

**THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
WORLD MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
ASSOCIATION
[WMMAA]**



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PREAMBLE

MMA

MMA is an acronym for the sport of **Mixed Martial Arts** and is primarily defined as a fully comprehensive, ultramodern, unarmed self-defense system and fitness regime . It is the fastest growing combat sport in the world ,which is globally practiced by both young and old of all ages and gender.

The historic roots and heritage of MMA can be traced to the ancient Olympic Games such as Pankration, Boxing and Wrestling and to traditional self defense martial arts such as Vajra Musti, Kushti, Ju- Jitsu, Judo, Karate, Sanda , Muay Thai, Vale Tudo and to the modern day Combat Sambo, Savate , grappling and others.

The term MMA is intended to further define herein ,all disciplines unarmed of self defense, all styles of combined or mixed martial arts systems . MMA effectively unifies all forms of combat sports, wherein the most effective striking, wrestling, grappling and submission techniques are effectively and inter combined

An MMA event comprises of two athletes of the same weight category competing against each other within a defined arena [cage , ring , mat , indoor or outdoor, either on soft, hard or sandy surfaces], in a bout of defined duration in full accordance with the WMMAA rules of competition . Utilizing their mixed martial arts and self- defense skills they compete achieve victory over the other as determined by a distinct advantage or by the majority decision of the judging panel.

WMMAA

The **World Mixed Martial Arts Association [WMMAA]** is a Non-Governmental Not for Profit , International Sports Federation , registered in the Principality of Monaco on 3rd September 2012 and is dedicated to the global propagation , development and governance of the sport of Amateur Mixed Martial Arts .

The WMMAA upholds and enforces the Olympic Charter, actively promotes gender equity and female representation all administrative levels , prohibits any kind of discrimination , enforces the principles of fair play and ensures compliance to the Ethics Code of the International Olympic Committee and the World Anti-Doping Agency Code by all its members .

WMMAA has a current membership of 56 National MMA Associations drawn from all the five Continents as defined by the IOC and its Constitution as detailed hereinafter, duly recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sports at Lausanne , Switzerland as the final authority for dispute arbitration .

AMATEUR MMA

The WMMAA promotes , propagates , continuously develops and innovates the sport of Amateur Mixed Martial Arts , strictly ensuring the safety , the welfare and the future prospects of all its upcoming athletes , both male and female alike on a global platform.

It enforces the use of protective gear during competitions and monitors the medical and physical fitness of all participating athletes ensuring that its rules of amateur competition are strictly complied with.

The Competition Rules of the WMMAA are developed and continuously monitored ensuring the safety , welfare and sustained good health of its participating athletes

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS , DEFINITIONS

CAS	Court of Arbitration for Sport
CMMAU	Continental MMA Union
GB	Governing Board of the WMMAA
IF	International Federation
IOC	International Olympic Committee
NMMAA	National MMA Association or Federation
NOC	National Olympic Committee
MMA	Mixed Martial Arts
WADA	World Anti-Doping Agency
WADC	World Anti-Doping Code
WMMAA	World Mixed Martial Arts Association

BYE LAWS

The Bye laws of the WMMAA which form an integral part of the WMMAA Constitution

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE

A Commission or Committee of the WMMAA is one that has been established by the President or by the Governing Board under the terms of this Constitution.

CONGRESS

The annual or extra ordinary Congress of the WMMAA, which constitutes the supreme administrative organ of the WMMAA

CONSTITUTION

The WMMAA Constitution as may be ratified or amended by Congress .

CONTINENT

The geographical area comprising all of the Nations and Territories assigned to each one of the five Continents as defined by the International Olympic Committee [IOC]

CONTINENTAL MMA UNION [CMMAU]

A continental union of member of the WMMAA responsible for fostering and governing on behalf of the WMMA the sport of MMA in their respective Continental Nations and Territories and Regions as defined by the IOC

COUNTRY OR NATION

A self-governing sovereign geographical area of the world , recognized as an independent nation or state by the United Nations and by the IOC .

GOVERNING BOARD [GB]

The WMMAA Governing Board of Elected Officials responsible for administering its day to day activities.

MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

A member of the WMMAA Governing Board who has been elected to a post in the GB by the Congress or under the terms of this Constitution.

MEMBER

Founder members, Individual members, Honorary Members and National MMA Associations, and Continental MMA Members or any other as may be defined in the Constitution

MEMBERSHIP

Various cadres of Membership in the WMMAA as defined within this Constitution.

NATIONAL MMA ASSOCIATION [NMMAA]

The autonomous National Members of the WMMAA, who are recognized by the WMMAA as the Sole National Governing bodies for MMA in their respective countries.

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Rules & Regulations of the WMMAA as may be formed , adopted and resolved or amended by the Governing Board of the WMMAA from time , including the WMMAA Competition Rules, and any such other rules and Regulations as may be formulated and approved from time to time in accordance with this Constitution.

TERRITORY OR REGION

A geographical territory or region which is not a country or continent , but which has certain aspects of self-government, at least to the extent of being autonomous in the control of its sport as defined by the IOC and thus recognized as such by the WMMAA.

ARTICLE 1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Name : The World Mixed Martial Arts Association (hereinafter referred to as WMMAA) is an international sport federation /association and world governing body for the sport of amateur Mixed Martial Arts [MMA].

1.2 Constitution : WMMAA is established for an indefinite period with legal status as a not for profit , non-governmental , amateur, international sports association / sports federation, duly registered with the Ministry of State , under the Laws of the Principality of Monaco on 3rd September 2012 bearing registration number 2012.07472/mb.

1.3 Composition : WMMAA comprises of autonomous member National MMA Associations, Individual members, Honorary members and Founder members , who have individually and severally undertaken to uphold , enforce and abide by the WMMA Constitution , WMMAA Bye laws and the WMMAA Rules and Regulations, as well as the IOC code of Ethics and the IOC Charter and the WADA Code.

1.4 Registered Office : The registered office of the WMMAA is at Monaco , No. 8 Rue de Ligures , and world head-quarters of the WMMAA is located at Le Park Saint Roman , 7 Avenue Saint Roman, N 1104 , 9800 Monaco and may be re-located to any other place by the majority vote of the Governing Board, duly ratified by the Congress.

1.5 Official Language : The official languages of the WMMAA shall be English and French.

1.5.1 The Constitution and Rules and Regulations, Minutes, Reports and all other communications shall be drawn up in English and also in French , as the Governing Board may resolve.

1.5.2 In case of any arising incongruity in the interpretation of any text in the WMMAA Constitution, Rules and Regulations, Minutes and Reports and in any other communication, the English version shall prevail and shall have legal precedence.

1.5.3 All documents or letters addressed to the WMMAA by its Members or others shall be in English

1.5.4 At all WMMAA Congresses , Governing Board Meetings and other meetings , each member delegate present may speak in his/her own language, subject to simultaneous translations of the same being made into English. Simultaneous translations may be made from and into any additional language as may be required or requested, provided that the cost of this can be met by, or on behalf of, the Member requesting the additional language.

1.5.5 Unless provided otherwise herein, all WMMAA members are individually responsible for translation of this Constitution and any amendments thereof and the WMMAA Bye Laws and the WMMAA rules and regulations into the language of their own respective nations

1.6 **Official Logo and Flag :**

The logo and the flag of the WMMAA shall be as depicted below and shall remain at all times the trademark and sole Intellectual property of the WMMAA.



