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PREAMBLE:

- (1) The German Sports Confederation and National Olympic Committee for Germany hereby unite, at their joint wish, to form the German Olympic Sports Confederation (Deutscher Olympischer Sportbund – DOSB), to strengthen organised sport in the Federal Republic of Germany under an umbrella organisation, as an expression of individual competition and a source of social relations, and to develop it further with respect to its social and political importance.
- (2) As a merger of national sport federations, Sports Confederations of the German States, associations with special remits and personal members, the DOSB hereby recognises the organisational, financial and professional independence of its member organisations and will promote their united collaboration. The DOSB is committed to a model of unity in diversity. Through sport its members make an essential contribution to the welfare of people in the Federal Republic of Germany. The importance of sport for the individual and for society requires the unity of the German sports movement, both internally and externally.
- (3) The DOSB is part of the Olympic Movement. It is therefore its declared intention to develop, encourage and safeguard the Olympic Movement, to follow the provisions of the Olympic Charter of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and to recognise the decisions and resolutions of the IOC. The DOSB expressly espouses humane sport, free of manipulation and doping, and recognises the international and national doping regulations, in particular the World Anti-Doping Code and the NADA Code.
- (4) Sportsmen and sportswomen shall form the focus of the DOSB's structures and duties at all levels. This requires that German sport be autonomous, that its governing bodies operate properly, that its central duties in high performance sport be optimised, particularly in the promotion and encouragement of elite sportsmen and sportswomen, and that conditions be created for a systematic development of sport, in the sense of sport for all, in clubs and associations.
- (5) All sport is based on the work of the associations and of its trainers and practice managers, from popular and amateur sport to high-performance sport. It is an essential duty of the DOSB to support and encourage them by representing their interests in the creation of statutory frameworks.
- (6) The DOSB hereby avows a humanistic conception of Man; it will work to preserve and promote ethical values in sport, encourage commitment on the part of ordinary citizens. It will represent the principles of religious and intellectual tolerance and of party neutrality. It will firmly oppose all racial, unconstitutional and xenophobic tendencies, and any form of violence. It will maintain contacts with major social groups, churches and political parties.
- (7) In recognition of the Paris IOC Declaration of 1994, which established the environment as a third pillar of the Olympic Movement, the DOSB will defend the interests of the environment and the protection of nature.
- (8) The DOSB will encourage cultural diversity in sport at a national and international level and make it accessible to as many people as possible. Through international collaboration the DOSB will contribute to peace and international understanding.
- (9) The DOSB will promote the practical equality of men and women. Through the targeted encouragement of women it will strive to remove existing disadvantages and will have a duty to apply a strategy of gender mainstreaming in everything it does, and at all levels, to ensure equality of opportunity in sport.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Name, registered office, legal constitution

- (1) The name of the Association shall be the German Olympic Sports Confederation (**Deutscher Olympischer Sportbund – DOSB**).
- (2) The DOSB shall be a registered association and have its registered office in Frankfurt am Main.
- (3) It is entered in the Register of Associations at the Registered Office of the DOSB.

2. Purpose and competence

- (1) The DOSB shall have a duty, within its remit, to promote and coordinate German sport in all its manifestations and to represent it in inter-associational and interdisciplinary matters vis-à-vis the general public, the government, other central sports institutions and other institutions in Germany and abroad.
- (2) The DOSB shall have such competence, enjoy such rights, and be subject to such duties of a National Olympic Committee as may be transferred to it by the IOC and the Olympic Charter, in particular sole responsibility for ensuring the participation of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Olympic Games and for determining the cities allowed to compete for hosting the Olympic Games.
- (3) The DOSB shall have a duty to look after its members under the terms of these Statutes and of its Standing Orders.

