
CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATION OF ASIAN MUAYTHAI ASSOCIATIONS

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1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 In this Constitution, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to them in this article 1.1:

"FAMA"	means the Federation of Asian Muaythai Associations, a non-profit making continental organization, registered under the laws of Thailand, comprising the Muaythai Associations of all Asian countries which accepted and agreed to abide by the articles herein;
"FAMA Approved Events"	means any event, competition or tournament between National Federations or Athletes which is authorized and approved in accordance with the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules;
"FAMA Headquarters"	means the administrative headquarters and staff of FAMA based in the country of the elected President, or such other location as may be decided by the Executive Committee and/or President;
"FAMA Technical & Competition Rules"	means the rules governing technical and competition aspects of all events, competitions or tournaments organized or hosted by, or involving, FAMA, or any National Federation, as determined by the Executive Committee;
"Annual Fee"	means an amount of US\$ 500.00 due and payable by each National Federation to FAMA annually as a membership fee, subject to amendment by a decision of the Congress in accordance with article 23;
"Athlete"	means any person licensed or authorized by a National Federation to compete as an athlete in FAMA/IFMA Approved Events;
"Code of Ethics"	means the code of ethical behaviour applicable to IFMA/FAMA, each Confederation, each National Federation and any Official or Athlete affiliated to or recognized by any National Federation, which such code may be created, adopted or amended by the

	Executive Committee in accordance with article 37;
“Commission”	means each commission having authority under these Statutes established in accordance with article 44 or article 37;
“Congress”	means the National Federations acting collectively in accordance with these Articles as the supreme legislative body of FAMA;
“Disciplinary Code”	means the rules and regulations governing disciplinary matters applicable to FAMA, every National Federation and any Official or Athlete affiliated to every National Federation, which such rules and regulations may be created, adopted or amended by the Executive Committee in accordance with article 37;
“Election Committee”	means the committee of persons appointed by the President to determine, in accordance with article 35, whether a candidate meets the conditions of eligibility set out in article 34, comprising the Chairman of the Ethics Commission, the Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission and the Chairman of the Reform Committee (or one other independent qualified legal counsel nominated by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission and the Chairman of the Ethics Commission);
“Ethics Commission”	means the commission established to govern the Code of Ethics and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Disciplinary Commission in respect of any alleged breach of the Code of Ethics;
“Executive Committee”	means the body of persons elected by the National Federations and composed in accordance with article 33 to act as the executive organ of FAMA;
“Executive Director”	means the person appointed as the Executive Director of FAMA in accordance with article 39 having the duties and responsibilities set out in article

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“Legal Counsel”	means the person appointed as the Legal Counsel of FAMA in accordance with article 33 having the duties and responsibilities set out in article 46;
“National Federation”	means any legal entity that is admitted to membership of FAMA in accordance with this Constitution;
“Official”	means any Executive Committee member, member of a commission, referee, judge, coach or trainer, technical delegate, jury member, international technical official, or president, vice president, secretary general, executive committee member or other elected or appointed official of a National Federation or any other person responsible for technical, medical or administrative matters in FAMA, or a National Federation;
“President”	means the person elected as the President of FAMA in accordance with article 31 having the powers and duties set out in article 38 and elsewhere in these Statutes;
“Procedural Rules”	means the rules and regulations applicable to the conduct of disciplinary proceedings and appeal proceedings under the Disciplinary Code, which such rules and regulations may be created, adopted or amended by the Executive Committee in accordance with article 37;
“Provisional Member”	means any legal entity whose application for admission has been accepted by the Executive Committee in accordance with article 9.1, but whose membership has not been ratified by the Congress in accordance with article 9.2;
“Technical & Rules Commission”	Means the commission appointed by the President having authority over matters falling under the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, subject to the ratification of such matters by the Executive

Committee;

“Treasurer” means the person appointed as the Treasurer of FAMA in accordance with article 33 having the duties and responsibilities set out in article 46;

“Vice President” means each person elected as a Vice President of FAMA in accordance with article 33.

1.2 In this Constitution, unless otherwise specified:

1.2.1 references to articles are references to the articles of this Constitution;

1.2.2 references to a “person” shall be construed so as to include any individual, firm, company, corporation, body corporate, government, state or agency or a state, local or municipal authority or government body or any joint venture, association, federation, confederation or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality);

1.2.3 a reference to any statute or statutory provision (including but not limited to, the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the FAMA Code of Ethics, the FAMA Disciplinary Code and the FAMA Procedural Rules) shall be construed as a reference to the same as it may have been, or may from time to time be, amended, modified or re-enacted; and

1.3 All headings and titles are inserted for convenience only. They are to be ignored in the interpretation of the articles of this Constitution.

2. LEGAL STATUS AND HEADQUATERS

2.1 FAMA is an association governed in accordance with the laws of Thailand.

2.2 This Constitution shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of Thailand.

2.3 The duration of FAMA is unlimited.

2.4 FAMA is located in Thailand and may be transferred to another location following a decision adopted by the Executive Committee.

3. MISSION

The mission of FAMA is to govern the sport of Muaythai in all its forms worldwide.

