



# **EXTRAINSATT**

# **ÅRSMÖTE 2019**

**för Svenska Armsportsförbundet**

# Kallelse till extrainsatt årsmöte 2019 för Svenska Armsportsförbundet

Svensk Armsports styrelse kallar härmed våra medlemmar till ett **extrainsatt årsmöte**.

**Tid:** Kl 20:00, söndagen den 1 september 2019

**Plats:** Skype

Enligt det extrainsatta årsmötet den 9 juni valde förbundet att gå ur EAF och WAF. Det nu stundade årsmötet behandlar frågan om förbundet ska söka medlemskap i det nya internationella förbundet International Federation of Armwrestling (IFA). Bifogat är gällande stadgar för IFA (Bilaga 1).

Styrelsen välkomna de som önskar delta i en beredning av ärendet att kontakta Andreas Johansson eller Anders Axklo för att delta i arbetsgrupp gällande medlemskap i IFA.

Detta extrainsatta årsmöte kommer att hållas via Skype och därför skall en representant för er klubb delge ett Skype-alias samt ett mobilnummer till [sekreterare@svenskarmsport.com](mailto:sekreterare@svenskarmsport.com) senast den **25 augusti**.

Vid tidpunkten för mötet loggar ni in på Skype så kommer styrelsen att ringa upp.

**Varmt välkomna**

*Svensk Armsports Förbundsstyrelse*

*Svensk Armbrytning är ett föredöme i  
idrottssverige både i resultat och i organisation.*

# **Dagordning vid extrainsatt årsmöte 2019 för Svenska Armsportförbundet**

söndagen den 1 september 2019, kl. 20:00 via Skype.

- 1. Mötets öppnande samt fastställande av röstlängd**
- 2. Godkännande av kallelse samt fastställande av dagordning**
- 3. Val av mötets ordförande samt mötets sekreterare**
- 4. Val av 1 st protokolljusterare tillika rösträknare**
- 5. Förslag från styrelsen:**
  - a** Att Svenska Armsportsförbundet ansöker om medlemskap i International Federation of Armwrestling (IFA) (Stadgar se Bilaga 1 och medlemsansökan Bilaga 2).
- 6. Mötets avslutande**

# STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ARMWRESTLING (IFA)

## ***I. Name and seat***

### **Art. 1**

The "International Federation of Armwrestling" (hereinafter referred to as "IFA" or/and "Federation") is an association, headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland. IFA is an association consisting, in particular national member associations, which controls the worldwide armwrestling according to the following statutes.

## ***II. Purpose***

### **Art. 2**

The Federation aims at what follows:

1. Comprehensive development of the armwrestling sports discipline worldwide.
2. Promotion of the armwrestling sports discipline through all available communication and media channels.
3. Representing the interests of the members of the National federations in international and national government organizations, international sports organizations, including the International Olympic Committee and other related institutions.
4. The development of the amateur armwrestling for all people, regardless of age groups, nationality, religion, gender and race.
5. Implementing unified competition rules and safety standards to the armwrestling training and competition throughout the world.
6. Organization and running the World Armwrestling Championship, as well as National and Continental qualifying championships.
7. Applying maximum efforts to create favorable conditions for the development of sports, training and fair competitive process.
8. Cooperation with international and national anti-doping agencies and government organizations.

In order to fulfill its purpose, IFA may set up branches and subsidiaries in Switzerland and/or abroad, and participate in other domestic and foreign companies, as well as any business directly or indirectly related to its purpose.

IFA may acquire, encumber, dispose of and administer real estate in order to fulfill its purpose both domestically and abroad. It may also carry out financing for its own or third-party account in order to fulfill its purpose, as well as provide guarantees for subsidiaries and third parties.

## ***III. Membership***

### **Art. 3**

Members of the association may become natural or legal persons and other national armwrestling associations/ federations, which are willing to recognize and promote the purpose of the IFA.

Natural persons are in particular sponsoring (passive) members in the field of technical advice, legal advice, media or finance (sponsors).

The association has full members, associate members and affiliated members.