The public use of the said logo and flag requires the prior written approval and franchise of the WMMAA President.

1.7 **Official Website :** The official Website of the WMMAA is www.wmmaa.org

ARTICLE 2.0 OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

The main objectives and goals of the WMMAA are as under :

2.1 To function as the world governing body and global regulatory authority for the sport of amateur Mixed Martial Arts (MMA).

2.2 To conform with and respect the Olympic Charter and to adopt and abide by the IOC Code of Ethics

2.3 To be compliant with the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement, and shall in particular work with transparency and accountability, by publishing its statutes and all applicable regulations on its website;

2.4 To ensure women's participation and representation at all levels and to promote the development of women's MMA and the full participation of women at all levels of MMA governance ;

2.5 To establish the WMMAA Athletes' Commission which follows the IOC guidelines related to the creation of an athletes' commission and by ensuring that athletes participate in the decision-making bodies ;

2.6 To use acknowledged standards of accounting, having its financial statements verified by an independent auditor and by publishing its annual activity report, audit report and audited financial statements;

2.7 To become a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code and by referring to its application in the WMMAA statutes, and by conducting an effective anti-doping programme in accordance with the applicable rules, which shall be attested by the World Anti-Doping Agency

2.8 To be compliant with the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the manipulation of Competitions either via specific regulations or by approval of the said Code;

2.9 To establish a transparent and enhanced internal dispute resolution-mechanism within the WMMAA and to recognize and accept the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) at Lausanne , Switzerland and the application of the Code of Sports-related Arbitration *and to recognize and accept the submission to the CAS of all sports related disputes, which cannot be settled amicably or through internal or local arbitration or mediation."*

2.10 To promote the sport of MMA and its ethical values as an educational subject and life affirming and fitness enhancing activity.

2.11 To compile and enforce rules and regulations governing MMA and to ensure in all competitions, whether sanctioned by the WMMAA, a Continental Association or a Member, that such rules and regulations shall be applied in accordance with their terms.

2.12 To supervise and enforce the obligations of its Members

2.13 To safeguard the authenticity and integrity of MMA and to take all possible measures to eliminate corrupt conduct which might place the authenticity or integrity of MMA at risk.

2.14 To foster and support the worldwide development of MMA and the dissemination of technical, medical, logistical, statistical, financial or other information which achieves this aim to its Members and Continental Unions.

2.15 To foster and develop links with other International Federations, National Governments, Inter-Governmental Organizations and International and National Non-Governmental Organizations in order to promote the interests of sport in general, and MMA in particular, at all levels throughout the world.

2.16 To organize and promote any MMA championship, competition or events as may be deemed required..

2.17 To issue and adopt bylaws and rules for achieving the above said aims.

2.18 To promote all rights of the WMMAA towards the achievement of the above said aims.

2.19 The mission of the WMMAA is to continuously develop, improve, promote and propagate the values of MMA on a global platform.

2.20 The values of WMMAA are as stated in the Ethics Code of the WMMAA which is in full conformity to the Code of Ethics of the IOC and the WMMAA and all its members shall respect and abide by the same.

2.21 The goal of the WMMAA as an active participant of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building of a more peaceful and better world by educating our youth through the sport of MMA , practiced in accordance with the values of Olympism.

2.22 To encourage and support the efforts of sports organizations and public authorities to provide for the social and professional future of athletes.

2.23 To encourage and support, the development of sports for all, the initiatives blending sport with culture and education and a responsible concern for environmental issues.

2.24 To promote ethics and fair play and discourage and prevent corruption in sports , doping or match manipulation, or any activity that may prejudice the integrity of matches, competitions, rights of athletes, officials and member associations or damage the name and integrity of the global MMA community.

2.25 WMMAA shall honour and strive to enforce international human rights and fight against and penalize all manner of discrimination whether it be against a nation ,an individual or a group of people , whether it is based on race, skin colour, ethnicity, or social origin, or based on gender bias, disability, language, religion, political views or sexual orientation .

ARTICLE 3.0 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

3. 1. The WMMAA shall comprise of member categories as below;

- **Full National MMA Associations / Federations [NMMAA]**
- **Continental MMA Unions [CMMAU]**
- **Candidate / Provisional Members**
- **Founder Members**
- **Individual Members**
- **Honorary Members**

3.12 Full Member NMMAA

These are autonomous sole national member MMA associations or federations of the WMMAA, whose membership criteria and obligations are fully compliant or deemed to be fully compliant by the GB. Each Full member must mandatorily undertake to abide by the WMMAA Constitution and Rules and Regulations and uphold the IOC Charter and the IOC code of Ethics. Each full member must conform to the WADA Code and shall include arbitration authority of CAS in its National Constitution .

A full NMMAA member is entitled to participate in all WMMAA events and has the right of one vote only and has the right to speak at Congress. Full Members can also nominate candidates for election into posts in the GB or nominations for Chairmanship of Commissions/ Committees .

3.13 Continental MMA Union Members [CMMAU]

The CMMAU are the Continental Members of the WMMAA whose Presidents or authorized representatives , are inducted into the GB having the right to vote or speak in GB Meetings. However such Presidents or authorized representatives have only the right to speak at Congress and may not cast a vote unless they hold the mandate to vote as an NMMAA member. CMMAU members are not obligated to pay any membership fees to the WMMAA.

3.14 Candidate / Provisional Members

Candidate Members are applicant National MMA associations or federations, or National Representatives , who have not yet fulfilled their national registration formalities or those who are not yet existing as legal entities and only represented by a sole representative . Candidate Members are given Provisional WMMA membership for a probationary period of ONE calendar year , wherein they must strive to comply in full with WMMAA Membership conditions and function as a legally registered National Sports Federation, with a tenable written Constitution conforming to WMMAA Statutes and Rules .

Candidate Members are entitled to participate in WMMAA Events with team, but have No right to vote or speak at Congress and have No right to contest for posts in any WMMAA or CMMMAA election .

The Candidate members are not obliged to pay any annual membership fee during the one year probation period

During the One year Probation period , or immediately thereafter , the Candidate Membership of any Nation can be revoked or terminated by the WMMMAA President in case of prolonged inactivity or for any other justifiable reason as may be determined by the GB

3.15 Founder Members are the eminent members who founded the WMMAA in 2012 as per the applicable Laws of the Principality of Monaco and are not be obligated to pay any annual membership contribution nor any other payments to the WMMAA . The life time members remain as life-long affiliates in the membership rolls of the WMMAA . The founder members' right to vote and speak at Congress shall be as determined by the President of the WMMAA .

3.16 Individual Members are the select eminent individuals elected into the GB by the Congress on the nomination of the President or the Governing Board , who have been instrumental in the global development of Mixed Martial Arts or has markedly contributed to the attainment of the WMMAA objectives or have through their individual contribution, considerably fulfilled the goals and missions and the prestige and image of the WMMAA . Such Individual members who are elected into the GB have the right to vote and speak in all GB Meetings and Congress and are exempted from the clause of having to represent or be a member of any NMMAA and are exempted from payment of any membership fees .

3.17 Honorary Members are the select eminent individuals, or entities or like minded international associations or foundations , elected by the Congress on the nomination of the President or the Governing Board , or by an NMMAA, who have been instrumental in the global development of Mixed Martial Arts or has markedly contributed to the attainment of the WMMAA objectives or have through their individual contribution, considerably fulfilled the goals and missions and the prestige and image of the WMMAA .