4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of FAMA are in particular:

- 4.1 to make a contribution towards deepening friendship among nations and preserving peace in the Asia, fostering and promoting a true spirit and friendship rivalry among nations;
- 4.2 to develop the regulations and to ensure their enforcement in championships and competitions in Asia organized by FAMA, and every National Federation;
- 4.3 to ensure that all Asia competitions open to the every National Federations shall be organized and held under the articles in this Constitution;
- 4.4 to promote mutual respect among National Federations in their relations and the reciprocal recognition of penalties and suspensions;
- 4.5 to ensure that the income and property of the FAMA shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of this Constitution;
- 4.6 to strengthen friendship and mutual understanding among Athletes and to promote peace, as the most important condition for the existence of sports;
- 4.7 to protect and care for the safety and interest of Athletes;
- 4.8 to train and improve the quality and transparency of all Officials.

5. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Discrimination on any ground such as gender, ethnicity, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion in accordance with this Constitution, the FAMA Bylaws, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules.

6. ENFORCING THIS CONSTITUTION, OTHER RULES AND DECISIONS

- 6.1 National Federations, FAMA Subsidiaries, Officials, Athletes and any other person or organization subject to these Statutes must always comply with these Statutes, the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules, as well as to the Anti-Doping Rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency.
- 6.2 This Constitution, the constitution or bylaws of all National Federations, and FAMA Subsidiaries must explicitly recognize the obligation created by article 6.1. In furtherance of this obligation, all National Federations and FAMA Subsidiaries must ensure that there is a specific article in their constitution or bylaws governing such National Federations and FAMA Subsidiaries which repeats the provisions of article 6.1 and applies such provisions to all Officials and Athletes recognized by such National Federations and FAMA Subsidiaries.
- 6.3 In furtherance of article 6.1, each National Federation and FAMA Subsidiary hereby undertakes to FAMA, as a condition of their recognition as such under this Constitution, to take all such action as is required to ensure compliance with article 6.1 by any Official or Athlete affiliated to or recognized by that National Federation, or FAMA Subsidiary, including (but not limited to) by enforcing any decision of the Executive Committee, the Disciplinary Commission or any other Commission against any such Official or Athlete.
- 6.4 All national federations constitutional provisions, rules and regulations must be aligned with the constitutional provisions, rules and regulations of IFMA and FAMA.
- 6.5 In the instance where there is a lacunae or lack of provision, rules and regulations for any matter whatsoever, the applicable provisions shall be the constitutional provisions, rules and regulations of IFMA.
- 6.6 In the instance where the national federations' constitutional provisions, rules and regulations are in contrast, conflict and/or incompatible with the constitutional provisions, rules and regulations of IFMA and FAMA then the provisions, rules and regulations of IFMA shall prevail and be the applicable law.

7. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

- 7.1 English shall be the official language of FAMA.
- 7.2 English shall be the administrative language for minutes, correspondence, announcements and decisions of FAMA, including all correspondence between FAMA Subsidiaries, National Federations, the Executive Committee, each Commission and the FAMA Headquarters. National Federations shall be responsible for translations from English into the language of their country.
- 7.3 This Constitution, the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules will be translated from English into any other language at the discretion of the President from time to time. In the event of any discrepancy between such documents, the English text shall prevail.
- 7.4 Delegates at the Congress may speak in their mother tongue if the National Federation which appointed such delegate ensures that an interpreter is available to provide an interpretation into English. The interpreter must also be a validly appointed delegate of the relevant National Federation.
- 7.5 The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held in English. The meetings of each Commission shall be held in English.

8. MEMBERSHIP

- 8.1 Any legal entity which:
- 8.1.1 is responsible for governing the sport of Muaythai in its country; and
- 8.1.2 which has been admitted to membership in accordance with article 9 herein, is a National Federation recognized as a member of FAMA and, subject to this Constitution, may exercise all such rights as are attributable to a National Federation.
- 8.2 FAMA shall admit only one National Federation from each country. Any entity affiliated to a National Federation cannot be affiliated to FAMA separately.
- 8.3 A National Federation cannot be affiliated to or recognized by any professional boxing organization or body or any other world, continental, or international boxing

federation or association other than the World Muaythai Council or any relevant federation, association and/or organisation as approved by the Executive Committee.

- 8.4 Maintaining admission to membership of FAMA is the primary obligation of any National Federation. The obligations of a National Federation under this Constitution shall supersede the obligations of a National Federation to any other body, other than the International Federation of Muaythai Associations.

9. ADMISSION AND LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 9.1 Any legal entity may be admitted as a Provisional Member by a decision of the Executive Committee.
- 9.2 A Provisional Member shall be admitted as a National Federation with full membership rights on a decision of the Congress ratifying the decision of the Executive Committee to admit the Provisional Member.
- 9.3 A National Federation shall have its membership status cancelled if the National Federation:
- 9.3.1 resigns such membership;
 - 9.3.2 is excluded from FAMA by a decision of the Executive Committee ratified by the Congress;
 - 9.3.3 if the relevant legal entity comprising the National Federation is dissolved; or
 - 9.3.4 fails to pay the Annual Fee by March 15 and/or by any other extended date as approved by the Executive Committee.

