



CONFÉDÉRATION EUROPÉENNE DE ROLLER SKATING

STATUTES

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CHAPTER I**INSTITUTIONAL FRAMING – GENERAL PROVISIONS****ARTICLE 1 – DESIGNATION AND HEAD OFFICE**

1. The Confederation adopts the designation "**CERS – CONFÉDÉRATION EUROPÉENNE DE ROLLER SKATING**", hereafter abbreviated as "**CERS**".
2. The head Office of CERS shall be in the country where the President resides or in any other country proposed by him and approved by the Central Committee.

ARTICLE 2 – JURISDICTION, AUTHORITY AND OBJECTIVES

1. CERS exercises jurisdiction in Europe over all roller skating sports, specifically:
 - 1.1 Artistic Skating.
 - 1.2 Rink-Hockey (*using four-wheeled skates, the wheels being placed on two parallel transversal axes*)
 - 1.3 Roller In-Line Hockey
 - 1.4 Speed Skating (*previously designated as "Skating Races"*)
2. CERS's authority and jurisdiction are recognised by the **FIRS – FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE ROLLER SPORTS**.
3. Through the reunion of its members, i.e. the National Federations, the objectives of CERS are:
 - 3.1 To regulate and oversee the roller skating sports, increase their practice and promote top level competition,
 - 3.2 To promote and preserve the values of sport ethics and fair-play.

ARTICLE 3 – CURRENCY AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

1. The Euro (€) is the currency used by CERS in all financial operations with its members.
2. English is the official language of CERS and must be used in all institutional documents and communication, namely in the Statutes, Regulations, proposals and minutes of the meetings (*Congress, Central Committee, Executive Committee of CERS and the discipline's Technical Committees*)

ARTICLE 4 – LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNING BODIES**1. LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF CERS:**

- 1.1 The Congress is the supreme authority of CERS. Its composition and activity is ruled by the provisions set down in Chapter II of the present statutes (*Article 16 through Article 24*).
- 1.2 The General Assemblies of CERS's Technical Committees act as autonomous legislative bodies, exclusively with regard to Technical rules, the organization of competitions and the General Regulations in their specific roller skating discipline. Their composition and activity is ruled by the provisions set down in Article 34 of Chapter VI of the present Statutes.

2. GOVERNING BODIES OF CERS:

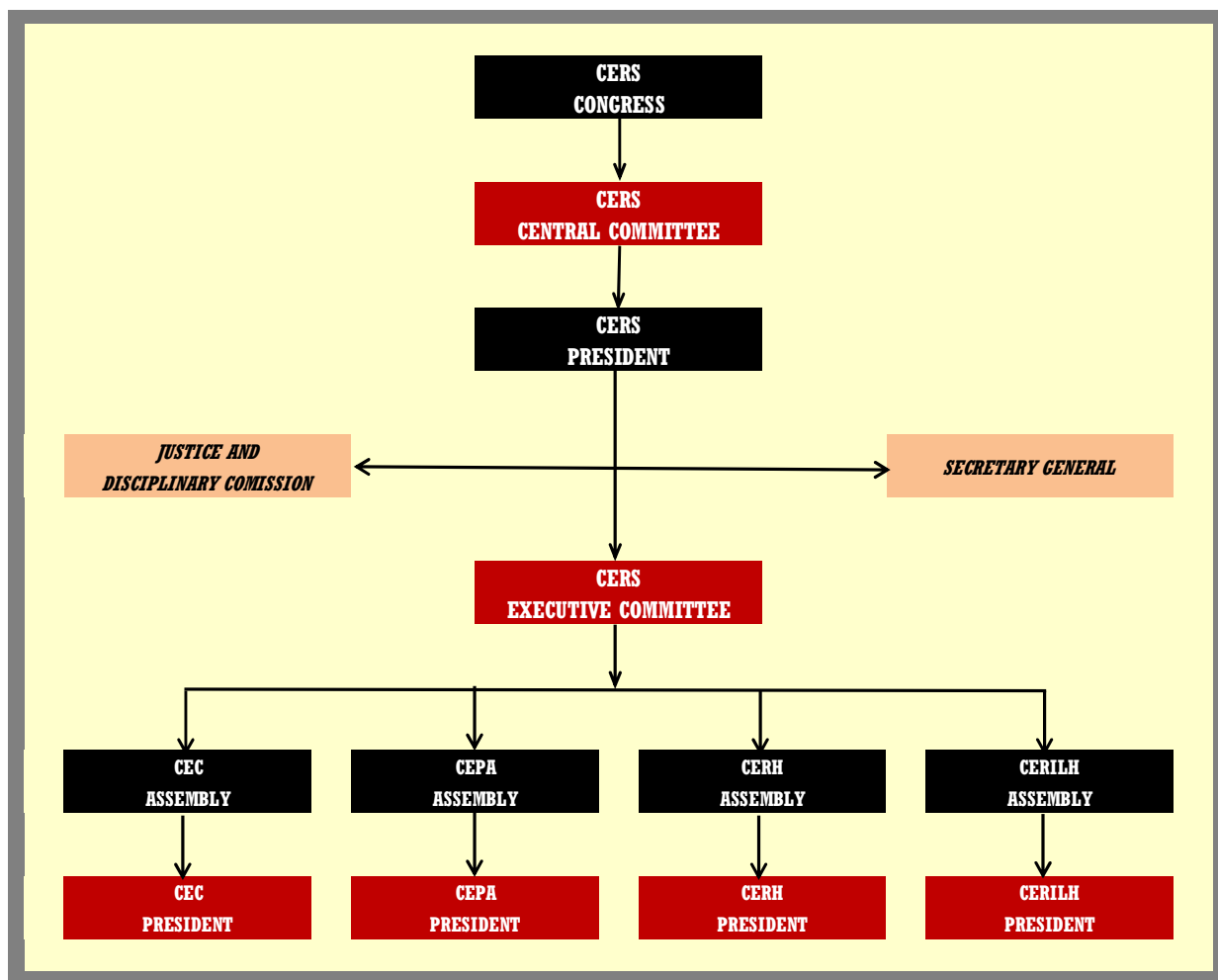
- 2.1 The **PRESIDENT** – *whose activity is ruled by the provisions set down in Article 25 of Chapter III of the present Statutes* – is in charge of the overall management of CERS's activity, including the direction of the Congress, Central Committee and Executive Committee.
- 2.2 The **CENTRAL COMMITTEE** is the legal authority of CERS between Congresses. Its composition and activity is ruled by the provisions set down in Articles 26, 27 and 28 of Chapter III of the present Statutes.
- 2.3 The **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – *whose composition and activity is ruled by the provisions set down in Articles 29, 30 and 31 of Chapter IV of the present Statutes* – ensures all decisions regarding the granting of the CERS rights related with related with all the European championships/events of the roller skating disciplines, as well as the decisions regarding the most urgent and current affairs.
- 2.4 The **EUROPEAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**:
 - a) **CEC** – Comité Européen de Courses (*European Speed Skating Committee*)
 - b) **CEPA** – Comité Européen de Patinage Artistique (*European Artistic Skating Committee*)
 - c) **CERH** – Comité Européen de Rink Hockey (*European Rink-Hockey Committee*)
 - d) **CERILH** – Comité Européen de Roller In-Line Hockey (*European Roller In-Line Hockey Committee*)

These **European Technical Committees** – *whose composition and activity is ruled by the provisions set down in Articles 35, 36 and 37 of Chapter VI of the present Statutes* – ensures, under the supervision and control of its President, the management of the European championships and of sports events of that discipline.

- 2.5 The **JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION** – *whose composition and activity is ruled by the provisions set down in Article 32 of Chapter V of the present Statutes* – ensures the exercise of justice and the disciplinary power of CERS, as well as the legal and juridical support specifically requested by the Central Committee, by the Executive Committee and/or by the President of CERS.
3. Without prejudice to the provisions set down in points 3.2 and 3.3 of this Article, the members of the governing bodies of CERS perform their functions without remuneration.
 - 3.1 The amounts received as refunds for expenses made in the exercise of their functions are not regarded as remuneration.