Such Honorary members who are elected into the GB do not have the right to vote or speak [unless invited to speak by the President] in any GB Meetings and Congress and are exempted from the clause of having to represent or be a member of any NMMAA and are exempted from payment of any membership fees .

They may participate in all WMMAA events

3.18 All the Individual members and NMMAA members have the right to vote and the right to speak from the moment of their induction as a voting member by the Congress.

3.19 Membership rights and privileges for all such members are subject to their subsequent fulfilment of their membership obligations as per the WMMAA Constitution and also subject to their full payment of the WMMAA annual Membership fee as may be applicable for the current calendar year.

It is the payment of the Membership fee that effectively grants continuance of the Membership status and rights for each financial year.

3.20 Membership rights of any Member can be suspended or revoked by the majority decision of the Governing Board or by the President in case of violation of its obligations and provisions of the Constitution or for their continued inactivity and/or for their non-payment of the requisite WMMAA membership fees.

3.21 Notwithstanding the above , only those Individual members and NMMAA in good standing , who have evidenced their sustained activity during the preceding year, shall in general be entitled to nominate candidates for elections into the Governing Board. The WMMAA reserves the right to reject any such electoral candidature at the discretion of a majority of the Governing Board or by the decision of the President. Membership shall be forfeited by any member who fails to pay their dues (membership dues or any other payment outstanding) within the time limits as may prescribed by the Governing Board and the Bye laws of the WMMAA.

3.22 Only those applicant NMMAAs, who function as the national governing bodies for MMA in their respective Country or Territory shall be eligible to apply for WMMAA Membership. Only one member from each Country or Territory may be affiliated to the WMMAA, and such member shall be recognized by the WMMAA as the sole national governing body for MMA in their Country or Territory. The jurisdiction of the NMMAA shall be limited to the Country or the Region or the Territory that they represent. The NMMAA must be a legal entity, registered as a national governing body for MMA in their respective Country or Territory.

3.23 In the event of existence of more than one applicant NMMAA in any Territory/Country the National , the WMMAA shall give precedence for Grant of Membership to the Candidate NMMAA which had evidence that it is legally registered and has the recognition of its NOC or Highest Government Authority for Sport as the National Body for MMA .

3.24 In the event of a conflict that brings the activities of a member to a standstill, an ad hoc committee may be set up by the Governing Board of the WMMAA, for a defined period, to be in charge of the management of MMA in the Country or Territory concerned, and/or the preparation of a general assembly to be conducted in accordance with the Member's constitution.

ARTICLE 4.0 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Application for Membership to the WMMAA by a Candidate or NMMAA or CMMAU applicant shall be submitted in writing to the President or Secretary General of the WMMAA who shall then place the matter on the agenda for the next Governing Board meeting. The application for Membership must be made by letter attaching the following information:

- The official address and contact details of the NMMAA;
- Copy of its valid certificate of Registration as a National MMA Body
- Copy of its current charter, constitution and bye laws, which MUST be in compliance with the WMMAA Constitution, Rules and Regulations;
- Detailed list with Full Name, Address, Age, Occupation and Photo and Tenure of all elected principal officers;
- CV of the NMMAA President and Secretary General
- List with Names and Address of its active National members (i.e. State or Provincial Members, clubs, athletes, coaches, officials);
- Tax Identity Number or Copy of Annual Audited Statement of Accounts
- Financial declaration as to its solvency;
- Written undertaking to adopt and abide by the WMMAA Constitution, WMMAA Rules and Regulations and the IOC Code of Ethics and to abide by the WADA Code ;
- Detailed report on past and current MMA activities; and
- Copy of Recognition Letters from NOC or Sports Authority [If Available]

ARTICLE 5.0 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

5.1 ALL Members shall have the following rights as WMMAA Members

- a) to participate in the WMMAA and CMMMAA Championships and Official events;
- b) to organise National Championships and Regional, Continental and international MMA competitions [with WMMAA sanction] in their nation

- c) to participate in Congress and with Full Members having the right to speak at Congress and vote on all items on the Agenda and nominate candidates for election into the posts of the GB and WMMAA Commissions, subject to such nominees being members of that Member Association and must be citizens or permanent residents of their country. The right to vote by any Member may be suspended by the Congress, upon recommendation of the President or the GB, if a Member Association has failed to participate in the World Championships, or does not hold annual national championship or has failed to pay the WMMAA annual membership fee in time;
- d) to appeal against any ruling that may affect their NMMAA and to be consulted in all matters specifically concerning the Member NMMAA
- e) to function as autonomous NMMAA in their nation subject to compliance with Membership obligations

5.2 ALL Members must comply with the following Membership Obligations

- a) to respect and further the Objectives of the WMMAA as set out herein
- b) to comply with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the WMMAA;
- c) to adopt and comply with the IOC Charter, IOC Code of Ethics, WADA Code
- d) to accept and include in its constitution the authority of CAS as the authority for final dispute resolution
- e) to accept and comply with Directives and Resolutions of the President, Governing Board and the WMMAA Congress;
- f) to incorporate the requisite articles in into their National constitutions and regulations such provisions as may be required by the WMMAA Constitution, Rules and Regulations;
- g) to participate in all International and Continental WMMAA competitions and events;
- h) to submit to the WMMAA updated and current copy of its current charter or constitution and regulations in English;
- i) to present an annual report of its National MMA activities with photos;
- j) establish and activate their national MMA website and promote their NMMAA activities on social media

- k) to continue to exist as a legally registered and financially solvent NMMAA in their Territory/Country and to accredit itself with their NOC and/or with the highest Sports Authority of their nation;
- l) to pay the Annual membership fees to the WMMAA as Resolved by Congress and abide by the regulations and the Constitution of the WMMAA;
- m) to submit to WMMAA regular reports of their National Anti Doping efforts made during the National events and test reports thereof

5.3 All Members shall be obliged to submit annual report to the WMMAA within the first three months of each year. This annual report shall include the following information:

- a) Member's current and updated address, telephone, fax, e-mail, etc.;
- b) Details with Name Address Age Occupation and Photo of principal officers;
- c) Details of active members of the National Association (i.e., State or Provincial Members, clubs, athletes, coaches, officials, etc.);
- d) Details of major championships and competitions held during the year (senior, junior, men, women, etc.) including reports of Anti- Doping Tests Conducted ;
- e) National records by the end of the preceding year;
- f) Report on all in and out-of-competition Ant- Doping testing conducted in the Country or Territory of the Member in the preceding year other than that carried out by the WMMAA.
- g) Members shall be required to submit a copy of the annual report to their respective Continental MMA Association at the same time as submitting a copy to the WMMAA. Appropriate sanctions shall be imposed on Members who fail to meet the deadline for submitting the annual report to the WMMAA and fail to supply the report within a reasonable period of time of receiving a written reminder to do so.

ARTICLE 6.0 WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any Member may withdraw their Individual or NMMAA Membership at the end of any calendar year by submitting a written application to the President at least six months' prior of its intention to do so and provided the Member has settled all outstanding fees or other monies payable to the WMMAA.
2. Withdrawal of Membership from the WMMAA shall mean simultaneous withdrawal of membership from the Member's Continental Association.

