

**INTERNATIONALER VERBAND FÜR SPORTBODENFORSCHUNG**  
**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SPORTS SURFACE SCIENCES**

**STATUTES**

(ACCORDING TO INAUGURAL MEETING, MAY 30, 1985)

**I. NAME AND RESIDENCE**

**Article 1**

The ISSS is an association with independent legal status according to article 60 ff. ZBG of Switzerland. It is registered in the commercial register.

The residence of the ISSS is Zürich, Switzerland.

**II. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

**Article 2**

The aim of the association is to advance scientific and practical investigation of sport surfaces and to spread information on the results to members of the ISSS and to interested and concerned persons (i.e. public institutions, consulting offices, manufacturers, sports unions).

Specific aims and objectives:

- a.) To collect results of research projects conducted on or with sport surfaces
- b.) To discuss the results and find common consequences
- c.) To publish evaluated results in order to provide adequate information to persons not specializing in this field, but needing the information for expedient design of sport facilities
- d.) To discuss test methods and to run tests under comparable conditions in order to improve the precision of tests
- e.) To encourage and support research projects

### **III. MEANS**

#### **Article 3**

The association will seek to achieve its purpose through:

- a.) Periodic working meetings (at least once every two years) of the members and invited guests
- b.) **Operation of a web-site giving details of its activities, membership, minutes of meetings, and any other relevant information**
- c.) Recommendations on common convictions or aspects regarding sport surfaces or related circumstances
- d.) Test with identical samples under comparable conditions to identify their limitations and to improve the precision
- e.) Considering validity and interpretation of tests
- f.) Organization of international conferences and seminars as necessary

#### **Article 4**

The financial means consist of:

- a.) Membership fees (dues)
- b.) **Income from technical meetings and other activities**

### **IV. ORGANIZATION**

#### **Article 5**

The control of the association shall be vested in:

- a.) General meeting
- b.) **Executive Board of four persons**

*a) General Meeting*

#### **Article 6**

**The general meeting is invoked by the Executive Board at least 30 days in advance. The invitation is sent out by written or electronic information to all members**

Normally, the general meeting shall take place once a year. Extraordinary general meetings will be held when a request of a general meeting, the Executive Board, or a fifth of the members ask for it. The request for this has to be delivered in a letter nominating reasons.

### **Article 7**

The quorum of a general meeting is fulfilled when at least 30% of the members, or ten persons, whichever is the least, are present or are represented by a nominated proxy.

Resolutions pass by the simple majority of the combined votes of all present members entitled to vote and of all valid proxy votes (absolute majority).

Motions on standing orders pass by the majority of the voting members (relative majority).

Resolutions on modifications of statutes, liquidation of the Association, or combination with another association, need the presence or representation by a nominated proxy of at least one half of the total membership or 20 persons, whichever is the least, and the consent of two thirds of the combined votes of all present members entitled to vote and all valid proxy votes.

Resolutions on the acceptance of new Scientific Body Members need the presence or representation by a nominated proxy of at least half the total number of existing Scientific Body Members, and the consent of three quarters of the combined votes of all present Scientific Body Members entitled to vote and of all valid proxy votes from Scientific Body Members.

### **Article 8**

Methods of Proceeding; Details of Voting

Conduct of a meeting shall be at the discretion of the Chairman until a special standing order is adopted.

Each individual member or his representative as a nominated proxy has one vote. Group members have one vote as well.

Any contentious Resolution or Motion may be voted upon by secret ballot, at the discretion of the Chairman.

### **Article 9**

The general meeting has the authority to:

- decide on membership fees
- elect the executive board

- accept the secretary's report
- accept the treasurer's report
- deal with and to resolve complaints
- resolve financial matters
- modify the statutes
- resolve motions of members (motions have to be announced at least 14 days before the date of the general meeting to all members).
- elect an auditor

*b.) Executive Board*

**Article 10**

The Executive Board consists of four persons who are elected by the General Meeting: the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The term of office lasts two years. A majority of the Executive Board must be Scientific Body Members.

**Article 11**

The Executive Board meets by invitation of the Chairman, who nominates the agenda, place and date, as often as this is necessary.

Resolutions of the Executive Board pass by the votes of three members of the Executive Board. In cases where the fourth member cannot accept the majority vote, the resolution is inoperative until the next General Meeting, at which a simple majority of the combined votes of all present members entitled to vote and of all valid proxy votes will be required to approve the resolution.

*c.) Auditor*

The Auditor is elected by the General Meeting. The term of office lasts two years.

**V. MEMBERS**

**Article 12**

All individuals and groups (e.g. associations or other bodies) of Switzerland and other countries can become members of the Association if they are involved with the investigations of sports surfaces and are independent of manufacturing companies.

Applications for membership can be accepted or rejected by the Executive Board with reservation as to the agreement of the next General Meeting.

### **Article 13**

Every member can give up his membership at any time without refund.

Membership can be suspended by the Executive Board without nominating reasons. This resolution needs the total consent of the Executive Board and must be subsequently confirmed by the next General Meeting. If the suspension is of a Scientific Body Member, the relevant voting procedure and requirements laid down elsewhere in these Statutes will be adopted.

## **VI. CLOSING OF ACCOUNTS**

### **Article 14**

The financial year is identical with the calendar year. The financial account becomes due at the end of March.

## **VII. SUSPENSION**

### **Article 15**

The General Meeting can resolve on the suspension of the Association if at least half of the members are present and at least two thirds of the present members agree. For this a special general meeting is convened. The liquidation is executed by the Executive Board. All authorities of the General Meeting are valid during the liquidation.

The general meeting resolves the use of the association property according to a proposal by the Executive Board.

## **VIII. COURT OF ARBITRATION**

### **Article 16**

In case of arguments between the Executive Board of the Association or between the Executive Board and members, the disagreement is resolved definitely by the Court of Arbitration of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce.

## **XI. FINAL PARAGRAPH**

### **Article 17**

Cancelled.

### **Article 18**

These Statutes come into operation at the date of acceptance by the Inaugural Meeting.

Accepted by resolution at the inaugural meeting at Diessenhofen, May 30, 1985

Modified by resolution at the AGM in Köln on November 10, 1989

Modified by resolution at the AGM in Köln on November 8, 1991

Modified by resolution at the AGM in London on February 27, 1993

Modified by resolution at the AGM in Köln on October 27, 1995

Modified by resolution at the AGM in Köln on November 6, 2003