- 3.2 The President and the two Vice–Presidents of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, as well as the Secretary General of CERS, are designated by the President of CERS, and may be remunerated or not.
- 3.3 In any of the cases mentioned in point 3.2 of this Article, the designations must be ratified by the Central Committee who will set – *when appropriate* – the remunerations to be awarded.
- 4 When exercising his duties in any official event of CERS, all members of the CERS governing bodies shall wear the CERS emblem on their jackets and shall be identified by a CERS ID Card, with a passport size picture, which is valid for the current term of office.
5. All members of governing bodies of CERS shall be jointly and severally liable for the acts and deliberations of this governing body, except in the case of a vote cast against and having declared it in the minutes of the meeting, without prejudice of individual responsibility with regard to acts performed by them.
6. An affirmative vote of the majority of Congress members to a motion of censure or of no–confidence against a governing body of CERS or its President implies their removal from office and immediate dismissal, implying that interim elections should be carried as settled in point 3 of Article 38 of these Statutes.

ARTICLE 5 – ORGANIZATION CHART



ARTICLE 6 – REGULATING PRINCIPLES OF CERS AND ITS MEMBERS

1. CERS accepts and acknowledges the Statutes and Regulations of the FIRS and of the **INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC)**, as well as
 - 1.1 All regulations against the use of doping in sport, namely of the **WORLD ANTI–DOPING AGENCY (WADA)**.
 - 1.2 As required by the FIRS Statutes, CERS accepts and recognizes the “**CAS - COURT OF ARBITRATION OF THE SPORT**” as a valid alternative for the resolution of disputes, allowing that – *by a specific request from the contestant National Federation, under the conditions established in the Justice and Disciplinary Regulation* – the Central Committee can decide to refer an appeal to the “**CAS - Court of Arbitration of the Sport**”, to properly evaluate and deliberate the special circumstances to be considered, namely when an arbitration between two (*or more*) affiliated Federations becomes necessary.
2. Provisions in the Statutes and Regulations of CERS, or of its affiliated National Federations, may not contradict or reject the application of the general and basic principles of the Olympic Charter.
3. In relation to the country and to the roller skating disciplines under their jurisdiction, the National Federations members of CERS have to perform the following duties and responsibilities:
 - 3.1 Ensure the necessary support to achieve the objectives of CERS, participating regularly in its activities, namely in the European championships and events of the roller skating disciplines.
 - 3.2 Organise the national championships of the roller skating disciplines, in accordance with the rules and regulations of CERS and/or of the CERS Technical Committees.
 - 3.3 Co-operate, whenever possible, with the other CERS affiliated National Federations, in support of the development of roller skating sports in their countries.

ARTICLE 7 – STATUTES AND SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

1. The general principles ruling the activity of CERS are set down in the present Statutes.
2. Reformulations or amendments to these Statutes must be deliberated by the Congress and approved with at least 75% (*seventy five per cent*) of the votes represented in the Congress that deliberates on the proposals.
3. Proposals to amend the Statutes of CERS may be submitted by:
 - 3.1 The Central Committee.
 - 3.2 Any affiliated National Federation in good standing of CERS and with no pending dues. Their proposals shall first be subject to an opinion of the Central Committee, which will inform the Congress that will deliberate on the proposal.
4. For an adequate application of the general principles set out in these Statutes, the activity of CERS is also governed by the decisions approved in Congress, as well as by the following specific regulations:
 - 4.1 **CERS General Regulation**, which rules the responsibilities and working procedures of the Central Committee and the General Assemblies of the disciplines' Technical Committees and that establishes:
 - 4.1.1 The CERS meetings rules
 - 4.1.2 The CERS awards and distinctions rules.
 - 4.2 **Finance Regulation**, which rules the financial obligation of CERS members and the cash and property administration of the CERS, establishing the following:
 - 4.2.1 The principles that rule CERS's financial management, including procedures binding the legal and governing bodies of CERS.
 - 4.2.2 The obligations that all CERS affiliated National Federations have to comply with, not only about their affiliation and activity on the roller skating disciplines, but also about the organization and/or participation in the sporting events organised under jurisdiction of CERS.
 - 4.3 **Justice and Disciplinary Regulation**, which rules the procedures related with:
 - 4.3.1 The handling, appreciation and sanctioning of all infractions regarding the practice of roller skating sports, imputed to individual and collective persons subordinate to the justice and disciplinary powers of CERS
 - 4.3.2 The handling, appreciation and decision of protests, complaints and/or appeals submitted by the contestant parties
 - 4.4 **European Events Regulation**, which rules the organization of the CERS international events, namely the European championships of each discipline of roller skating.
 - 4.5 **Medical Regulation for European Events**, which rules the doping control and the gender verification.
5. Except for the provisions set down in point 6 of this Article, all the CERS Regulations referred in point 4 of this Article must be approved by the Central Committee and, afterwards, ratified by the Congress., that requires a majority of the votes cast in the meeting.
6. Additionally to the provisions established in point 4 of this Article, each one of the CERS roller skating disciplines are governed by the decisions approved in the respective General Assembly, as well as by the following specific regulations:
 - 6.1 The "Technical rules and/or technical regulations" proceeding from the FIRS and/or from the discipline's International Technical Committee concerned
 - 6.2 The "General Regulations" and other specific regulations that must be approved by the discipline's Executive Committee and, afterwards, ratified by the General Assembly concerned that requires a majority of the votes cast in the meeting.

ARTICLE 8 – FISCAL YEAR AND AUDIT TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. The fiscal year of CERS coincides with the civil year, starting at 1 January and ending at 31 of December.
2. The Central Committee will appoint a **CERS Auditor** – *who must afterwards be approved by the Congress* – having in mind the following requisites:
 - 2.1 The CERS Auditor should be a qualified professional, inscribed in the Order of Auditors.
 - 2.2 The Auditor's remuneration should be approved by the Central Committee, according to a specific proposal presented by the President of CERS.
 - 2.3 The appointed Auditor must certify the accounts of the prior fiscal year submitted by the Executive Committee to the Central Committee – *and to the subsequent ordinary Congress, taking into consideration the provisions set down in point 8 of Article 22 of this Regulation* – in conformity with the applicable provisions and in accordance with the disposals of the Finance Regulation of CERS.
 - 2.4 The presentation to Congress will be done by the Executive Committee, that is also responsible for delivering the respective financial report to the Auditor.
3. In the case of the Technical Committees of CERS, the General Assembly concerned will approve the financial report and accounts (*balance sheet and profit and loss statement*) of the immediately prior fiscal year.
 - 3.1 The President of each Technical Committee of CERS must submit – *to be eventually submitted to the Central Committee and to the appointed Auditor* – an activity report of the prior fiscal year, together with the financial report and accounts approved by the General Assembly of her/his Committee.
 - 3.2 The appointed Auditor must certify the accounts that each Technical Committee of CERS has submitted to the Executive Committee.
 - 3.3 After the approval of the report and consolidated accounts of each fiscal year by the Central Committee, the Secretary General will send these to all CERS members, by registered mail, attached to the summons for the Ordinary Congress meeting.

ARTICLE 9 – HONORARY MEMBERS

1. On a specific proposal from the Central Committee, the Congress may appoint "Honorary member of CERS" any person upon recognition of exceptional services rendered to the cause of roller skating.
2. Honorary members may attend all official functions of CERS, which includes the right to participate and intervene in the Congress, however without the right to vote.

ARTICLE 10 – MEMBERSHIP – ADMISSION FEE AND “ANNUAL QUOTA”

1. CERS is remunerated through a single instalment, which is established as an “annual quota”, that is fixed under this Article.
2. It falls exclusively within the remit of the Congress, on proposal of the Central Committee, to fix the affiliation fee for membership in CERS, as well as the annual quota for each roller skating discipline directed.
3. The National Federations must pay their contributions to CERS in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 3.1 Payment of CERS quota for membership corresponding to the first year of membership of a roller skating discipline is due when submitting the application for membership, which otherwise may be refused.
 - 3.2 Annual quota for membership for each roller skating discipline directed shall be due by January 31st each year. Non-compliance will imply:
 - 3.2.1 A 10% (*ten per cent*) surcharge of the quota for membership on payments that are more than thirty days late.
 - 3.2.2 A 25% (*twenty five per cent*) surcharge of the quota for membership on payments that are more than sixty days late
 - 3.2.3 On payments of the quota for membership that are more than ninety days late, the provisions established in point 3 of Article 14 of the present Statutes will apply.