ARTICLE 7.0 TERMINATION OR REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

7.1 Membership in the WMMAA is deemed as immediately revoked upon:

- a) Insolvency or liquidation or declared Bankruptcy of the NMMAA ;
- b) Withdrawal of its Membership from WMMAA ;
- c) Expulsion of the Member by the WMMAA
- d) Termination of Accreditation or Recognition of the NMMAA by its National Olympic Committee or highest Sports Authority or by the National Registration Authority of its Country.
- e) Conviction of any Individual Member or Honorary Member or Candidate Representative under any penal code in any country

7.2 As provided in this Constitution, membership may be revoked or terminated due to :

- a) Refusal or failure of the Member to make timely payment of the annual membership fee ;
- b) Refusal or failure, of the NMMAA to be active develop MMA in their Country Territory or Region ;
- c) Participation in objectives that are not in the interest of WMMAA;
- e) Violation of WMMAA Constitution and Rules and Regulations;
- f) Refusal or failure to implement the resolutions of Congress or the GB or President
- g) Continued inactivity and non-participation in the WMMAA events .

ARTICLE 8.0 THE CONGRESS

8.1 The Congress is the Supreme Authority of the WMMAA and is the General Assembly or General Board Meeting of WMMAA members.

A Congress shall be convened annually . The date and venue of the Annual Congress shall be confirmed at the preceding Congress and would preferentially be convened and conducted at a convenient venue during the annual WMMAA World Championship .

8.2 Powers of the Congress

- a) The Congress is the Supreme Authority of the WMMAA and has the following powers:

- b) Congress has the authority to elect or suspend or dismiss the President, the Vice Presidents and any other members of the Governing Board and also determine the number of members of the Governing Board but only subject to the majority of 2/3 of the votes cast by members present with the right to vote
- c) Congress shall have the power to ratify the suspension and resolve to reinstate any Members that have been suspended by the Governing Board or by the President.
- d) Congress shall ratify the major decisions of the Governing Board and the President.
- e) Congress shall elect new GB members by special majority (2\3 of votes) according to proposal of the President or the Governing Board.
- f) Congress shall elect the President of the WMMAA by the special majority of 2\3 of votes of members present having the right to vote present
- g) Congress shall supervise the activities of the WMMAA Governing Board as well as other bodies of WMMAA
- h) Congress shall adopt the reports submitted by the President, the Secretary General, and other WMMAA bodies
- i) Congress shall ratify applications for Full membership
- j) Congress shall ratify the suspension or expulsion of members from the WMMAA , including Individual and NMMAA Members;
- k) Congress shall affiliate and recognize or withdraw affiliation of the Continental MMA Associations;
- l) Congress shall ratify WMMAA audited annual statement and financial reports;
- m) Congress shall have the right to ratify any revision and any amendments to the WMMAA Constitution as may be proposed by the GB or as provided herein
- n) Congress shall ratify any interim amendments made to the Rules & Regulations by the Governing Board or by the President
- o) Congress shall ratify the WMMAA annual membership fees as proposed by the GB;
- p) Congress shall approve and adopt the WMMAA Annual Budget;
- q) Congress Shall ratify the appointment Honorary Members of WMMAA,
- r) Congress adopt resolutions on the dissolution of WMMAA;
- s) Congress shall appoint and dismiss the WMMAA Auditors;

8.3 Convening of the Congress

8.3.1 No later than one Month prior to the proposed date of Annual Congress, the Secretary General shall under the direction of the President, dispatch to all WMMAA Members , the proposed Agenda of the Congress , as resolved by the Governing Board.

8.3.2 Members may propose any additional matter to the Governing Board for their consideration for inclusion on the Congress agenda, subject to the same being received by the Secretary General at least two weeks prior to the proposed date of the Congress

8.3.3 The Governing Board shall have authority to add additional items to the Congress agenda subject to the same being crucial and urgent to the interest of the WMMAA

8.3.4 No business other than those items listed in the final agenda of the Congress shall be dealt with by the Members present.

8.3.5 The Agenda of the Congress shall generally be but not limited to as under :

1. Nomination of the Chairman of the Congress and Nomination of Convener
2. Roll Call and Announcement of Quorum
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Appointment of Ballot Scrutineers
5. Adoption & Ratification of the Minutes of the preceding Congress
6. Welcome Speech & General Report by the WMMAA President
7. Reports by the Presidents of the CMMAU
8. Admission of New Members [If Any]
9. Removal of / Disciplinary Action against existing Members [If Any]
10. Reports by the Chairpersons of the WMMAA Commissions
11. Report by the Treasurer / Finance Commission
12. Adoption of the Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts
13. Adoption of the Budget for the Next Financial Year
14. Appointment of Auditors for the Next Financial Year
15. Adoption and ratification of amendments to the Constitution
16. Election of Governing Board Members [In the Electoral Congress]
17. Formation of WMMAA Commissions and Nomination of Chairpersons
18. Adoption of the Calendar of Events for the next year
19. Date and Venue of the Next World Championship and Congress
- 20 . Any other Business with the Permission of the Chairman
21. Vote of Thanks

8.4 Participation at Congress

8.4.1 Members with suspended right to vote may participate in the meetings of the Congress only as observers , without the right to speak or vote.

8.4.2 Suspended members shall not be eligible to vote unless the President shall determine that there was justifiable reasons to condone the breach in question.

8.4.3 All the Individual members shall be represented in person or by an authorized representative holding their signed legal proxy. Only an individual member or NMMAA representative who is in good standing and holding the right to vote shall be entitled to authorize another person to act for him / her at Congress by legal proxy. The recipient of the proxy must also be a member of WMMAA in good standing and entitled to vote. One Individual or Representative can hold only one Legal Proxy at Congress.

8.4.4 NMMA Members shall only be represented by their respected President or Head of the Board or by the Secretary General. In exceptional cases of extraordinary circumstances on the prior written consent of the their Executive Board they can be represented by other authorized delegate holding legal proxy . A delegate may represent only one Member and must present such credentials to the Congress Registration Authority Only such delegate is a member in good standing and entitled to vote and who has registered for participating in the Congress shall be entitled to authorize another person to act for him or her by proxy.

8.4.5 All NMMAAs must submit details of their delegates nominated for participating in the Congress to the Secretary General at least One week prior to the date the Congress .

8.4.6 NMMA may nominate no more than three delegates to be present at the Congress, out of which only ONE may have the right to vote and speak at Congress.

8.4.7 Individual members appointed as an Honorary President or Honorary Vice President s or Honorary Members do not have any right to vote or speak in Congress unless they hold such rights as an individual voting member of WMMAA

8.4.8 The chairpersons of all WMMAA Committees and Commissions shall attend the Congress but no Committee or Commission chairperson shall represent his or her own NMMAA without the signed mandate to do so from his/her NMMAA Executive Board. Ordinarily the Committee or Commission chairpersons may speak in Congress when called upon to do so but may not vote. Committee and Commission Members may attend the Congress as observers. However, the President may allow, on an exceptional basis, such persons to represent their NMMAA subject to the appropriate mandate being issued by the concerned NMMA

8.5 Quorum

8.5.1 No business shall be transacted at Congress unless the quorum is determined at commencement as being adequate. A quorum shall be deemed to be adequate only if authorized delegates representing two-thirds of Members who have right to vote are present at Congress.

8.5.2 If it is clear that no quorum is present, the President shall adjourn the Congress until either such a quorum is present or, if there is no real possibility of a quorum within a reasonable period, until the next date for Congress or Extra-Ordinary Congress as set out hereunder.

8.5.3 The Congress shall conduct and ratify elections to posts in the GB on the basis of a majority of (2\3) votes cast by members present with the right to vote .

