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TITLE I

Name, Headquarters, Purpose, and Duration

Article 1 – Name and Headquarters

1. Pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017, as amended, and Book One of the Civil Code, an association is hereby established under the name "**World Gladiators Federation – Association for Social Promotion**", abbreviated as "**A.P.S. WGF**" (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").
2. The designation "Association for Social Promotion" and the acronym **APS** may be used in dealings with third parties, in official acts, correspondence, and public communications, as a result of its registration in the APS section of the **RUNTS** (National Register of the Third Sector) and for as long as such registration is maintained.
3. The Association is a member of the national association network **Centro Nazionale Sportivo Libertas APS**, renewing its affiliation annually and conducting membership registration procedures in accordance with the Statute and Regulations of the national body.
4. The Association has its registered office in the municipality of **Brindisi**, at **Via Lucio Strabone 42**. Any changes to the headquarters or affiliation with other recognized sports promotion bodies or federations under **CONI – Sport e Salute** may be approved by resolution of the Board of Directors, as they do not constitute statutory amendments. Secondary offices, branches, or administrative and representative offices may be established both in Italy and abroad.

Article 2 – Social Purposes and Objectives

1. The Association is non-political, non-profit, and pursues civic, solidarity-based, and socially useful purposes in the educational, cultural, sporting, and recreational sectors, with the aim to:
 - a. Develop and promote amateur sports activities related to gladiator sports and disciplines, which are part of our Roman history and whose combat methods were derived from the ancient Greek **Pankration**;
 - b. Promote and carry out activities that foster civic and cultural growth, social cohesion, and the improvement of quality of life;
 - c. Promote the dissemination of sports for all, as a means of psychophysical well-being, encouraging the connection between sport and family, environment, and educational, social, and health institutions;
 - d. Promote awareness and practice of the sports disciplines concerned;
 - e. Promote and develop associational life in all its forms through solidarity and volunteer projects;
 - f. Promote initiatives in favor of youth, the marginalized, people with disabilities, individuals experiencing social hardship, and other vulnerable groups, to support their inclusion in society;
 - g. Promote respect for the principle of equal opportunity to ensure conditions of equality between men and women;
 - h. Promote environmental and ecological awareness aimed at protecting and enhancing the landscape and environmental health, encouraging its knowledge and preservation.
2. During the life of the Association, it shall not distribute, even indirectly or in a deferred manner, any operating surpluses, funds, reserves, or capital.
3. The Association is also characterized by a democratic structure, equality of rights for all members, and the electiveness of its governing bodies.
4. The Association exclusively or primarily carries out one or more of the following activities of general interest as referred to in Article 5 of Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017, in favor of its members, their families, registered athletes, or third parties, making prevalent use of its own volunteer members:
 - a. Organization and management of amateur sports activities pursuant to Article 5, paragraph 1, letter t) of Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017, on a stable and principal basis, including training, teaching, preparation, and support for amateur sports;
 - b. Education, instruction, and vocational training pursuant to Law No. 53 of March 28, 2003, and subsequent amendments, as well as cultural activities of social interest with educational purposes, pursuant to Article 5, paragraph 1, letter d) of Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017;



