



PARAGLIDING WORLD CUP ASSOCIATION

STATUTES

I. Name and Residence

Clause 1

The Paragliding World Cup Association is a non-profit making association governed by the Association French act of 1901.

The PWCA is registered at the following address: 364 route d'Annecy à Marlens, Haute-Savoie, France.

This address may be changed in the French territory on a Board decision.

II. Purpose

Clause 2

The PWCA aims to promote the paragliding sport and its safety requirements. With these goals, the following tasks and duties are accepted:

- To organise and co-ordinate annual international paragliding contests at the highest level;
- To promote friendship and understanding among people of the international community;
- To grant equal treatment, in all respects, of all national clubs, associations and individual persons participating in the World Cup and to avoid, in all respects, any discrimination on the grounds of racial, religious, political prejudice or any other reason.

III. Ways and Means

Clause 3

The PWCA accepts to achieve these ends by:

- Drawing up regulations for competition Organisers which define application, calendar and funds with respect to World Cup contests;
- Drawing up International Competition Rules which define requirements to carry out World Cup contests;

- Drawing up plan of action for Committee and PWCA administration.

Clause 4

Financial means consist of:

- Annual subscription;
- Sponsors subscription and support;
- Net proceeds from World Cup events, printed publications etc..;
- Proceeds from commercial services;
- Other contributions.

Clause 5

The annual cost and financing scheme devised for the purpose of preparing and co-ordination World Cup events should be drawn up in such a way that income and expenses are generally balanced.

IV. Organisation

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Organs of the PWCA are:

- General Assembly of members;
- Executive Board (the “Board”)
- PWCA Committee (the “Committee”)
- Working Committees
- Official Auditors

A. General Assembly

Clause 7

The Board calls the general Assembly. All members are invited in writing at least 10 days before the General Assembly is to take place. The general Assembly should take place at least once a year and, if possible during or just before or after the final event.

An extraordinary General Assembly should take place according to a resolution of either the General Assembly or the Board or based on the request of a fifth of all members, provided that such a demand is made in writing informing the Board of the purpose of such an extraordinary assembly.

Clause 8

There is no quorum required for the General Assembly to deliberate. A two third majority of voting members present or represented is required for modification of the Statutes, dissolution of the Association or fusion with another.

An absolute majority is required for all other decisions, including the election of officers.

Clause 9

The President presides the General Assembly and the General Secretary keeps the minutes.

In case of resignation of the President before the General Assembly, the Board elects a new President to officiate until the next General Assembly.

Clause 10

Elections and votes are usually carried out through a show hand unless a member asks for a secret ballot. PWCA yearly employees do not have a right to vote.

Clause 11

The General Assembly is authorised to:

- Elect President, Board members and Auditors;
- Accept annual reports, annual settlements of accounts and auditorial reports.
- Accept budget.
- Fix membership subscription fees.
- Attend to appeal against executive organs.
- Dissolve the Association or agree its fusion with other bodies.
- Decide on matters reserved by law or transferred by the Board.
- Discuss motions made by members and submitted in writing to the President within 10 days before the General Assembly

B. Executive Board

Clause 12

The Board consists of 7 – 13 members, namely:

- President
- General Secretary
- Treasurer

And if needed:

- 1st and 2nd Vice President
- Media and PR Officer
- Regulation Officer
- Competitions Officer
- Calendar and Personnel Officer (responsible for appointment of Technical Delegates (TDs))

Term of office of Board members is 3 years. All Board members can be re-elected after expiration of term. The General Assembly elects Board members. The President must be elected from the Board.

The Board members who have resigned or who have been crossed off are replaced during the next General Assembly by new elected members for a renewable three years term.

A Board member is crossed off if he has been absent for 4 consecutive meetings without legitimate reasons.

Clause 13

Invited by the President, the Board meets whenever business requires it to do so.

The President decides and informs members on place, time and agenda. Except for urgent business, invitations are to be mailed out at least six days before the meeting takes place.

Matters not previously mentioned in the agenda can only be settled by unanimous voting and if all Board members are present, or if absent members agree expressly and subsequently with the decision taken.

A quorum requires at least 5 Board members to be present.

Resolutions require an absolute majority and can also be made by circulating letter (including electronic mail or forum) with each member having the right to demand that the business be discussed at a meeting.

The President approves and the General Secretary signs the minutes kept each time the Board meets.

In case of a tie, the President has the power to break it.