8.6 Voting at Congress

8.6.1 Voting shall be by open Ballot by an affirmative raising of hands . In case so proposed by the GB or by the President , voting by Secret Ballot may also be considered .

8.6.2 Any indistinct open votes, illegible secret ballots , blank votes and votes exceeding the number of voting members present will not be considered as true votes by the Scrutineers so appointed and will be discarded.

8.6.3 Abstentions will not be considered as votes

8.6.4 Only Members with the right to vote will have the right to cast ballot at Congress , with each member having the right to cast one vote only [unless holding legal proxy for another voting member].

8.6.5 Only One Vote per member is permissible

8.6.6 The President of WMMAA in his capacity as Chairman of the Congress shall in cases of an equal vote , the right to cast an additional vote .

8.7 Extraordinary Congress

8.7.1 An Extraordinary Congress may be convened by the Governing Board or at the request in writing to the President by two-thirds of the Members with the right to vote citing the valid reasons for such urgent meeting . The Governing Board shall then issue notice to the Members of the Extraordinary Congress to be held within three months from the receipt of the aforementioned notice.

8.7.2 Rules applicable for convening and conducting the Extraordinary Congress shall be as per the Rules of the Annual Congress Procedure s

ARTICLE 9.0 GOVERNING BOARD

9.1 The Congress shall elect the Members that constitute the WMMAA Governing Board

9.2 The Governing Board , under the guidance of the President shall be responsible for carrying out and supervising the day to day activities of the WMMAA, and shall report to the Congress every year.

9.3 Composition of Governing Board

9.3.1 The Governing Board of the WMMAA shall initially comprise of officials as under:

- a) President of the WMMAA - 1
- b) 1st Vice-President of the WMMAA [Individual Member] - 1
- c) Vice Presidents [Individual Members] - 2
- d) Vice-Presidents [Representing each CMAU] - 5
- e) Secretary General of WMMAA - 1
- f) Executive Member [Representing Athletes Commission] - 2
- g) Treasurer - 1
- h) Honorary Member (No Vote]

9.3.2 Elected members of the Governing Board shall be in office for a period of four years. All members of Governing Board are eligible for re-election. A member of the Governing Board may not contest for re-election for more than a total of three (3) terms of office (whether consecutive or not) and subject to their continued nomination for such posts by the concerned CMAU or NMMAA .

9.3.3 The Governing Board shall initially consist of 13 members and this number can be further increased further to include additional Board members or reduced as may be proposed by the President and ratified subsequently by Congress.

9.3.3. Only voting members who are in good standing in the WMMAA , or former members of the Governing Board of the WMMAA or exceptional Individuals so proposed by the GB for the beneficial propagation of MMA shall be eligible to be elected as GB Members.

9.3.4 Nomination of candidates for Election into the Governing Board or Inclusion in the WMMAA Commissions may be made by the WMMAA President or by the GB or by any Voting Member of the WMMAA.

9.3.5 Nominations of Candidates for posts in the GB can be proposed by the President or on behalf of the Governing Board and such nominations will be attached to the Notice of the Congress Agenda which issued to all Members 30 days prior to the Congress

9.3.6 Notice of nominations of Candidatures from NMMAA Members / Individual Members with the right to vote, must be sent to the WMMAA Secretary General in writing within sixty days prior to the date of the Electoral Congress at which the nomination / elections will be conducted.

9.3.7 The notification of candidature for election, shall contain the following information to the extent known to the notifying member:

- (a) The name and address of each proposed nominee;
- (b) The principal occupation of each proposed nominee;
- (c) The name and residence address of the notifying member;
- (d) The written consent of each nominee to serve as a member of the WMMAA Governing Board if elected;
- (e) A brief statement of the background and qualifications of each nominee that evidence their interest and competence in the sport of Mixed Martial Arts ;
- (f) The basis on which the nominee meets the qualifications required by these Constitution.

9.3.8 Nomination of Candidatures from the NMMAA or Individual Members must reach the WMMAA Secretariat within the 60 day deadline. Delayed receipt of Nominations will NOT Be ordinarily considered at the Electoral Congress and will be discarded.

9.3.9 Notwithstanding the above ,the chairman of the Congress ,may at his sole discretion, for good cause shown, has the right to waive the said deadline condition

9.3.10 The Governing Board shall not include more than two representatives from the same member NMMAA. The President of the WMMAA and Vice- Presidents representing each CMMAU shall not be included in this quota

9.3.11 The Congress must ensure that at least 25% of the members elected to the Governing Board are of female gender.

9.3.12 All elected members of the Governing Board must voluntarily resign and retire from their elected posts upon attaining the age of seventy years.

9.4 Resignation, Removal and Suspension of Governing Board Members.

9.4.1 Any GB member may resign at any time by giving a written notice of such resignation to the WMMAA President .

9.4.2 Any GB Member may be removed at any annual or extra-ordinary Congress but only for justifiable reasons and only by the affirmative vote of the majority of the members entitled to vote .

9.4.3 The President may suspend any GB Member for any misconduct evidenced and propose the expulsion of such persons in the agenda of the Governing Board meeting agenda

9.4.4 The Congress shall have the power to remove / expel any GB Member for justifiable reasons as recommended by the GB . The determination of whether justifiable cause exists shall be made by the Governing Board in its sole discretion and shall not be set aside by Congress unless it is unreasonable, arbitrary, or capricious.

9.4.5 Conduct constituting just cause for suspension and removal of a GB Member includes, but is not limited to :

(a) Repeated failure to attend meetings or to maintain a reasonable degree of familiarity with the business conducted by the Governing Board;

(b) Any conduct as a Governing Board member or individually which is determined to be disloyal or detrimental to the interests or the objectives of the WMMAA, such as seeking or obtaining an improper personal benefit on account of the GM Member's position, exploiting for personal benefit information obtained as a GB Member , or engaging in activities in competition with the WMMAA , discrimination against any individual or race , color religion gender or sexual orientation ; or

(c) Engaging in any action that reasonably would be viewed as likely to cause embarrassment or damage the image and reputation of the Governing Board or to the WMMAA in general .

(d) Violating the Constitution of WMMAA and the Ethics Code of the IOC as adopted by the WMMAA

(e) Colluding with or associating with any rival or unaffiliated MMA organizations, against the interests of the WMMAA

(f) Conviction for any serious offences under the Penal Code of any Nation, the said GB Member shall resign immediately and if not he/she will be removed and will not be allowed to contest in the election Governing Board till at least three years after completion of the sentence and the case will then be referred to the WMMAA Ethics Commission for further guidance.

9.5 Vacancies in the Governing Board

Any vacancy in the Governing Board , however caused, including an increase in the number of GB Members , may be filled by the majority vote of the remaining GB Members , without any quorum requisite. Each GB Member so elected shall hold office until the next Congress of the members. A vacancy in the Governing Board shall be deemed to exist in the case of death, resignation or removal of any GB Member or if the number of GB Members is increased. No reduction of the number of GB Members shall have the effect of removing any GB Member prior to the expiration of his or her term of office.

9.6 Proceedings of Governing Board Meetings

9.6.1 The Governing Board shall meet at least twice a year.

9.6.2 At least 30 days prior convening a GB Meeting , the Secretary General under the direction of the President shall provide all Governing Board members with an agenda of the business that is to be discussed at the meeting along with date and venue of the said meeting.

