# ARBITRATION ORDER

of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV) by resolution of the Congress of Delegates in Luxembourg on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, 2010

#### § 1

## IVV ARBITRATION BOARD

- (1) The IVV Arbitration Board is composed of:
  - a) one chairman
  - b) two assessors
  - c) two reserve assessors
- (2) The members of the IVV Arbitration Board must come from different member countries and cannot be members of the IVV Presidium or the Disciplinary Board. They must be at least 21 years of age. The chairman of the Arbitration Board will at least have passed the first state law examination.
- (3) The IVV Arbitration Board is an independent organ of the IVV.
- (4) It takes decisions respecting the statutes, the by-laws and the IVV rules.
- (5) Each IVV Arbitration Board process will be debated and decided by 3 members.
- (6) A member of the IVV Arbitration Board cannot take part in a session where he/she or someone of his/her family or federation is involved in the proceeding.
- (7) The members of the IVV Arbitration Board, even if they are dismissed as members, must keep silent on the affairs treated by them.

# § 2

#### **JURISDICTION**

- (1) The proceeding will start after a written motion has been received by the IVV Head Office. Three copies of the motion must be sent to each concerned party. Anonymous motions, no matter what, are not valid.
- (2) The motion must enclose:
  - a) Designation of the parties, association and persons involved
  - b) A brief description of the case
  - c) The specific demands and requirements
  - d) The facts and witnesses
- (3) The following have the right to make a complaint:

- a) The IVV Presidium
- b) The IVV Congress of Delegates
- c) National member countries and single member clubs
- d) Elected IVV officials
- e) Honorary Presidents
- f) Parties concerned by decisions of the Disciplinary Board
- g) National member countries and single member clubs whose applications have been denied. Time for filing a motion is four weeks starting with the date of receipt or actual notice of the decision to be rescinded.
- (4) Prior to every decision of the Arbitration Board, legal hearing must be guaranteed. If this right is not exercised, the decision can be taken based on the motions and documents.
- (5) Decisions of the IVV Arbitration Board are made upon written documentation and can be taken without verbal hearing, except if a party asks for it or the chairman of the IVV Arbitration Board so decides.
- (6) The chairman of the IVV Arbitration Board or an assessor appointed by him, can make investigations, e.g. ask for other information or documents. The parties involved have to carry out such demands.
- (7) For a verbal hearing, the period indicated in the summons is two weeks. If a party is not attending the hearing despite the summons, the decision can be made "in absentia".
- (8) To clarify the case, witnesses can be heard in writing or by verbal questioning.
- (9) If the decision is made based on a verbal hearing, minutes have to be issued. These minutes have to be signed by the members of the IVV Arbitration Board. The minutes have to be filed at the IVV Head Office.
- (10) The deliberations of the IVV Arbitration Board are secret.
- (11) If one party has credible and important arguments for missing a certain deadline due to unavoidable events, and had made a written demand, the previous state can be restored. Insofar the policy of the civil process order applies. The IVV Arbitration Board takes its decision upon demand.

#### § 3

#### **COMPETENCE**

The IVV Arbitration Board is competent for:

- (1) decisions in disputes
  - a) between the IVV and its organs,
  - b) between the IVV and national member countries,
  - c) between national member countries insofar as the subject of the disputes concerns the Federation's Law
  - d) between the IVV and its single member clubs
- (2) the expulsion of national member countries or a single member club according to § 6 (4 and 6) of the statutes
- (3) the decision denying an application of a national member country or a single member club.

(4) an appeal against decisions of the Disciplinary Board.

# § 4

#### **DECISIONS**

- (1) Each decision of the IVV Arbitration Board must be expressed in writing. The decision has to be signed by all three members of the Arbitration Board.
- (2) The justified decision of the IVV Arbitration Board has to be sent to the concerned parties.
- (3) For decisions of the IVV Arbitration Board on appeals from decisions of the Disciplinary Board, the rules in § 4 of the Order for Punishment apply accordingly.

## § 5

#### PROCEEDINGS EXPENSES

- (1) The proceeding is free of costs insofar as the IVV Arbitration Board decides so in a written procedure.
- (2) In case of a decision after a verbal hearing, the IVV Arbitration Board decides who has to pay the costs of the proceeding. Expense policy of the civil process order applies.
- (3) Expenses of the proceedings are:
  - travel costs of members of the IVV Arbitration Board, the concerned parties, witnesses and the assignee of the concerned parties.
  - the procedural fee between € 200.- and € 500.-, which will be evaluated by the IVV Arbitration Board.
- (4) Calculation of the travel costs will be done according to the Rules of Finances and Dues.

#### **§ 6**

## **EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY**

The IVV, members of its organs and especially the members of the IVV Arbitration Board are not liable for damages caused by work of the IVV Arbitration Board, especially not for adverse affects of a judgment on the concerned subject.

# § 7

# **CONCLUDING CAUSE**

- (1) The IVV Arbitration Order, which is part of the statutes, will come into force after the acceptance by the Congress of Delegates.
  - (2) Proceedings that started before the change of the Arbitration Order will be settled according to the Arbitration Order formerly valid.