3. Duties

- (1) The DOSB shall undertake the following duties, in collaboration with its member organisations, and by way of its purposes:

General:

- Encouraging the holistic development of the personality in sport,
- Encouraging sport for children and youth in particular motivation of young people forwards sport,
- Encouraging measures to combat sexualised violence in sport,
- Encouraging sport, play and exercise at the elementary level, at school, and at university,
- Encouraging education in and through sport,
- Assisting its members in their duties, taking their independent position into account,
- Collaborating with institutions responsible for sport, whether these institutions be of the government, of the European Union, of international partners, of business, or of other social groupings,
- Encouraging basic Olympic principles and basic Olympic education through appropriate institutions,

- Maintaining international co-operation in the inter-associational and interdisciplinary field of sport,
- Encouraging sports studies and sports medicine and their institutions,
- Acquiring the funds needed to carry out its duties and distributing them in a fair and uniform way,
- Encouraging sport for persons with disabilities,
- Encouraging a sustainable and needs-related development of sports facilities and sports premises,
- Encouraging the protection of nature, the countryside and the environment and the espousal of environmentally friendly sporting activities,
- Encouraging the equal participation of men and women on all governing bodies and committees,
- Encouraging and consolidating a broad understanding of sport in society and in the mind of the general public,
- Encouraging good governance in sport

High-performance sport:

- Creating, establishing and carrying out ideas for sports of every kind, in order to encourage high performance sport, and setting up the associated structures,
- Concluding central framework agreements with public and private institutions,
- Promoting high performance sport at a practical level in agreements with its member organisations,
- Preparing, nominating, sending and arranging the participation of German teams in the Olympic Games, in close collaboration with the central Olympic governing bodies,
- Providing aid and assistance in preparing and organising the world games in collaboration with the central associations,
- Ensuring efficient input into high-performance sport from sports sciences and sports medicine,
- Ensuring high-quality training and further training for trainers,
- Assistance in looking after athletes in all sports during and at the end of their active careers,
- Supporting structures and measures to prevent fraud in competitions and every form of manipulation in sport.

Sport for all:

- Providing the incentives for changes needed to sporting practice,
 - Advising its member organisations in developing associations,
 - Helping to further develop international sport for all,
 - Ensuring an efficient partnership between popular and amateur sport and sports sciences,
 - Awarding and developing the German Sports Insignia,
 - Strengthening the integrative function of sport in all social areas,
 - Promoting individual and team sports to encourage health and quality of community life,
 - Elaborating inter-sport schemes, programmes, models and activities for popular and amateur sports, including the general conditions governing them, in collaboration with the member organisations.
- (2) The German Youth Sporting Association (Deutsche Sportjugend – dsj) is the DOSB's organisation for young people. As part of its Young People's Ordinance it carries out the responsibilities enshrined in the Young People's Ordinance of the German Government. It operates its own independent management and administration under the Constitution of the DOSB and disposes of the funds appropriated to it on its own responsibility.

4. Non-profit-making constitution

- (1) The DOSB shall only pursue directly non-profit-making objects, as defined in the Tax Deductions Order (Section: Non-taxable activities). It shall work in a cooperative way and shall not primarily pursue any business purposes of its own. The funds of the DOSB shall only be used for purposes allowed under these Statutes.
- (2) The governing bodies and committees of the DOSB shall be honorary in their membership, unless these Statutes specifically declare otherwise. Travel costs and other official expenses, however, shall be reimbursed. Standing Orders on Finance may set the grant of fees for undertaking work of a particularly time-consuming nature and regulate the details thereof. The Executive Board shall determine the level of reimbursable expenses.
- (3) No person shall receive any benefit through expenses which are incompatible with the purposes of the DOSB, or through unreasonably high payments.

5. Business year

- (1) The business year shall be the calendar year.

MEMBERSHIP

§ 6 Members

- (1) The following shall form part of the DOSB:
 - a) as member organisations
 - the Olympic sports federations
 - the sports Confederations of the German States
 - the non-Olympic federations
 - the associations with special remits and
 - the federations without international affiliation
 - b) as individuals
 - the German IOC members and
 - the personal members
- (2) The General Assembly shall decide on the adoption of new members pursuant to Paragraph 1a, following a proposal by the Executive Board. Motions for membership must be addressed in writing to the Executive Board, with all necessary documents. Details shall be regulated by the Standing Orders on Membership. They shall be an integral part of these Statutes and may, in particular, determine the conditions, whether of a sporting or organisational kind, under which national sport federations, associations with special remits and sport associations without international links may be adopted as new members.
- (3) Personal members shall be:
 - up to 10 active or former athletes who have participated in Olympic Games, 5 of them following proposal by the Athletes' Commission. Their period of office shall end at latest upon expiry of the third Olympiad following the Olympic Games in which they last participated.
 - up to 5 further celebrities from the Olympic movement.

The personal members shall be elected by the General Assembly for four years. Re-election shall be possible.