9.6.3 The President or 1st Vice President in his/her absence, or the Secretary General shall preside/chair all meetings of the Governing Board.

9.6.4 The President and each Governing Board member shall have a vote on all decisions to be taken and all decisions of the Governing Board shall be by a simple majority. The President, in the case of a tie in the voting, shall have a second or casting vote.

9.6.5 The business and affairs of the WMMAA shall be managed under the direction of its Governing Board, subject only to the limitations imposed by Constitution of the WMMAA.

9.7 Congress Venue

All meetings of the Governing Board shall be held at such place or places as may be determined by the Governing Board from time to time determine.

9.8 Use of Multimedia Conferencing Equipment.

If the **Governing Board** determines it to be appropriate, any GB Member may participate in a meeting of the Governing Board by means of telephone conference telephone/ video Conference / Skype or Multi-media conference or any other means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear or see each other.

9.8.1 Regular Meetings. A regular meeting of the Governing Board shall be held at least twice a year with the notice of the same sent at least one month prior to the same, including the place date and agenda to be discussed. A Governing Board Meeting will also be convened just prior to every Annual Congress which may be convened for the purpose of electing or re- electing GB Members and for conducting any other business.

The Governing Board may decide to have additional regular meetings which may be held without notice.

9.8.2 Extra Ordinary Meetings. An extra-ordinary meeting of the Governing Board may be called for any purpose at any time by the President or by the written request of a majority of the GB Members. Such meeting shall be held upon not less than five working days notice if given by letter , or by facsimile transmission or by email, upon not less than Seven working days notice if given by courier delivery service. The notice shall be deemed given at the time it is given by letter, of facsimile or by a successfully sent email or to the courier

service or speed / express post The notice shall specify the time and place, and must specify the general purposes, of the meeting.

9.8.3 Quorum.--The presence of a simple majority of the GB Members shall constitute a quorum for any GB meeting .

9.9 Powers and Duties of the Governing Board

9.9.1 The Governing Board 's powers shall include the following:

- a) To respect , enforce and abide by the rules, regulations, Constitution of the WMMAA and to implement the decisions of the Congress;
- b) to suspend or take other sanctions against a member in accordance with the provisions of Constitution;
- c) to make any interim amendments to the Rules & Regulations it considers to be necessary between Congresses and to fix a date on which such amendments shall take effect. The WMMAA Office shall notify the members of the amendments and the date on which they shall take effect and shall publish them on the WMMAA website. The interim amendments shall be reported to the next Congress. Where the interim amendments pertain to Rules other than Technical Rules, Congress shall decide whether they shall be made permanent in accordance with Article 13.
- d) to make decisions in urgent matters relating to all Rules & Regulations . Any such decisions may be notified to the Members by the WMMAA Office and shall be reported to the next Congress.
- e) to make decisions regarding the interpretation of the Rules. The members may be notified of such decisions by the WMMAA and shall be reported to the next Congress.
- f) to summon a Extraordinary Congress to deal with any special case of great importance requiring an urgent decision.
- g) to approve, reject or amend any WMMAA Rules & Regulations.
- h) to establish any Committee, whether on an ad hoc or permanent basis, that it deems to be necessary or advisable for the proper functioning of the WMMAA.
- i) to establish any Commission or sub-Commission or Board of Trustees, whether on an ad hoc or permanent basis, that it deems to be necessary or advisable for the proper functioning of the WMMAA.
- j) to submit to the Congress the list of candidates for election of individual members, without voting powers, in recognition of valued services given to the WMMAA.
- k) To appoint Vice Presidents and Honorary Members , Individual members out of the Members of the WMMAA, with or without voting rights.
- l) To create the board of trustees consisting of individual members.

9.9.2 The Governing Board duties shall include the following:

- a) to oversee and supervise the activities of the WMMAA in accordance with the Objectives laid down in this Constitution.
- b) to submit to each Congress a report of its activities in the preceding year, together with audited financial statements for such period, and to submit a budget for the succeeding year.
- c) to examine any proposals from Members, Committees or Commissions which are to be discussed at Congress, to submit such reports on them as they think fit and to submit to Congress any other proposals they may deem desirable.
- d) to ensure the execution of all resolutions taken by the Congress.
- e) to notify Members of the imposition of any suspensions or any other sanctions by either Congress or by the Governing Board .
- f) to ensure the maintenance of proper standards in the organization of all events and competitions under the direct control of the WMMAA.
- g) to facilitate and co-ordinate the establishment of an the annual calendar of MMA events.
- h) to make the necessary appointments of delegates and other officials at all major International Competitions directly organized by the WMMAA.
- i) to appoint such honorary personnel as it may deem necessary for the purpose of administering the affairs of the WMMAA.
- j) to promote a development program for the benefit of Members requiring assistance in administration, marketing, anti-doping education, sports medicine, the training of coaches, technical officials, etc.
- k) to nominate one or more Vice Presidents or Governing Board Members to undertake special responsibility for the supervision of the Development Program, or to perform any other special duties subject to the overall control of the Governing Board.
- l) to decide on dates and venues for International events defined in the Rules which are directly organized by the WMMAA.
- m) The Governing Board has the right to delegate singular authority to the President to decide on any urgent issues . In such a cases, the President shall keep the Governing Board informed of the decisions made by him .

9.10 Obligations of Governing Board members

9.10.1 Each Governing Board member shall have the following obligations:

- a) to respect the Objectives and Goals of the WMMAA as set out in Constitution;

- b) to comply with all WMMAA Rules and Regulations; and
- c) to accept and comply and implement the directives of the President , and the resolutions of the Governing Board and the Congress.

ARTICLE 10.0 MEMBERS OF THE WMMAA GOVERNING BOARD

10.1 THE PRESIDENT OF WMMAA

The principal elected officer of the WMMAA shall be the President.

10.1.1 The President shall be Chief Executive Officer of the WMMAA . The President shall have overall charge and supervision over the day to day activities of the WMMAA and has the authority to instruct, direct, and control its other Governing Board Members , Committee / Commission Members , officers, employees, and agents.

10.1.2 The President may enter into and execute in the name of the WMMAA, contracts or other instruments in the regular course of business or contracts or other instruments not in the regular course of business that are authorized, either generally or specifically, by the Governing Board. In no event shall a contract or other obligation be deemed to be in the regular course of business if it obligates the WMMAA to expend a sum, or provide services or goods.

10.1.3 The President shall have the power to appoint, fix the compensation of, and suspend or remove all employees of the WMMAA.

10.1.4 The President shall also enforce and monitor the implementation of the WMMAA Constitutional Objectives

10.1.5 The President shall represent the interests and rights of WMMAA Members globally and shall uphold and enforce the WMMAA Constitution and Rules and Regulations and the Code of Ethics of the IOC as adopted by the WMMAA. He/she shall monitor and govern the compliance of the same by all WMMAA members

10.1.6 The President shall have the following roles and duties:

- a) to preside over all meetings of the Congress, the Governing Board and the participate in all other Commissions and Committees of the WMMAA.
- b) to create Committees and Commissions
- c) to represent the WMMAA in all dealings with any relevant international organizations.

- d) to negotiate or oversee the negotiation of all major contracts on behalf of the WMMAA in consultation with the appropriate members of the Governing Board and/or any other relevant persons.
- e) to present an annual report to the Governing Board in this regard.