ARTICLE 11 – MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS

1. To be admitted as “full member” of CERS, a National Federation shall submit its application for membership to the Central Committee, together with:
 - 1.1 A copy of its Statutes and other documents requested.
 - 1.2 Payment of the required affiliation quota as set out in point 2.1 of Article 10 of the present Statutes.
2. Completed all formalities, the Central Committee may grant provisional membership.
 - 2.1 With a provisional membership status, the new member is allowed to participate in all official European competitions.
 - 2.2 The remaining rights may only be exercised on final acceptance by the Congress.
3. The final acceptance of any National Federation as full member of CERS is subject to approval by the Congress, on proposal of the Central Committee.
4. Any changes to the Statutes, fiscal address and/or composition of the governing bodies of the National Federations full members of CERS must be communicated to the Central Committee, **no later than thirty days** after the changes occurred.

ARTICLE 12 – RECOGNITION OF FULL MEMBERSHIP

1. “Full members” of CERS are all National Federations whose membership is accepted by the Congress, in accordance with the following:
 - 1.1. Without prejudice to the provisions set down in point 1.2 of this Article, CERS accepts membership of National Federations of countries on the European continent, without distinction of race, religion or political opinion.
 - 1.1.1 In conformity with Article 34 of the Olympic Charter, “country” is any independent State recognised as such by the international community.
 - 1.1.2 Without prejudice to the provisions set down in point 1.1.3 of this Article, CERS accepts and recognises only one National Federation per country.
 - 1.1.3 CERS may accept membership of more than one National Federation of a country, provided that it can be proven – *according to point 3 of this Article* – that there are different Federations in a said country governing the different roller skating disciplines.
 - 1.2 National Federations that do not have their head office in Europe, but are situated in its zone of influence, may also be members of CERS and provided they meet the following additional conditions:
 - 1.2.1 They may not be affiliated with any other continental Confederation.
 - 1.2.2 The Central Committee of FIRS has given previous authorisation for their affiliation with CERS.
2. Each National Federation member of CERS may request, **to CERS and to FIRS**, to affiliate one or more roller skating disciplines, provided the following conditions are met:
 - 2.1 Regular organization of a National Championship of the roller skating discipline concerned.
 - 2.2 Regular participation in European and World Championships of the roller skating discipline concerned.
3. If that **Federation does not participate in 2 (two) consecutive years in any of the Championships** mentioned in point 2.2 of this Article, another body of the same country will have the right to apply for membership, with CERS and with FIRS, to represent the roller skating discipline concerned.
4. The National Federations that are full members of CERS are the only entities CERS recognises to exercise jurisdiction, in their own country, over one or more roller skating disciplines.

ARTICLE 13 – RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

1. Any National Federation that wishes to resign its full membership of CERS must present its resignation, by registered letter.
2. The resignation must be submitted by December 31st of the year of the last membership payment. Failing to comply with this implies that this National Federation remains responsible for the payment of the contributions, both overdue and coming due.

ARTICLE 14 – SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

1. If the conduct of a member is considered prejudicial to the interests of CERS, the Executive Committee has the power to request such a member to resign.
2. If the National Federation so requested does not resign within 60 (*sixty*) days, the Executive Committee has the power to:
 - 2.1 Decide immediate suspension of membership.
 - 2.2 Request expulsion, by submitting a proposal to the Central Committee, who may decide to submit it to the Congress.
3. If, by April 30th of each year, a National Federation has not paid the annual membership quota for one or more roller skating disciplines – *or when other financial obligations are more than 90 (ninety) days late* – the Executive Committee may decide temporary suspension of all membership rights of that Federation, including participation of their skaters and teams in any international competition.
 - 3.1 Such a decision must be communicated, per registered letter, to the National Federation concerned, as well as to **FIRS**, by the Secretary General.
 - 3.2 The suspension remains in effect until the debts, including late contributions, have entirely been paid.
4. Regardless of the provisions set out above, the Congress may, at its discretion and if the member's conduct justifies it, decide the expulsion of the faulty National Federation.
5. When information or reporting from a Technical Committee of CERS reveals that – *in the two years prior to the realisation of a CERS Congress* – an affiliated National Federation did not participate in any European Championship of its roller skating discipline, the National Federation concerned will lose the right to vote in the Congress with regard to that specific discipline.

ARTICLE 15 – PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS – GENERAL FRAMING

1. All the protests, complaints or appeals are:
 - 1.1 Subjected to the guidelines formulated by the technical rules and/or regulations of the discipline's Technical Committee concerned
 - 1.2 Subjected to the payment of the required fees, according to the provisions established in Article 10 of the CERS Finance Regulation
 - 1.3 Regulated by the procedures and other provisions established in Chapter VII of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Regulation
2. The payment of the required fees will be carried out simultaneously with the submission – *according to the respective and established deadlines* – of the relevant documentation related with any protest, complaint or appeal.
3. Any protest, complaint or appeal that does not respect the established deadline – *or that is not accompanied by the respective fee* – is in direct opposition to the knowledge of the facts and will be categorically rejected, by **specific decision that will be settled by the President of CERS** and that will be reported to the contestant party by certifiable courier (*registered letter, fax or e-mail*).
4. No protest, complaint or appeal may be lodged when observed that the irregularity invoked is the sole responsibility of the contestant party (*Skater, Club or National Federation, as it is the case*)
5. The ultimate body of instance for judging and to decide any appeal is always the CERS Congress, whose decision is final and it is not open to any other appeal, dispute or judicial claim of any kind.
6. The submission of a protest, a complaint or an appeal doesn't suspend the decisions that have been contested, except if there is a contrary decision from one of the governing bodies referred in point 2 of Article 4 of these Statutes.

CHAPTER II**CONGRESS****ARTICLE 16 – CONGRESS MEETINGS AND PARTICIPANTS**

1. Without prejudice of point 2 of this Article, the meetings of the Congress will take place on a date, time and place decided by the Central Committee of CERS, keeping in mind that:
 - 1.1 The Ordinary Congress shall meet in conformity with the provisions set down in Article 22 of these Statutes
 - 1.2 An Extraordinary Congress will only meet in the circumstances mentioned in point 1 of Article 23 of these Statutes
2. Whenever possible, Congress meetings must take place on a date and place coincident with the realisation of a European Championship of one of the roller skating disciplines.
3. Delegates from a National Federation that is not in order with its financial obligations towards CERS are not allowed to participate in the Congress.
4. Consequently, a Congress meeting shall only be attended by:
 - 4.1 Full members of CERS with voting rights, i.e., all member Federations that are fully in order with their financial obligations towards CERS.
 - 4.2 Members without voting rights, i.e., members of CERS governing bodies, and honorary members.

ARTICLE 17 – REQUIRED QUORUM FOR THE CONGRESS MEETINGS

1. A Congress meeting needs the following quorum to take place:
 - 1.1 The quorum required for the Congress to meet on a first call must consist of National Federations with voting rights representing, at least, the majority of votes in CERS.
 - 1.2 However, the Congress meeting may validly take place on the second call – *at the same place and on the same date, and with the same agenda* – thirty minutes after the hour set by the first call, regardless of the number of National Federations present.
2. The quorum for an Extraordinary Congress – *convened according to point 1.2 of Article 23 of the present Statutes* – must consist, both on a first call as on a second call, of at least half of the requesting National Federations.