§ 7 Honorary President/Honorary membership

- (1) The DOSB, following a resolution by the General Assembly, may appoint meritorious persons from the world of sport as Honorary President or Honorary Member.
- (2) Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members shall be invited to General Assembly with an advisory vote. This shall also apply to the Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members of the founding organisations of the DOSB.

§ 8 Period of membership

- (1) Member organisations may declare their resignation in writing to the Executive Board as of the end of the year, giving three months' notice. Membership shall also end by exclusion from the DOSB, which may only be decided for good reason by the General Assembly with a majority of three-fourths of the votes cast.

- (2) Membership of a national sport federation with 'Olympic' status is provided under the Olympic Charter.
- (3) Membership of personal members shall end upon expiry of their election period, by resignation, or by death.

9. Rights and duties of members

- (1) Members shall have the right,
 - to claim intellectual and financial support for their work from the DOSB, within the limits of its duties, and
 - to use its facilities and services.
- (2) Members shall have a duty,
 - to follow the Statutes of the DOSB and to promote its purposes (Section 2),
 - to support the DOSB in carrying out its duties (Section 3).

GOVERNING BODIES

10. Overview

The governing bodies of the DOSB shall be:

- the General Assembly
- the Executive Board

General Assembly

§ 11 Composition, right to apply

- (1) The General Assembly shall be the supreme executive body of the DOSB. It shall consist of the
 - delegates of the member organisations,
 - German IOC members
 - personal members as well as
 - members of the Executive Boardwith voting rights as well as the
 - members of the Subcommittees of the Executive Board,
 - members of the Governing Board of the German Youth Sporting Association,
 - Honorary Presidents and honorary members, and
 - Members of the Athletes' Commissionwith an advisory vote.

- (2) Member organisations shall send a proper number of female delegates to the General Assembly.
- (3) The number of delegates entitled to be sent by each member organisation shall be governed by their votes as set out in Section 14. Should these rights of delegate appointment not be exercised to their full number, those delegates appointed shall be entitled to a maximum of 5 votes each for their organisation. No transfer of votes to delegates of other member organisations shall be permitted.
- (4) All members under Section 6, Paragraph (1), plus the Executive Board, the General Assembly of the German Youth Sporting Association, and the governing bodies of the DOSB set out in Section 22, with the exception of the Advisory Committees, shall be entitled to present motions to the General Assembly.

12. Duties

The General Assembly shall have the following tasks in particular:

- To make decisions on principle matters of affecting sporting organisation or sports policy,
- To receive the report of the Executive Board, the report on the progress of equality measures, and other reports,
- To approve the annual accounts and to give official discharge to the Executive Board,
- To amend the Statutes, the Financial Ordinances and other ordinances, providing these are reserved to the General Assembly,
- To confirm the Young People's Charter,
- To resolve on the adoption of new members or the exclusion of a member,
- To elect the President and Vice Presidents,
- To elect the personal members,
- To elect the auditors if appropriate, as set out in Section 29,
- To elect the Honorary President and Honorary Members, as set out in Section 7,
- To elect the members of the subcommittees of the Executive Board,
- To fix the membership fees,
- To confirm the dsj chairman and athletes' representatives,
- To pass the business plan,
- To appoint the Corporate Governance Officer in accordance with Section 32.

13. Calling and holding a General Assembly

- (1) A General Assembly shall be held once a year. The date and location shall be determined by the Executive Board. An Extraordinary General Assembly shall be called following a motion by one quarter of the members, or following a resolution of the Executive Board.
- (2) The President – or, if he or she is prevented, the longest-serving Vice President – shall call the General Assembly in writing, giving notice of at least eight weeks, and stating the proposed agenda. An assembly may also be called by e-mail.
- (3) Providing it has been properly called, the General Assembly shall be quorate irrespective of the number of votes represented.
- (4) Members may submit written motions to amend or supplement the agenda until five weeks prior to the date of the assembly at latest. Members must be informed of these motions at least three weeks prior to the date of the assembly.

Urgent motions can only be discussed if they have been submitted in writing and the General Assembly has agreed to discuss them with a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast.

- (5) Minutes shall be kept of the resolutions of the Assembly; these must be signed by the Chairman of the Meeting and/or the Secretary and submitted to the members.

