

CONFEDERATION OF PETANQUE OCEANIA

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Article 1

The Confederation d'Océanie de Petanque affiliated to the Fédération Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal (FIPJP) hereby constitute, for an unlimited term, a Non-Government Organisation, "NGO", called "Confederation of Petanque Oceania".

CPO ; Confederation of Petanque Oceania.

Article 2

To become a member of the CPO, a national federation must belong to a geographically recognised country in Oceania.

Any national federation that creates an unrecognised subdivision or joins it will be excluded from the CPO.

Article 3

The CPO operates autonomously but it has its specific powers in the field of Boules Sport from the FIPJP and FIBP (Fédération Internationale de Boules et Petanque), in case of non-compliance with its rules and regulations, those can withdraw the CPO authority and powers.

Article 4

The registered office of the CPO shall be either the address of the General Secretary or such other address, including an Oceanian Nation, as the Executive Committee shall decide.

Article 5

The official languages of the CPO are French and English. All official documents shall be written in both languages.

Article 6

The official logo of Oceania is:



Article 7

The CPO draws its values from those of the International Olympic Movement and accepts the regulations and provisions implemented by the International Olympic Committee.

The CPO must comply with the rules laid down by the FIPJP, to which all its members must also belong, and by the FIBP (Fédération Internationale de Boules et Petanque), the umbrella organisation comprising all the international federations of Boules Sport and only recognised by the IOC.

The CPO and all its members must respect the International Anti-doping Code of WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency).

Article 8

The constitution and all other governing documents, rules, reports and minutes shall be held at the office of the General Secretary of the CPO.

Copies of the statutes and rules will also be made available on the official CPO website.
<https://oceaniapetanque.com>

Article 9

The CPO is committed to the principles of affording equity, equal opportunity and fair treatment to all current and future members, at all levels and in all roles, in all aspects of its activities and to ensuring that no individual is discriminated against.

Objectives and Activities

Article 10

The objectives of the CPO shall be to:

- Promote, develop and monitor the Sport of Boules in Oceania in a spirit of peace, understanding and fair play, without any discrimination on account of politics, gender, religion, origin or any other reason.
- Promote integrity and ethics to prevent all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardise the integrity of matches, competitions, players, officials and members or give rise to an abuse of Sport of Boules in Oceania.
- Organise and conduct international Petanque competitions and tournaments at the Oceania level.
- Organise and conduct international Petanque Umpiring qualifications at the Oceania level.
- Ensure that sporting values always prevail over commercial interests.
- Promote unity among member Federations in matters relating to Oceania and the world so that mutual aid and support may result.
- Safeguard the overall interests of member Federations.
- Act as a representative voice for the CPO as a whole and maintaining good relations and cooperation with FIPJP and the other continental confederations recognised by the FIPJP.
- Respect the interests of member Federations and assist them in any matter upon request.

The CPO shall seek to achieve its objectives by implementing all measures it deems appropriate, such as setting down rules, entering into agreements or conventions, taking decisions or adopting programs. To do so, the CPO will carry out the following actions:

- the holding of periodic meetings
- assistance for member Federations
- the publication of documents meant to promote the practice of the sport of boule.
- the organisation of Oceania competitions
- the training and the qualification of Oceania Coaches and umpires delivering appropriate CPO diplomas.

Members

Article 11

The CPO consists of those Oceania Federations affiliated with the FIPJP and with Federations recently created as Oceania Federations, having applied for membership and been accepted by the CPO Board.

CPO may admit Federations from other continents as associated members, without voting right in general meetings and will not be able to participate in the qualifying championships to a world championship or represent the CPO in a multi-sport world competition.

The Executive Committee (define) may only accept one Federation per country for each discipline, and the committee will work to unify the three boules disciplines (Bocce, Raffa and Petanque) in all countries.

Article 12

Each member Federation recognises the authority of the CPO and its Board. Member Federations shall enforce the CPO's Statutes and its Rules and Regulations throughout their territory.

They commit to participating in the CPO's development and to protecting its unity.

Article 13

Membership applications shall be forwarded to the General Secretary for approval by the CPO Executive Committee, which may accept them provisionally until a final decision is reached at the following Annual General Meeting.

All new Federations shall have a one-year "probationary" status in the CPO, which will provide them with the possibility of participating in all CPO activities including full voting rights at the general meeting.

Article 14

By adhering to these Statutes, each member Federation of the CPO commits to refrain from any act or omission which might prove prejudicial to the objectives of the CPO, or which may damage the respect and personal honor of members of its Board or the CPO's reputation.