ARTICLE 18 – NOTICE AND AGENDA

1. Summonses for Congress meetings are responsibility of the President of CERS and shall be sent to all National Federations members of CERS by registered letter at least sixty days prior to the date set for the meeting.
2. The summons for a Congress meeting shall specify the place, date and time, for the first call or the second call, as well as – *according to Article 17 of the present Statutes* – the necessary quorum for the Congress to take place.
3. The agenda – *together with copies of all proposals and documents that will be object of debate and vote by the participants* – will be sent by registered mail to all National Federations members of CERS according to one of the following options:
 - 3.1 Supplied together with the summons, sixty days prior to the meeting as in point 1 of this Article.
 - 3.2 Supplied later, but always at least 30 (*thirty*) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE 19 – BOARD OF THE CONGRESS AND REPRESENTATION

1. The Board of the Congress is chaired by the President of CERS, assisted by the other members of the Central Committee.
2. National Federations may be represented in the Congress by maximum two delegates. Only one of them will be entitled to vote.
 - 2.1 Before the opening of the Congress, delegates shall give the Secretary General their credentials from the National Federations they represent.
 - 2.1.1 Each delegate must satisfy all of the following conditions:
 - a) Be a citizen of the country of the National Federation he represents.
 - b) Be an employee or a member of a governing body of the National Federation he represents.
 - 2.1.2 In agreement with point 3 of Article 16 of these Statutes, credentials from delegates of such National Federations will not be accepted, nor will they be allowed to participate in the Congress.
 - 2.2. Voting cards shall be issued at accreditation – *according to Article 20 of the present Statutes* – to the delegates of the National Federations eligible to vote.

ARTICLE 20 – VOTES ISSUED

1. Without prejudice of the provisions set in point 2 of this Article, each National Federation represented in the Congress will be entitled to the following votes:
 - 1.1 One vote per country represented by one or more National Federations, in consideration of point 2.1 of this Article.
 - 1.2 One supplementary vote for each roller skating discipline in which the National Federation concerned maintains active participation, nationally and internationally.
2. The National Federations represented in the **Congress** may be refused one or more votes when one of the following situations is observed:
 - 2.1 When, according to point 1.1.3 of Article 12, CERS accepts and recognises more than one National Federation of a country, the vote shall be issued to:
 - 2.1.1 The Federation that directs the largest number of roller skating disciplines.
 - 2.1.2 The most ancient Federation, when point 2.1.1 above is not applicable.
 - 2.2 When a National Federation has not participated in, at least, 2 (*two*) organized European Championship of a specific roller skating discipline during the preceding 3 (*three*) years of the Congress, **no vote will be issued with respect to that discipline**.

ARTICLE 21 – DELIBERATIONS AND APPROVAL

1. Without prejudice of the provisions set in **point 2 of this Article**, voting in Congress shall be public. The President of the Board may decide on voting by roll call.
 - 1.1 To enable the tellers to count the votes, the delegates of the National Federations shall show their voting card, which shows the number of votes issued before the start of the Congress.
 - 1.2 When voting is by roll call, the National Federations shall be called out in English in alphabetical order.
2. Voting shall be by secret ballot:
 - 2.1 When set down in the Statutes, namely for the election of members of CERS governing bodies.
 - 2.2 Whenever the issue concerns the governing bodies of CERS and/or their members, including any election.
 - 2.3 Upon a request approved by the majority of votes of the National Federations eligible to vote and duly represented in the meeting.
3. To be approved by the Congress, the following matters require at least 75% (*seventy five per cent*) of the votes of the National Federations eligible to vote and duly represented in the meeting:
 - 3.1 Approval and/or amendment of the Statutes of CERS.
 - 3.2 Additions to the agenda of an Ordinary Congress.
 - 3.3 Expulsion of a National Federation that is a full member of CERS.
 - 3.4 Dissolution of CERS.
4. Except for the matters referred to **point 3 above**, all other matters shall be decided by a majority of votes cast by the National Federations eligible to vote and duly represented in the meeting.

ARTICLE 22 – ORDINARY CONGRESS

1. The Ordinary Congress of CERS shall meet, at least, one time every two fiscal years. The Agenda is decided by the President of CERS, and shall include:
 - 1.1 CERS President's opening remarks
 - 1.2 Appointment of tellers.
 - 1.3 Approval of Minutes of previous Congress.
 - 1.4 President's report.
 - 1.5 Vice-Presidents' reports, if applicable.
 - 1.6 Report by the Secretary General concerning new memberships, meetings of the Central Committee and/or other issues concerning CERS's activity.
 - 1.7 Reports by the Presidents of CERS's Technical Committees of the roller skating disciplines on activities carried out since the previous Congress.
 - 1.8 Financial report and consolidated accounts of the previous fiscal year by the Auditor of CERS.
 - 1.9 Ratification of new memberships and/or resignations of members
 - 1.10 Deliberations on proposals concerning reformulation or changes to the Statutes.
 - 1.11 Examination and/or deliberation on issues and/or proposals duly submitted to the Ordinary Congress by member Federations and/or by the Central Committee.
 - 1.12 Examination and/or deliberation on issues included on the Agenda after the approval by the Congress, according to **point 3 of Article 21** of the present Statutes.
 - 1.13 Voting (*when it is the case*):
 - 1.13.1 Ratification of the appointment of an Auditor by the Central Committee of CERS
 - 1.13.2 Ratification of Rules and Regulations of CERS approved by the Central Committee
 - 1.13.3 Elections of members of governing bodies of CERS.
2. Between two Congresses, the Central Committee must inform the national Federations of any problems or important decisions to be taken.
 - 2.1 The Central Committee can ask, within a settled delay, an opinion from the National Federations about a particular raised question, which can lead to the decision that is pertinent to the majority.
 - 2.2 However, the Central Committee may decide provisionally until the next Congress, who will decide in last instance.

ARTICLE 23 – EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

1. An Extraordinary Congress may be summoned in the following circumstances:
 - 1.1 By decision of the Central Committee, whenever and when considered necessary.
 - 1.2 By request endorsed by at least 51% (*fifty one per cent*) of the National Federations members of CERS who are fully in order with their financial obligations.
2. In any of the circumstances referred above, the business to be transacted must be included on the Agenda by the President. No other business may be discussed in the specific case of an Extraordinary Congress.
3. In the event of an Extraordinary Congress meeting to be called in accordance with **point 1.2 of this Article**, the Central Committee is bound to do so within 3 (*three*) months of receiving notice of the request.

ARTICLE 24 – MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

1. For each Congress meeting, the minutes shall be taken in English, the official language of CERS, and shall include:
 - 1.1 The place and date of the assembly
 - 1.2 The given name and surname of Chairman and Secretary (*recorder of minutes*)
 - 1.3 The agenda
 - 1.4 The attendance list, identifying by name:
 - 1.4.1 The National Federations, with the indication of the number of votes issued, and their delegates.
 - 1.4.2 The members of the Central Committee and, if it is the case, of other CERS governing bodies, with the indication of their post
 - 1.4.3 The Honorary Members
 - 1.5 The assessment of a quorum
 - 1.6 The matters on the agenda, with a brief report of the decisions, acts and facts that occurred.
 - 1.7 The proposals submitted and motions put forthwith, the content of deliberations or resolutions, the results of the voting, as well as explanations of vote that may have been presented.
 - 1.8 The signatures of the Chairman and the Secretary (*recorder of minutes*)
2. All the arguments produced against and/or in favour of the refusal or of the approval of any proposal or motion, will not be included in the minutes.
3. When appropriate, the Board of the Congress may decide to record the meetings, in part or all, by mechanical or audio–visual means, allowing a more reliable draft of the minutes.
4. The Secretary will be responsible for the preparation and issuing of the minutes, that shall be sent – *within 60 (sixty) days from the date of the assembly* – to all affiliated National Federations and to all members of the CERS Central Committee.
5. The minutes will be officially accepted unless objections in writing are received within 45 (*forty five*) days from the date of:
 - 5.1 The sending of the referred minutes by e–mail
 - 5.2 The postmark on the envelope containing the minutes

CHAPTER III**PRESIDENT AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CERS****ARTICLE 25 – PRESIDENT OF CERS**

1. CERS is officially and legally represented by its President, in administrative as well as financial matters. She/He is responsible for:
 - 1.1 Ensuring the proper functioning of the institution, promoting functional co-operation and articulation between CERS's governing bodies, as well as between its Technical structures.
 - 1.2 Managing the CERS finances and treasury.
 - 1.3 Chairing the meetings of the Congress, the Central Committee and the Executive Committee.
2. The President of CERS is elected in the Congress from a single list, by direct suffrage and secret ballot, according to the provisions established in Article 38 of these Statutes.
 - 2.1 The President of CERS is the first candidate of the most voted single list in the elections for the governing bodies of CERS, from among the candidates presented by the National Federations.
 - 2.2 In her/his absence or when otherwise engaged, the President will provisionally be replaced by the First Vice-President of the Executive Committee of CERS.
3. In the event of the substitution of the President of CERS, an interim voting shall be carried out, as established in point 3 of Article 29 of these Statutes.