Any decision of the General Assembly on membership requires a simple majority of the votes cast.

The annual membership fee is set annually by the General Assembly. Annual membership fee shall be not more than  CHF

### **Art. 4**

Type of membership in the IFA is granted as follows:

1. Full Member
2. Associate Member
3. Affiliate member

### **Art. 5**

Membership of the IFA requires the approval of the General Assembly. In exceptional circumstances, the Board of Directors may grant provisional membership in IFA, subject to approval by the General Assembly of IFA. This also applies to the non-grant of voting rights.

### **Art. 6**

An applicant wishing to become a member of the IFA must submit a written application in English or German to the Board. The application must include:

1. Filled membership application form.
2. Registration documents of the national federation / association
3. The original minutes of the General Assembly of the national organization / association / federation with the legitimate decision to join the IFA.

For natural persons, points 1 and 2 apply *mutatis mutandis*.

The IFA reserves the right to request further information from applicants if necessary.

The Board is authorized not to submit a membership application that does not meet the requirements of Articles 4 and 5 mentioned above to the General Meeting.

### **Art. 7**

No additional application for membership can be made by a state for which there is already a national member association of the IFA.

### **Art. 8**

Full membership, affiliation and association gives the member the right to participate in all activities and affairs of the IFA.

The **Full Members and Associate Members** have the right to submit written applications to the General Assembly.

The **Associated and Affiliated Members** have no voting rights.

The General Meeting may decide that no voting rights are granted to a full member. The decision may only be taken together with the decision to accept the member. The subsequent grant of voting rights must also be made by resolution of the General Assembly.

#### **Art. 9**

The members of the IFA have the following obligations:

1. Strictly comply with the rules and regulations of this Statute, as well as other legal documents of the IFA;
2. Fully implement the legal decisions of the General Assembly, the Board, the Working Committees and other working bodies created by the IFA in accordance with this Statute, internal rules and regulations, and decisions of the General Assembly;
3. To pay in timely manner membership fees, registration fees, as well as other payments provided for by this Statute, internal rules and regulations, decisions of the General Assembly;
4. To protect the interests of IFA in front of international and national government bodies;
5. Timely provide the necessary information on the request of the IFA;
6. Comprehensively cooperate with international government and sports organizations with which the IFA has concluded relevant cooperation agreements;
7. Make every effort to achieve the goals of the IFA.

#### **Art. 10**

An Associate Member or Affiliate Member may, subject to the approval of the General Meeting, receive the status of the Full Member or Associate Member once it has fulfilled the specific membership requirements of Art. 4 and 6 of this Statute.

#### **Art. 11**

The membership expires through:

- a) Resignation
- b) Expulsion
- c) Death of natural persons, loss of legal capacity of legal persons

#### **Art. 12**

Resignation shall take upon receipt of a notice of resignation to the Executive Committee. It can only be made at the end of the calendar year, subject to a six-month notice period. A

terminating member must balance his financial obligations to the IFA before termination of membership. Membership fees will not be refunded to a terminating member.

### **Art. 13**

Expulsion can only take place if the member is guilty of dishonorable behavior or damages the interests of the IFA. This is particularly the case if the member seriously affects the reputation of armwrestling as a sports discipline, if the member does not adequately represent armwrestling sports discipline in his country, if the membership fees are not paid for two consecutive years or if he seriously violates binding statutes.

The Expulsion will only take place after hearing the member and, of such he will be notified in writing.

The Expulsion applies immediately.

The expelled member may object the Expulsion in writing within 30 days, after which the final decision of the General Assembly shall be made.

The General Meeting resolves the objection by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast.

The expelled member is not entitled to vote.

### **Art. 14**

Any expelled member may, if he meets the following requirements, be readmitted by a resolution of the General Assembly by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast.

Articles 4 and 6 of these statutes apply *mutatis mutandis* to the application for readmission.

The following payments from the applicant are required as a condition for resumption:

All payments, arrears, penalties and balances due related to the previous expulsion from the Federation.