10. REQUEST AND PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

- 10.1 An application to the Executive Committee to be admitted as a Provisional Member must be sent to the FAMA Headquarters and must include the following:
- 10.1.1 a copy of the governing statutes, constitution or bylaws of the applicant;
 - 10.1.2 an official document of the competent authorities, such as the National Olympic Committee, Ministry of Sports and/or the Sports Council of the relevant country attesting that the applicant supervises and is the

administrative entity of Muaythai in the relevant country and which confirms the identity of the members and officers of the applicant;

10.1.3 an undertaking by the applicant to comply with these Statutes, the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules, and to ensure that Officials, Athletes and other persons affiliated to the applicant shall so comply;

10.1.4 a summary of the past and present activities of the applicant with regard to the development of the sport of Muaythai in the relevant country; and

10.1.5 an application fee of US\$ 1000.00 made payable to FAMA.

10.2 The FAMA Headquarters shall verify that each application for admission is complete and shall forward each application to the Executive Committee for consideration. Admission as a Provision Member shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

11. SEQUENCE OF ADMISSION

11.1 An applicant shall acquire provisional membership rights and duties applicable to a Provisional Member on and from the date on which the Executive Committee decides to admit the applicant as a Provisional Member.

11.2 A Provisional Member shall acquire full membership rights and duties applicable to a National Federation on and from the date on which the Congress ratifies the decision of the Executive Committee and admits the Provisional Member as a National Federation.

12. RIGHTS OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

12.1 National Federations shall have the following rights as full members of FAMA:

12.1.1 to participate and vote during Congress;

12.1.2 to be informed in advance of the agenda of the Congress which will be convened in a timely manner as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee;

12.1.3 to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of Congress;

- 12.1.4 to nominate candidates for the positions of President, Vice President and Executive Committee members;
 - 12.1.5 to take part in FAMA Approved Events and other competitions organized by FAMA or any National Federation; and
 - 12.1.6 to exercise all other rights arising from this Constitution, the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules.
- 12.2 Provisional Members have the following rights as provisional members of FAMA:
- 12.2.1 to take part in FAMA Approved Events and other competitions organized by FAMA or any National Federation; and
 - 12.2.2 to exercise all other rights arising from this Constitution, the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules.
- 12.3 For the avoidance of doubt, in regard to any right or benefit receivable by any National Federation or Provisional Member from FAMA, the National Federations have priority to receive such rights and benefits ahead of the Provisional Members.

13. OBLIGATIONS OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

National Federations and Provisional Members have the following obligations:

- 13.1 to abstain from any behaviour and/or acts which are determined by the Executive Committee to be detrimental to FAMA, ;
- 13.2 to comply fully with this Constitution, the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules, and, to the extent that such are in compliance with the foregoing, decisions of the Executive Committee and each Commission, as well as the decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);
- 13.3 to ensure that their own members, clubs, Officials, Athletes, and any person or organization connected to the sport of boxing within their country complies with this Constitution, the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules;

- 13.4 to submit their statutes, constitution or bylaws (including an English translation of their statutes, constitution or bylaws if such statutes, constitution or bylaws are in a language other than English) to FAMA for approval whenever such statutes, constitution or bylaws are adopted or amended, which such statutes, constitution or bylaws shall come into force only after receiving FAMA approval and which shall not be subject to approval by any other external body; and
- 13.5 to pay the Annual Fee due and payable to FAMA on January 15 of each year and must be paid by March 15.

14. EXCLUSION OF ALL EXTERNAL INFERENCE

- 14.1 The election and appointment processes adopted by each National Federation must be approved by FAMA and each National Federation must prevent any and all external interference in their election and appointment processes. FAMA may send an observer to the election at the discretion of the President or at the request of the National Federation (in which case the National Federation shall pay the costs and expenses of such observer).
- 14.2 Any person elected or appointed as an officer of the National Federation who is not selected in compliance with article 14.1 shall not be recognized by FAMA.
- 14.3 Decisions passed by bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with article 14.1 shall not be recognized by FAMA.

15. RESIGNATION

- 15.1 By resigning, a National Federation loses its membership of FAMA.
- 15.2 A National Federation may resign from FAMA membership with immediate effect. Notice of resignation must be received by the FAMA Headquarters.

16. DISSOLUTION

If a National Federation is disbanded or dissolved, its membership of FAMA shall automatically be cancelled.