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- c. Interventions and services aimed at safeguarding and improving environmental conditions and the prudent and rational use of natural resources, excluding the habitual activity of collecting and recycling urban, special, and hazardous waste, as well as the protection of animals and the prevention of straying, pursuant to Law No. 281 of August 14, 1991, as per Article 5, paragraph 1, letter e) of Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017;
 - d. Protection and enhancement of cultural heritage and landscape, pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 42 of January 22, 2004, and subsequent amendments, as per Article 5, paragraph 1, letter f) of Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017;
 - e. Organization and management of cultural, artistic, or recreational activities of particular social interest, including activities (including publishing) for the promotion and dissemination of volunteering and general interest activities, pursuant to Article 5, paragraph 1, letter i) of Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017;
 - f. Organization and management of social, cultural, or religious tourism activities, pursuant to Article 5, paragraph 1, letter k) of Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017;
 - g. Charity, long-distance support, free distribution of food or products as per Law No. 166 of August 19, 2016, and subsequent amendments, or provision of money, goods, or services to support disadvantaged persons or general interest activities, pursuant to Article 5, paragraph 1, letter u) of Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017;
 - h. Promotion of a culture of legality, peace among peoples, nonviolence, and unarmed defense, pursuant to Article 5, paragraph 1, letter v) of Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017;
 - i. Promotion and protection of human, civil, social, and political rights, as well as consumer and user rights regarding the activities of general interest referred to in Article 5 of Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017, promotion of equal opportunities and mutual aid initiatives, including time banks referred to in Article 27 of Law No. 53 of March 8, 2000, and solidarity purchasing groups referred to in Article 1, paragraph 266, of Law No. 244 of December 24, 2007, pursuant to Article 5, paragraph 1, letter w) of Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017.
- 5. The Association guarantees the participation of its athletes and coaches in the assemblies of Sports Bodies to enable them to elect their representatives within the respective Councils.
 - 6. The Association unconditionally agrees to comply with the statute, rules, and directives of the “Centro Nazionale Sportivo Libertas APS”, accepting any disciplinary measures that the competent bodies may impose.
 - 7. The Association may carry out activities that are different, secondary, and instrumental to the aforementioned activities of general interest, in accordance with and within the limits set forth in Article 6 of the Third Sector Code. Their identification shall be approved by the Members’ Assembly upon proposal of the Board of Directors. If the Association engages in such different activities, the Board must document their secondary and instrumental nature in the financial reports.
 - 8. The Association may also carry out fundraising activities, pursuant to Article 7 of the Third Sector Code, by requesting donations, bequests, and non-remunerative contributions from third parties, in order to fund its activities of general interest. Fundraising may also be conducted in an organized and continuous form, through public appeals or by providing or selling goods or services of modest value, using its own or third-party resources, including volunteers and employees, in accordance with the principles of truth, transparency, and fairness in relations with supporters and the public.

Article 3 – Duration

The Association has an unlimited duration and may only be dissolved by resolution of the Extraordinary General Assembly of its members.



TITLE II

Life of the Association

Article 4 – Members

1. National and international Amateur Sports Associations that share the goals and purposes of the Association and are committed to carrying out activities of general interest may become members of the Association.
2. Any temporal or operational limitation to the membership relationship and the rights deriving from it is expressly excluded, without prejudice to the right of withdrawal.
3. Anyone wishing to join the Association must submit a written application using the appropriate form to the Board of Directors or to a Board member specifically delegated by it. The application must include a valid email address to which all official communications will be sent, along with a declaration of support for the purposes of the Association and a commitment to comply with its Statute and regulations.
4. Membership status is granted upon approval of the application by the Board of Directors or the delegated Board member.
5. The Board of Directors (or the delegated member) may, within 60 days of receiving the membership application, reject the application of the aspiring member by means of a reasoned resolution, which must be promptly communicated to the applicant. The applicant may appeal the rejection to the General Assembly within 15 days of notification of the decision.
6. The resolution admitting a new member shall be promptly recorded in the membership register, maintained by the Board of Directors.
7. Membership fees are federal in nature and are non-transferable, non-refundable, and not subject to revaluation.
8. The Assembly may decide that, upon submission of the first membership application, a one-time joining fee must be paid in addition to the regular membership fee for the year in which the application was submitted. The amount of this fee shall be predetermined by the Assembly.
9. By signing the membership application, the member agrees that their personal data may be communicated to affiliated organizations.

Article 5 – Rights and Duties of Members

All members are full members and have the same rights, without any form of discrimination, and shall exercise these rights in accordance with the provisions of the Statute and regulations.

1. In particular, members have:
 - a. the right to participate in the activities of the Association;
 - b. the right to vote in the Assembly;
 - c. the right to stand for election to governing bodies;
 - d. the right to examine the Association's official books, by submitting a justified request to the Board of Directors, which shall determine the timeframes and methods for exercising this right in a way that does not render it impossible or excessively burdensome for members.
2. Members are required to promptly pay the membership fees and any contributions approved by the Board of Directors and the Assembly, and to comply with the statutory and regulatory rules of the Association, as well as the directives issued by the Board.
3. Members are required to maintain an irreproachable conduct for sporting purposes, which includes, but is not limited to, behavior in line with the principles of loyalty, honesty, and sporting integrity in all matters related to sports activities. They must refrain from any form of sporting misconduct and from any improper public statements that may damage the dignity, decorum, and prestige of the Association or of the competent sports authorities.