### **Art. 15**

On the recommendation of the Board and with the approval of the General Assembly, members and officials who have rendered outstanding services to the IFA may be appointed as Honorary Presidents or Honorary Members.

About the names of the nominated candidates is to the association u. Board members to send a notification by post or e-mail.

### **Art. 16**

Resignation or Expulsion will terminate all membership rights and obligations, except financial obligations to the IFA before termination of the membership .

The resigned or expelled member has no claims to the assets of the IFA.

## **Organs IV.**

### **Art. 17**

The organs of the association are:

- A. General Assembly
- B. Executive Board(hereinafter referred to as "Board")
- C. Working Committees

#### **Art. 18**

The Annual General Meeting takes place annually within the first six months of the year. The invitation to the General Meeting shall be made at least 30 days in advance in writing or by e- mail by the Board, indicating the agenda.

Applications to the General Assembly must be sent in writing to the President no later than 60 days in advance.

A member who is in default of membership fees can not submit any agenda amendments other than the application for demotion in membership status.

#### **Art. 19**

An Extraordinary General Meeting is to be convened by resolution of the Board, at the request of at least one fifth of the members. The invitation must be made at least 21 days before the meeting.

#### **Art. 20**

The duties and responsibilities of the General Assembly are as follows:

- a) approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly;
- b) acceptance of the annual report, the annual financial statements and the report of the Board;
- c) discharge of the Board;
- d) fixing the annual budget and annual contributions;
- e) election of the President, the Vice-President and the other members of the Board;
- f) handling requests of the Board and members;
- g) admission of the new members
- h) deciding on membership issues (admission, membership status changes, expulsion and readmission)
- i) deciding on important transactions submitted by the Board;
- j) election of honorary positions;
- k) amendment of the Statute; l) dissolution of the IFA;
- m) and other tasks and competencies defined in the statutes or other regulations

#### **Art. 21**

Resolutions at the General Assembly are taken by open vote by a simple majority of votes, unless the Statute provides otherwise. .

Voting will be secret if requested by a majority of the members present. In case of a tie, the President has the decisive vote.

All members present have the same voting rights, unless the statutes provides otherwise.

Representation is not allowed for natural persons.

The legal persons exercise the voting right by authorized representatives.



Members who are in default with membership fees and other contributions cannot be represented at a General Assembly.

When deciding on a specific member issue or about a legal transaction or legal dispute between a member and the IFA, the member concerned is excluded from the vote.

#### **Art. 22**

Each member is entitled to send no more than two authorized representatives (delegates) to the General Assembly.

The delegates must be members of their national member organization.

If none of the delegates speak English or German, the delegation is entitled to hire an interpreter at their own expense.

The names of the delegates must be announced to the Board prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

Each IFA member is entitled to replace the delegates with other persons at any time prior to the opening of the General Assembly upon prior notice to the Board.

Each delegation has the right to vote uniformly.

#### **Art. 23**

The President presides over every meeting of the General Assembly as the Chairman. If the President is absent, unable or unwilling to preside, the Vice-President or appointed member of the Board shall preside for the duration of the meeting.

At the beginning of each General Assembly, the Chairman will designate two tellers and a secretary and ensure that the General Assembly is conducted efficiently and in accordance with the Statute and the law.

As a protocol leader, the primary role is to appoint the Secretary.

#### **Art. 24**

The minutes of the meetings are recorded by the secretary.

The minutes are written in English and **Russian**. It will be sent to all members of the Board by post or by e-mail within one month from the date of conclusion of the General Assembly.

Appeals against the protocol must be addressed in writing to the President within one month date of conclusion of the General Assembly , with appropriate arguments. .

The minutes are submitted for approval at the next General Assembly..

#### **Art. 25**

The Board is the executive organ of IFA. **The Board consists of at least two members and is elected by the General Assembly for a four-year term..**

The quorum for meetings of the Board is met when the President plus 1 (one) other Board member is present. When the President is unable to attend and does not wish or is unable to

cancel the meeting in which case the quorum shall be satisfied with Vice-President and 1 (one) other Board member. .