17. SUSPENSION

- 17.1 A National Federation may be suspended in accordance with the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules by the Executive Committee or the Disciplinary Commission, if need be with immediate effect. The membership rights of a suspended National Federation shall automatically lapse during the suspension period, unless the Executive Committee, on the proposal of the Disciplinary Commission determines otherwise. All decisions to suspend a National Federation will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Commission in the first instance in accordance with the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules.
- 17.2 All National Federations must not entertain any contact or any FAMA business relations with a suspended National Federation. Any National Federation which violates this article 17.2 will be subject to a sanction in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.
- 17.3 Any National Federation not up to date with all Annual Fees due six (6) months before the Congress will automatically lose its rights in accordance with article 12.1 except for the right to participate in FAMA Approved Events in accordance with article 12.1(E) (or article 12.2(A) in the case of a Provisional Member). After the Congress, rights will be granted back to the National Federation, but only upon payment of all Annual Fees due.
- 17.4 Any National Federation not participating in any of the FAMA Approved Events listed in article 56.3 of these Statutes, during the period between two Ordinary Congresses up until one month before the new Congress, shall have no right to propose candidates, apply for positions and take part in the Congress, thus voting in the elections generally.
- 17.5 A National Federation shall be suspended if this National Federation is no longer performing as the governing body of the sport of Muaythai in its country as determined at the discretion of FAMA.

18. EXCLUSION

- 18.1 If a National Federation is excluded, its membership rights shall automatically be cancelled.
- 18.2 A National Federation may be excluded by a decision of the Executive Committee if the National Federation commits a severe violation of this Constitution, the FAMA

Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules. The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, warn a National Federation that its conduct may lead to exclusion before making such decision. Any decision by the Executive Committee to exclude a National Federation must be made subject to ratification by the Congress.

- 18.3 In circumstances where a National Federation has been excluded in accordance with the provisions of article 18, Athletes affiliated to such excluded National Federation, shall not be permitted to compete in FAMA Approved Events, any other events of FAMA Subsidiaries and/or any other events of other National Federations.

19. HONORARY POSITIONS AND AWARDS

- 19.1 The Executive Committee may recommend the title of honorary president or honorary member be bestowed upon any person for meritorious service to boxing. Such recommendation must be subject to ratification by the Congress.
- 19.2 An honorary president or honorary member may attend the Congress as an observer and may speak in any debate, but does not have any voting right.
- 19.3 The Executive Committee may develop an FAMA Order of Merit and may award persons who have given exemplary service to FAMA with an FAMA Order of Merit in accordance with the procedures for selection set out in the FAMA Bylaws.

20. CONTINENTAL CONFERATIONS

- 20.1 National Federations that belong to the same continent have formed the following Federations, which are affiliated to FAMA through IFMA:
- 20.1.1 European Muaythai Federation (EMF);
 - 20.1.2 African Muaythai Federation (AMF);
 - 20.1.3 Pan American Muaythai Union (PAMU); and
 - 20.1.4 Oceania Muaythai Federation (OMF).
- 20.2 FAMA shall only recognize one Federation in each continent.

- 20.3 The formation of any sub-continental federations, associations and/or groups is strictly disallowed unless written authorisation or approval of IFMA has been formally obtained.
- 20.4 Membership and or affiliation to any such non authorised sub-continental federations, associations and/or groups are strictly disallowed and prohibited unless written authorisation of approval has been obtained from IFMA.

21. LEGAL BODIES OF FAMA

- 21.1 The legal bodies of FAMA are the following:
- 21.1.1 the Congress;
 - 21.1.2 the Executive Committee;
 - 21.1.3 the FAMA Headquarters; and
 - 21.1.4 the Disciplinary Commission.
- 21.2 Commissions (other than the Disciplinary Commission) are not considered as legal bodies of FAMA. Such Commissions shall only have the duties of recommending programs and plans to the Executive Committee and participating in the implementation of those programs under the supervision of the FAMA Headquarters as specified by the Executive Committee from time to time.

22. CONGRESS

- 22.1 The Congress is an assembly consisting of all eligible National Federations, which are members of FAMA and shall be convened at least once every four years.
- 22.2 Each National Federation may be represented at the Congress by a maximum of three (3) appointed delegates. On (1) appointed delegate must be specified as the delegate who will vote on behalf of the relevant National Federation.
- 22.3 Delegates must hold office as the president, vice president, executive director, secretary general, executive committee member, honorary president or honorary member of the relevant National Federation and must have been validly appointed in accordance with the applicable statutes, constitution or bylaws of that National Federation. The appointment of the delegate must be authorized in writing by the

president of the National Federation. A delegate cannot represent more than one National Federation during the Congress.

- 22.4 The President, each Vice President, the Treasurer, the Legal Counsel and other Executive Committee members, Executive Director, as well as administrative staff of FAMA, are convened to the Congress. The Executive Committee shall decide if any other participants are allowed at the Congress.

23. POWERS OF CONGRESS

The Congress is the supreme body of FAMA. The Congress has the following powers to:

- 23.1 adopt and/or amend this Constitution;
- 23.2 elect the President, each Vice President and the other Executive Committee members every four years, and may, in an Extraordinary Congress convened in accordance with this Constitution, remove any such person from office by a majority of no-confidence;
- 23.3 appoint, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, a person as an honorary president or honorary member of FAMA;
- 23.4 approve the minutes of the preceding Congress;
- 23.5 approve the consolidated and audited financial report;
- 23.6 decide the quantum of Annual Fees;
- 23.7 ratify the admission or exclusion of National Federations following the decisions of the Executive Committee; and
- 23.8 disband and/or dissolve FAMA.