Article 15

A Federation that ceases to be a member of the CPO, whether through resignation or exclusion, shall forfeit any claim to the CPO assets and shall not be reimbursed membership fees or any other payments already made.

Article 16

Any Federation excluded from an international federation member of FIBP, for whatever reason, will automatically be excluded from the CPO.

Article 17

Any potential reinstatement shall be conditional upon the payment of all amounts which would have been payable during the previous period of affiliation and of all other outstanding debts owed to the FIPJP and CPO.

Article 18

Each member Federation shall retain its full and absolute administrative, financial and sporting liberty as per its own rules and regulations.

Administration and Operation

Article 19

The CPO's authorities are:

- General Meetings of member Federations
- The Executive Committee (Board)
- The Commissions
- The Auditors

General meeting

Article 20

The general meeting, which consists of the representatives of the member's Federations and the members of the CPO Executive Committee, is the CPO's supreme authority.

There shall be a general meeting held before the beginning of an Oceania Championship. A translation of documents should be organised from French to English where necessary.

Article 21

For the general meeting to be considered "quorate" over half the number of the member Federations must be in attendance.

The decisions agreed by the general meeting are final and without appeal.

A decision adopted by a general meeting where the quorum was not reached will not be applicable. It will have to be ratified by a subsequent general meeting or, within three months, by two-thirds of member Federations by sending a letter or an email to the President and the Secretary General. Otherwise, the decision will be void.

Article 22

The President shall convene the general meeting at least two months in advance; notice shall be sent by e-mail to all member Federations, which shall include the agenda, which shall be prepared by the Executive Committee following statutory obligations, the decisions of the CPO Executive Committee and possible requests from member Federations.

Member Federations may request that some matters, which lie within the competence of the general meeting, be placed on the agenda. These proposals must reach the General Secretary one month before the date of the general meeting. All proposals must be fully supported with detailed evidence about the nature of the matter to be debated.

Should the request for inclusion of the proposal into the agenda be rejected, the Member Federation concerned may ask that the request is taken into consideration by a vote immediately after the President's opening speech.

Article 23

The general meeting is the ultimate authority when deciding whether to include an item in the agenda due to an urgent or current relevant matter. If required a decision shall be taken by vote at the beginning of the meeting.

Article 24

As a minimum, the annual agenda must include the following:

- The President's speech
- The Policy and Activity Reports, which the General Secretary must send to the member Federations at least one month before the general meeting
- The Financial Statements presented by the Treasurer, which the General Secretary sends to the member Federations at least 1 month before the general meeting
- The Auditors' report
- The Budget Forecast for the following year
- The election of members to the Executive Committee on even-numbered years
- An "Other Business" point allowing debate on particular issues, but during which no vote may be taken.

Article 25

The President of the CPO shall chair the proceedings. In the event of any impediment, a Vice President or one of the members of the Executive Committee chosen among its members shall replace the President.

Article 26

The general meeting is the sole competent authority that may debate the issues included in the agenda and any modification to the Statutes and Rules and Regulations, which might be proposed by the Executive Committee or members' federation.

Article 27

Modifications to the Statutes, Rules and Regulations and the decisions taken by the CPO Executive Committee and by its official Commissions, once approved by the Executive Committee, bind and commit all member Federations and by this act, all their clubs and their members.

Article 28

One or more people (2 maximum) may represent each member Federation in the general meeting, but only the President, or their official delegate duly mandated for this purpose, may vote.

Article 29

Each member Federation, in regulation with the CPO, shall be entitled to one vote.

A federation may delegate its vote to another federation but it can no longer involve one of its representatives in the debate or vote. The proxies have to be registered by the General Secretary before the beginning of the sitting.

Each federation may only lodge one proxy.

Article 30

Votes shall be held by the show of hands, ballot card or by roll call, except in the case of the election of the CPO Executive Committee, where a vote by secret ballot must be held. In all other cases, a vote by secret ballot shall be held if at least one-third of the Federations in attendance or the CPO Executive Committee request it.

All votes shall be carried by a simple majority of the ballots validly cast, except in specific cases provided by these statutes.

Article 31

Minutes of each general meeting shall be recorded. They shall be prepared by the General Secretary and sent by e-mail or by mail to all member Federations. If they have proposals of amendments, they shall transmit them to the Secretary General. In case of disagreement, the next general meeting will decide whether to vote on this report.

After this vote, a Copy shall be retained for the archives.

Extraordinary general meeting

Article 32

A request for an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGA) must be sent to the CPO President. Then it must be convened within three months of receipt of the request.

