

# WUSHU KUNGFU FEDERATION OF EUROPE (WKFE)

## STATUTES

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PREAMBLE Wushu is the umbrella term for martial art practices which originated and developed in China over thousands of years. It has produced numerous styles and systems such as kung fu, tai chi, sanda, and taolu, each incorporating its own techniques, tactics, principles, and methods, as well as a wide variety of traditional weaponry. Wushu not only encompasses martial arts practices, but also practices for health and philosophy. Today, wushu has developed into a global sport practiced and enjoyed worldwide by athletes and non-athletes alike and is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The Statutes of the Wushu Kungfu Federation of Europe (WKFE), as the European Continental Federation of the International Wushu Federation (IWUF), establish a framework for WKFE to operate fairly and equitably, advance the interests of its members, and promote, regulate, and govern the sport of wushu throughout Europe.

### DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BoD: Board of Directors of WKFE CAS:

Court of Arbitration for Sport

CF: Continental Federation as defined in the IWUF Constitution

EC: Executive Committee of WKFE

Ech: European Championships

Full Member(s): National Federation(s) recognized by their NOC and/or NSA and accepted by IWUF and WKFE

GA: General Assembly of WKFE

IOC: International Olympic Committee

IWUF: International Wushu Federation

NF: National Wushu Federation

NOC: National Olympic Committee

NPO: Non-Profit Organisation

NSA: National Sports Authority

Provisional Member: NF admitted provisionally by WKFE

RF: Regional Federation

Statutes: These Statutes of WKFE

Suspended Member: NF whose membership is suspended

WADA: World Anti-Doping Agency

## **SECTION I – NAME, SEAT, OBJECTIVES, DURATION**

### **Article 1 – Name**

1. The name of the federation is “Wushu Kungfu Federation of Europe vzw”, abbreviated as “WKFE vzw”.
2. It is composed of the wushu governing bodies of countries in Europe and countries on the European periphery with strong cultural and historical links with Europe. WKFE is recognized by the IWUF as the sole continental governing authority for wushu in all its forms and styles throughout Europe.

### **Article 2 – Seat, Headquarters, Website and Resources**

1. The registered seat of WKFE is located in the Brussels Capital Region, Belgium.
2. The headquarters may be moved within the same country or administrative region by decision of the Board of Directors (BoD). Any relocation to another country or administrative region shall require approval by the General Assembly (GA).
3. WKFE maintains an official website and official electronic contact address. The address of the website is [www.wkfe.org](http://www.wkfe.org) and the general email address is [info@wkfe.org](mailto:info@wkfe.org). Any change may be decided by the BoD.
4. The resources of WKFE may derive from donations, bequests, sponsorships, partnerships, broadcasting, licensing and merchandising rights, public subsidies, membership fees, income generated by its assets, and any other lawful resources.

### **Article 3 – Objectives**

1. WKFE is a non-profit organization and shall not pursue any commercial gain for itself or its members.
2. The objectives of WKFE are: a. to promote and encourage the development and practice of wushu in all its forms and styles in Europe; b. to protect and promote traditional Chinese martial arts; c. to organize and approve international wushu competitions and activities; d. to accept and comply with the principles of the Olympic Charter and uphold the Olympic spirit; e. to accept and comply with the principles of the IWUF Constitution; f. to standardize competitions and activities of its member federations; g. to promote cooperation, friendly relations, equality, harmony, and fair play; h. to oppose all forms of discrimination; i. to follow the Panathlon Charter and ethical principles in youth sport.
3. WKFE may carry out all activities necessary to achieve these objectives.
4. WKFE is established for an indefinite duration.