The Board shall meet twice during each year of its period of office. The meeting of the Board is convened at the request of the President or at the request of a member of the Board.

Resolutions are passed by a simple majority of the votes cast. In case of a tie, the President may give the decisive vote.

#### **Art. 26**

The Executive Board consists of:

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Secretary
- d) Cashier

Office cumulation is allowed.

#### **Art. 27**

The President, the Vice President and the other members of the Board are elected at the General Assembly..

**Candidates may only apply** in writing no later than 60 days in advance.

The acting President and Vice-President may apply for re-election.

The names of the nominated candidates must be sent to the IFA members no later than 30 days in advance.

If there is only one candidate, he/she will be declared voted. In case of two or more candidates, the first ballot will be decided by a simple majority of all votes cast. If a second or further ballot is necessary, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated until only two candidates remain. In this case, the simple majority decides.

If, in a ballot where only two or more candidates remain, the election ends in a draw, another ballot takes place. Should the election result in a tie again and one of the candidates has held this office immediately before, the latter will be declared as the elected candidate; otherwise, the acting President will decide at the time of opening the General Assembly.

The required number of additional members of the Board is selected from the total number of nominated candidates.

If the required number of other members of the Board is exceeded due to a tie, further ballots will be held between the candidates who have not been elected due to a tie vote until the full number of Board members is elected.

If, in a ballot where only two or more candidates remain, the election ends in a draw, another ballot takes place. Should the election result in a tie again and one of the candidates has held this office immediately before, the latter will be declared as the elected candidate; otherwise, the acting President will decide at the time of opening the General Assembly.

#### **Art. 28**

At the first meeting following the Ordinary General Meeting, the President shall appoint from among the members of the Board a Cashier and an Secretary for a term of office commensurate with his term of office as a member of the Board.

#### **Art. 29**

The Board is entitled to all powers, which are not expressly assigned to another organ of the association. These are in particular:

1. Preparation and execution of the ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly;
2. Attendance of the ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly;
3. Issuance of regulations;
4. Admission and expulsion of members;
5. The management and administration of the association, including the structure of the accounting, financial planning and financial control, in particular the preparation of the annual report and the annual financial statements.
6. Resolutions of the Executive Board are made with the simple majority of those present.

#### **Art. 30**

The Executive Board represents the IFA to **third parties. Such representation requires joint action of the President and a member of the Board. .**

#### **Art. 31**

The Executive Board may form and dissolve committees that advise and support it in the performance of its duties.

Each committee should have a specific task and the number of members the board considers appropriate.

The committee is composed as follows:

1. Committee Chairman
2. Committee Secretary
3. General members

The Committee Chairman directs and represents the committee. In particular, it shall set the session data of the Committee and report to the Board on the current status of the assignment.

#### **Art. 32**

The President has the following duties:

1. The President shall preside over all meetings of the General Assembly, Executive Board, Finance Committee.
2. The President shall ensure that all business of each such meeting is conducted in accordance with this Statute.
3. The President shall be responsible to the Federation for the supervision and general direction of the work of the Assistant General Secretaries and Department Heads. The President shall perform any such other duties in accordance with decisions of the General Assembly, Executive Board and Committees.

4. In the event of the President leaving office prior to completion of his or her term, the Vice President shall serve in a temporary capacity as acting President until an Board or General Assembly elects the new President.

5. If required, an extraordinary Board will be convened as soon as practicable to elect the new President.

Subject to the direction of the General Assembly, Board or Finance Committee, the Secretary shall:

1. Act as the principal spokesperson of the IFA.
2. Implement the policy and decisions of the General Assembly, Executive Board.
3. Safeguard at all times and in every respect the interests of the Federation and ensure its legal representation.
4. Act as the general administrator of the Federation, including managing and directing operations and handling all staff and other personnel issues, including appointment of Regional and Project Office Representatives.
5. If necessary, prior to General Assembly, call meetings of the committees that have been established by the Board for the preparation work of General Assembly.
6. Direct the financial administration of the Federation, including the collection of annual dues from affiliates, and direct and implement all financial and other business operations and transactions involving the Federation.
7. Keep all proper financial accounts and records current, including information with respect to all income and disbursements in accordance with Federation policies and rules.
8. Appoint, in consultation with the President, Committee Chairmen.
9. Engage staff shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them.
10. Perform such additional functions as are set out in these Rules or as may be determined from time to time by General Assembly, the Board, or as agreed upon with the President.