14. Voting rights

- (1) The voting rights of the Olympic Sports Federations, the non-Olympic Sports Federations and the Sports Federations of the German States shall be determined by the number of members in the association represented. Delegates shall have the following voting rights depending on the numbers of members of the respective federation

up to 100,000 members	1 vote,
up to 250,000 members	2 votes,
up to 500,000 members	3 votes,
up to 750,000 members	4 votes and
up to 1,000,000 members	5 votes.

Every further million votes entitles a delegate to one more vote.

- (2) Half of the Olympic Sports Federations with the most members shall be given five additional votes each; the remaining central Olympic governing bodies shall be given three additional votes.

Half of the Sports Federations of the German States with the most members shall be given six additional votes each; the remaining Olympic Sports Federations shall be given four additional votes.

Should an uneven number of associations belong to a membership group, one more additional vote shall be awarded.

- (3) The survey of association membership numbers shall be based on a uniform IT-based procedure. Until this procedure is introduced, records will be based on the last survey by the DOSB. When organisations are newly admitted to membership, records shall be based on the number of their registered members.
- (4) Other members under Section 6, Paragraph 1 and members of the Executive Board shall have one vote each; no cumulation of votes shall be possible in this case.
- (5) In conformity with the requirements of the Olympic Charter, the Olympic Sports Federations must always have a majority of votes in the General Assembly. Should this majority of votes fail to be attained, the Olympic Sports Federations shall be given sufficient further votes in the ranking order of their membership numbers to attain a majority. The Sports Federations of the German States shall have a number of votes exceeding 1/3. Should this percentage of votes fail to be attained, the State Sports Associations shall be given a sufficient further number of votes, in the ranking order of their membership numbers, until the percentage of 1/3 is exceeded. If in future therefore the number of votes should change – for whatever reason – voting rights must be amended immediately to take account of this. Until such amendment to proportional voting rights has been effected, the last proportional voting rights shall continue in force, corresponding to the conditions of Clause 1.

15. Matters connected with the Olympic Games

- (1) Should matters be under discussion which are connected with the Olympic Games, voting rights shall be restricted to delegates representing Olympic Sports Federations whose discipline is part of the Olympic programme, plus the Executive Board, the Personal members as set out in Section 6 (3), Subsection 1, and the German IOC members.
- (2) Matters connected with the Olympic Games under the Olympic Charter as valid from time to time are as follows:
 - Principles of nomination for the Olympic Games,
 - Direct preparation and sending of teams to the Olympic Games,
 - The clothing of the Olympic Team,
 - Olympic Youth Camps,
 - Use of funds from the team budget,
 - Confirmation of candidates for the IOC / EOC Athletes' Commission,
 - Representation in committees of the IOC, ANOC and EOC.
- (3) When voting on matters connected with the Olympic Games, contrary to Section 14, each Olympic sport federation, irrespective of its size, shall have three votes each; the Personal Members, as set out in Section 6 (3), Subsection 1, and the IOC members shall have one vote each.

Executive Board

16. Composition

- (1) The Executive Board shall consist of the following
 - the President,
 - the Vice President (High-Performance sport),
 - the Vice President (Sport for All and Sports Development),
 - the Vice President (Management and Finance),
 - the Vice President (Education and Olympic Education),
 - the Vice President (Women and Equal Rights),
 - the Chairperson of the dsj,
 - the representative of the athletes,
 - the German IOC members under Article 16.1.1.1 and 16.1.1.2 of the Olympic Charter (ex officio),
 - the Director General (ex officio).
- (2) The members of the Executive Board – except for members under subsections 7 to 10 above – shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of four years, but shall remain in office beyond this until new elections have taken place. The Chairman of the dsj and the athletes' representative shall be elected by their respective general assembly, but must be confirmed by the General Assembly.
The German IOC members shall be members of the Executive Board for the term of their IOC membership, the Director General for the term of his/her office.
- (3) Persons exercising an honorary elective position may only be elected members of the Executive Board if they are not more than 70 years of age at the time of their election.

17. Representation

The Management Board, as defined in Section 26 of the German Civil Code, shall be the President in conjunction with a Vice President or the Director General. Should the President be prevented from exercising his duties, his place shall be taken by the Vice President Management and Finance or the Director General. No proof of such incapacity needs to be provided in the individual case.