24. ORDINARY CONGRESS AND EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

- 24.1 A Congress may be an Ordinary or an Extraordinary Congress.
- 24.2 An Ordinary Congress shall be held every four years.
- 24.3 The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time, or shall convene it within a period of three months if one third of the National Federations

make such a request in writing. The request must specify the items for the agenda and the proposal of solution with a sufficient explanation.

- 24.4 The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date of the Congress. The National Federations shall be notified in writing at least four months in advance for an Ordinary Congress and three months in advance for an Extraordinary Congress. Date and place of the Congress, whether Ordinary or Extraordinary, may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances or in case of force majeure. In any such case, the Executive Committee will decide of changes by means of an email vote.
- 24.5 At each Ordinary Congress the Executive Committee shall submit an income and expenditure account and a balance sheet made up to date three months prior to the date of the Ordinary Congress. Such balance sheet shall be certified by at least one (1) qualified professional auditor.

25. AGENDA FOR CONGRESS

- 25.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the agenda of the Ordinary Congress. Each National Federation may submit to the Executive Committee written proposals at least three (3) months before the date of the Congress. Such proposals must be supported in writing by at least fifteen (15) other National Federations with a sufficient explanation of the rationale(s) for the proposals. The Executive Committee may determine, at its sole discretion whether or not such proposals are appropriate to be considered by the Congress, and may include or exclude such proposals on the agenda as deemed fit by the Executive Committee.
- 25.2 The Executive Committee shall determine the agenda of the Extraordinary Congress if it is convened by the Executive Committee. It is mandatory that the agenda includes the proposals of the National Federations if these National Federations have requested to hold an Extraordinary Congress.
- 25.3 The formal distribution of the agenda and any other documents related to the Congress shall be made available to all National Federations having fulfilled the terms and conditions stated in both article 17.3 and article 17.4 at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress.

26. CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

- 26.1 The President shall preside over the Congress.

- 26.2 For all matters requiring the counting of votes, the President may appoint up to five (5) scrutineers, to supervise the collation and counting of all votes cast at the Congress. The scrutineers shall coordinate with the FAMA Headquarters for the organization of the voting procedure.

27. VOTING

- 27.1 Each National Federation has one vote in the Congress and exercises its voting right through the vote cast by the appointed voting delegate.
- 27.2 The Treasurer, Legal Counsel, Executive Committee members, and any honorary president or honorary members cannot vote, unless the Executive Committee member has been validly appointed as a voting delegate by the relevant National Federation.
- 27.3 Voting by proxy or by letter shall not be permitted, unless otherwise permitted by the Executive Committee. No delegate shall be forced to vote.
- 27.4 Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- 27.5 Any decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count or in any other way determined by the Executive Committee. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favor of a motion, the vote shall be taken a roll call of National Federations in alphabetical order.

28. QUORUM

For a vote taken at the Congress to be valid, an absolute majority (half of the eligible National Federations plus one National Federation) of the National Federations eligible to vote must be present once the Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress is convened.

29. VOTING ON DECISIONS

- 29.1 Only the proposals stipulated in the agenda may be decided on by the Congress. However, in urgent and/or important cases, as the case may be, the President may, with the majority approval of the Congress, add an item to the agenda for the immediate determination of the Congress.
- 29.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in this Constitution, an absolute majority (half of the votes from National Federations present at the Congress plus one vote) of the votes recorded and valid is necessary for a ballot to be valid. A valid ballot to adopt or

amend this Constitution is obtained when two-thirds of the valid votes recorded are in favor. Abstentions and invalid votes are disregarded in calculating a majority.

30. EFFECTIVE DATES OF DECISIONS

Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect immediately after the close of the Congress unless the Congress fixes another date or delegates the authority to fix another date to the Executive Committee.

31. ELECTIONS

31.1 For the election of the President and Vice Presidents of FAMA, the relative majority of the votes recorded and valid are sufficient, unless otherwise specified by the Executive Committee. For any vote between two (2) or more candidates, the candidate who receives the highest number of votes will win the election.

31.2 For any other election, the relative majority of the votes recorded and valid are sufficient, unless otherwise specified by the Executive Committee. The remaining positions are granted to the candidates who have obtained the highest number of votes. Whenever votes are equal, the President of the Congress shall have a casting vote.

32. MINUTES OF CONGRESS

The Executive Director or a member of the FAMA Headquarters shall be responsible for recording the minutes of Congress in English. The record of the minutes in English must be sent to all the National Federations within six (6) months after the Congress with the approval of the President.

33. COMPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

33.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of twenty (20) persons as follows:

33.1.1 one (1) President;

33.1.2 eight (8) Vice Presidents;

33.1.3 ten (10) Executive Board Members; and

33.1.4 one (1) General Secretary

all of whom are elected by Congress and/or appointed by the President in accordance with article 33.2

- 33.2 Subject to article 33.1, the President may appoint one (1) Vice President and four (4) Executive Committee members.
- 33.3 Upon nomination by the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Treasurer and a Legal Counsel who will be invited to attend the Executive Committee meetings but shall have no voting rights.
- 33.4 Exceptionally, the President may also nominate additional Executive Committee members ad personam who, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, shall be entitled to participate in the Executive Committee meetings but cannot vote.

34. ELGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 34.1 Candidates for the Presidency must:
 - 34.1.1 be able to communicate comprehensively in English;
 - 34.1.2 have a record of serving in the immediate past Executive Committee for a full four (4) years mandate as an Executive Committee member;
 - 34.1.3 be nominated by their respective National Federation, and hold office as a president, vice president, executive director, secretary general, executive committee member, honorary president or honorary member of the National Federation, having been validly appointed in accordance with the applicable statutes, constitution or bylaws of the National Federation;
 - 34.1.4 be supported in writing by at least five (5) other National Federations;
 - 34.1.5 be able to prove to the reasonable satisfaction of the Election Committee that they have never been convicted of a criminal offence; and
 - 34.1.6 not have been sanctioned for a violation of these Statutes, the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules.
 - 34.1.7 The President – shall be nominated by and elected from any affiliated National Association from FAMA. In the case where the elected President is not a Thai

national, one of the elected Vice Presidents has to be a representative of the National Association of Thailand.

34.2 Candidates for the Vice Presidency and Executive Committee must:

34.2.1 be nominated by their respective National Federation, and hold office as a president, vice president, executive director, secretary general, executive committee member, honorary president or honorary member of the National Federation, having been validly appointed in accordance with the applicable statutes, constitution or bylaws of the National Federation;

34.2.2 (a) for the Vice Presidency only, nominations shall be supported in writing by at least three (3) other National Federations;

(b) for the General Secretary only, nomination can be from any member National Federation;

34.2.3 be able to prove to the reasonable satisfaction of the Election Committee that they have never been convicted of a criminal offence; and

34.2.4 not have been sanctioned for a violation of these Statutes, the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules.

34.3 A National Federation may nominate the same person for both Vice President and for the Executive Committee. A candidate nominated for the President shall not also be nominated as a Vice President or for the Executive Committee.

34.4 All candidates running for the Presidency, Vice Presidency and the Executive Committee must be present at the Congress or otherwise approved by the Executive Committee.

34.5 The President, Vice President and the Executive Committee members cannot hold any position in any outside professional Muaythai organizations. No member of an outside professional Muaythai organization can hold any position within FAMA, as an Official or otherwise.

35. NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDATES

- 35.1 Sixty (60) days before the date of the Congress, the FAMA Headquarters will inform all eligible National Federations of the positions that will be available for election. Applications must be received at the FAMA Headquarters at least thirty (30) days before the date of the Congress. Nominations received at the FAMA Headquarters after midnight on the closing date will not be taken into consideration.
- 35.2 The names of all proposed candidates must be sent to FAMA by registered mail, together with all supporting documents or materials required to prove the eligibility of that candidate in accordance with article 34 herein.
- 35.3 Upon receipt of an application by a proposed candidate, the Election Committee will determine whether that proposed candidate meets the conditions of eligibility in accordance with article 34 herein. Candidates who satisfy the criteria in the opinion of the Election Committee will be approved and will be permitted to stand for election. Any candidate who does not satisfy the criteria in the opinion of the Election Committee will be denied and will not be permitted to stand for election.
- 35.4 The list of candidates approved by the Election Committee shall be sent to National Federations fifteen (15) days prior to the Congress.

36. MANDATE OF OFFICE

- 36.1 The mandate of the President, Vice President and the Executive Committee members shall be four years starting immediately after the end of the Congress at which they are elected.
- 36.2 A person may only serve as President for four (4) terms of office. Vice Presidents and Executive Committee members have no limitation on the number of times they may hold office. The terms of office served by a Vice President or Executive Committee member are not taken into account in determining the maximum terms of office if that Vice President or Executive Committee member is elected President.

37. POWERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 37.1 The Executive Committee has in particular the powers to:
- 37.1.1 govern FAMA in accordance with this Constitution;
- 37.1.2 implement the decisions passed by Congress;

- 37.1.3 ensure compliance with this Constitution, the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules;
 - 37.1.4 prepare possible amendments to this Constitution to be submitted to the Congress for adoption;
 - 37.1.5 develop specific regulations for the Commissions;
 - 37.1.6 create, adopt, vary or amend the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules, in all cases subject to compliance with this Constitution but otherwise at the discretion of the Executive Committee;
 - 37.1.7 establish new Commissions, permanent or otherwise;
 - 37.1.8 convene the Congress and formulate the agenda;
 - 37.1.9 decide the place and dates of FAMA major competitions;
 - 37.9.10 approve expenditures which were not foreseen in the budget;
 - 37.9.11 approve the annual budget, the annual accounts complemented by the external audit report;
 - 37.9.12 suspend from office an Executive Committee member or any other person, including any member of any Commission, any Official or any Athlete.
- 37.10 The powers that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of any other body under this Constitution will be attributed to the Executive Committee.

38. POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

- 38.1 The President shall represent FAMA legally. The President shall be responsible for the relations among the Continental Federations, the National Federations, the International Olympic Committee, political bodies, other international sports federations and international organizations.
- 38.2 The President has the following duties, powers and rights:

- 38.2.1 implement the decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee;
 - 38.2.2 supervise the work of the FAMA Headquarters;
 - 38.2.3 convene meetings of the Executive Committee;
 - 38.2.4 preside over Congress;
 - 38.2.5 prepare the President's report to the Congress;
 - 38.2.6 make decisions relating to FAMA major competitions if necessary due to cancellations, postponement, relocations, etc.; and
 - 38.2.7 in extraordinary situations, make decisions on matters of importance which must be ratified by the Executive Committee.
- 38.3 If the President is unable to exercise his powers for a prolonged period due to absence or illness, the Vice President who has served the longest period will act as Interim President, this for a maximum of one (1) year until an Extraordinary Congress is called and a new President elected.

39. POWERS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

- 39.1 The General Secretary shall also represent FAMA legally. The President shall be responsible for the relations among the Continental Federations, the National Federations, the International Olympic Committee, political bodies, other international sports federations and international organizations.
- 39.2 The General Secretary has the following duties, powers and rights:
- 39.2.1 implement the decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee;
 - 39.2.2 appoint the Executive Director of FAMA Headquarters;
 - 39.2.3 supervise the work of the FAMA Headquarters;
 - 39.2.4 to control the bank account of FAMA and make payments in accordance with the instructions of the President;

39.2.5 to represent the Executive Committee of FAMA at international events and/or meetings, as decided by the Executive Committee;

39.2.6 to draft the agenda of Congress, Executive Committee meetings and/or any other meetings, as the case may be; and

39.2.7 to assist in the preparation of the minutes of meetings.

40. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

40.1 The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year. The President shall convene the meetings of the Executive Committee. If one half of the Executive Committee members request an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee, the President must convene such a meeting.

40.2 The President and/or the General Secretary shall draw up the agenda for meetings of the Executive Committee. Each Executive Committee member has the right to add proposals to the agenda.

40.3 In principle, no other person except the Executive Committee members can attend a meeting of the Executive Committee. However, the President may invite third parties to meetings, whenever appropriate. Third parties do not have the right to vote.

41. QUORUM

41.1 The Executive Committee can convene once six (6) Executive Committee members are present.

42. DECISIONS AND VOTING AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

42.1 Each Executive Committee member must either cast a positive or a negative vote or abstain. Only the Executive Committee members taking part in the meeting are allowed to vote.

42.2 A simple majority is sufficient for a vote to be valid. Abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority. The President shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

42.3 The Executive Committee shall fix the date for a decision to take effect.

42.4 Any Executive Committee member who has a conflict of interest must abstain from voting on the conflicted agenda point. In doubtful situations, the President must decide on the right to vote of the concerned Executive Committee member.

43. SIGNATURE

Only the President or the General Secretary may sign on behalf of FAMA.

44. COMMISSIONS

44.1 The following Commissions of FAMA are established by this Constitution:

44.1.1 Referee and Judging Commission;

44.1.2 Finance Commission;

44.1.3 Medical Commission;

44.1.4 Youth Commission;

44.1.5 Legal Commission;

44.1.6 Press and Public Relations Commission;

44.1.7 Business Commission;

44.1.8 Ethics Commission;

44.1.9 Female Commission;

44.1.10 Safety and Equipment Commission; and

44.1.11 Disciplinary Commission.

44.2 Each Commission may propose recommendations to the Executive Committee.

44.3 The composition and specific duties of the individual Commissions shall be stipulated in special regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.

44.4 Each Commission shall be responsible for recording the minutes of their meetings and transmitting them as well as their activity reports to the FAMA Headquarters.

- 44.5 The members of the Commissions are not allowed to take any position in any outside Muaythai organizations.
- 44.6 The Chairman of the Commission needs to be a qualified expert in the relevant field.
- 44.7 The articles of this Constitution herein relating to the Executive Committee voting procedure shall apply to the Commissions. The Executive Director may attend any of the meetings of the permanent Commissions but cannot vote.

45. DISCIPLINARY AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES

- 45.1 The judicial authority of FAMA is the Disciplinary Commission.
- 45.2 The composition and specific duties of the Disciplinary Commission and the Executive Committee in relation to judicial issues shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules approved by the Executive Committee.

46. DUTIES OF TREASURER AND LEGAL COUNSEL

- 46.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible to:
 - 46.1.1 coordinate with and advise the FAMA Headquarters in relation to the preparation of the annual budgets;
 - 46.1.2 assist in the preparation of the audited financial reports;
 - 46.1.3 liaise with the auditors of FAMA as required, and report to the Executive Committee on the conduct of the audit; and
 - 46.1.4 provide assistance as required in relation to the management of the finances of FAMA.
- 46.2 The Legal Counsel shall be responsible to:
 - 46.2.1 review the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules and make recommendations for amendments to the Executive Committee; and
 - 46.2.2 assist the FAMA Headquarters in all legal matters.