ARTICLE 26 – COMPOSITION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. The Central Committee consists of the following 8 (*eight*) members:
 - 1.1 The **President of CERS**
 - 1.2 The other **three members of the Executive Committee**, namely:
 - 1.2.1 The First Vice-President
 - 1.2.2 The Second Vice-President
 - 1.2.3 The Secretary General (*without right to vote*)
 - 1.3 The **four Presidents of each one of the Technical Committees**, namely:
 - 1.3.1 The President of **CEC** – Comité Européen de Courses (*European Speed Skating Committee*)
 - 1.3.2 The President of **CEPA** – Comité Européen de Patinage Artistique (*European Artistic Skating Committee*)
 - 1.3.3 The President of **CERH** – Comité Européen de Rink Hockey (*European Rink-Hockey Committee*)
 - 1.3.4 The President of **CERILH** – Comité Européen de Roller In-Line Hockey (*European Roller In-Line Hockey Committee*)
2. If required, the President of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission will attend the Central Committee meetings, without right to vote.
3. The **elections for the Central Committee members** will be handled according to the provisions established in Article 38 of these Statutes.
4. All the members of the Central Committee are not representing the interests of their member Federation and they shall perform – *independently and on their own responsibility* – the tasks assigned under these Statutes. The membership in the Central Committee does not require special activities or position within the respective member Federation.

ARTICLE 27 – RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. The Central Committee has the following responsibility and competencies:
 - 1.1 Ensure compliance with the Statutes and effective implementation of the rulings and decisions of the Congress.
 - 1.2 Exercise – *between Congresses* – legislative functions; any actions taken must be ratified by the next Congress.
 - 1.3 Make decisions on all important issues for the activity of CERS, particularly with regard to:
 - 1.3.1 Incidents or conflicts occurring within CERS, as a result of actions or attitudes of racial, religious and/or political discrimination.
 - 1.3.2 Public relations work and other measures aiming at the development of roller skating sports, namely in European countries where CERS has no affiliated National Federation.
 - 1.3.3 Establish the amount of quotas, fees and/or annual contributions due to CERS by the National Federations.
 - 1.3.4 Ratification of the proposals of the Executive Committee of CERS aiming at the expulsion of full members.
 - 1.4 Request the opinion or advice of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission with regard to the interpretation and/or application of the provisions of the Statutes and other rules and Regulations of CERS
 - 1.5 Promote the creation of special Commissions with specific duties, consisting of a maximum of five persons, under the direction of one of the Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee of CERS.
2. The actions taken by the Central Committee members are only to be justified before the Congress.
3. Only National Federations in good standing of CERS and with no pending dues shall have the right to submit appeals before the Congress.

ARTICLE 28 – REQUIRED QUORUM FOR THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. The Central Committee **meets at least once in each fiscal year**, summoned by the President of CERS.
 - 1.1 The Central Committee will also meet whenever considered necessary by the President of CERS, or upon request of at least 5 (*five*) of its members.
 - 1.2 Minutes shall be taken for every Central Committee meeting, in accordance with Article 24 of these Statutes, without prejudice to the necessary adjustments.
2. The Central Committee of CERS may decide and deliberate in its meetings, and can also vote by e-mail, fax or video conference.
 - 2.2 The quorum required for the Central Committee to meet must consist of 4 (*four*) members with voting rights.
 - 2.2 In the event of a tie in Central Committee's deliberations and voting, the President of CERS shall exercise her/his casting vote.

CHAPTER IV**CERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE****ARTICLE 29 – COMPOSITION OF THE CERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The Executive Committee consists of 4 (*four*) members:
 - 1.1 The President of CERS
 - 1.2 The First Vice-President
 - 1.3 The Second Vice-President
 - 1.4 The Secretary General (*without right to vote*)
2. If required, the President of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission will attend the Executive Committee meetings, without right to vote.
3. **All members of the Executive Committee with voting rights** will be elected from a **single list**, by direct suffrage and secret ballot, under the election procedures established in Article 38 of these Statutes.
 - 3.1 The Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee shall all be of different nationalities and Federations, conditions equally applicable in what regards the President of CERS.
 - 3.2 The Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee will ensure, with the help of the Secretary General, the co-ordination between the Executive Committee and the Central Committee actions.
 - 3.2.1 The First Vice-President will assist the President of CERS in all her/his duties, and replace him when necessary.
 - 3.2.2 The Second Vice-President will replace the First Vice-President when necessary.
4. In the event of the substitution of the President of CERS, an interim voting shall elect – *by direct suffrage and secret ballot, from a list of candidates that must be presented autonomously* – the new Executive Committee of CERS, that can be followed by a change on the designated members (*without right to vote*)

ARTICLE 30 – COMPETENCIES OF THE CERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee has the following competencies:
 - 1.1 To ensure compliance with the Statutes and effective implementation of the rulings and decisions of the Congress and/or of the Central Committee.
 - 1.2 To ensure all the decisions – *by majority of votes of its members* – related with the following duties and responsibilities:
 - 1.2.1 The CERS's current management, deciding on most urgent affairs, without prejudice of the provisions set down in **point 3 of this Article**
 - 1.2.2 The provisionally suspension of the affiliated National Federations whose financial obligations with CERS are not paid in due time.
 - 1.2.3 The submission to the Central Committee, when such is justified, of a well-founded proposal for the expulsion of National Federations whose conduct is considered contrary or detrimental to the interests of CERS.
 - 1.2.4 The ratification of the written recommendations of the Presidents of the CERS Technical Committee about the allocation of European events, providing that information to the respective discipline's General Assembly for approval.
 - 1.2.5 Ensure the enforcement of the provisions in point 4 of Article 35 of the present Statutes.
 - 1.3 To ensure an effective control of the financial transactions with:
 - 1.3.1 The affiliated National Federations, namely as regards compliance with the deadlines set for the payment of quotas, fees and contributions
 - 1.3.2 The CERS disciplines' Technical Committees
2. In addition, it is the exclusive responsibility of the Executive Committee to conclude agreements, protocols and contracts regarding the granting of rights directly or indirectly related with all the European championships/events of the roller skating disciplines, such as:
 - 2.1 Transmission rights, including television, internet and/or other audio-visual means
 - 2.2 Marketing, Advertising and Merchandising rights.
 - 2.3 Sponsorship and "Naming" rights concerning the European championships/events
 - 2.4 Other rights or sources of income related to any sporting event organized under the jurisdiction of CERS
3. The Executive Committee has not the power to appreciate and/or to decide any judiciary and/or disciplinary matters.
4. All the taken decisions of the Executive Committee – *together with copies of the minutes of the meetings* – shall be sent to the Central Committee.

ARTICLE 31 – REQUIRED QUORUM FOR THE CERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. The Executive Committee meets on the call of the President of CERS, whenever he deems it necessary.
2. The Executive Committee of CERS may decide and deliberate in its meetings, and can also vote by e-mail, fax or video conference.
 - 2.1 The quorum required for the Executive Committee to meet consist of all the 3 (*three*) members with voting rights.
 - 2.2 In the event of a tie in Executive Committee's deliberations and voting, the President of CERS shall exercise her/his casting vote.
3. Minutes shall be taken for every Executive Committee's meeting, in accordance with Article 24 of these Statutes, without prejudice to the necessary adjustments.
4. The actions taken by the Executive Committee members are only to be justified before the Congress.

