



# SOFT ARMORED FIGHTING EUROPEAN FEDERATION

## CONSTITUTIONS

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## **Article 1 - Purpose - Duration - Registered office**

The Federation called "SOFT ARMORED FIGHTING EUROPEAN FEDERATION" (SAFE Federation) is a non-profit-making organization under the French jurisdiction (law of 1901).

Soft Armored Fighting sport gather any physical activities of opposition developed from a historical practice and using modern and soft equipment.

The Federation shall concern itself solely with matters of an international character. It recognises the complete independence of its affiliated members with regard to their respective domestic affairs, over which the Federation has no jurisdiction, unless otherwise expressly stipulated in the Constitution.

The prime objects of the Federation shall be:

- a) To organize and continually enhance European Title Championships and International Matches.
- b) To foster the best opportunities for the best amateur players in Europe.
- c) To represent our sports interests in other international movement.
- d) To encourage the bond between national federations for our sports development.
- e) To provide assistance for new countries wilhing to join our sports mouvement.

Its duration is unlimited

It has its headquarters in Champeix (63320, FRANCE), at the address: 5 place de la Barreyre.

## **Article 2 - Composition**

The SAFE Federation is composed of official national federations or, in the countries where it is not possible, organisations recognized by clubs and fighters from these countries.

Only one national organization representing the soft armored fighting of its country shall be eligible for membership.

The Federation can recognize also individual person who work on the creation of a first club in a new country but they do not have the status of members.

Future members shall be situated in the continent of Europe (as defined and updated from time to time by the Executive Committee) or nearby isolated countries and based in a country which is recognised as an independent state by the majority of members of the United Nations.

## **Article 3 - Membership**

### **Article 3.1 - Election of members**

Applications for membership may be sent to SAFE Federation secretary at any moment.

For election to membership a majority of two-thirds of the voting rights of members of Executive Committee shall be required.

The members thus elected shall be entitled to take part in all discussions after election but can take part of any vote after 6 months of membership.

### **Article 3.2 - Resignation and expulsion of members**

Any member shall be entitled to resign from membership by giving notice in writing to the President at any time. The resignation will take effect at the end of the financial year, which runs from 1 September to 31 August.

All members shall comply with the Constitution, Rules and decisions of the Federation and/or any other applicable rules or regulations governing the sports of Soft Armored Fighting.

At the request of a member of the Executive Committee, any member may be expelled by a majority of two-thirds of the voting rights of the members of the Executive Committee if:

- a) It seriously violates the Constitution, the Rules or decisions of the Association and/or any other applicable rules or regulations governing the sport of Soft Armored Fighting; or
- b) It loses the status of a main organization representing our sport in its country.

Any member whose annual membership subscription has not been paid by 31 December of the relevant financial year shall be deemed to have resigned from membership of the Association unless the Executive Committee otherwise decides. If an annual membership subscription remains unpaid on 31 August following the date on which it became due then the membership of the Federation with immediate effect, but such member may be reinstated by the Executive Committee on payment of all arrears.

## **Article 4 - Institutional bodies of the Federation**

The institutional bodies of the Federation are:

- The annual General Meeting
- The Executive Committee

## **Article 5 - Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting consists of the members of the Federation. The decisions of the Annual General Meeting must be adopted by the absolute majority of the voting rights of present (physicaly or by video meeting) or represented Federation members with exceptions as specified in this Constitution.

The Executive Committee chose the date and place and inform members at least 3 months before the meeting.

Agenda of the Annual General Meeting must be communicated at least 1 month before the meeting. Minutes of the meeting is sent to the membre within two months.

## **Article 6 - Extraordinary General Meeting**

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called for when requested by the President, the Executive Committee or upon receipt of a formal request in writing and signed by at least one-fifth of the members. This request shall specify the nature of the proposed resolution and no other business shall be discussed at such a meeting. In this case, the notice shall be sent at least four weeks before the date of the meeting.

## **Article 7 - Voting powers and proxies**

A member has one vote.

Any member unable to have a representative to any General Meeting shall be entitled to appoint another member to cast its vote for him, but only if that member holds a written Proxy duly signed by the absent member.

No member shall have the right to represent more than two other members.

## Article 8 - Duties of the Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall have in particular the following duties:

- a) defines, directs and controls the general policy of the Federation;
- b) To receive and approve the Executive Committee's Report on the year's administration.
- c) To receive and approve the annual financial statements for the past financial year.
- d) To determine the basis upon which annual membership subscriptions are to be assessed,
- e) To elect the members of the Executive Committee, in accordance with Art. 9.
- f) adopts, on the proposal of the Executive Committee, the Internal Regulations and any amendments thereto, the general disciplinary regulations, the anti-doping disciplinary regulations and the financial regulations.
- g) To consider any matter submitted to it by the Executive Committee or any relevant matter by any member, and to take decisions thereon.

Any alteration of the Constitution must be approved by at least two-thirds of the voting rights of the members present and represented at the General Assembly.

## Article 9 - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of:

- The president
- The secretary
- The treasurer
- The referee commission responsible
- One representative of the different sports of "Soft Armored Fighting".

All members of the Executive Committee mentioned above are volunteers as far as the Association is concerned and receive no payment in consideration of the performance of their duties.

The President shall act as Chairman of the Executive Committee and the General Assemblies.

Members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and will serve in such a capacity for two years. Members of the Committee can only be elected if their candidature is supported by their national organization.

The following may not be elected to the Executive Committee:

- persons against whom a sanction of ineligibility has been pronounced, notably for a serious breach of the technical rules of the game constituting a breach of sportsmanship;
- persons whose professional activity may conflict with the decisions taken by the Executive Committee.

Each member has one vote. In the event of a tie, the president shall have the casting vote.

## Article 10 - Duties of the Executives Committee

In general the Executive Committee conducts the affairs of the Association and undertakes the following duties:

- a) It follows the execution of the federal budget;
- b) It shall fix the place and the agenda of the General Assembly
- c) To present a report of the past year's administration to the Annual General Meeting
- d) To prepare and to present the annual financial statements for the past financial year to the Annual General Meeting
- e) To act in accordance with Art. 3.2 in respect of non-payment of annual membership subscriptions.
- f) To deny participation in any European championship of members who have not settled their current annual membership subscription.

The Executive Committee may validly meet and pass resolutions through video meeting.

## Article 11 - Finances

The finances of the Federation shall include, but are not limited to:

- a) The annual membership subscriptions payable in Euro decided upon at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) Competition entry fees and any sponsoring subsidies, legacies, gifts or other extraordinary receipts on condition that they have been accepted by the Executive Committee.

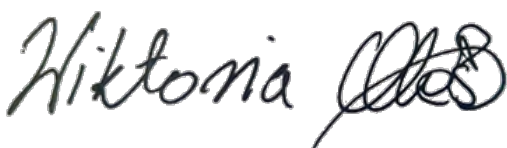
The financial year runs from 1 September to 31 August.

## Article 12 - Interpretation of constitutions and rules

The interpretation of the Constitution and Rules of the Association is made by the Executive Committee. The Constitution is published in English and French. In case of any discrepancies between the English and French version of this Constitution, the English version shall prevail.

As agreed by the Founding General Assembly, on 10 June 2022,

**The President**  
Wiktoria Oleś



**The Secretary**  
Fernando Brecha