## **SECTION II – MEMBERSHIP**

### **Article 4 – Affiliation and Membership Categories**

1. Membership is unlimited but shall consist of at least two (2) members.
2. Categories of membership: a. Full Members with voting rights; b. Provisional Members; c. Suspended Members.
3. Only full members have voting rights in the GA. They are eligible to participate in all the activities organised by WKFE or conducted under the auspices of WKFE and to use the services offered by WKFE to Full members.
4. Provisional members, whose membership has been accepted by the BoD, pending confirmation by the GA
5. Suspended members that while retaining their membership pending a final decision on their membership status by the GA, cannot participate in any activities organised by the WKFE or under the auspices of the WKFE. Suspended Members cannot use any of the services offered by the WKFE.
6. Wushu governing bodies of all nations or territories in Europe or belonging to the European periphery that have strong cultural and historic links with Europe may apply to join the WKFE.
7. A wushu organization must become a member of IWUF before applying for WKFE membership, and should be recognized by their NSA and/or NOC. If WKFE needs to change the status of its member regarding NSA and NOC recognition, it can require IWUF to verify the status of its member and change it upon status change In IWUF.
8. Only one (1) National Federation per country or territory may be admitted as a Full Member.
9. If an NF's NOC or NSA or its IWUF recognition status changes, the WKFE shall have the right to reclassify the category of membership after the IWUF verifies the change in status
10. The application for membership of a NF must be submitted in writing (via e-mail, ordinary or registered letter) to the BoD of WKFE. The BoD will assess in its discretion the application and make a provisional decision in this matter. The procedure for acquiring membership is set out in the Internal Rules and Regulations of WKFE. The BoD will present its recommendation concerning a possible membership of the applying NF for a vote at the next GA.

#### **Article 5 – Membership Fees**

1. Annual membership fees is proposed by the BoD and approved by the GA.
2. The BoD shall set the due date for payment of membership fees.
3. Failure to pay within three (3) months after the due date shall result in temporary suspension until rectified.

#### **Article 6 – End, Suspension and Termination of Membership**

1. Membership may end by voluntary withdrawal, suspension, or expulsion.
2. The BoD may provisionally suspend a member for serious violations, subject to confirmation by the GA.
3. Expulsion requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the GA members present or represented.
4. The member will be given the right to be heard and present their defense before the vote takes place.
5. Former or suspended members have no rights to WKFE assets.

#### **Article 7 – Rights of Members**

1. Full Members have the right to participate in, organize, and host WKFE competitions and activities.
2. Only Full Members have voting rights at the GA.
3. Full Members have access to WKFE services, documentation, and records in accordance with applicable law.

#### **Article 8 – Responsibilities of Members**

Members shall:

1. Respect the Olympic Charter, IWUF Constitution, and these Statutes;
2. Comply with WKFE and IWUF regulations and decisions;
3. Pay membership fees;
4. Implement anti-doping rules and ethical standards;
5. Preserve autonomy and good governance.

#### **Article 9 – Autonomy of National Federations**

1. NFs are required to protect and maintain their autonomy and independently manage all internal affairs without any pressure or interference from a third party.
2. They are required to resist all forms of external pressure, including but not limited to political, religious and economic pressures which may infringe upon their commitment to comply with the Olympic Charter and/ or the WKFE Statutes.
3. They must ensure that their statutes make provisions for an election or internal appointment system that ensures their complete independence vis-à-vis governments and other public authorities.
4. The WKFE will not recognize any election or appointment that has not been made in compliance with Article 9.3 herein.

#### **Article 10 – Regional Federations**

1. Regional Federations may be recognized by WKFE under conditions established by the BoD and shall be subject to confirmation by the GA.
2. Recognition does not confer membership status, voting rights or representation in the General Assembly.
3. The BoD may suspend or withdraw recognition of a RF for non compliance, subject to the right to be heard and confirmed by the GA,

### **SECTION III – GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **Article 11 – Authority and Procedure**

1. The General Assembly is the supreme authority of WKFE.
2. It shall convene at least once per calendar year and may meet in person or remotely.
3. The GA has exclusive authority to: run the elections, approve accounts and budgets, amendments the Statutes, admit or exclude members and decide on dissolution.
4. GA grants a discharge to the directors (formally releasing them from liability for their management over the past financial year)
5. GA appoints a statutory auditor (if the vzw grows large enough to legally require one).
6. GA has all other powers exclusively granted to the General Assembly by Belgian law."\*