Such an EGA may be requested by:

- a majority of the members of the Executive Committee
- one-third of the member Federations complying with the CPO regulations.

In either case, the notice must state in detail the reasons for the request; the agenda may include other matters for debate.

It may be requested to consider a motion of no confidence against the Executive Committee signed by at least one-third of the members of the Confederation.

If this motion is adopted the Executive Committee is considered to have been removed and a provisional bureau is established to deal with routine matters and convene a new general meeting within two months.

Article 33

To be considered and be the object of an Extraordinary general meeting, a request for the dissolution of the CPO must be proposed by more than half the number of paid-up member Federations with the CPO. In such a case, only the request for dissolution shall be included in the agenda.

The Extraordinary general meeting convened to decide such a proposal must have at least two-thirds of the member Federations in attendance, which are not in default of any of their contributions at the time of the notice. Only these Federations shall have the right to vote.

Should the vote be for dissolution, the general meeting shall determine the liquidation of the CPO's assets and holdings.

Executive Committee

Article 34

The President is directly elected by the general meeting. To be elected in the first round, a candidate must receive half of the valid votes cast, excluding any blank or invalid ballots.

For the second round, only the two candidates with the most votes in the first round may be represented. The candidate receiving the most votes is declared the new CPO President.

Article 35

The CPO Executive Committee is composed of 8 members elected by the general meeting and coming from different national federations, except for the General Secretary and the General Treasurer proposed by the President. This number is chosen by the general meeting.

Except for the President, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer, elected directly by the general meeting, the other functions are chosen by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the CPO and comprises at least:

- The President elected by the general meeting,
- The General Secretary and the General Treasurer on the proposal of the President submitted to the vote of the general meeting,
- 5 persons elected by the general meeting, from different nations and not belonging to the President's nation.

If possible, there will be a representative of each Federation in the Executive Committee.

Any candidate for the Presidency and any person presumed to be General Secretary or General Treasurer who has not been elected are entitled to join his candidacy for those received within the deadline to become a Member of the Executive Committee.

Article 36

All candidates for election to the Executive Committee must be proposed by their Federation, this includes those existing members standing for re-election except the President. The proposal must clearly state that the Federation will support the candidate concerning the financial commitments of being a member of the Executive Committee.

Only one candidate per Federation is permitted. A completed nomination form is to be submitted to the General Secretary at least 2 months before the date of the general meeting.

The CPO Secretary three months before The General meeting will send to all member Federations a nomination form, for any members wishing to stand for election as a member of the executive committee.

Article 37

All candidates shall be adults, of good character and shall enjoy the full civil rights to which their nationality entitles them. They must hold a licence or a member card with the Federation they represent and attend the general meeting at which they seek election.

Article 38

The Executive Committee can include only one member of the FIPJP Executive Committee. However, an Oceania member of the FIPJP Executive Committee may be invited to participate in Executive Committee meetings in a consultative capacity.

Article 39

The term of the mandate of Committee members shall be four years. However, to ensure continuity, the Executive Committee will be renewed every two years on the following basis:

1st phase

- The president, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer

2nd phase

- 5 members representing their national Federation

The initial election shall take place in the year of the summer Olympic Games

After the first election, a random draw will determine the place of the elected representatives in each series.

National federation President or delegate are elected for 4 years in the year following the summer Olympics. In case of change within the federation, the newly appointed President/delegate will finish the term of the mandate.

Article 40

If a position in the Executive Committee becomes vacant, a by-election will be held at the next general meeting, but the term of office of the person elected will end at the normal term of the replaced person.

Article 41

The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year (Electronically via Zoom) and just before an Oceania Championship. The place and date shall be specified in due time. However, the first meeting must take place within the first 6 months after the start of a new financial year.

Article 42

When decisions are required to be made by the Executive Committee, each of its members is entitled to a vote. Decisions require a majority in favour however, in the event of a tied vote, the CPO President shall have a casting vote. There can be no proxy in the Executive Committee. Each member having one vote only.

Commissions

Article 43

The Executive Committee may decide to appoint Commissions to work on specific tasks. A minimum of one Executive Committee member will be appointed to a commission. The remaining Commission members may comprise of other Executive Committee members or, when identified, other individuals from member Federations with the necessary knowledge and/or skills can be appointed by the executive committee.

All Commissions shall be charged with making proposals but shall have no decision-making powers. The Commissions shall submit their outcomes and reports to the Executive Committee, which is the only decision-making authority concerning any action to be taken.

