

BY-LAWS
OF WORLD SOKOL FEDERATION

„association“

Hereinafter also as „Federation“

Preamble

World Sokol Federation was established according to the § 3 of the Law no. 116/1985, legal code on conditions of the activities of the organizations with the international elements in the CSFR as the international non-governmental organization with its seat in Prague after the agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 31st January, 1994. Law no. 116/1985, l. c. was cancelled by the Law no. 304/2013, legal code, on public registry. According to this Law the international non-governmental organizations and special organizations for the representation of the interests of the Czech Republic in the international non-governmental organizations which were established or were allowed to have their seat in the Czech Republic according to the Law 116/1985, legal code, are considered associations according to the Civil Law. World Sokol Federation was established for the purpose of cooperation and support of all allied Sokol organizations, spreading of Sokol ideas and reestablishment or establishment of Sokol organizations. The objective of the Federation is the coordination of the activities and mutual cooperation of the individual member organizations. World Sokol Federation is a sport organization with respect to the work of Miroslav Tyrs and spreading his ideas and ideals. WSF is also educational, social, cultural and organization.

Article 1
Introduction, Name and Location

1. World Sokol Federation is the association according to the Law 89/2012, legal code, Civil Law, hereinafter C.L., as amended.
2. The seat of the World Sokol Federation is:/ Ujezd 450/40, Mala Strana, 118 00, Praha.
3. World Sokol Federation was established on 21 February, 1994, the date of its registration in the register of associations operating at City Court in Prague, file no. L 5808, on 1 January, 2014.
4. Identification number of World Sokol Federation is 659 99 380.

Article 2
Legal Conditions

World Sokol Federation is a legal entity and is legally run by the provisions of Law no. 89/2012, this by-laws and Rule of Procedure.

Article 3 Mission

1. World Sokol Federation was established in the public interest. Its mission is the full development of the Sokol movement and the spread of ideas of Miroslav Tyrš in mutual cooperation.
2. The objective of the Federation is the coordination of activities, negotiations on mutual relations, development of Sokol programs, spreading of Sokol ideas and the development of fitness of its members.
3. The Federation ensures the coordination of sports, educational, organizational, social and cultural activities targeted at the area of Sokol education, development of abilities and skills of individual members and the development of their personalities.

Article 4 Membership

1. The founding members of the Federation were:
 - American Sokol Organization,
 - Czech Sokol Organization, (COS)
 - Sokol in Slovakia,
 - Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of the USA
 - Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad
2. Joining the Federation is possible by application of every existing or future independent Sokol organization active outside the Czech Republic, which:
 - a) is a selective organization with their own rules that follow the works of Miroslav Tyrš;
 - b) is an organization with a central activity in the territory of at least one country and is comprised of at least 5 units with a minimum total amount of 500 individuals within its organization.
 - c) participates in the activities of the Federation Board and follows the by-laws of the World Sokol Federation and the Rules of Procedure

Any and all exceptions from these rules shall be decided by the Federation Board
3. Condition for acceptance of a new member in WSF is the submission of its valid by-laws and in acceptance of a majority of present eligible members of the Federation Board.
4. The duties of WSF members are:
 - a) the participation in mutual work and activities of the Federation,
 - b) the participation in the management of the Federation
 - c) to pay membership fees
 - d) to fulfill the decisions of the Federation Board.

5. Membership in the Federation does neither limit independence nor affect decision making processes of all individual members of the Federation.
6. A resignation of the membership in the Federation does not terminate the duty to settle mutual obligations.
7. a) Member organizations which are two years in arrears with membership dues shall receive a dunning letter at least 3 months prior to the meeting of the Federation Board and shall lose the ability its voting right until the dues are settled.

b) Member organizations which have received a dunning letter and still continue to be in arrears shall not be included in the number of members with voting rights at the Federation Board meeting.
8. The exclusion of a member organization from the World Sokol Federation can be made by a two thirds majority of present eligible members of the Federation Board. Exclusions can be made for the contravention of any and all points referring to Article 4, Item 2.

