



**Statutes of the**

**OCEANIA KARATE FEDERATION**

**(OKF)**



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### **VISION**

The Vision is to promote and develop the sport of Karate within the Oceania Region for the benefit of the people, the nations and the territories of the Oceania Community.

### **MISSION**

The Mission is to deliver the vision of this Statute which is to develop, promote and popularize the sport of Karate and to host and celebrate successful Oceania Karate Championships in accordance with the mission of this Statute and the World Karate Federations (WKF) Statutes, in the best interest of athletes and officials in the Oceania Community.



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## **PRELIMINARY**

### **RULE 1 Name**

The name of the Association is the Oceania Karate Federation and henceforth it shall be known as the Oceania Karate Federation.

### **RULE 2 Registered Office**

The registered office of the Association is the President's address or as decided by the Executive Committee from time to time.

### **RULE 3 Definitions**

In these Rules, except insofar as the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires:

<b>Citizenship</b>	includes Permanent Residency status as defined by the government of each country
<b>Committee</b>	means the Executive Committee of the Oceania Karate Federation
<b>Congress (Ordinary)</b>	means the supreme agency established under Article 9 of these Statutes
<b>Extraordinary Congress</b>	means the Congress established in accordance of Article 9.13 of these Statutes.
<b>He</b>	shall also mean She
<b>His</b>	shall also mean Hers
<b>Him</b>	shall also mean Her
<b>Member Federation</b>	means the National Federation affiliated to the Oceania Karate Federation
<b>NKF</b>	means National Karate Federation
<b>OKF</b>	means Oceania Karate Federation
<b>Provisional affiliation</b>	means affiliation established in accordance of Article 3.4 of these Statutes
<b>WADA</b>	means World Anti-Doping Agency.
<b>WKF</b>	means World Karate Federation



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### **ARTICLE 1**      **NAME**

The Oceania Karate Federation (OKF) is a permanent organization with a formal status, founded in the year 1994 (with the name of Oceania Union of Karate Organizations (OUKO) and is comprised of the Oceania National Karate Federations recognized by the WKF.

### **ARTICLE 2**      **AIMS AND OBJECTS**

The aims and objects of the OKF shall be:

- 2.1 To be the only WKF representative in the Oceania Region. The OKF may establish rules and regulations for the conduct of Oceania Karate Championships in conformity with the WKF Rules and Regulations.
- 2.2 To promote and deliver to the athletes of the Oceania Region competition in the sport of Karate between athletes of the highest possible standard, venues and championships organized through the hosting of the Oceania Karate Championships.
- 2.3 To perform its activity on an amateur basis in compliance with the principles set forth in the Olympic Charter.
- 2.4 To admit as members National Federations already recognised by the WKF.
- 2.5 To collaborate with the WKF to safeguard the interests of WKF and the sport of Karate within the OKF jurisdiction. The OKF shall work in close collaboration with the general directives of the WKF and shall recognise the supreme authority of the WKF in all aspects of the sport of karate. It shall also forward, to the WKF, a full report accordingly on the competitive, organisational and promotional activities undertaken.
- 2.6 To ensure conformity with WKF statutes and should any OKF statute be in contradiction to that of the WKF, the WKF statute shall prevail until such time as the OKF statute can be duly amended to conform to that of the WKF.
- 2.7 To support fair and drug free competition between the athletes of the Oceania Region. To adopt and implement the provisions of the Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). To require member Karate



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Federations within the region who adopt their own policies, rules and procedures, to respect and comply with the WADA Code.

### **ARTICLE 3            AFFILIATIONS**

- 3.1            The official recognition of a National Federation by the OKF will be endorsed following the regulations contained in these Statutes.
- 3.2            National Federations wishing to be affiliated to OKF must be an independent organisation and recognised by the highest Sports Authority in their own country. The President and the other members of the Executive Committee must be elected in accordance with the member's statutes.
- 3.3            National Federations wishing to be affiliated must send a complete dossier of documentation to the General Secretary together with the relative application fee, which in the event of acceptance of the application will be applied to the first year's membership fee. Such membership fee shall be made by way of a bank cheque, or bank transfer and be of such amount as specified by OKF. This payment must be cleared at the OKF bank before membership may be granted.
- 3.4            Affiliation shall be deemed "provisional" upon acceptance by the Executive Committee. Once accepted, and only then, the Executive Committee will decide on submission of the application to the ordinary Congress. Provisional affiliation shall expire 2 (two) years from the date granted by the Executive Committee. Any extension to any provisional membership may be granted by the Executive Committee. Provisional affiliation shall be deemed permanent once it has been ratified by the next Congress. Provisionally affiliated National Federations shall enjoy all rights except voting rights.
- 3.5            A NKF's eligibility for continued affiliation to the OKF shall be subject to continued compliance with the Statutes, Rules and Regulations and the Code of Conduct of the OKF.
- 3.6            If a country is not included within the geographical limits of a Continental Federation, it may ask to be affiliated to the most adjacent Continental Federation. Such requests must be approved by the WKF Executive Committee



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### **ARTICLE 4**            **RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES**

- 4.1            The affiliated National Federations shall be entitled to:
- a. Participate in Congresses in accordance with these Statutes
  - b. Participate in official competitions in accordance with the WKF Competition Rules.
  - c. Enjoy the advantages and benefits provided by the OKF
  - d. Abstain from sporting relations with organisations or physical persons not recognised by the OKF or by the WKF.
- 4.2            To remain active in all international activity, it is the duty of affiliated National Federations to:
- a. In the cases as per letter 4.1 (d) above, disciplinary action may be taken against affiliated National Federations.
  - b. Affiliated National Federations may only be expelled from the OKF through a Congress decision approved with a 2/3 (two thirds) majority, providing that these 2/3(two thirds) represent at least 50% plus 1(half plus 1) of all financial affiliated National Federations.

