwise, these terms of office shall take effect maximum 8 days after the elections.

For ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies, convening notices, accompanied by the Agenda, shall be sent to members at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Article 14: Composition

The General Assembly shall comprise two representatives of member confederations in good standing. Each Confederation may be represented by a maximum of two members, duly mandated.

Representatives of the AASJ, Confederations seeking admission and honorary members shall participate in the General Assembly as observer, without voting right.

Article 15: Powers

The General Assembly shall:

- Define and oversee AASC General Policy;
- Examine the management report of the previous financial year;
- Set the date and venue of each meeting;
- Elect members of the Executive Bureau and appoint the auditor;
- Amend the Constitution and the A.A.S.C Rules of procedure;
- Adopt the budget and set the amount of annual contribution;
- Approve national grants;
- Make decisions on affiliation, resignation, suspension, exclusion or expulsion of members.

Article 16: Agenda

The Agenda of an Ordinary General Assembly must at least include the following items:

- a. Roll call;
- b. Address by the President;
- c. Adoption of Minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting;
- d. Secretary General's progress report;
- e. Financial report;
- f. Auditor's Report;
- g. Adoption of Budget;
- h. Affiliation, resignation, suspension, exclusion or expulsion of members;
- i. Examination of the Regulations of the African Games;
- j. Approval of the regulations of all competitions and events organized by A.A.S.C;

- k. Election, if need be, of members of the Bureau and, possibly, of the honorary life President and honorary members;
- l. Date and Venue of the next General Assembly
- m. Any other business

African Sports Confederations wishing to include an item on the Agenda of the General Assembly must inform the Secretary General at least 3 (three) months prior to the date scheduled for the holding of General Assembly.

Article 17: Extraordinary Sessions

An extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by the AASC President, on the decision of the Executive Committee, or at the request in writing of the two-thirds of members of African Sports Confederations in good standing.

Article 18: Quorum - Vote

Deliberations of the General Assembly shall be considered as valid only if they are conducted in the presence of a constituted quorum of simple majority of members of African Sports Confederations present and in good standing. In case the quorum is not attained, the General Assembly shall be delayed for 24 hours and may therefore meet irrespective of the number of members present.

Votes on all issues shall be by show of hand except for elections.

Each African Sports Confederation shall be entitled to one vote only; however, it shall be authorized to be represented by a maximum of two delegates who shall participate in the deliberations. In case of a tie in votes cast, the President shall have the casting vote.

Vote by proxy or by correspondence shall not be allowed and no delegate shall be allowed to represent more than one African Sports Confederations.

Decisions shall be taken by simple majority, except for cases where a qualified majority is set by the present Constitution.

Decisions taken by the General Assembly shall be binding on member confederations, provided they are not in contradiction with their constitutions and those of the International Sports Federations concerned.

Article 19: Elections

Candidatures for posts in the Executive Bureau (President, Vice-Presidents and Members), must be submitted to the Secretariat General one (1) month prior to the scheduled date of the General Assembly.

Each Confederation shall as of right propose one of its members for only one post of the A.A.S.C Executive Bureau.

In case an Executive Bureau Member no longer holds office in his Confederation of origin, he shall continue his term of office in the A.A.S.C, till the General Assembly meets and elects his successor.

In the event of resignation or demise of the President, the first Vice-President shall act as President till the next General Assembly. It shall be the same in the case of a Vice-President, in the order of precedence.

Elections shall be by secret ballot.

Election results shall be obtained in the first round, by simple majority. In case of a tie, a second round limited to the two candidates with the highest number of votes shall be held.

If there continues to be a tie, the oldest candidate shall be declared elected.

Article 20: MINUTES

Minutes of the General Assembly shall be circulated to Confederations within 30 days following the closure of the General Assembly.

Minutes shall be considered as tacitly approved if no opposition is notified by registered letter within 60 days following their submission.

SECTION II: Executive Bureau

Article 21: Composition and Powers

The Executive Bureau shall be made up of:

- 6 elected members, namely:
- 1 President;
- 3 Vice Presidents elected in order of precedence, among which one lady in the case at least one female candidature is announced;
- 2 Members;

- One Secretary General without voting right, appointed by the Executive Bureau upon recommendation by the President;
- Honorary Life President.

The Secretary General and the Honorary President shall take part in all deliberations, without voting right.

The term of office of Executive Bureau members shall be four years renewable.