18. Duties

(1) The Executive Board shall have the following duties in particular:

- To represent the DOSB externally,
- To provide strategic management of the DOSB in accordance with its Statutes and the resolutions of the General Assembly,
- To decide on all matters, unless the Statutes reserve them to the General Assembly or to another committee,
- To set up advisory committees and to appoint their members,
- To appoint the Board of Directors, to issue guidelines to the Board of Directors, and to supervise its activities,
- To authorise business and finance plans and to approve the annual accounts for submission to the General Assembly,
- To approve the planned distribution of responsibilities within the Board of Governors,
- To prepare the General Assembly.

(2) The President shall undertake the duties of the NOC President.

(3) The Executive Board shall exercise its duties with the advice and support of its subcommittees and of the Board of Directors. It may appoint further subcommittees.

§ 19 Assemblies

(1) Assemblies of the Executive Board shall be called by the President or, should he or she be prevented from doing so, by the longest-serving Vice President. Assemblies shall be called giving at least two weeks' notice in writing or by e-mail.

(2) Notice of assembly must state the place, time and agenda. Persons attending the assembly must be provided in good time with any papers for the assembly.

(3) The Executive Board shall be quorate if more than half of its members are present.

(4) The President shall decide whether further guests may attend.

(5) Minutes must be taken of the assembly, and these must be signed by the Chairman of the Assembly and by the Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

20. Composition, establishment

(1) The Board of Directors shall consist of the Director General and one or more Directors. The members of the Board of Directors shall hold their appointments as their principle employment. Together with their associated staff, they shall form the DOSB's Headquarters.

(2) Members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed and dismissed by the Executive Board.

- (3) The Executive Board shall issue Standing Orders for the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall draw up a schedule of responsibilities for itself and for the staff of the Office, and this schedule must be approved by the Executive Board

21. Duties

- (1) The Board of Directors shall carry on day to day business and report constantly thereon to the Executive Board.
- (2) The Director General shall be in charge of managing the Office. He or she shall be the line manager for the staff of the Office.

OTHER COMMITTEES

22. General regulations

- (1) Other committees of the DOSB shall be:
- Subcommittees of the Executive Board
 - Advisory Committees
 - Conference of Central Associations
 - Conference of Sports Federations of the German States
 - Conference of Associations with special remits
 - Women's General Assembly
 - General Assembly of Athletes
- (2) The period of office of the elected members of the governing bodies shall be linked to the period of office of the Executive Board.
- (3) Members of the Executive Board shall have a right to attend all meetings of governing bodies.

Subcommittees of the Executive Board

23. Types of committee, composition

- (1) The Executive Board shall have a High performance sport Subcommittee and a Sport for all Sports Development Subcommittee.
- (2) The High performance sport Subcommittee shall be composed of the following:
- 4 representatives from the section of the central Olympic governing bodies,
 - 1 representative from the section of the central non-Olympic governing bodies,
 - 2 representatives from the section of the regional sports confederations,
 - 1 representative of the athletes, and
 - the Vice President (High performance sport).

The Vice President (High performance sport) shall be the Chairperson.

(3) The Sport for all and Sports Development Subcommittee shall be composed of the following:

- 3 representatives of the regional sports confederations,
- 3 representatives of the Olympic sports federations,
- 1 representative of the non-Olympic governing bodies,
- 1 representative of the associations with special remits, and
- the Vice President (Non-High Performance Sport & Sports Development).

The Vice President (Sport for all & Sports Development) shall be the Chairperson.

24 Duties and competence of the Subcommittees of the Executive Board

(1) The High-Performance Sport Subcommittee and Sport for all & Sports Development Subcommittee shall advise the Executive Board within the areas of their competence, as set out in Section 3:

- in drawing up general plans and issuing statements on questions of sporting policy and technical questions, and
- in developing strategic guidelines.

(2) Should there be a difference of opinion of fundamental significance concerning their spheres of responsibility the Subcommittees High Performance Sport and Sport for all/Sports Development may re-submit to the Executive Board, for discussion and reconsideration, a decision which the Executive Board has previously made.

(3) Should the Executive Board discuss again a question which has been resubmitted to it under the terms of Paragraph 2, its subsequent decision shall be binding.

Advisory committees

25. Composition and duties of advisory committees

(1) The following advisory committees shall be established to advise the Board of Directors: the High Performance Sports Development Advisory Committee, the Sports Development Advisory Committee, the Training and Olympic Education Advisory Committee, and the Athletes' Commission. The Executive Board may appoint further advisory committees.