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Article 6 – Loss of Membership

1. Membership status is lost due to withdrawal or expulsion.
2. A member may notify the Board of Directors at any time of their intention to withdraw from the Association. The withdrawal takes effect on the thirtieth day following the date on which the notice is received by the Board.
3. Members automatically lose their membership status if they fail to pay the annual membership fee within the deadline set annually by the Board of Directors.
4. In the event of serious violations of the Association's rules, or its founding principles and values, a member may be expelled by a justified resolution of the Board of Directors. This decision shall be communicated to the member, who may appeal to the Assembly within 30 days from the notification date. The Assembly shall decide during its next meeting unless it is specifically convened for this purpose.
5. The expulsion decision shall remain suspended until the Assembly rules on the appeal, which will be examined with the participation of the concerned member.
6. The loss of membership for any reason does not entitle the former member to a refund of any fees or contributions paid to the Association.

TITLE III

Governing Bodies of the Association

Article 7 – Governing Bodies

1. The internal structure of the Association is based on the principles of democracy and equal rights for all members. All governing positions are elective.
2. The governing bodies of the Association are:
 - a. the General Assembly of members;
 - b. the Board of Directors;
 - c. the President;
 - d. the Supervisory Body.

Article 8 – Convening and Operation of the General Assembly

1. The General Assembly of members is the highest decision-making body of the Association.
2. The FMG Assembly is composed of all presidents of member Amateur Sports Associations (ASDs) that have been affiliated for at least three months and are up to date with membership fee payments.
3. The Assembly is convened by the Board of Directors and called by the President of the Association or, in the event of his/her impediment, by the Vice-President or, alternatively, by the senior-most member of the Board.
4. An extraordinary assembly may be requested to the Board of Directors by:
 - a. at least half plus one of the members, who are in good standing with membership fees and not subject to ongoing disciplinary actions, and who also propose the agenda;
 - b. at least half plus one of the members of the Board of Directors.
5. The Assembly must be convened at the registered office of the Association or, in any case, in a place suitable to ensure the maximum participation of the members.
6. Audio/video assemblies are allowed as regulated by this Statute.
7. Both Ordinary and Extraordinary Assemblies are convened by publishing a specific "Notice of Convocation" on the institutional website, along with a written communication, also in electronic/telematic form with proof of receipt, at least 10 days before the date of the meeting.
8. The notice of convocation shall indicate the date and time of the meeting, the venue, and the agenda, both for the first and for any second call.
9. When duly convened and constituted, the Assembly represents the totality of members, and the decisions legitimately adopted by it are binding on all members, even if absent or dissenting.



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10. The Assembly is chaired by the President of the Board of Directors or, in the event of his/her impediment, by the Vice-President or, alternatively, by the senior-most member of the Board, or, as a last resort, by a person designated by those present.
11. The President directs and regulates the discussions and determines the procedures and order of the voting.
12. The Association shall keep, under the responsibility of the Board of Directors, a book of the meetings and resolutions of the Assembly, in which minutes drawn up by notarial deed must also be transcribed.
13. The Assembly appoints a secretary and, if necessary, one or more scrutineers.
14. A specific minute must be drawn up for each Assembly, signed by the President, the Secretary, and, if appointed, by the scrutineers. A copy must be made available to all members using the methods deemed most suitable by the Board of Directors to ensure maximum dissemination.
15. If the Assembly is convened to elect governing bodies or to amend this Statute, a copy of the minutes must also be sent to the sports organizations to which the Association is affiliated.
16. The assistance of the Secretary is not required when the Assembly's minutes are drawn up by a notary.
17. The Assembly deliberates on the items included in the agenda.
18. Proposals or motions of any nature intended to be submitted to the Assembly must be in writing, signed by at least 10 members, and submitted to the President at least 10 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.
19. Urgent motions and proposals to modify the agenda regarding the order of topics to be discussed may also be presented orally during the Assembly's proceedings and may be added to the agenda with the favorable vote of the majority of those present.

Article 9 – Participation in the Assembly

1. Only members in good standing with the payment of membership fees and not subject to disciplinary measures currently in effect may take part in the ordinary and extraordinary assemblies of the Association.
2. Each Association affiliated with the FMG is entitled to one vote and may represent, by written proxy, one other affiliated Association at the assembly. The President who attends the FMG assemblies is entitled to one vote, plus one additional point for each year of affiliation during the Olympic quadrennium, and an additional point if the Association has participated in international competitive activities during the sports year.