Article 5

Federation Board Members

1. The board members of the Federation are President, Secretary and the Auditing Committee.
2. The highest body of the Federation is the Federation Board. Each member of the Federation is required to send to the Federation Board up to two representatives with a single vote for their organization.
3. The Federation Board presents its member organizations the annual report of Federation activities.
4. The Federation Board is entitled to:
 - a. change the by-laws of the Federation
 - b. establish special purpose expert committees
 - c. accept or reject new members
 - d. exclude an existing member
5. The President of the Federation represents the statutory authority of the Federation. The President is elected for a 3-year term by the Federation Board from their midst. His responsibilities are:
 - a) To preside over the Federation Board;
 - b) To direct the activities of the Federation according to the decisions of the Federation Board and
 - c) To take the responsibility for the activities of the Federation Board.

6. The Federation Board elects 2 Vice-Presidents for a 3-year term from their midst, who in order determined by the Federation Board represent the President in case of absence.
7. The Federation Board elects a Director of Men and a Director of Women for a 3-year term. Their responsibilities are determined with the organization, coordination and evaluation of the common sports and cultural activities.
8. The Secretary represents the executive body of the administrative activities of the Federation. The Secretary is appointed on the basis of an agreement between the President of Federation and the President of COS, as the Secretary represents an employee of the office staff of ČOS.
9. The President convenes a meeting of the Federation Board when needed, but at least once a year. However, the President is obliged to convene a meeting of the Federation Board, if the majority of members of the Federation Board request for it.
10. The Federation Board is capable of making decisions if at least half of eligible member organizations are present. Any respective decision of the Federation Board is adopted if the simple majority of the present eligible members vote for it, taking the exception of the provision of Article 4, Item 8 into consideration.
11. Any and all issues regarding any changes of the membership in the Federation as well as any and all changes of the by-laws of the Federation must be told the member organizations at least one month before its hearing at the meeting of the Federation Board.
12. The Federation Board elects an Auditing Committee, consisting of 3 members, for a 3-year term from their midst based on proposals given by member organizations.

Article 6 Membership Fees

1. Membership fees are equal for all members of the Federation and are payable in the currency converted at the existing rate of exchange in the country where the member organization is active.

Article 7 Operations

1. Expenses arising from the activities of the Federation are settled by:
 - a) membership fees,
 - b) additional payments from Federation members.
 - c) subsidies and gifts,
 - d) collections,
 - e) inheritances
 - f) bequests,
 - g) any and all profits arising from activities directed by the Federation Board
 - h) assets of the Federation
2. The Federation accumulates financial resources according to the Federation Board to cover its essential expenses, and any and all programs resulting from a decision of the Federation Board.
3. The assets of the Federation shall be used only for purposes jointly beneficial to all members.

Article 8
Dissolution of the Federation

1. The dissolution of the Federation shall occur:

- a) by two thirds decision of all members, or
- b) a decline in membership to a single organization.

- c) on the date, when the order by court to dissolve the Federation enters into force

- d) by declaring the Federation bankrupt, or rejecting the proposal for bankruptcy because of lack of Federation property

2. Liquidation runs according to the Law no. 89/2012 l.c., Civil Law, as amended. The entire assets will be divided among member organizations of the Federation in equal portions, as long as these organizations are members of the Federation up to the day of dissolution.

Article 9
Closing Provision

- 1. For any and all issues not ruled in these by-laws, the provisions of common legal provisions are to be applied, mainly Law no. 89/2012, l.c., Civil Law, as amended.
- 2. These by-laws enter into force on the date of their approval by members of the Federation
- 3. The Federation is obliged to make the by-laws available on request. Everyone has the right to read the by-laws to make copies and transcriptions at one's own expense .
- 4. These by-laws were discussed and approved by Federation Board on the date below.

Prague, 15 November, 2015

Hana Mouckova
President