(2) The Athletes' Plenary Meeting shall elect the members of the Athletes' Commission; the members of the other advisory committees shall be appointed by the Executive Board. The term of office of advisory members shall be linked to the terms of the office of the Executive Board

(3) The Advisory Committees shall advise the Board of Directors on their field of expertise and report to it constantly on their activities and the results of their activities.

Conferences, Women's General Assembly

26. Composition and duties of the Standing Conferences and Women's General Assembly

(1) The Conference of Central Associations, the Conference of the Sports Federations of the German States and the Conference of Associations with special remits shall meet as required.

(2) The Women's General Assembly shall be composed of the representatives of the member organisations of the DOSB.

- (3) The Conferences and Women's General Assembly shall advise on matters within their respective remits. Their resolutions shall have the character of recommendations to the governing bodies of the DOSB.
- (4) The Conferences and Women's General Assembly shall provide themselves with their own Standing Orders.

Voting

27. Votes and elections

- (1) Resolutions of governing bodies and committees shall be passed by a simple majority. A tie shall signify rejection.
- (2) Resolutions of governing bodies and committees may be reached by means of electronic communication, particularly by fax or e-mail, by or telephone or video conference, providing no member of the Executive Board or committees opposes this; for these resolutions, too, a simple majority shall suffice.
- (3) Resolutions on amendments to these Statutes, the adoption of new member organisations and the exclusion of member organisations shall require a three-fourths majority of votes cast.
- (4) Resolutions fixing membership fees shall require a two-thirds majority of votes cast.
- (5) Votes shall be taken in writing and in secret. Should only one person be proposed for an office, and should this person be prepared to undertake this office, the vote may be taken by an open show of hands, unless a motion is moved to take a secret vote.
- (6) Absent members may be elected, providing they have declared in writing that they are willing to accept the office.
- (7) Should only one person stand for elective office, this person shall be elected if he or she obtains a majority of the votes cast. Should more than one person stand for election, the person shall be elected who has obtained more than half the votes cast. Should no person succeed in reaching this number of votes, a run-off vote shall be held between the two persons who received the most votes in the first election, and in this run-off vote a simple majority shall decide. Should there be a tie, the election must be repeated after a break. Should there be a further tie, decision shall be made by lot.
- (8) In votes for committees, only such persons shall be elected as aggregate to themselves a majority of the votes cast.
- (9) By-elections and subsequent replacement appointments for all governing bodies and committees shall be valid only for the current election term.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

28. Annual accounts

- (1) The Board of Directors shall submit the annual accounts for the business year ended to the Executive Board, together with all related reports, within the first four months of the new business year, for inspection. The Executive Board shall submit the Annual accounts to the General Assembly for approval.
- (2) The annual accounts shall be drawn up in conformity with the regulations of the German Commercial Code (HGB).
- (3) Providing it has accepted the annual accounts, the Executive Board shall pass them on immediately for audit (Section 29).

29. Audit

- (1) The annual accounts or annual financial statement shall be audited and certificated by a recognised firm of auditors. The Executive Board shall appoint the audit.
- (2) Separate auditors shall inspect the use of funds under these Statutes, should the General Assembly so resolve. The appointed auditor shall audit the use of funds as part of his or her work, if the General Assembly has not appointed separate auditors for this purpose.

§ 30 Commercial management

- (1) The commercial management of the DOSB and the work of its governing bodies and establishments shall be regulated in Standing Orders on Finance. These orders shall be resolved by the General Assembly following a proposal by the Executive Board.
- (2) The Board of Directors shall submit the commercial-management plan to the Executive Board annually for approval and transmission to the General Assembly no later than 31 October of the current year. Once passed by the General Assembly, the commercial-management plan shall be binding.
- (3) The commercial-management plan shall be the basis for the work of the Executive Board, the Board of Directors and the other committees and advisory committees of the DOSB. Details shall be regulated in Standing Orders on Finance, which may also contain provisions as to divergences from the Commercial-management plan require authorisation by the Executive Board.