Article 10 – Ordinary Assembly

1. The assembly must be convened at least once a year, within 4 months from the end of the financial year, for the approval of the financial statement and the review of the provisional budget.
2. Until the provisional budget is approved, the Board of Directors is authorized to operate under provisional management based on the previous year's approved budget, divided into twelfths.
3. Specifically, the Ordinary Assembly:
 - a. Appoints and revokes the President and members of the Board of Directors, after defining their number;
 - b. Approves the annual provisional and final financial statements;
 - c. Determines the guidelines for the activities of the Association and deliberates on proposals for the adoption and amendment of internal regulations, organizational and control models;
 - d. Appoints and revokes the members of the Control Body;
 - e. Appoints and revokes the person responsible for the legal auditing of accounts;
 - f. Deliberates on the liability of members of the governing bodies and initiates liability actions against them;
 - g. Decides on appeals submitted against the rejection of membership applications;
 - h. Identifies activities other than those of general interest that may be carried out by the Association within the legal limits;
 - i. Deliberates on the purchase or sale of the Association's real estate assets;
 - j. Deliberates on the agenda, motions, and any other matter reserved for it by law or by this Statute.



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Article 11 – Extraordinary Assembly

1. The Extraordinary Assembly deliberates on:
 - a. The approval and proposals for amendments to the Statute;
 - b. The transformation, merger, and dissolution of the Association and the allocation of its assets;
 - c. Other matters on the agenda relating to acts of extraordinary administration.

Article 12 – Assembly Validity

1. The Ordinary Assembly is validly constituted on first call with the presence of an absolute majority of members entitled to vote and validly deliberates with the vote of the majority of those present. On second call, it is validly constituted with the presence of any number of members entitled to vote and validly deliberates with the vote of the majority of those present.
2. The Extraordinary Assembly is validly constituted when 2/3 of the members entitled to vote are present on first call, and at least half on second call, and deliberates with the favorable vote of the majority of those present.
3. To decide on the dissolution of the Association and the allocation of its assets, a favorable vote of at least 3/4 of the members is required, pursuant to Article 21 of the Civil Code.
4. For the approval of proposed amendments to the Statute, the presence of at least 2/3 of the members entitled to vote is required on first call and at least half on second call. Proposals are approved by the majority of votes present.

Article 13 – Audio/Video Assemblies

1. Meetings of the Assembly may be held with participants located in multiple places connected via audio/video links, under the conditions provided by law, which must be recorded in the relevant minutes.
2. An attendance sheet must be prepared at each audio/video-connected location where the meeting is held.
3. In any case, the following conditions must be met:
 - the President and the Secretary of the meeting must be physically present in the same location;
 - the President must be able to identify participants, regulate the proceedings of the Assembly, and ascertain and announce the results of votes;
 - the possibility to keep complete minutes of the meeting must be ensured;
 - real-time discussion of the topics, exchange of opinions, the possibility to speak, and the ability to view documents (which must be deposited at the headquarters in the days preceding the meeting) must be guaranteed;
 - the possibility to participate in the voting process must be guaranteed;
 - participants must be allowed to take part in real-time discussions and simultaneously vote on agenda items, as well as transmit, receive, and view documents;
 - the notice of convocation must indicate the audio or audio-video connected locations (arranged by the Association) where participants may attend.
4. Provided these conditions are met, the assembly shall be considered held in the place where the President is located and where the Secretary must also be present, in order to draft and sign the minutes in the relevant register.
5. In assemblies with participants located in multiple audio or audio-video connected locations, the President may be assisted in performing their duties by one or more assistants present in each of the connected locations. The same applies to the person responsible for taking minutes, who may also be assisted as needed.

Article 14 – The Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors is the body responsible for the management of the Association and jointly oversees the conduct of its activities.
2. The Board of Directors is composed of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 7 members elected by the Assembly, including the President.
3. Within the Board, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer are elected; the roles of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.