The Assistant General Secretaries shall, unless otherwise engaged in Federation business, or unavailable, attend all meetings of General Assembly, Executive Board. They shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the President.

### **Art. 33**

The Cashier is responsible for the accounts of the association. In particular, he handles payment transactions, requests the membership fees, makes proposals for the development of financial resources and oversees the association's budget.

### **Art. 34**

The Secretary will keep the minutes at General Assembly. He manages in particular the member files, the archive and other Federation documentation, as well as the federation correspondence. He supports the administrative and organizational tasks of the Board.

#### **Art. 35**

In urgent cases, the Board may pass resolutions that are the responsibility of the General Assembly. Such resolutions are to be approved by the next General Assembly.

In the case of non-approval of the decision of the Board of the General Assembly, the decision will be declared invalid and the status quo will be restored before the decision.

Parties affected by the invalid decision of the Board are not entitled to compensation.

#### **Art. 36**

If a member of the Board resigns during his term of office, a successor for the remainder of his term of office may be elected at the next General Assembly.

#### ***V. Federation assets and liability***

#### **Art. 37**

The assets of the association consist in particular of the annual contributions of the members, of surpluses of the operating account, of any donations, event contributions, licenses, bequests, income from the investment of assets and additional income.

#### **Art. 38**

For the liabilities of the Federation is liable exclusively the association's assets. The personal liability of the members for the liabilities of the Federation is excluded.

#### ***VI. Other***

#### **Art. 39**

The annual membership fee is due on January 1 of each year. New members must pay the membership fee 30 days after the end of the General Assembly that has passed the relevant admission decision.

The amount of the annual membership fee is determined every two years at the proposal of the Board by the General Assembly. The annual fee is the same for all members. In certain cases, the board may exempt the individual members from the obligation to pay the annual subscription. The exemption is valid for two years and may be extended by the General Assembly.

#### **Art. 40**

The IFA can offset its claims against members' balances.

#### **Art. 41**

**English and Russian are the official languages of the IFA.** English is the official language for protocols, official correspondence and notices.

The members are responsible for translating into their own language.

**English and Russian are the official languages of the General Assembly.** The translation into these languages is done by interpreters.

The delegates can speak in their native language if they ensure the translation by an interpreter into one of the official languages of the IFA.

The statutes and implementing provisions of the statutes are written in the two official languages. **The English text is authoritative.**

#### **Art. 42**

In the case of the letter, the time of delivery to the addressee and, in the case of an e-mail, the data provided by the system are decisive for compliance with the deadlines stipulated in the articles of incorporation.

The receipt of the e-mail should be confirmed by the addressee within one week after the data given by the system.

#### **Art. 43**

IFA is the sole owner of all commercial rights for all IFA events and related activities. The exercise of these rights applies to all members of the IFA, in particular to all national member associations, their bodies, federations, clubs, officials, teams, players and any persons or organizations involved in any kind of IFA event and / or other IFA activities participate or otherwise participate.

The IFA Board has the authority to exploit these rights to further the objectives of the IFA. These rights include, in particular, property rights of all kinds, audiovisual and auditory recording, broadcasting and reproduction rights, multimedia rights, promotion and marketing rights, as well as intellectual property rights.

If national laws require such commercial rights or parts thereof to be owned by a member, in particular a national association or one of its sub-organizations, an application for holding an event can only be made if such commercial rights are assigned to IFA. The event rights are granted only under this condition.

The Board decides on the way of recovery and on the scope of use of these rights.

#### **Art. 44**

The Disciplinary Committee consists of a chairman, a deputy chairman and two other members. The members of the Disciplinary Committee are appointed by the Board for one year.

