

2.11 Affiliation and responsibilities of the Member Nations of the WMF



Part 1: GENERAL

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

Active members are given time until 1st January 2013 to be in compliance with this rule.

Art. 1: In general

- 1.1 In accordance with Art. 6.1 of the Statutes of the WMF only one association may represent each nation as an active member.
- 1.2 As soon as more than one club or sports institution from the same country are registered with the WMF only an association integrating all clubs or sports institutions registered with the WMF may apply for membership with the WMF. An association must be built irrespective of national legislation requirements regarding minimum number of clubs/organisations needed to build an association.
- 1.3 Similarly, membership granted to one club or sports institution must be assigned to a national association as soon as other clubs or sports institutions become existing in the respective country.
- 1.4 In exchange of the exclusive right the organisation of the member nation and its activities must meet certain basic requirements. It is the responsibility of the member nations to develop the minigolf sport in their respective countries, to develop cross-border contacts with other member nations and minigolf players and to contribute to the international development of minigolf sport.

Art. 2: Affiliation of member nations (decision making and process)

- 2.1 The Delegates Conference of WMF decides about
 - 2.1.1 the granting of membership to new members;
 - 2.1.2 the termination of membership.
- 2.2 The Executive Committee of the WMF, in the framework of the Statutes and rules of the WMF, decides about
 - 2.2.1 the affiliation process for the candidates;
 - 2.2.2 the granting of provisional membership to candidates;
 - 2.2.3 the submitting of applications to the Delegates Conference for granting full membership of the WMF.

- 2.3 The Executive Committee may draw up a regulation to clarify details of the affiliation process.

Part 2: RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBER NATIONS

Art. 3: General

A member has the following responsibilities:

- 3.1 Set-up a complete organisation including an executive committee and other committees (see Art. 5);
- 3.2 Support minigolf sports clubs/institutions and players (see Art. 6);
- 3.3 Meet minimum financial requirements (see Art. 7);
- 3.4 Organise national championships (see Art. 8);
- 3.5 Support the fight against doping (see Art. 9);
- 3.6 Seek for recognition of minigolf sport and affiliation with national sports organisation (see Art. 10).

Art. 4: Support by the WMF and Continental Federations

- 4.1 The WMF and the continental federations grant active support to member nations.
- 4.2 Support includes in particular know-how transfer, financial support and manpower.

Art. 5: Organisation

- 5.1 The member sets up its own organisation, determines a democratic election procedure and decides about the number, the tasks and the composition of its committees.
- 5.2 The highest decision-making authority of the member is the member's delegates conference of all sports clubs/institutions or players. The delegates conference is authorised, amongst other things, to carry out at least the following functions:
- 5.2.1 Change of constitution and rules of the member;
- 5.2.2 Election of the member of the executive committee and other committees;
- 5.2.3 Approval of the annual accounts and budget estimates;
- 5.2.4 Relieving executive committee members of their duties;
- 5.2.5 Setting of membership fees and tournament fees;
- 5.2.6 Granting and termination of membership to sports clubs/institutions and players;

5.2.7 Dissolution of the association.

5.3 As a minimum requirement the member nation must elect at least an executive committee (board or similar) with the following officials:

5.3.1 President

5.3.2 Vice-President or Secretary

5.3.3 Finance Manager

No official may represent two or more positions.

5.4 The election of further officials to the executive committee is at the discretion of the member.

5.5 Furthermore, the member nation assigns the following duties:

5.5.4 one person responsible for youth work

5.5.5 one person responsible for media work

5.5.6 one person responsible for sport

5.5.7 one person responsible for the fight against doping

5.6 Advancement of men and women

Both genders should be represented in committees.

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

Art. 6: Support of clubs/institutions and players

6.1 The member is responsible for the support of the minigolf sports clubs/institutions and players belonging to its association.

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

Art. 7: Financial requirements

7.1 The member is responsible for sustainable financing of its organisation. This includes the cashing of membership fees from its clubs/institutions and players.

7.2 The member 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.

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

Art. 8: Tournament schedule / national championships

The member organises at least the following national championships:

- 8.1** National championships for general class every year;
- 8.2** Members with **200 or more** active players: separate championships for youth players every year. The championships for youth players may be integrated in the national championships. However, youth categories may not be mixed with other categories.

Art. 9: Anti-doping actions

- 9.1** The member supports the world-wide fight against doping and takes over the tasks assigned by WADA and the WMF. Acknowledgment must be incorporated in the constitution of the member nation.
- 9.2.** As long as the member nation has not assigned the responsibilities for anti-doping duties to the national sports organisation, the member nation appoints one official to act as anti-doping officer. The anti-doping officer must be independent from the executive committee and other committees.

Art. 10: Recognition of minigolf sport and affiliation with national sports organisation

- 10.1** The member nation must seek official recognition of minigolf sport in their respective countries.
- 10.2** The member nation must affiliate with the national sports organisation (national Olympic committee or other sports organisation).
- 10.3** As long as either minigolf sport is not recognised and/or the member nation concerned is not a member of the national sports organisation the member nation submits an annual report to the WMF covering the current status and the undertakings performed to reach recognition and/or affiliation. Support to reach these goals may be sought from the WMF.

Part 3: INFORMATION AND SANCTIONS**Art. 11: Information**

Notwithstanding other duties derived from the Statutes, rules and regulations of the WMF the member keeps the WMF updated about:

- 11.1** Release and change of constitution;
- 11.2** Address details of officials of the association;
- 11.3** Organisation of national championships;
- 11.4** Actions taken to support the worldwide fight against doping.

Art. 12: Sanctions

In case the member does not meet with the responsibilities drawn up in the Statutes, rules and regulations of WMF the Executive Committee WMF may impose – after the offer of support and due warning – the following sanctions:

- 12.1** Release a written warning to the executive committee of the association;
- 12.2** Suspend any support given;
- 12.3** Suspend the participation of the players to international championships;
- 12.3** Suspend the member's membership rights and file a motion to the Delegates Conference to terminate the membership.

Art. 13: Objection against sanctions

Objections against sanctions imposed by the WMF Executive Committee may be filed by the executive committee of the member 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. 14: Coming into effect**

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

Art. 15: Adaptation of rule by existing members

The existing members of WMF, take the necessary steps to be in compliance by 1st January 2013.

Art. 16: Adaptation of rule by new members

A new member is given four years since its affiliation with WMF to be in compliance with this rule.

Decision taken:

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