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4. The elected board members must convene within 15 days following the electoral Assembly, upon the call of the outgoing President or, in case of failure to do so, upon written request by the majority of the outgoing Board of Directors.
5. Attendance at the first meeting by the elected member constitutes formal acceptance of the appointment. Any unjustified absences shall be considered as resignation.
6. Board members are prohibited from holding any position in other amateur sports associations or societies within the same sports promotion entity recognized by CONI and/or CIP.
7. The Board of Directors serves a term of 4 years and is renewable within the month of December of the Olympic year.
8. Legal representation of the Association is institutionally entrusted to the President of the Board of Directors, who ensures the implementation of the decisions made by the Assembly and the Board. For specific duties, other board members may be delegated by resolution of the Board.
9. In urgent cases, the President may exercise the powers of the Board, subject to ratification by the Board at its next meeting.
10. Board meetings may also be held remotely, as provided by Article 13 of this Statute.
11. Meetings are valid if the absolute majority of members are present, and decisions are adopted by the majority of those present.
12. In the event of a tie, the vote of the meeting Chair shall prevail.
13. All governing positions may be remunerated in accordance with Article 3.2 (final paragraph) of Legislative Decree 112/2017 and with the provisions of Article 8, paragraph 3(a), and Article 36 of Legislative Decree no. 117 of 3 July 2017.
14. The Board of Directors shall maintain a register of its meetings and resolutions.
15. All Board resolutions must be recorded in minutes, signed by the Chair of the meeting and the Secretary.
16. The minutes must be made available to all members using the methods considered most appropriate by the Board to ensure the widest possible dissemination.

Article 15 – Resignation and Grounds for Dismissal of the Executive Board and the President

1. The **Executive Board** shall be considered dismissed:
 - a. in the event of the loss of **more than half of its members** due to simultaneous resignations, permanent incapacity, or vacancy of positions;
 - b. in the event of the **resignation or permanent incapacity of the President**;
 - c. in the event of **non-approval of the annual financial statement** by the General Assembly.
2. In such cases, the **President of the Executive Board**, or - in the cases referred to in paragraph 1, letter b) - the **Vice President**, or alternatively the **most senior Board member**, must convene the **General Assembly** within **60 days**, to be held within the **following 30 days**, while managing urgent matters and **ordinary administration** under a *prorogation* regime.
3. If, for any reason, during the fiscal year, a number of Board members **not exceeding half** of the Executive Board are simultaneously lost, the Board shall be **supplemented** by appointing the **first unelected candidates** from the previous election for the position of Board Member.
If the number of candidates is **insufficient to fill the vacant positions**, the Board shall continue its functions until the **General Assembly is held**, which must be **convened without delay** and will proceed to elect the missing members of the Executive Board.

Article 16 – Convening the Executive Board

The Executive Board meets:

- at the **initiative of the President**, at least **twice a year**, and whenever deemed necessary;
- at the **request of the majority of Board members**, who submit the topics to be discussed to the President, who shall convene the meeting at the **earliest available date**.

The Executive Board must be **convened at least 5 days in advance** through written notice, which may also be sent **electronically/telematically**, with **proof of receipt**, and must include the **agenda, date, time, and location** of the meeting.

In the **absence of formal notice** or **failure to meet the advance notice period**, meetings shall still be considered valid **if all Board members are present**.



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Article 17 – Duties of the Executive Board

1. The **Executive Board** is vested with the **widest powers** for the **ordinary management** of the Association. In particular, it is responsible for:
 - a. drafting the **annual financial statement** for the previous calendar year and the **budget forecast**, and submitting both to the General Assembly;
 - b. convening **ordinary General Assemblies** of members, at least once per year, and any **extraordinary Assemblies**;
 - c. determining the amount of **membership fees**;
 - d. making decisions regarding **ordinary operational expenses** and **capital expenditures** for the management of the Association;
 - e. making decisions concerning **institutional, complementary, and commercial activities and services**, aimed at achieving the Association's institutional objectives;
 - f. making decisions regarding the **management of employees**, as well as the **coordination of collaborators, professionals, and volunteers** engaged by the Association;
 - g. presenting a **programmatic plan** for activities to be carried out in the new fiscal year;
 - h. preparing **proposals for amendments to the Statute**, or for the **issuance or amendment of internal regulations**;
 - i. establishing **commissions** and appointing **representatives** to public or private bodies, federations, and other entities;
 - j. appointing, from among the members, individuals **external to the Board** to carry out specific functions as delegated by the Executive Board;
 - k. drafting any necessary **internal regulations** related to the Association's activities, to be submitted for approval by the General Assembly;
 - l. adopting **disciplinary measures** against members, which may be appealed before the General Assembly;
 - m. deciding on **membership applications** and any **grounds for exclusion** of members;
 - n. performing **any other function expressly provided for** in this Statute or **not expressly assigned to other bodies**.