Board members may not be members of the Disciplinary Committee.

The members of the Disciplinary Committee should have the necessary knowledge, skills and professional experience to perform their duties properly.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee must have legal qualifications.

The members of the Disciplinary Committee are independent, non-directional and accountable to their decisions.

Against decisions of the Disciplinary Committee, a complaint to the Board is possible (?).

The decisions of the Board are final and binding on all parties concerned. The appeal to the Court of Sport (CAS) remains reserved.

#### **Art. 45**

The Disciplinary Committee decides in the presence of at least three members.

#### **Art. 46**

The Disciplinary Committee may impose on member federations, officials, armwrestlers and mediators the sanctions set out in these Statutes.

The disciplinary powers of the General Assembly and the Executive Board regarding the exclusion of members remain reserved.

The disciplinary measures are in particular:

1. Disciplinary notice;
2. Temporary suspension of voting right;
3. Exclusion from the Federation.

The disciplinary measures are applied in the case of:

1. Violation of the IFA written Statutes, rules, regulations, decisions and directives;
2. Violation of the IFA Anti-Doping Rules;
3. Violation of the IFA Policy & Procedures;
4. Commitment of any act of active or passive corruption or of attempted active or passive corruption;
5. Damage the image of armwrestling, the IFA or its members through behaviour, words or deeds;
6. Demonstration of anti-sport behavior;
7. Serious violation of the verbal or written instructions and directives given by the IFA officials;
8. Acting in such a way so as to influence the course or the result of the competitions in an improper way;
9. Unsatisfactory and/or biased judging at competitions;
10. Usage the IFA, its name, its funds or its infrastructure for aims harmful to armwrestling;
11. Behaving in an offensive way towards the IFA members, armwrestling or IFA officials;
12. Harassment and/or abuse of any person or a group of persons, in any way, in particular due to their race, color, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, disability, physical attributes or athletic abilities or other status;
13. Contravention of Swiss Criminal Law;
14. Violation of contractual obligations towards the IFA.

#### **Art. 47**

Any disputes or disputes relating to the association, whether between members or between members and the association, shall be settled by arbitration before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Lausanne, Switzerland, after the appeal and all the review procedures within the IFA be completely exhausted. The appeal period is 3 weeks after receiving the relevant decision.

The arbitration shall be conducted in German.

The Court of Sport (CAS) applies primarily the acts of the IFA (in particular the statutes and regulations) and, in addition, the Swiss law.

**Art. 48**

All parties subject to the Schiphol Court procedure accept that the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), located in Lausanne, Switzerland, is the last appellate court. The decisions of the Court are final and binding on all parties.

***VII. Amendments to the Articles of Association and Dissolution***

**Art. 49**

For a change of the statutes or the dissolution of the association the presence of at least three quarters of all members and the absolute majority of the votes cast is required.

If one of the quorums is not reached, a second General Assembly with the same agenda items must be convened within 8 weeks. This is quorate regardless of the number of members.

**Art. 50**

In case of dissolution of the association, the general meeting determines the use of liquidation proceeds.

***VIII. Entry into force of the Articles of Association***

**Art. 51**

These statutes were approved in the present form at the founding meeting and immediately put into effect.

The Founding President:

The Secretary:

[Place, date, signatures]





## REQUIREMENTS FOR IFA MEMBERSHIP

1. Request for membership with following informations:

- Name of the organization;
- Date of founding;
- Postal address (street, city, ZIP, country);
- Phone;
- Email;
- WEB page or social network page where we can find informations about your organization and activities
- Number of members as of today: Colletive (clubs, associations), Individual;
- Management, contact persons (provide below informations for each person):  
Name; Position; Phone; Email

Member of other international organizations? If yes, please provide the names.

2. Supported documents needed:

- a. Signed request for IFA membership (point 1. above)
- b. Registered Statutes as non-profit organisation
- c. Confirmation of Legal representative (minutes from EC Board, Voting,...)
- d. Membership fee 100 EUR sent to IFA account

All documents please send to [apply@armsportfederation.com](mailto:apply@armsportfederation.com)