CHAPTER V

JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION AND SECRETARY GENERAL

ARTICLE 32 – JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION OF CERS

1. The Justice and Disciplinary Commission of CERS consist of four members:
 - 1.1 The President
 - 1.2 The First Vice-President
 - 1.3 The Second Vice-President
 - 1.4 The Secretary General of CERS (*without right to vote, in attention [Article 33](#) of these Statutes*)
2. The President and the two Vice-Presidents of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission shall be appointed by the President of CERS, and must be approved by the Central Committee, having in mind the following requisites:
 - 2.1 Each of them shall, compulsorily, be a Graduate in Law.
 - 2.2 The President and the Vice-Presidents of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission shall all be of different nationalities and they cannot be members of any governing body of the CERS affiliated National Federations.
3. The President and the two Vice-Presidents of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission may be remunerated for their professional functions, as approved by the Central Committee, according to specific proposals presented by the President of CERS.
4. The Justice and Disciplinary Commission meet on the call of its President, whenever he deems it necessary.
 - 4.1 The Justice and Disciplinary Commission may decide and deliberate in its meetings, and can also vote by e-mail, fax or video conference.
 - 4.1.1 The quorum required for the Justice and Disciplinary Commission to meet consist of all the 3 (*three*) members with voting rights.
 - 4.1.2 In the event of a tie in deliberations and voting, the President of Justice and Disciplinary Commission shall exercise her/his casting vote.
 - 4.2 Minutes shall be taken for every meeting of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, in accordance with [Article 24](#) of these Statutes, without prejudice to the necessary adjustments.
5. The activity of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission is ruled by these Statutes and by the Justice and Disciplinary Regulation of CERS that is applicable to:
 - 5.1 Affiliated National Federations and their members
 - 5.2 Clubs and their members, executives, delegates, skaters, athletes and technicians, as well as their agents and collaborators
 - 5.3 Governing bodies of CERS and their members and collaborators
 - 5.4 Referees, Judges, Calculators and Timekeepers of the roller skating disciplines under CERS jurisdiction
 - 5.5 Other natural and legal persons that are linked with CERS, as the governing body in Europe for roller skating sports.
6. With regard to judiciary and/or disciplinary procedures, it falls within the remit of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission:
 - 6.1 To appreciate and to resolve – *in its first body of instance* – any lodged protests and complaints, submitted by the affiliated National Federations against the decisions of the disciplines' Technical Committees.
 - 6.2 To appreciate and to sanction any sports infractions imposed on individual or collective persons subject to the disciplinary power of CERS.
 - 6.3 To instruct and to conduct all the disciplinary proceedings.
 - 6.4 To issue opinions when requested by the President of CERS, namely with regard to the interpretation and/or application of the provisions of the Statutes and other Rules and Regulations of CERS
7. The Justice and Disciplinary Committee deliberate upon:
 - 7.1 The reports submitted by the team of Referees/Chief Referees/Judges
 - 7.2 The report presented by the disciplines' Technical Committees delegates that may be compared – *if the case arises* – with the DVD or video footage of the game/competition should it exist.
 - 7.3 All available documentation and information.
8. Concerning the European championships and other sporting events of the roller skating disciplines, the justice and disciplinary competences shall be delegated to only one of the voting members of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission or – *in the case of her/his absence* – to the President of the discipline's Technical Committee concerned or, when she/he is not present, by one of her/his Vice-Presidents.
 - 8.1 The above referred competences delegation will finish with the end of the European Championship or the sporting event concerned.
 - 8.2 If a serious or very serious infraction occurs and additional sanctions should be considered, the person in charge of exercising the disciplinary powers of the competition should provide:
 - 8.2.1 The immediate exclusion from the competition of the person or persons responsible for the infraction.
 - 8.2.2 The elaboration of a "confidential report", with a detailed information about all the facts, that – *together with the relevant documents mentioned in [point 7 of this Article](#)* – should be addressed to the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, in order to decide, to instruct and/or to conduct any additional procedures that could be needed.

ARTICLE 33 – SECRETARY GENERAL OF CERS

1. The Secretary General shall be appointed by the President of CERS, and must be approved by the Central Committee.
 - 1.1 She/He may be remunerated for her/his functions. Her/His remuneration will be granted by the President, after approval by the Central Committee.
 - 1.2 The Secretary General is a member of the Congress, of the Central Committee, of the Executive Committee and of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission of CERS, participating in their meetings, where she/he may express her/his opinion on the issues in debate, but without any voting rights.
2. The Secretary General shall work in close co-operation with the President of CERS, carrying out secretarial and office duties and provide the necessary administrative support; she/he will ensure namely:
 - 2.1 The handling and management of correspondence received and sent; mailing circular letters and general information, as well as the summonses and other documents needed for the meetings of the Congress, Central Committee, Executive Committee of CERS, and of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission.
 - 2.2 She/He shall record the Minutes of the Meetings of the governing body she/he is a member of, and ensure the execution and/or channel the deliberations approved.
 - 2.3 She/He shall perform the specific missions and duties she/he is entrusted with by the President of CERS.
3. In the event of any temporary absence from the Secretary General, her/his substitute will be designated by the President of CERS, when necessary.

CHAPTER VI**EUROPEAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEES****ARTICLE 34 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

1. The General Assembly of the European Technical Committees acts as the legislative authority of its specific roller skating discipline with regard to technical rules and regulations, as well as, in what concerns the organization of European championships and other disciplines' sporting events.
2. The General Assembly of the European Technical Committees shall take place annually – *and will be held under a proposal of the President of the European Technical Committee concerned, who chairs all the meetings of the Assembly* – on the date, time and place that, whenever possible, shall be coincident with a European championship of that specific roller skating discipline.
 - 1.1 The Ordinary General Assembly meets in accordance with point 3 of Article 8 of these Statutes.
 - 1.2 The Extraordinary General Assembly only meets in the circumstances referred to in point 1 of Article 23 of these Statutes, without prejudice of the necessary adjustments.
3. In such meetings at least 3 (*three*) members of the European Technical Committee concerned, including its President, must be present.
4. Representatives of a National Federation that is not in order with its financial obligations towards CERS will not be allowed to participate in the General Assembly of the European Technical Committees.
5. Consequently, the General Assembly of an European Technical Committee will only be attended by:
 - 5.1 **Full members of CERS with right to vote**, i.e., all National Federations members of CERS that satisfy all of the following conditions:
 - 5.1.1 Ensure in their country the direction of the roller skating discipline concerned.
 - 5.1.2 Be in order with all financial obligations towards CERS.
 - 5.1.3 Having participated, in the two years immediately prior to the General Assembly, in the European Championships of the roller skating discipline concerned.
 - 5.2 **Members without right to vote**, i.e., members of CERS governing bodies, and honorary members.
6. To the affiliated National Federations that – *in accordance with point 4 of this Article* – comply with the obligation of participation will be issued a vote in the General Assembly of the European Technical Committee concerned.
 - 6.1 They may be represented by two delegates, with the appropriate credentials, only one being allowed to express the vote.
 - 6.2 One third of the referred affiliated National Federations must be present to form a quorum.