The Executive Committee shall specify the Commission's terms and conditions. There must be at least one medical committee, competent in the fight against doping in connection with the CMSB medical committee, and one technical commission.

Finances

Article 44

The financial year shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st, of each year. The accounts for the previous year and the budget for the current year shall be submitted to the general meeting for approval.

Article 45

The CPO will endeavour to financially support the Executive Committee whilst undertaking its duties. However, member Federations will financially support their Executive Committee member when required.

CPO financial support will include but not be limited to:

- travel, hotel and living expenses for the Executive Committee only whilst undertaking CPO duties
- for attending specific nominated events/competitions for Executive Committee members by a single payment. The amount of the single payment will be agreed upon by the Executive Committee and announced by the Treasurer at the first meeting of a financial year.

At the first meeting of a financial year, the Executive Committee shall designate members of the Executive Committee to attend and carry out duties for the Oceania Championships.

Article 46

The CPO shall autonomously manage its finances.

The CPO annual income may comprise of some or all of the following:

- contributions from its member Federations
- grants and bequests
- subsidies from all sources
- revenues from the events it organises
- sales of products related to its image
- partnership agreements
- any receipt complying with the laws and regulations and authorised by the general meeting.

Article 47

The CPO shall allocate its revenues to actions consistent with its purpose or necessary to its operations, per the Budget Forecast submitted to the general meeting each year. However, the Executive Committee may commit to certain specific actions deemed useful, subject to the general meeting approval.

Article 48

The general meeting shall appoint, for a two-year term, two auditors chosen from the representatives of member Federations that are not represented on the Executive Committee.

They shall submit to Congress a report on the CPO's maintenance of accounts and its financial condition.

They shall perform a detailed audit of the accounts at least once per year, in advance of the general meeting.

Licenses and member cards - Insurances

Article 49

Any licence or member card issued by a member Federation shall be deemed valid by all other member Federations of the CPO and by all Associations of those Federations.

A player may hold only one licence and must be insured by their Federation, which must purchase coverage for civil liability for damages caused to a third party during official, friendly, or practice matches.

Should a player have no insurance cover, then the Federation involved shall be liable for any damages caused by its licence holder while playing a boules sport.

DISCIPLINE

Article 50

The CPO shall exercise its authority on all international competitions that fall under its responsibility. A CPO discipline code will apply to all offences committed by players during championships or international Oceania events.

Article 51

If a licensee violates the Regulations and texts of the FIPJP, the CPO may compel the Federation to which he belongs for imposing the necessary sanctions as provided for in its Statutes or Internal Regulations.

If an officer of a national federation, or a continental confederation, violates the regulations or texts of the FIPJP, the principles of international sports law, the prescriptions of the IOC and the Olympic movement, he will be invited to appear before the Executive Committee set up as a disciplinary commission or an ethic commission, or before a disciplinary body established for that purpose. The decisions taken by the bodies thus constituted shall be immediately applicable in all member Federations.

If a National Federation does not comply with the CPO rules and regulations, its president will be asked to appear in front of the CPO executive committee acting as Disciplinary committee.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

DISSOLUTION - RIGHT OF APPEAL

Article 52

The CPO Statutes may only be amended by the General assembly on the proposal of the Executive Committee or of one-third of the members of which the General assembly is composed.

Article 53

The dissolution of the CPO may only be decided at an extraordinary general meeting convened for this purpose and in the manner provided for in Article 33 of these Statutes.

The CPO General assembly is the final body to rule on all cases that may be submitted to it by the affiliated federations. Its decisions are final.

The affiliated Federations recognise the jurisdictional power of the CPO and therefore waive recourse to the State courts, including in countries where such recourse is constitutionally guaranteed. Any dispute over a decision taken will be decided by the FIPJP or Court of Arbitration for Sport (T.A.S.).

INTERNAL REGULATIONS

Article 54

The Internal Regulations shall be prepared by the Executive Committee, which may submit certain provisions to the General assembly which it considers particularly important.

Its purpose is to clarify and supplement the provisions of the statutes. In particular, it determines:

- the role of the Executive Committee and its members,
- the role of the Commissions, in particular that of the rules of play and Umpiring, which is permanent,
- the Rules relating to International Competitions,
- the appointment of International Umpires after an examination,
- insurance,
- discipline.

The terms and conditions concerning membership of the CPO and the number of contributions are set out in an annexure to the internal regulations.

Doping

Article 55

The provisions of the World Anti-Doping Policy shall apply fully to all persons and all Competitions placed under the CPOs authority. The list of banned products may be obtained upon request to the General Secretary of the CPO.