47. FAMA HEADQUARTERS

- 47.1 The FAMA Headquarters shall comprise of the administrative staff and shall carry out all the administrative work of FAMA under the direction of the Executive Director.
- 47.2 The FAMA Headquarters shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of FAMA and for the coordination of its different bodies and Commissions.
- 47.3 The FAMA Headquarters shall be located in the country of residency of the President or General Secretary and it shall be run by a qualified person.

48. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- 48.1 The Executive Director shall be responsible for organizing and managing the general administration of FAMA.
- 48.2 The Executive Director shall be responsible for:
 - 48.2.1 implementing decisions made by the Congress and the Executive Committee in compliance with the President's and/or the General Secretary's directives;
 - 48.2.2 managing and keeping the accounts of FAMA Headquarters properly;
 - 48.2.3 compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, the Executive Committee and the Commissions;
 - 48.2.4 managing of all incoming and outgoing communications by FAMA;
 - 48.2.5 managing the relations with the Executive Committee, National Federations and Commissions;
 - 48.2.6 appointing and dismissing executives and general staff of the FAMA Headquarters with the approval of the President.

49. FINANCIAL PERIOD

- 49.1 The accounting period of FAMA is from July 1 to June 30 of each year and the financial period will cover a period of 4 accounting periods.
- 49.2 The General Secretary, Executive Director and the Treasurer, with the assistance of the external auditor, are responsible for drawing up the consolidated accounts of FAMA at the end of the 4 year financial period.

50. EXPENDITURES

- 50.1 The expenditures in connection with the administration of FAMA shall be paid from FAMA funds.
- 50.2 FAMA funds may be derived from sources including but not limited to income generated by negotiations of its rights, subsidies, legacies, results of fortune, Annual Fees, fines and/or any other source as the Executive Committee may determine.
- 50.3 The guide for expenditure shall be from an annual estimated budget submitted by the President and/or General Secretary and approved by the Executive Committee after review by the Finance Commission.
- 50.4 The travelling, accommodation and any other expenditure reasonably incurred in the course of carrying out the functions and/or business of FAMA by the President, General Secretary, Executive Director, and any other representatives as approved by the Executive Committee shall be paid in accordance with the financial regulations of FAMA.

51. ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

FAMA accounts shall be managed following recognized international accounting principles and financial regulations of FAMA.

52. EXTERNAL AUDITORS

- 52.1 FAMA will be audited by a qualified, independent auditing firm. The President and/or General Secretary will appoint an external professional audit company in consultation with the Treasurer.
- 52.2 This independent auditing firm will audit the accounts approved by the Executive Committee and prepare a report that the Executive Committee will present to the Congress.

53. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

- 53.1 The Executive Committee shall approve the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, following the recommendations of the Technical & Rules Commission, in regard to organizing international matches and competitions.

53.2 No international competition between three (3) or more National Federations from different shall take place without the prior permission of FAMA.

53.3 The Executive Committee shall decide the international calendar of the competitions and international events.

54. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

54.1 The Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules developed, amended and approved by the Executive Committee shall govern all disciplinary measures under this Constitution.

54.2 The Disciplinary Code will set a limitation period for prosecuting offences and executing disciplinary measures under this Constitution.

55. COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

55.1 FAMA recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), with headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, as the authority to resolve appeals against decisions made in accordance with the World Anti- Doping Code only. Every National Federation must recognize CAS as an independent judicial authority but, in this regard, in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code only. FAMA, National Federations, Officials and Athletes must comply with the decisions passed by CAS.

55.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Article 55.1, FAMA recognizes the jurisdiction of CAS in relation to any dispute covered by Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter. Every National Federation must recognize the jurisdiction of CAS in relation to any dispute covered by Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter. FAMA, National Federations, Officials and Athletes must comply with the decisions passed by CAS in relation to disputes covered by Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter.

55.3 Recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited unless it is mandated by state law.

55.4 Appeals against decisions made in accordance with the World Anti- Doping Code must be filed in accordance with the provisions of the CAS Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. Appeals shall be lodged with CAS within thirty (30) days of notification of the written decision in question. The appeal shall not have an injunctive effect. The Disciplinary Commission or CAS may order the appeal to have injunctive effect.

55.5 CAS shall primarily apply this Constitution, the FAMA Bylaws, the FAMA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural

Rules, as well as to the Anti-Doping Rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency, and shall secondarily apply Swiss law.

56. COMPLIANCE WITH DECISIONS OF FAMA

Every National Federation must comply fully with any decision passed by the Executive Committee, Disciplinary Commission or any other Commission which such decisions are, according to this Constitution, final and not subject to appeal. Every National Federation shall ensure that their own Officials and Athletes comply with these decisions.

57. SANCTIONS

Any violation of this Constitution will be punished in compliance with the Disciplinary Code.

58. DISSOLUTION

An Extraordinary Congress shall be required to dissolve FAMA. The decision for dissolution must be supported by the votes of 75 per cent of the National Federations present and voting at the Extraordinary Congress.

59. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

In the event that FAMA is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to the government of the country in which its headquarters are situated. It shall hold these assets in trust until FAMA is re-established.

60. ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

60.1 This Constitution is adopted by the Congress on [] in St Petersburg, Russia and is effective immediately.