7. GA procedures, quorum, voting, proxies, and conduct are governed by internal regulations approved by the GA.

## **SECTION IV – PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Article 12 – President and Board of Directors**

1. The President is elected by the GA for a four (4) year term and may be re-elected once.
2. Elected President shall **propose a list of candidates for the Board of Directors**, for a term of four (4) years. The Board of Directors shall consist of **no fewer than nine (9) and no more than fifteen (15) members**, including the President.
3. The **number of Vice Presidents** shall be proposed by the President as part of the Board list and shall be confirmed by the Board of Directors once elected.
4. The **General Assembly shall vote on the proposed Board of Directors as a single list**. If the General Assembly does not approve the proposed list, the voting will go on by each candidate. The candidate that does not get the majority vote, will be replaced with a new name proposed by the GA. This procedure shall be repeated until the General Assembly approves the full list of Board Directors.
5. Members of the Board of Directors are eligible for re-election but shall not serve more than a **total of five (5) terms**, including any term served as President.
6. Directors serve honorary and unpaid mandates. Designated members ( Executive Committee or other BoD members) may be reimbursed for **travel, accommodation, and per diem expenses** incurred while attending WKFE or IWUF activities, in accordance with BoD decisions.

### **Article 13 – Termination of Mandates**

1. Mandates of BoD members may end by:
  - a. resignation,
  - b. dismissal by GA,
  - c. loss of membership status of the federation they represent , or
  - d. death.
2. The position of President or Vice President can only be terminated by the GA by a qualified majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast, after:
  - a. The concerned person has received at least fifteen (15) days written notice from the BoD Secretary General and
  - b. Has been given the opportunity to be heard by the GA.

Pending the decision of the GA, the BoD may for duly justified reasons and respecting the rights of defence, provisionally suspend the concerned Director from participation in meetings and decisions of the BoD. Such provisional suspension shall not constitute a termination of mandate.

3. A Director who wants to resign voluntarily must notify the Secretariat in writing (via e-mail, ordinary post or registered mail). This resignation takes immediate effect unless the resignation results in the minimum number of Directors falling below the statutory minimum. In this case, the BoD shall convene an Extraordinary General Assembly within a reasonable time to elect a Director to replace the Director who wants to resign. The newly chosen Director is chosen for the remainder of the term of the resigning Director.

4. The BoD can decide to dissolve itself if this decision is supported by at least 2/3 of its members. In the event of a decision to dissolve, the BoD must convene an Extraordinary General Assembly to select a new BoD. Only the GA has the right to accept the dissolution of the BoD. The dissolution of the BoD will only become effective upon the election of a new BoD.

#### **Article 14 – Role of the Board of Directors**

1. The BoD manages WKFE, represents it legally, and acts in its best interests.

#### **Article 15 – Meetings of the Board of Directors**

1. The BoD meets upon convocation by the President or at least twenty-five percent (25%) of its members.
2. Quorum requires fifty percent (50%) of the members of the BoD in office, present or validity represented.
3. A Director who is unable to attend a meeting may give a written proxy to another Director. No Director may hold more than one (1) proxy at any given meeting.
4. Decisions are taken by simple majority of the votes cast, unless otherwise provided in these Statutes. Abstentions shall not be counted as votes cast.
5. In exceptional circumstances and in accordance with applicable law, decisions of the BoD may be taken by the unanimous written decision of all Directors including by electronic means. Such decisions shall be recorded in the Minutes of the next meeting of the BoD. The decisions taken using this written (via e-mail or letter) procedure are recorded in the report of the next meeting of the BoD with a clear explanation as to why the BoD chose this procedure.
6. Minutes are taken of each meeting by the Secretariat under supervision of Secretary General, and are recorded in a register of minutes signed by the association's general representatives and any directors who so wish.
7. This register is kept at the registered office, where full members may consult it on written request, stating the reasons, addressed to the BoD, but the register must not be removed.
8. If a member of the BoD is absent at two consecutive BoD meetings without due cause, the BoD will investigate why the Director was absent and shall grant the Director concerned the opportunity to be heard. If the reasons for absence after investigation are not acceptable, BoD shall decide by simple majority to propose to GA the termination of the mandate of the BoD member.