The Executive Bureau shall have jurisdiction over matters requiring an immediate decision between two General Assemblies. It shall meet annually in ordinary sessions or as need arises, upon convocation by the AASC President.

Any decision taken by the Executive Bureau shall be executed immediately and should be submitted to the ratification of the next session of the General Assembly.

Transportation expenses of Executive Bureau members shall be borne by their respective Confederations. Board and lodging expenses shall be borne by A.A.S.C.

Article 22: Powers of the President

The President, in his capacity as the moral authority of the AASC, shall chair all General Assembly and Executive Bureau meetings, and make sure decisions these organs are implemented by member Confederations. In this respect, he shall give necessary instructions to the Secretary General.

In his absence, he may mandate one of the Vice-Presidents, in order of precedence.

He shall represent the A.A.S.C in all public ceremonies and in court.

SECTION III: THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL

Article 23: Duties of the Association of African Sports Confederations (A.A.S.C) shall be executed by a standing administrative organ, which is the Secretariat General of A.A.S.C.

The Secretariat General of the A.A.S.C shall be headed by a Secretary General appointed by the Executive Bureau, upon recommendation by A.A.S.C President.

Article 24: Duties of the Secretary General

The duties and conditions for recruitment of the Secretary General are governed by this Constitution and the AASC Staff Regulations.

- Reporting to the President, the AASC Secretary General shall head the administration of the AASC.
- He shall oversee the preparation of all meetings of the AASC Executive Bureau and General Assembly.
- He shall be in charge of drafting, distributing and filing minutes and all other documents.
- Ensure the good management and fast-track the treatment of files;
- Ensure the material organization of services;
- Prepare invitations for meetings; Draft, distribute and file minutes and all other documents;
- Examine affiliation requests of new confederations and submit a report to the Executive Bureau;
- Ensure the follow-up of the technical organization of competitions placed under the control of AASC.
- He shall be answerable to the President with regard to the management of funds placed at his disposal.

PART IV : FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 25: Revenues

A.A.S.C resources shall be constituted by:

- Annual contributions by Confederations, the amount of which shall be determined by the General Assembly, and due as from 1st January;
- advertizing income;
- All types of grants and donations;
- Income generated from sports events and competitions organized by AASC;
- Proceeds of the All Africa Games as specified in the organizing agreements;
- -Subsidies from International Sports Associations or from African sport authorities.

Article 26 : Expenditure

A.A.S.C funds shall cover:

- a) Expenditure related to AASC activities;
- b) Running cost of the Secretariat General;
- c) Possible grants to African Sports Confederations.

Article 27: Budget/ Audit of accounts

The A.A.S.C budget shall be tabled to the General Assembly for adoption as per the conditions laid down in the financial Regulations.

The audit of accounts shall be done by an auditor (accounting firm) in charge of:

- Controlling the financial management of A.A.S.C and submit a report to the Executive Bureau and to the General Assembly ;
- Advising the Executive Bureau in the preparation of the A.A.S.C Budget.

Article 28: Sanctions

African Sports Confederations which owe up to two years of contributions shall be suspended till the full payment of their arrears.

TITRE V : MODIFICATION-DISSOLUTION

Article 29: Modification

Only the General Assembly may amend the A.A.S.C Constitution and Regulations.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be filed with the Secretariat General at least 03(three) months before the scheduled date of the General Assembly. They shall be examined beforehand by the Executive Bureau.

Amendments shall only be considered as valid if they are adopted by two-thirds of members with voting rights present at the General Assembly.

Article 30: Dissolution

The A.A.S.C may only be dissolved by a Meeting of the General Assembly specifically convened for this purpose. To be valid, the dissolution decision must be taken by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of members present with voting right. In case of dissolution, all financial obligations must be honored and the credit balance as well as the assets shall be vested in a similar sports movement in Africa.

TITRE VI: GENERAL PROVISIONS - ADOPTION

Article 31: Official and working languages

The official languages of AASC shall be English, French, Arabic and Portuguese. The working languages shall be English and French.

In case of disagreement relating to the interpretation of instruments, the French text shall be deemed authentic.

Article 32: Cases not provided for

All cases not provided for in this Constitution shall be settled by the Executive Bureau, whose decisions shall be immediately applicable, subject to the approval of the next session of the General Assembly.

Article 33: Adoption

This Constitution was amended and adopted by the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Association of African Sports Confederations (A.A.S.C) held on 09 September 2015 in Brazzaville.

Done at Brazzaville on 09 Septembre 2015