- f) to be an ex officio member of all Committees and Commissions and GB Member of the Governing Board.
- g) to be an ex officio member of the meetings of all Continental Unions
- h) to create any task force or working group he may deem necessary or advisable to address any urgent situation.
- i) to be responsible, as the principal elected officer of the WMMAA, for the oversight of the operations of the WMMAA Office and, where appropriate, to take such measures as he may deem necessary for the proper administration of the WMMAA. He shall periodically report to the Governing Board in this regard.
- j) To suspend any member of the WMMAA or Representative of each Continental Association in case of any violation of any terms of the WMMAA Constitution or the Code of Ethics of the IOC as adopted by the WMMAA. The suspension and removal of such members for any other cause or violation shall be subject to the majority vote of the Governing Board .
- k) To nominate one or more Vice Presidents or Governing Board Members to undertake special responsibility for the supervision of the Development Program, or to perform any other special duties subject to the overall control of the Governing Board.

10.1.7 The President may delegate authority or duty to any other members of the Governing Board as he considers appropriate.

10.1.8 In case there being an equal number of votes in the Governing Board voting , and in the Congress , the President shall have the casting vote.

10.2 The **VICE PRESIDENTS OF WMMAA**

10.2.1 The **1st VICE-PRESIDENT** shall assist the President and substitutes for him/her whenever he/she is unable to perform his/her duties. In case a Vice-President is unable to perform his/her duties, any other VICE-PRESIDENT shall take over his/her duties additionally.

10.2.2 One or more Vice Presidents may be nominated by the President to undertake additional responsibility or to perform any other special duties subject to the overall control of the President and the Governing Board.

10.2.3 Each Vice President representing the Continents, shall be accountable to the WMMAA President, for the promotion propagation and development of MMA in their assigned Continent and regions

10.3 The **SECRETARY GENERAL OF WMMAA**

10.3.1 The Secretary General is the **Chief Operating Officer [COO]** of WMMAA and undertakes responsibility for its day to day administration of the WMMAA and he/she is responsible for the normal day to day correspondence and communication with all WMMAA Representatives of the Continents and the Nations as well as with third parties.

10.3.2 The Secretary General assists the WMMAA President and shall be responsible for ensuring that the WMMAA Members complies to all legal and statutory regulations as prescribed in the WMMAA Constitution.

10.3.3 The Secretary General is also responsible for enforcing and monitoring compliance of the WMMAA Constitution, and implementing resolutions as per minutes of the meetings of the Congress and the Governing Board , as well as for implementing the directives made by the WMMAA President

10.3.4 He/she accepts and scrutinises and conveys to the GB all applications for WMMAA membership and reports the same to the GB;

10.3.5 The Secretary General shall maintain and update the records of all WMMAA members and shall function as the the official custodian of all WMMAA documents and records including the register of the minutes of all GB meetings and Congress meetings

10.3.6 He/she ensures that the proclamations and agenda of all WMMAA Congress meetings and all Governing Board meetings are sent out in a timely manner as stipulated herein ;

10.4 The **TREASURER of The WMMAA**

10.4.1 The Treasurer is the **Chief Financial Officer [CFO]** of the WMMAA. He/she shall be responsible for the day to day governance of all monetary transactions of the WMMAA and ensuring financial discipline and accountability of all the GB members.

10.4.2 The Treasurer shall also be responsible for formulating and implementing the WMMAA Annual budget as approved by the Congress and shall maintain and update the corresponding books of accounts of WMMAA. It is mandatory that all disbursements from the WMMAA Treasury/ Bank Accounts are verified and scrutinized by the Treasurer and sanctioned by the WMMAA President.

10.4.3 The Treasurer under the control of the Governing Board shall be responsible for the proper accounting of all contributions made by the WMMAA members and other benefactors and only the Governing Board shall have the right to administer such contributions obtained by the WMMAA during the Governing Board 's four -year term.

10.4.4 The Treasurer shall use acknowledged standards of accounting, having its financial statements verified by an independent auditor and shall present its annual activity report, audit report and audited financial statements

10.4.5 The finances shall of the WMMAA shall be administered by the Treasurer under the control of Governing Board , in a prudent and transparent manner to assure the retention of sufficient reserves and to assure continuation of the many activities and programs of the WMMAA, including but not limited to the following:

- a) the organization of WMMAA events;
- b) the participation of athletes in WMMAA events;
- c) the administration of the WMMAA Offices;
- d) the WMMAA Anti-Doping Program;
- e) the worldwide promotion of MMA.
- f) any other programmes in the interest of WMMAA and its athletes

10.4.6 The Treasurer shall present the Annual Financial report at Congress

10.4.7 The Financial Year of the WMMAA shall be from 1st January to 31st December

10.5 The Executive Members of WMMAA

10.5.1 The **EXECUTIVE MEMBERS** of the WMMAA , as and when inducted shall assist the Vice Presidents & the Secretary General in the execution of their duties and shall substitute for a Vice President in case of need.

10.5.2 Recognized national MMA athletes, independently nominated and elected by the WMMAA **Athletes Commission** , shall also be represented in the GB as Executive Members with the right to vote .

ARTICLE 11.0 SOURCES OF INCOME FOR WMMAA

The activities of WMMAA shall be funded by various sources income, in particular but not limited to as under :

- a) annual membership fees;
- b) grants and donations;
- c) income from licensing or selling commercial rights related to MMA events;
- d) sponsorships
- e) fees for services provided by the WMMAA;

- f) entry fees for the participation in the WMMAA events;
- g) payment for the rights to organise World Championships and international tournaments held under the supervision of the WMMAA ;
- h) fines and penalties;
- i) capital gains;
- j) others

ARTICLE 12.0 CONTINENTAL MMA UNIONS [CMMAU]

The WMMAA recognizes the following FIVE Continental MMA Unions with twenty-one Regions as under :\

12.1 The Africa MMA Union [with five regions]

- a. East Africa Region,*
- b. Middle Africa Region,*
- c. North Africa Region,*
- d. South Africa Region*
- e. West Africa Region*

12.2 The Asia MMA Union [with five regions]

- a. East Asia Region,
- b. Central Asia Region,
- c. South-East Asia Region,
- d. South Asia Region
- e. West Asia Region.

12.3 The European MMA Union [with five regions]

- a. East Europe Region,
- b. Central Europe Region,
- c. North Europe Region,
- d. South Europe Region e. West and South-West Europe Region.

12.4 The Oceania MMA Union [with two regions]

- a. Australia, Melanesia and Micronesia Region,
- b. New Zealand and Polynesia Region.

12.5 Pan-America MMA Union [with four regions]

- a. North America Region,
- b. Central America Region
- c. South America Region
- d. Caribbean Region,

12.6 A Continental MMA Union is a union of WMMA Member National MMA Associations of each Continent formed for the purpose of conducting Continental Championships and other MMA events and promoting MMA as resolved by the WMMAA Congress

12.6.1 The President or Continental Representative of each Continental MMA Union shall be nominated by the President of the WMMAA from among the heads of National MMA Associations within their territory and ratified by Congress

12.6.2 The President may suspend / remove any Representative of any Continental Union in the GB, in case of any violation of any terms of the WMMAA Constitution or the Code of Ethics of the IOC as adopted by the WMMAA or directives of the WMMAA Congress or GB. The suspension and removal of such members for any other cause or violation shall be subject to the majority vote of the Governing Board.

12.7 Presidents / Continental Representatives of CMMAU are inducted into the WMMAA Governing Board as Vice-Presidents with the right to vote and right to speak. However unless such Presidents / Representatives hold the mandate to vote for a NMMMA they will only have the right to speak at Congress Only.