#### **Article 16 – Conflict of Interest**

1. Directors must disclose either financial or personal nature conflict of interest and abstain from related decisions. Any Director who has directly or indirectly a financial, personal or other conflicting interest in a matter submitted to the BoD shall disclose the existence and nature of such conflict of interest prior to the deliberation.

The declaration of conflict of interest and the abstention from deliberation and voting shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

2. No Director shall use his/her position as a Director for personal profit or gain or to support a private business venture. The BoD shall report any violation of this provision to the WKFE's Ethics Committee for a full investigation. After conducting a full investigation and affording the

Director in question an opportunity to be heard, the Ethics Committee shall report its findings to the BoD within forty five (45) days of the assignment from the BoD. The BoD shall then vote on whether to accept the findings of the Ethics Committee. If the Ethics Committee finds the Director has violated this provision and the BoD accepts the Ethic Committee's finding, the BoD shall decide what disciplinary action should be taken against the Director.

3. Disciplinary actions by the BoD may include, but shall not be limited to, a warning, censure, suspension from the Board for a specified limited time, or removal from the Board.

#### **Article 17 – Internal Regulations**

1. The BoD may adopt internal regulations subject to GA approval.

#### **Article 18 – Legal Representation**

1. WKFE is legally represented by the President or by officers duly mandated by the BoD.

### **SECTION V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

#### **Article 19 – Executive Committee (ExCo)**

1. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice Presidents, the Secretary General, and the Treasurer.
2. It manages daily operations under BoD authority. The ExCo shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of WKFE within the Powers delegated to it by the BoD.
3. All functions in the ExCo are voluntary unpaid positions. Travel, accommodation and per diem expenses for the members of the ExCo who work on daily basis are covered by WKFE, in accordance with the budget approved by the GA and the rules adopted by the BoD.

#### **Article 20 – Committees and Working Groups**

1. Permanent committees to assist in the achievement of the objectives of WKFE, all appointed by the BoD and approved by the GA, include, but are not limited to the Technical Committee, Athletes' Committee, Judges' Committee, Traditional Wushu Committee, Medical Committee, Ethics Committee, Marketing and Development Committee, Audit Committee, Youth and Education Committee and Communication Committee.

Committees of a statutory or oversight nature, including the Ethics Committee shall be subject to approval by the GA.

WKFE's Legal Counsel may serve on the Ethics Committee.

2. Ad hoc committees and working groups may be established by the President and BoD, define their mandate, composition and duration, and dissolve them when the task has been completed.

**SECTION VI – FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Article 21 – Financial Year and Accounts**

1. The financial year runs from 1 January to 31 December.
  
2. The EC closes the accounts for the past fiscal year in consultation with the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall then prepare a proposed operating budget for the coming fiscal year and an accounting for the current fiscal year and submit the budget and accounting to the BoD for its approval. If the BoD does not approve the budget or current accounting, the BoD shall advise the Treasurer of the reasons for the non-approval. The Treasurer shall then revise the budget and/or accounting accordingly and re-submit the budget and accounting to the BoD. If the BoD approves the budget and accounting, it shall then submit the budget and current year’s accounting to the first GA called in the actual fiscal year, for its approval.
  
3. The accounting shall be in accordance with current accounting standards and principles and shall include listings of Accounts, Accounts Receivable, Balance Sheet, Cash Disbursement, a General Ledger, and a Profit/Loss Statement. If the BoD deems it necessary, it shall have the authority to retain an independent auditor to verify the accounting.