ARTICLE 35 – COMPOSITION OF THE EUROPEAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

1. The activity of each CERS roller skating discipline is autonomously governed by the respective European Technical Committee, ensuring – *under the direction of its President* – the management of sports activities, such as planning, scheduling and organization of events and competitions.
2. Each one of the European Technical Committees consists of:
 - 2.1 **3 (*three*) or 5 (*five*) members with voting rights**, where will always be included:
 - 2.1.1 The President of the European Technical Committee
 - 2.1.2 The First Vice-President, who will provisionally replace the President in her/his absences
 - 2.1.3 The Second Vice-President, who could be responsible for the discipline's international Referees/Judges Commission, when applicable
 - 2.2 The President of each European Technical Committee may appoint **additional members, without voting rights**, having in mind that:
 - 2.2.1 **9 (*nine*) is the maximum number of the total members**, with and without voting rights, of each European Technical Committee.
 - 2.2.2 Within the members without voting rights will be included the Secretary of the Committee, which will also be – *when applicable* – the Secretary for the international Referees/Judges Commission.
3. The **President of each European Technical Committee** is also a member of the Central Committee and she/he **will be elected in the respective General Assembly meeting**, by direct suffrage and secret ballot, under the election procedures established in Article 38 of these Statutes.
 - 3.1 The **two Vice-Presidents of each European Technical Committee** – *who should be of different nationalities, belonging to different National Federations* – will be appointed by the respective President, under the provisions established in 3.3 of this Article
 - 3.2 The **additional members of each European Technical Committee**, with and/or without voting rights, will be appointed – *when included* – by the respective President, under the provisions established in point 3.3 of this Article.
 - 3.3 All the designated members **of each European Technical Committee** will be selected by its President from among:
 - 3.3.1 The candidates that were proposed before the General Assembly by the affiliated national Federations
 - 3.3.2 The candidates directly chosen by the President, except in the case where there is formal opposition by the National Federation of origin.
 - 3.4 During the term of office, the President may withdraw her/his confidence to a member of its European Technical Committee, deciding to make a designation of a substitute for the remaining term of office, according the provisions established in point 4 of this Article.
4. The term of office of each European Technical Committee may be recalled after two years, either on the ground of negative activity results, or because its President – *or any other member* – made decisions or acted against the provisions and/or obligations set down in the present Statutes and other rules and Regulations of CERS.
 - 4.1 The termination of the term of office of the European Technical Committee concerned shall be subject to specific deliberation – *voted by secret ballot* – in an Extraordinary General Assembly of the roller skating discipline concerned, on the grounds of a proposal made by the CERS Executive Committee.

- 4.2 If the CERS Executive Committee's proposal is approved by the majority of votes represented in the General Assembly, destitution of the members of the European Technical Committee concerned takes immediate effect.
- 4.3 Consequently, the President of CERS will immediately provide for the following:
 - 4.3.1 The Central Committee shall appoint an Administrative Commission – *consisting of 3 (three) members, one of them presiding* – to ensure the current management of the of the European Technical Committee concerned.
 - 4.3.2 Summon, in the shortest delay possible, an Extraordinary Congress of CERS to hold an interim election for the European Technical Committee concerned, which will serve for the remainder of the current term.
- 4.4 The destitution of the members of an European Technical Committee prevents these persons – *during a four year period, as from the date of their destitution* – to hold an office or exercise a function in any of the legislative and governing bodies of CERS.
- 4.5 In the event of the substitution of the President of an European Technical Committee, she/he shall be elected by an interim vote – *by direct suffrage and secret ballot, from a list of candidates that must be presented autonomously* – that will be followed by the designation of all the other members of this governing body, according to the provisions of points 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 of this Article.

ARTICLE 36 – RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EUROPEAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

1. The main responsibilities of each European Technical Committee, under the direction and coordination of its President, are the following:
 - 1.1 To ensure the proper functioning of the Committee and the development of the respective discipline, promoting functional co-operation and articulation between the other governing bodies of CERS.
 - 1.2 To ensure the approval from the General Assembly of an European Technical Committee to the issuing, changing and/or amending the technical rules and Regulations of their own specific roller skating discipline – *including the framing for refereeing/judging standards and procedures within the controlling of games/competitions* – and providing that they are not contrary to any provisions in the Statutes and Regulations of CERS.
 - 1.3 To ensure the organization of roller skating sporting events, by sex and age categories, where shall compete:
 - 1.3.1 The representative teams and skaters of the affiliated National Federations
 - 1.3.2 The representative teams and skaters of the European clubs
 - 1.4 To fix quotas and/or fees payable by the affiliated National Federations and/or payable by the European Clubs, with regard to:
 - 1.4.1 The cession of the rights of organisation of European Championships of Nations, of European club competitions and of any other discipline's sporting events which are carried out under the jurisdiction of the CERS.
 - 1.4.2 The participation at the European Championships of Nations, at the European club competitions and at any other discipline's sporting events which are carried out under the jurisdiction of the CERS, including the issuing of the corresponding licences and/or credentials.
 - 1.4.3 The organization within the respective skating discipline of training actions, seminars, testing and certifications addressed to Managers, Coaches and Referees, Judges, Timekeepers and/or Calculators.
2. The activity and/or the decisions of an European Technical Committee could be subjected to protests and/or complaints, under the provisions settled in points 2 and 3 of Article 15 of these Statutes.

ARTICLE 37 – REQUIRED QUORUM FOR THE EUROPEAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEES MEETINGS

1. Each European Technical Committee shall meet, on a call of its President, once in every fiscal year, at least, in order to approve the activity report and accounts that will be submitted to the Ordinary General Assembly, in accordance with point 3 of Article 8 of these Statutes.
 - 1.1 Each European Technical Committee shall also meet whenever considered necessary by its President.
 - 1.2 In the event of a tie in the deliberations and voting of an European Technical Committee, its President shall exercise her/his casting vote.
2. Each European Technical Committee may decide and deliberate in its meetings, and can also vote by e-mail, fax or video conference.
 - 2.1 The quorum required for each European Technical Committee to meet must consist of 3 (*three*) members with voting rights.
 - 2.2 Minutes shall be taken for every meeting of each European Technical Committee, in conformity with Article 24 of these Statutes, without prejudice of the necessary adjustments.

CHAPTER VII

GOVERNING BODIES – ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

ARTICLE 38 – ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. In normal conditions, elections for the governing bodies of CERS will take place every four years. The members elected shall complete a four year term of office, which coincides with an Olympic cycle.
 - 1.1 When elections are not held at the proper time, the members in exercise of the governing body stay on after the end of their term of office, however, for a period no longer than 120 (*hundred and twenty*) calendar days.
 - 1.2 In the event of partial revocation of the term of office of one or more governing bodies of CERS, interim elections shall be called in order to guarantee the functional continuity of the governing body/bodies concerned.
 - 1.3 In the event of interim elections, to be held in accordance with point 3 of this Article, the new elected members for the governing bodies of CERS will serve only the remainder of their predecessors' term of office.
2. The elections for the Central Committee members will always be handled by direct suffrage and secret ballot, having in mind the established in the following points.
 - 2.1 The **Executive Committee members** – *CERS President and two Vice-Presidents* – will be elected as established in point 3 of Article 29 of these Statutes.
 - 2.2 The **President of each discipline's Technical Committee** will be elected as established in point 3 of Article 35 of these Statutes.
3. **Interim elections** are carried out according to specific rules.
 - 3.1 In the event of the substitution of the President of CERS, the interim election will be held as established in point 4 of Article 29 of these Statutes.
 - 3.2 In the event of the substitution of the President of a discipline's Technical Committee, the interim election will be held as established in point 4.5 of Article 35 of these Statutes.
4. Election procedures start with the summons for the Congress, on the agenda of which is the election of CERS governing bodies, and sent by the President of CERS, **60 (sixty) days prior to the meeting**, at least.
5. To be accepted, all candidatures to the elections must be sent or handed **45 (forty five) days before the day of the electoral Congress**, at least.
6. Any single list submitted for the election of the Executive Committee must be endorsed by each one of the affiliated National Federation that – *enjoying its full statutory rights and that are in order with their financial obligations towards CERS* – are responsible for the submission to suffrage of the respective candidate within the list in question.
 - 6.1 The first name on each list is the candidate's applying for President of CERS.
 - 6.2 Each single list of candidates for the Executive Committee must contain the names of all the candidates to election, identifying their office and governing body, as well as the name of the National Federations proposing them as candidate, as illustrated hereunder:

CERS GOVERNING BODY	OFFICE	FULL NAME OF CANDIDATE	PROPOSING FEDERATION
CERS Executive Committee	President of CERS	Mnnnnn Nnnnnn Onnnnn	EEEEEE
	First Vice-President	Pnnnnn Rnnnnn Snnnnn	FFFFFF
	Second Vice-President	Tnnnnn Unnnnn Vnnnnn	GGGGGG