12.8 The Representative of each Continental Union is also obliged:

- To perform an essential role in the WMMAA in fostering and developing MMA in their respective areas taking into consideration the specific needs of members;
- to perform the directives of the President and the resolutions of Governing Board and Congress;
- to organize and to perform international championships on the Territory;
- in all cases to be limited to operation within its own Territory and shall in no sense be conflicting with this Constitution or the Rules or Regulations.
- to organize a meeting of the members of the Continental Union held at least once every year;
- to render a detailed, written report of its activities to Congress every two years and, in so doing, draw to the attention of Congress any MMA related issues specific to its Area.
- To establish and control a competition structure suitable for the needs of MMA on its Territory.
- To be responsible for publishing and controlling an annual calendar of all International Competitions to be held on a territory level within its Territory. The calendar shall include the national championships of its members.

- To establish and control from its own resources a development program having the objective of ensuring the continuity of the development of MMA in its Territory and co-ordinate such a program with the WMMAA's development activities.
- To have the right to be represented at Congress by up to three observers.
- To have the right to make proposals to Congress.

12.9 If at any time a position as Continental Union Representative on the Governing Board becomes vacant, through resignation or otherwise, the President shall ask the members to elect the or designate a Representative on the next Congress.

ARTICLE 13.0 WMMAA COMMISSIONS / COMMITTEES

13.1 All WMMAA Commissions / Committees shall be established to serve the needs of the WMMAA , as and when required for an initial period not exceeding four years, unless otherwise so decided by the Governing Board.

13.2 The President shall nominate suitably qualified members as Chairpersons for each WMMAA Commission

13.3 The President shall be the ex officio member of all Commissions / Committees.

13.4 All Commissions/ Committees shall meet when summoned by the President and report or present their findings and recommendations to the Governing Board through their respective Committee Chairpersons.

13.5 Individual members of Committees (excluding ex officio members) must as far as possible come from different Countries or Territories.

ARTICLE 14.0 AMENDMENTS TO THE WMMAA CONSTITUTION

14.1 Proposals to alter, amend or repeal any clause of the WMMAA Constitution may be proposed by the Full members of WMMAA or by the Governing Board. In case of an initiative of full member NMMAA to amend the Constitution , the said application must be in a form of a petition signed by at least 2/3 of all the members of with the right to vote. Such petitions shall contain complete and proper reasons for the proposed amendments.

The President of the WMMA shall then include this item on the Agenda of the next Congress.

14.2 Any amendment to the WMMAA Constitution must be approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast by the voting members present at the Congress at which the amendment is considered.

ARTICLE 15.0 AMENDMENTS TO THE WMMAA RULES & REGULATIONS

15.1 Amendments to the Rules and Regulations may be made by the Governing Board.

ARTICLE 16.0 SUSPENSIONS AND OTHER SANCTIONS

16.1 The Governing Board shall have the following powers under this Article:

- a) to remove a member from Membership for non-execution of provisions of the Constitution and/or in the presence of a non-confidence vote from other members expressed in the corresponding written applications;
- b) to caution or censure a Member;
- c) to issue fines against a Member;
- d) to withhold grants or subsidies from a Member;
- e) to exclude a Member's athletes from any one or more of the types of International Meeting defined in the Rules;
- f) to remove or deny accreditation to officers or other representatives of a Member; and
- g) to impose any other sanction it may deem to be appropriate.

16.2 The Congress has the right to reinstate or suspend a member only if:

- a) there is a signed petition by at least 2/3 of all the full members of WMMAA
- b) such petition shall contain complete and proper reasons for protesting of the decision of the Governing Board.
- c) petition for protesting the decision of the Governing Board has been received by the President at least four months before the next Congress meeting.

16.3 The Congress shall also have the following powers under this Article:

- a) to remove a Member from Membership until the next meeting of Congress or for any shorter period;
- b) to reinstate a Member who has been suspended by the Governing Board

16.4 The Governing Board may exercise its powers to suspend any member including with the following:

- a) a member has failed to pay the appropriate membership fees for the preceding year by the 31st of December of that year; or
- b) in the opinion of the Governing Board, the Member is in breach of the Constitution or any one or more of the Rules; or
- c) the conduct of the Member, or the Government of the Country or Territory that the Member represents, breaches, or remains in breach of, the Objects of the WMMAA; or
- d) the Governing Board considers that the Member does not fulfil the requirements of eligibility for Membership;
- e) in the event of a conflict bringing the activities of a Member to a standstill, the Member has failed to comply with the provisions of Article 4 above.

16.5 A decision of the Governing Board to suspend or remove a member or to issue any other sanction shall be subject to an appeal within the internal dispute resolution mechanism of the WMMAA or ultimately to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), at Lausanne, Switzerland

16.6 In any case where a Member has been suspended\removed or has had any other sanction issued against it by the Governing Board, such a decision, together with any internal resolution of any CAS ruling on the matter where applicable, shall be reported to the next Congress which shall take any further action it considers to be necessary.

ARTICLE 17.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

17.1 All disputes arising under this Constitution shall, in accordance with its provisions, if cannot be resolved within the WMMAA Internal dispute resolution mechanism, shall be subject to an appeal to the Court of Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) at Lausanne, Switzerland

17.2 All disputes arising under the Rules and Regulations shall be resolved in accordance with their provisions.

ARTICLE 18.0 ANTI DOPING PROVISIONS

18.1 The use of banned substances and methods listed in the annual list of prohibited substances issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is prohibited and will be pursued and sanctioned according to the provisions of the Anti-Doping Regulation of the WMMAA, which shall be in full conformity to the regulations of the World Anti-Doping Agency and the World Anti Doping Code .

18.2 It is forbidden for any participant or official to interfere with the collection of samples for doping control by the authorized WMMAA / NADA personnel at any WMMA Championship .

ARTICLE 19.0 GOVERNING LAW

The governing law of the WMMAA shall be the laws of the **Principality of Monaco**.

ARTICLE 20.0 DISSOLUTION

20.1 The WMMAA may be dissolved only at an Extraordinary Congress so convened for this purpose and by the absolute Majority of 2/3 votes of Members with the right to vote ..

20.2 In the event of dissolution, the Congress shall appoint one or more liquidators who shall discharge all debts and liabilities incurred on behalf of the WMMAA. The remaining assets, if any, shall be donated to a suitable body for the ongoing promotion and development of sport.

20.3 At the conclusion of the liquidation, the liquidators shall submit a final report to the Congress, which shall declare the liquidation closed.

ARTICLE 21.0 COMMENCEMENT

21.1 This Constitution as detailed herein shall come into force on the day of its adoption by the WMMAA Congress .

21.2 The former Constitution of the WMMAA as adopted by WMMAA Congress on 4th July 2014 , shall be repealed and rendered null and void on the day of the adoption of this present Constitution as contained herein.

21.3 The incumbent Governing Members and Commission Members of the WMMAA shall continue to be in office until the 2018 electoral congress of the WMMAA

15.4 ALL member NMMAA shall do whatever is necessary including amending their current charter or Constitution so as to conform and be in full compliance with this Constitution of the WMMAA as contained herein , within six calendar (6) months from the date of adoption by the WMMAA Congress.

This Constitution as contained herein has been presented to and adopted by and approved and ratified by the Congress of the WMMAA held in Macau , china , on 27th November 2016