**Article 22 – Payments and funds transfers**

1. Payments and Banking Financial transactions shall follow GA-approved budgets and BoD oversight.
2. In the interim, until the approval of the annual budget by the General Assembly, the BoD shall implement a temporary financial plan to ensure the normal operational functioning of the WKFE. This plan will include the continuation of regular income from membership fees and the reimbursement of everyday operational expenses and previously planned events, in accordance with established organizational practices .
3. The BoD will appoint a minimum of two and a maximum of three Directors, one of whom shall be the Treasurer, with the power to approve payments and effectuate bank transactions and sign off on related documents.

**SECTION VII – DISSOLUTION**

**Article 23 – Dissolution**

1. Dissolution requires a qualified majority of the GA.
2. 2/3rd of the members have to be present or validly represented at the GA and a majority of 4/5 of the votes who are present or represented can agree to voluntarily dissolve the WKFE.
3. If 2/3 of the members are not present or represented at this general meeting, a second general meeting must be convened, no sooner than 15 days after the first meeting, which shall deliberate irrespective of the number of members present or represented, but provided that a majority of 4/5 of the members present or represented votes to voluntarily dissolve the WKFE.

**Article 24 – Liquidation of Assets**

1. In the event of voluntary dissolution, the GA shall appoint one or more liquidators.

If the GA fails to appoint one or more liquidators, the appointment shall be made by the competent court, in accordance with Belgian law.

2. After all WKFE liabilities have been satisfied, any remaining assets shall be transferred to an organization that has an NPO status and a purpose that is closely linked to WKFE's purposes.

## **SECTION VIII – FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 25 – Advisors and Honorary Titles**

1. The President and the ExCo may designate as advisors those with special expertise who may be needed to carry out the business of the WKFE. Advisory positions within the WKFE shall end upon completion of the business for which the advisor's expertise was required.

The BoD shall be informed of all appointments of advisors

2. The President may confer honorary titles upon those who have performed invaluable service to the WKFE, or who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion and development of wushu. The conferrals of honorary titles are subject to the approval of the GA.

### **Article 26 – Ethics, Discipline and Arbitration**

1. All members of the WKFE shall promote the spirit of good sportsmanship and adhere to the ethical principles of the IWUF, Panathlon International and the IOC.
2. Disputes and other issues relating to competitions or technical matters shall be investigated by the Technical Committee or by an independent investigator appointed by the BoD. A written report with the Technical Committee's recommendations or those of the independent investigator shall be submitted to the BoD, which shall have the final authority to decide the matter.
3. Issues not related to competitions or technical matters shall be investigated by the Ethics Committee. Following an investigation in which all parties shall be accorded due process, the Ethics Committee shall present its recommendations in writing to the BoD. The BoD shall have final authority to decide the issue and to impose any disciplinary sanctions by a simple majority of the BoD.
4. CAS shall have exclusive jurisdiction over appeals
5. Recourse to ordinary state courts is prohibited

### **Article 27 – Anti-Doping**

1. WKFE adheres to WADA and IWUF Anti-Doping Rules.

2. Any Anti-Doping Rules Violations (ADRVs) will be pursued and sanctioned according to the provisions of the IWUF's Anti-Doping Rules, along with the regulations of the WADA by the Independent Hearing Panel (the Panel).

**Article 28 – Working Language**

1. The official working language of the WKFE shall be English, which shall be used to conduct its meetings and prepare its documents and publications.

**Article 29 – Interpretation of these Statutes**

1. The interpretation of these Statutes is vested in the BoD.

**Article 30 – Governing Law**

1. These Statutes are governed by Belgian law.

**Article 31 – Entry into Force**

1. These Statutes enter into force upon adoption by the General Assembly.

*Adopted by the 2/3 majority on the General Assembly in Lyon, 07 May 2026*