Clause 14

The Board is authorised to:

- Settle business not transferred expressly to the General Assembly or other organs; Board duties include management and general safeguarding of interest.
- Execute resolutions adopted by the PWCA General Assembly.
- Represent the PWCA in communication with authorities, organisations, institutions, companies and individuals.
- Call a General Assembly.
- Organise the PWCA according to agreed rules, regulations and resolutions.
- Employ staff required for the execution of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly.
- Decide on institutions for legal proceedings, withdrawal and acknowledgement of actions, settlement by compromise.
- Draw up all rules required to run the PWCA, according to the policy approved by the General Assembly.

- Call upon persons to take duties on Working Committees charged with special tasks.
- Convene Committee meetings
- Admit and expel members.

The President is the only person allowed to sign with legally binding effect in the name of the PWCA. He can appoint any Board member if needed.

C. PWCA Committee

Clause 15

The PWCA Committee consists of

- The Executive Board
- Chairmen of the Working Committees
- Advisors called by the Board

Clause 16

The Committee may invite individual persons with only consultative voice.

Clause 17

The Committee has the following duties:

- To promote all matters prescribed in the Statutes.
- To prepare and carry out any sport-specific task or organisational duty required for the successful execution of the World Cup season.
- To settle any other business the board transfers to it.

The Committee has to keep minutes, which are to be approved by the President and signed by the General Secretary.

Clause 18

At least 8 days before the meeting, the board calls the committee by written invitation, enclosing the agenda. The Committee when called together in the prescribed form always constitutes a quorum.

The President presides the Committee.

A plan is to be drawn up outlining the activities of the Committee.

All members of the Committee including the PWCA employees (provided they are not personally concerned) have equal right to vote, whether Board or individual members (as described in clause 15).

In case of a tie, the President has the power to break it.

D. Working Committees

Clause 19

The board may establish Working Committees in order to handle special issues. Working Committees deal with specific matters connected to the development and promotion of paragliding, execution of World Cup events and any other important or urgent business.

Chairmen of Working Committees regularly report to the President their achievements. Minutes are to be kept and signed by chairman and secretary of the Working Committee.

Clause 20

The Board elects the chairmen of the Working Committees who chose other members independently. Working Committee members, however, are to be presented to and accepted by the Board.

Clause 21

By virtue of their office, the President, General Secretary and Officer in charge of the relevant subject area have a voice and a seat on each Working Committee. Working committees can transfer motions or recommendations to the Board for its decision.

E. Official Auditors

Clause 22

The General Assembly elects 1 or 2 auditors for 2 years. Auditors do not need to be members of the PWCA.

Auditors check and verify inventory, accounts, bookkeeping, vouchers and cash in hand. They present a written report at the General Assembly on the results of their work and the annual balance sheet and make a substantiated motion for acceptance or non-acceptance.

V. Members

Clause 23

Membership is open to all persons who have paid their subscription fee for the current year. A member has full rights including the right to vote at the General Assembly. Each member has one vote. Non-competing members can vote provided they are member since at least 3 months. Voting by proxy is permitted. Each member may carry up to 2 proxy votes to the general Assembly in addition to his own vote.

Clause 24

Membership is lost through:

- Not paying the annual subscription fee,
- Infringement of the Statutes or the Rules of the PWCA, or any undesirable behaviour. In such a case, the party affected should be given ample opportunity to justify himself/herself before the Board decide to expel the member.

Clause 25

Sponsors are guests at the General Assembly but do not have a right to vote.

VI. Balancing the accounts

Clause 26

The business years begins on the 1st January and ends on the 31st December which is the date on which the accounts are to be closed.

Annual subscription of members can be paid up until the General Assembly.

The PWCA is liable only with its assets of Association.

VII. Dissolution

Clause 27

With a majority of two thirds of all eligible voters present or represented, an ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly dissolves the PWCA.

Members must be called together in writing at least 2 months before the meeting take place. The dissolving Association appoints a liquidator by absolute majority. After having carried out all duties, the liquidator transfers the remaining assets of association to the FAI/CIVL who uses them directly and exclusively to promote the paragliding sport.

VIII. Final Provision

Clause 28

These statutes take effect from October 28th 2004.

President
Christian Quest

General Secretary
Stefan Mast

Board members:

Treasurer	Bollinger	Hans
	Brauner	Tomas
	Brown	Frank
	Buntz	Harry
	Escriba	Frederic
General Secretary	Mast	Stefan
	Murillo	Xavier
	Nies	Volker
President	Quest	Christian
	Scheel	Martin
	Siegel	Torsten
	Song	Gin Seok