

2.10 Inception and responsibilities of the Continental Federations of the WMF



Part 1: GENERAL

Intro: This rule is released by the WMF Delegates Conference to strengthen the minigolf sport and its development worldwide.

The existing continental federations, i.e. Europe, Asia and America, are given time until 1st January 2013 to take any necessary steps to be in compliance with this rule.

Art. 1: Definition of a continental federation

A continental federation is a sub-organisation of the WMF. It is usually composed of a number of member nations located on the same continent.

Art. 2: Inception of continental federation

The Delegates Conference of the WMF decides about

- 2.1 the inception of a new continental federation;
- 2.2 the splitting of an existing continental federation to a multiple of continental federations.

Art. 3: Assignment of member nations to a continental federation

- 3.1 Prior to joining a continental federation, new member nations must be at least provisional members of the WMF. Exclusion of member nations by WMF automatically leads to a loss of membership in continental federations.
- 3.2 The Executive Committee of WMF is responsible for the assignment or re-assignment of member nations to a continental federation.
- 3.3 A member nation may file an objection against the decision of the Executive Committee within 90 days from the publication of the decision. The objection must be submitted to the WMF office.
- 3.4 In the case of an objection the Delegates Conference is responsible for making a decision. The decision of the Delegates Conference is final.

Art. 4: Acknowledgment of WMF rules

The continental federation acknowledges the Statutes, rules and regulations issued by the WMF.

Part 2: RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTINENTAL FEDERATIONS

Art. 5: General

A continental federation has the following responsibilities:

- 5.1** Set-up a complete organisation including an executive committee and other committees (see Art. 7);
- 5.2** Support member nations, registrars and applicants (see Art. 8);
- 5.3** Meet minimum financial requirements (see Art. 9);
- 5.4** Organise continental championships (see Art. 10);
- 5.5** Support the fight against doping (see Art. 11).

Art. 6: Support by WMF

- 6.1** WMF grants active support to continental federations.
- 6.2** Support includes in particular know-how transfer, financial support and manpower.

Art. 7: Organisation

- 7.1** The continental federation sets up its own organisation, determines a democratic election procedure and decides about the number, the tasks and the composition of its committees.
- 7.2** The highest decision-making authority of the continental federation is its delegates conference of all member nations. The delegates conference is authorised, amongst other things, to carry out at least the following functions:
 - 7.2.1** Change of Statutes and rules of the federation;
 - 7.2.2** Election of the member of the executive committee and other committees;
 - 7.2.3** Approval of the annual accounts and budget estimates;
 - 7.2.4** Relieving executive committee members of their duties;
 - 7.2.5** Setting of membership fees and tournament fees;
 - 7.2.6** Dissolution of the federation.
- 7.3** As a minimum requirement the continental federation must elect at least an executive committee with the following officials:
 - 7.3.1** President
 - 7.3.2** Secretary General
 - 7.3.3** Finance Manager
 - 7.3.4** Sport Director

7.3.5 Media Manager

No official may represent two or more positions. With the exception of the nomination rights granted by WMF statutes no official shall be a member of the bodies of WMF or other continental federations.

7.4 Advancement of men and women

Both genders should be represented in committees.

7.5 Right of appeal: the continental federation must grant the right to appeal against any decision taken by bodies of the continental federation to a legal committee which is independent from other committees and the delegates conference.

Art. 8: Support of member nations

8.1 The continental federation in cooperation with the WMF is responsible for the support of the member nations belonging to its federation.

8.2 Support includes in particular know-how transfer, financial support and manpower.

Art. 9: Financial requirements

9.1 The continental federation is responsible for sustainable financing of the federation. This includes:

9.1.1 Cashing of membership fees from its member nations based on a minimum fee and the number of active players;

9.1.2 Finding sponsors in co-ordination with the WMF;

9.1.3 Participating in income derived from continental championships based on an agreement with the championships organiser.

9.2 The continental federation must decide a budget showing a loss exceeding 20 percent of the annual membership fee with a **two-thirds majority** of the votes present in the delegates conference.

9.3 Losses effectively incurred exceeding 20 percent of the annual membership fee must be recovered within 3 years by a profit.

Art. 10: Tournament schedule / continental championships

The continental federation organises at least the following continental championships:

10.1 Continental championships for general class every second year;

- 10.2** Federations with **5 or more** member nations: continental championships for youth players every second year. The championships for youth players may be integrated in the continental championships. However, youth categories may not be mixed with other categories.

Art. 11: Anti-doping actions

- 11.1** The continental federation supports the world-wide fight against doping and takes over the tasks assigned by WADA and the WMF. Acknowledgment must be incorporated in the statutes of the continental federation.
- 11.2** The continental federation appoints one official to act as anti-doping officer. The anti-doping officer must be independent from the executive committee and other committees.
- 11.3** The executive committee shall be empowered to transfer all rights and duties for in-competition-tests and out-of-competition-tests as well as the complete work with the development and implementation of the WADA-Code and its provisions to the WMF.

Part 3: INFORMATION AND SANCTIONS

Art. 12: Information

The continental federation keeps WMF updated about:

- 12.1** Release and change of statutes, rules and regulations;
- 12.2** Address details of officials of the federation;
- 12.3** Organisation of continental championships;
- 12.4** Annual reports, financial statements and budget;
- 12.5** Actions taken to support the worldwide fight against doping.

Art. 13: Sanctions

In case the continental federation does not meet with the responsibilities drawn up in the Statutes of the WMF and in this rule the WMF Executive Committee may impose – after offer of support and due warning – the following sanctions:

- 13.1** Release a written warning to the executive committee of the federation;
- 13.2** Cut financial support granted to the federation.

Art. 14: Objection against sanctions

Objections against sanctions imposed by the WMF Executive Committee may be filed by the executive committee of the federation with the legal committee of the WMF. Legal remedies from any ordinary court of any country are hereby excluded.

Sanctions imposed by the WMF Executive Committee remain in force as long as the legal committee of the WMF has not taken any contrary decision.

Part 4: ENTRY INTO FORCE

Art. 15: Coming into effect

This rule enters into force after approval by the Delegates Conference.

Art. 16: Adaptation of rule by existing continental federations

The existing continental federations, i.e. Europe, Asia and America, take the necessary steps to be in compliance by 1st January 2013.

Art. 17: Adaptation of rule by new continental federations

A new continental federation is given four years from its inception to be in compliance with this rule.

Decision taken:

At the ordinary Delegates' Conference in Odense, Denmark, 16th August 2009