Article 18 – The President

1. The **President** is elected by the **General Assembly** with the **majority of votes** of those present or represented.
2. The President serves a **four-year term** and may be **re-elected**.
3. The President **chairs** the General Assembly and the Executive Board, **convenes** their meetings, and **oversees the proper implementation** of the decisions made by all governing bodies, ensuring they function correctly and within their designated powers.
4. The President holds the **legal representation** of the Association.
5. In urgent matters, the President may exercise the powers of the Executive Board, subject to **ratification by the Board** at its **next available meeting**, which must be held within **30 days** of the decision.

Article 19 – The Vice President

The **Vice President** replaces the President in those duties for which **explicit delegation** has been granted.

Article 20 – The Secretary and the Treasurer

1. In the event of a temporary impediment, the **Secretary** shall be replaced in the same manner by the **Treasurer** or the **Vice President**.
2. The Secretary is responsible for **drafting the minutes** of meetings of the governing bodies and for **recording them** in the appropriate books and registers. The Secretary **executes the resolutions** of the President and the Executive Board, oversees **membership procedures**, and handles **correspondence**.
3. The **Treasurer** is responsible for handling all **transactions necessary** for the purchase of goods and services approved by the Executive Board, as well as for **preparing and maintaining** the related contracts and purchase orders. The Treasurer also manages the **collection of funds and the disbursement of expenses**, ensuring their accuracy and authorizing payment.



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4. The Treasurer supervises the **administrative and accounting management** of the Association by keeping its **accounting records**, ensuring proper compliance with **tax and social security obligations**, and preparing, in collaboration with the other Executive Board members, the **annual financial report**.
5. The Treasurer is also responsible for **periodically verifying** the balances of **cash, bank accounts, receivables, and payables**, and for carrying out **debt recovery operations** for any outstanding receivables.

Article 21 – Auditing Body

1. The **Auditing Body** is appointed by the **General Assembly**, also **optionally**, in the absence of the conditions set forth in **Article 30, paragraph 2 of the Italian (Third Sector Code)**. Its members must be selected from among the categories of persons listed in **Article 2397, paragraph 2 of the Italian Civil Code**.
When the conditions specified in **Article 30, paragraph 2 of the Third Sector Code** occur, the appointment of the Auditing Body becomes **mandatory**.
It serves for a **term of three years** and may be **single-member or collegial**. In the latter case, it is composed of **three full members** and **two alternate members**.
2. The Auditing Body performs all duties provided under **Article 30, paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Third Sector Code**.
3. It participates in meetings of the **Executive Board** and in the **General Assembly, without voting rights**, where it presents its **annual report on the financial statement**.
4. The meetings and decisions must be recorded in a dedicated **minute book** and **signed by all attending members**.
5. When the conditions set forth in **Article 31, paragraph 1 of the Third Sector Code** occur, the **Ordinary Assembly** shall appoint a **statutory auditor** or an **auditing firm** registered in the appropriate legal register. This function may also be carried out by the Auditing Body, **provided that all its members are registered statutory auditors**.

TITLE IV

Assets and Accounting Records

Article 22 – Financial Statement

1. The preparation and proper maintenance of the accounting records and the financial statement is mandatory and must comply with Article 13, paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of the Italian Third Sector Code. The financial statement must be drafted in accordance with the forms defined by decree of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies.
2. The Executive Board prepares the budget of the Association, both forecast and final, to be submitted for approval by the General Assembly.

Article 23 – Fiscal Year

The **fiscal year** and the **financial year** begin on **January 1st** and end on **December 31st** of each calendar year.