§ 31 Finance

- (1) The DOSB shall finance its work through membership fees, public and private grants, marketing profits and other income.
- (2) Member organisations shall pay an annual membership fee from the funds of their associations, the level of which shall be set by the General Assembly. Details shall be regulated in the Standing Orders on Finance. The membership fee shall be due by 30 June of the respective year. Should payments be in arrears, the right of the member concerned to send delegates and to exercise a vote at the General assembly shall be in abeyance.
- (3) Earnings from the marketing of the Olympic symbols and insignia shall be reserved for Olympic-related uses.

32. Good governance in sport

- (1) The DOSB shall follow the principles of good governance. The Corporate Governance Officer appointed by the General Assembly shall advise the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. He or she shall report to the General Assembly on his or her work. Further details shall be governed by the Good Governance Guidelines passed by the General Assembly.

CONCLUDING PROVISIONS**33. Arbitration**

- (1) Disputes between the DOSB and its members shall be decided by an Arbitration Panel, to the exclusion of action before the courts. This shall also apply to disputes concerning the validity of these Statutes, to disputes between members of the DOSB arising from the nature of their membership or from actions by a governing body or other establishment of the DOSB, and to disputes regarding the adoption or exclusion of members.
- (2) The Arbitration Panel shall only be summoned, however, if an attempt by an appointee of the Executive Board to settle the dispute has proved unavailing.
- (3) The Arbitration Panel shall consist of three arbitrators. They must be qualified to hold the office of judge. No person may be appointed as an arbitrator who is engaged or employed by the DOSB.
- (4) The Arbitration Panel shall not be a governing body of the DOSB. The members of the Arbitration Panel shall be independent and not bound to any instructions.
- (5) Disputes with an athlete nominated for the Olympic Games, or with an Olympic sport federation, or with the IOC, which may arise during the Olympic Games or result from events held at the Olympic Games or their preparation or administration, or which may concern these, shall be subject, irrespective of Paragraphs 1 to 4, solely to the arbitration procedure of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

34. Arbitration procedure

- (1) Anyone wishing to summon the Arbitration Panel, under Section 31, Paragraph 1 (Plaintiff), must inform the other party (Defendant) thereof by registered letter. This letter must contain an account of the dispute in question and nominate an arbitrator. Even a majority of Plaintiffs may only nominate one arbitrator.
- (2) The Defendant must nominate an arbitrator within 10 days of receipt of this notification. On expiry of this term the Plaintiff may require that the other arbitrator be nominated by the President of the State Superior Court for the district of the Plaintiff. Even a majority of Defendants can only nominate one arbitrator.
- (3) Should an arbitrator become unavailable, right of nomination shall revive in accordance with Paragraphs 1 and 2.

- (4) The two arbitrators shall appoint a Chairman within 10 days following their nomination. However, they may extend this term for a reasonable period by mutual agreement. On expiry of this term, either party may require, under Clauses 1 and 2, that the Chairman of the Arbitration Panel be nominated by the President of the State Superior Court of Frankfurt am Main.
- (5) The Arbitration Panel shall be bound by these Statutes and the Standing Orders of the DOSB and by the substantive law of the Federal Republic of Germany. Otherwise proceedings shall be subject to the general regulations contained in the Civil Litigation Order. For all actions which, despite this arbitration agreement, require the interposition of the courts, the State Court of Frankfurt am Main shall be solely competent, as far as the law allows.

35 Validity of exclusions by member organisations

- (1) Exclusions, which have been directed by member organisations or by organisations affiliated to them against their individual members because of gross misdemeanours, shall be recognized and adopted by the member organisations of the DOSB in case the excluding member organisation makes a respective request.
The admission of an individual member – who had been excluded from the member organisation – into another member organisation can only be effected with the approval of the excluding member organisation.
- (2) In case a member organisation will not comply with the request for exclusion for particular reasons or wishes – despite the refusal of admission – to nevertheless admit the individual member excluded from a member organisation, it is entitled to appeal to the Arbitration Panel for decision.
Against the decision of this Arbitration Panel a complaint can be lodged within one week after its announcement on which the Executive Board shall finally decide.

36. Dissolution of the Confederation

The General Assembly shall decide on the dissolution of the confederation with a majority of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the votes cast. A vote may only be held, however, if the motion for dissolution has been justified in the invitation.

37 Application of assets upon winding up

Any assets at the time of dissolution shall be transferred to a non-profit-making successor organisation or success organisations to the DOSB, which shall only use them for the purposes (Section 2) and duties (Section 3) set out in these Statutes.