- 6.3 Each single list of candidates for the Executive Committee must also enclose the following documents:
 - 6.3.1 A declaration of each Federation confirming they support the candidate on the list.
 - 6.3.2 An individual declaration of each candidate, stating that they will accept office in case of being elected.
- 6.4 A list with a candidate who is not being proposed by the National Federation of her/his own country shall not be accepted.
7. The President of CERS – *who chairs the Board of the Congress* – decides on the acceptance or refusal of the lists of candidates submitted.
 - 7.1. It cannot be accepted for election any list that:
 - 7.1.1 Has been handed in after the closing date as established in point 5 of this Article
 - 7.1.2 Contains alterations or erasures.
 - 7.1.3 Contains one or more candidates applying for office – *similar or different* – on more than one list.
 - 7.1.4 Has been endorsed by a National Federation that is responsible for the endorsement of another candidate on a different list.
 - 7.2. The presence of any of the irregularities described in points 7.1.3 and 7.1.4 of this Article will imply that all the lists affected shall not be submitted to suffrage.
 - 7.3 When there are doubts as to the regularity of a list of candidates, the President of CERS may request the proposing National Federations to present proof – *within three working days* – that no irregularity exists, otherwise the list shall not be submitted to suffrage.
8. The President of CERS will give a "letter" – "*A*", "*B*", "*C*", *etc.* – to each accepted list, according to the order in which they were received at CERS.
9. The President of CERS will communicate all lists for election to the National Federations of CERS – **30 (thirty) days prior to the date of the election in the Congress, at least** – with the indication of the "letter" that was given to each list.

ARTICLE 39 – BALLOT PAPERS

1. The ballot papers to be supplied by CERS for the election of the governing bodies must be rigorously identical pieces of paper, without marks or exterior signs.
2. They shall contain *(see example)*.
 - 2.1 The "letter" corresponding to the candidates lists, followed by the name of the list's candidate for President of CERS;
 - 2.2 To the right of the candidate's name, a square box to be marked with a cross according to the voter's choice.

LIST A - Presents as candidate to President of CERS Ms./Mr. <i>(name of the candidate)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LIST B - Presents as candidate to President of CERS Ms./Mr. <i>(name of the candidate)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LIST C - Presents as candidate to President of CERS Ms./Mr. <i>(name of the candidate)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ARTICLE 40 – ELECTORAL CONGRESS – PROCEDURES

1. Arriving at the agenda item of the election of the governing bodies, the President of CERS shall conduct the voting procedures and ensure:
 - 1.1 The opening and closing of the ballot box.
 - 1.2 Calling each National Federation's delegate to hand over the ballot papers. When these are filled in, they are introduced in the ballot box.
2. After the voting, the tellers will count the votes cast, sign the result report – *which mentions the votes cast for each list, abstentions and null votes* – and hand it over to the President of CERS.
 - 2.1 The "blank votes" – *ballot papers not marked with a cross, and showing no notes, signs or erasures* – shall be considered "**ABSTENTIONS**".
 - 2.2 *Ballot papers with notes, signs or erasures – regardless of having a box marked with a cross or not* – shall be considered "**NULL VOTES**".
3. The list elected is the list that **obtains at least one more vote than the 50% (fifty per cent) of votes of the National Federations eligible for voting and duly represented in the Electoral Congress.**
 - 3.1 If none of the lists obtains the required majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be held to choose between the two most voted lists.
 - 3.2 The second ballot shall be held 30 (thirty) minutes after the announcement of the outcome of the first ballot.
4. The President of CERS will announce the final results counted by the tellers, and proclaim as the winning list of the elections the list that obtained the majority of votes, as established in point 3 of this Article.

ARTICLE 41 – VACANCIES IN CERS GOVERNING BODIES

In the event of a vacancy in any of CERS's governing bodies – *due to resignation, incapacity or death* – the following procedures shall be followed in order to fill the vacant post for the remainder of the term of office:

1. When the vacancy occurs less than 12 (*twelve*) months before the end of the term of office, no interim election is needed. The necessary replacements will be made *according to the provisions hereafter in this Article*, and shall be considered effective after ratification by the Central Committee.
2. When the above timeframe is not applicable, procedures to fill the vacancy must take into consideration the following situations:
 - 2.1 An interim election shall be called, in accordance with point 3 of this Article, to replace:
 - 2.1.1 The **President of CERS**, which implies the election of a new Executive Committee of CERS.
 - 2.1.2 The **President of the Technical Committee of a roller skating discipline**, which implies the designation of new members of the entire governing body.
 - 2.2 In the event of any other vacancy, the former member shall be replaced for the remainder of the current term of office to ensure normal functioning.
3. When the provisions in point 2.1 of this Article are applicable, the following additional situations shall be considered:
 - 3.1 Firstly, the vacancy must immediately be filled, even if provisionally, as follows:
 - 3.1.1 The President of CERS will be replaced automatically by the First Vice-President of the Executive Committee
 - 3.1.2 The President of a discipline's Technical Committees of CERS will be replaced automatically by the First Vice-President of the Technical Committee concerned.
 - 3.2 Secondly, in accordance with point 2.1 of this Article, the necessary procedures for an interim election must be ensured, as follows:
 - 3.2.1 The election will take place in the next Ordinary Congress, if this is scheduled to take place within 6 (six) months but no less than 3 (three) months.
 - 3.2.2 Otherwise, an Extraordinary Congress must be called by the acting President of CERS to take place within maximum 3 (three) months.



4. When the provisions in point 2.2 of this Article are applicable, existing vacancies will be filled as follows:
 - 4.1 If the vacancy occurs in CERS's Executive Committee, the President of CERS shall decide.
 - 4.2 If the vacancy occurs in one of the Technical Committees of CERS, the President of the Technical Committee concerned shall decide.
 - 4.3 The replacement of the President and/or of any of the Vice-Presidents the Justice and Disciplinary Commission shall be decided and ensured by the President of CERS.
 - 4.4 Any other filling of vacancies referred to in points 4.1 to 4.3 of this Article must be ratified by the Central Committee.

CHAPTER VIII**FINAL PROVISIONS****ARTICLE 42 – DISSOLUTION OF CERS**

1. Dissolution of CERS shall only be possible by decision of an Extraordinary Congress, specially convened with that purpose, and by majority of at least 75% (*seventy five per cent*) of the member countries.
2. In the event of a dissolution, it will be decided what to do with CERS's assets and whether to appoint a winding-up committee.
3. Besides the legal grounds for extinction, CERS may only be dissolved for major and insurmountable reasons making it impossible to achieve its aims.
4. The dissolution of CERS must be approved by the Congress, with at least 75% (*seventy five per cent*) of favourable votes cast in the said Congress. In the event, arrangements will immediately be made to:
 - 4.1 Set up a "Winding-up Commission" to distribute the net assets of CERS, in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 4.1.1 A part of CERS's funds will be withheld to pay all debts.
 - 4.1.2 The remaining part of CERS's funds, if existing, will be divided proportionally to the National Federations, after pondering the number of roller skating disciplines each of them governs.
 - 4.2 Limit the powers of the governing bodies and their members to mere administrative acts, namely those necessary to wrapping up pending activities and/or liquidating assets.

ARTICLE 43 – GAPS, OMISSIONS AND HIERARCHY OF NORMS

1. To gaps and/or omissions that may exist in these **Statutes** – *and without prejudice to the subsequent incorporation of provisions to fill these gaps on deliberation of the Congress* – are applicable the procedures established in the following points of this Article.
2. All the situations will be examined by the Central Committee, who will specifically deliberate after taking into consideration:
 - 2.1 All similar rules which, eventually, could exist on the FIRS Statutes or Regulations
 - 2.2 The opinion of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission
3. The Statutory rules prevail over all the others when overlapping or incompatibility is observed.

ARTICLE 44 – REVOCATIONS, APPROVAL AND ENTRY IN FORCE

1. In accordance with point 2 of this Article, the entry in force of the present Statutes entirely repeal all rules and regulations of CERS that are opposed or in contradiction with them.
2. The present Statutes were approved in the Congress of CERS, held in Paredes, Portugal, on the 27th. of October of 2012, entering in force on the 1st. of January of 2013, and being amended on the Congress of CERS held in Porto Salvo, Portugal, on the 21st. of September of 2013.