Article 24 – Assets and Economic Resources

1. The **assets** consist of:
 - movable and immovable property;
 - any disbursements, donations, and bequests received by the Association;
 - any reserve funds established from **budget surpluses**.
2. The **Association draws its economic resources** for operations and activities from various sources:
 - membership fees and contributions from members;
 - inheritances, donations, and bequests;
 - public and private contributions;
 - liberal donations from members and third parties;



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- income from contracted service provisions;
 - property income;
 - fundraising activities pursuant to **Article 7** of the **Third Sector Code** and the relevant ministerial decree;
 - income from **ancillary and instrumental activities**, provided they remain **secondary** to the general interest activities pursuant to **Article 6** of the Third Sector Code and its implementing decree;
 - any other economic resource compatible with the Association's purposes and compliant with the provisions of the **Third Sector Code**.
3. The assets, including any revenues, income, proceeds, and earnings of any kind, shall be used solely for the **pursuit of statutory activities** aimed at achieving **civic, solidarity-based, and socially useful purposes**. It is **strictly prohibited** to distribute, even indirectly, **profits or operating surpluses, funds, or reserves** of any kind to **founders, members, employees, collaborators, or members of the governing bodies**, even in the event of **withdrawal** or any other form of **individual termination** of the membership relationship.

TITLE V

Workers and Volunteers

Article 25 – Workers and Volunteers

1. The **Association carries out its activities primarily with the support of member volunteers**, who are individuals that, by free choice, perform activities in favor of the community and the common good. They offer their time and skills to address the needs of individuals and communities benefiting from the Association's actions, in a **personal, spontaneous, and unpaid** manner, with **no profit motive**, not even indirectly, and **exclusively for solidarity purposes**.
2. Volunteers who carry out their activities **on a regular basis** must be **registered in a dedicated register**.
3. Volunteer activity **may not be remunerated** in any form, **even by the beneficiaries**. However, volunteers may be reimbursed for **actual and documented expenses** incurred during their activity, within the maximum limits and under the conditions **previously established by the Executive Board**, in compliance with the **Third Sector Code**. Expense reimbursements may follow the **procedures and limits provided for in Article 17 of Legislative Decree No. 117 of July 3, 2017**, and subsequent amendments.
4. The Association may **hire employees or engage collaborators**, including sports professionals, freelancers, or other service providers, including **its own members**, provided that such engagements are **in compliance with applicable regulations**.
5. For such services related to the social purposes of the Association, only **documented expenses for meals, accommodation, travel, and transportation** incurred **outside the municipality of residence** of the recipient may be reimbursed. These reimbursements **are not considered part of the recipient's taxable income**. **Flat-rate reimbursements** are also permitted within the limits **established by current laws**.
6. The Association is in any case **required to provide third-party liability insurance** for volunteers. This responsibility lies with the entity making use of their services and may be fulfilled through **collective insurance policies**, as per the **Ministerial Decree of October 6, 2021**, issued by the **Ministry of Economic Development** in cooperation with the **Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (MLPS)**.

TITLE VI

Final Provisions

Article 26 – Registered Members

1. **Registered members** are natural persons who, through the registration procedure, join the **Organizations to which the Association is affiliated**. They include, by way of example but not limited to:
 - a. athletes;
 - b. social officers and members;



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- c. judges/referees;
 - d. officials;
 - e. coaches and instructors;
 - f. other roles recognized by the aforementioned Organizations;
 - g. any other individuals registered with the Organizations to which the Association is affiliated.
2. Through its affiliation with these Organizations, the **Association must guarantee** that members and registered participants receive **everything necessary to practice their respective sports**.
3. The registered members of the Organizations to which the Association is affiliated, similarly to the members of the Association, must **contribute to covering costs** related to the use of facilities and the conduct of **sports, educational, training, and promotional activities**.
4. **Minors aged 14 or older** cannot be registered unless they **personally provide their consent**.

Article 27 – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the remaining assets shall be **allocated to other Third Sector entities** in accordance with **Article 9, paragraph 1 of the Third Sector Code**, subject to **prior approval from the competent RUNTS office**, and **unless otherwise provided by law**.

Article 28 – Arbitration Clause

Disputes related to sports matters shall be submitted to the **Arbitral Panel**, if established by the regulations of the Centro Nazionale Sportivo Libertas APS.

For this purpose, the provisions of the **Statute and current regulations** of the Centro Nazionale Sportivo Libertas APS shall apply.

Article 29 – Reference Clause

For all matters **not expressly covered** by this Statute, the **rules of the Third Sector Code** shall apply.

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