### **ARTICLE 5**            **RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF INDIVIDUALS**

- 5.1            The physical persons entitled to be OKF members through a National Federation are:
- a. The Athletes
  - b. The Coaches
  - c. The Physicians
  - d. The Referees
  - e. The Officials
  - f. All members of National Delegations that take part in International Competitions
  - g. Honorary members and/or former OKF President (s)
- 5.2            The physical persons who are members of OKF shall be entitled to:
- a. Participate in OKF activities via their respective National Federations;
  - b. Wear the official OKF uniform, complying with the relative provisions.
  - c. Be put forward for elective offices and appointments providing they possess the minimum requirements.



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### **ARTICLE 6 ACCEPTANCE AND OBLIGATIONS.**

- 6.1 National Federations and individual persons affiliated to the OKF shall undertake to comply with the Statutory Norms, Rules and Regulations issued by the Executive Committee.
- 6.2 Members shall undertake to work with the utmost loyalty and honesty in compliance with rules governing the sport.
- 6.3 Annual subscriptions shall be paid by each NKF to the OKF Treasurer. Until such time as the annual subscription is paid the defaulting member shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the OKF.
- 6.4 Furthermore, if a member country hasn't paid their membership fees fully and wishes to be actively involved at an OKF Championship, then with the President's permission a commitment to payment form as specified by the President must be signed. If such payment is not made by the date as specified on the form, then this will remove the possibility of any future promissory notes being considered for the country in question until all charges are settled. It will also result in the suspension of that country from all OKF activities until the required payment, including the relative surcharges, has been cleared. The country concerned has the responsibility of:
- a. Making sure such form is dully signed by the President or nominated representative of the National Federation.
  - b. Seeing that such payment is made by the date as specified on the form.

### **ARTICLE 7 ELIGIBILITY- CANDIDATURES - INCOMPATIBILITIES**

- 7.1 First time election to any OKF office is only open to persons officially put forward as candidates by their National Federation provided that the National Federation has been a member of OKF for a minimum of two (2) years and the National Federation concerned is up to date with payments. OKF Executive Committee members can put forward personally their candidatures to the OKF Executive Committee.
- 7.2 All candidatures for elective offices must be put forward exclusively by the respective National Federations(except for cases referred in point 7. 1 above) to the OKF General Secretary – via post, electronic mail or fax at least 60 (sixty) days before the date of the Congress.





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- 7.3 The formalities as per the previous points shall also apply to outgoing members
- 7.4 The validity of candidatures shall be verified by the General Secretary. Appeals against the decision of the General Secretary may be filed in the fourteen (14) days following the decision of the Disciplinary and Legal Affairs Commission.
- 7.5 All candidatures for elective offices must be communicated by the OKF General Secretary and should be received by the affiliated National Federations at least thirty (30) days before the date of the Congress.
- 7.6 Elective offices and appointments are incompatible with the qualifications of Athlete, Coach and Referee. Should a person in one of these categories be elected or appointed, he must immediately give up his previous role for the whole duration of his term of office
- 7.7 If an appointed member loses the support of his National Federation, the appointment will be immediately forfeited.
- 7.8 If an elected member or the Chairman of a Commission loses the support of his National Federation, he will need, to remain in its office, the support of the 2/3 (two thirds) of the Executive Committee and subsequently – for the elected member – the support of the 2/3 (two thirds) of the Congress when elections take place. When the elected member has been elected at least 2 (two) times, this article cannot be applied. The member in question can present himself for re-election in the normal way.
- 7.9 The members of Executive Committee cannot be appointed in any Referee Commission, or Technical Commission, or any other OKF Commission.
- 7.10 All Executive Committee members must hold the citizenship of the country of their National Federation

### **ARTICLE 8                      ORGANISATIONS**

- 8.1 The powers of the OKF are exercised by its agencies, namely:
- a. The Congress
  - b. The Executive Committee
  - c. The President



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### **ARTICLE 9 CONGRESS (ORDINARY)**

- 9.1 The ordinary Congress is the supreme agency of the OKF. It shall decide only on matters included on the official agenda.
- 9.2 The ordinary Congress shall have the final say on all matters relating to karate as presented from the National Federations, and on any other topic of a general nature, and it shall define the guidelines for the OKF activity.
- 9.3 The ordinary Congress shall meet every 2 (two) years at the occasion of the Oceania Karate Championships and in the city where these take place. The date of each Congress of the OKF should be determined at least 6 months in advance.
- 9.4 The call for the ordinary Congress shall be given by post, fax or e-mail, signed by the President or by the General Secretary.
- 9.5 At least 45 (forty-five) days before the date fixed for the ordinary Congress, the General Secretary will send to all member Federations the draft of the agenda formulated by the Executive Committee, for any further addition. The General Secretary will then send out the Congress Agenda together with the Minutes of the previous Congress, and any other relevant papers to be received by member countries no less than 30 (thirty) days before the ordinary Congress begins.
- 9.6 The candidates for election must stand with respect to the ethics and principles of the OKF and not attempt to obtain votes by offering incentive to the OKF members. Any candidate found offering incentives to obtain votes will forfeit his eligibility for the candidature of the office.
- 9.7 It is forbidden for a National Federation to give a proxy to another National Federation or to a delegate who has a different citizenship than the one of the country of the National Federation, even if he is a member of that National Federation.
- 9.8 Each National Federation may be represented by up to 2 (two) persons who hold the citizenship of the country National Federation. Each Federation may also have its own interpreter but they are not to be recorded as National Federation representatives in determining the number attending.



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- 9.9 The delegate who represents a National Federation at the Congress must have a proxy signed by the President of the National Federation unless the delegate is the President of the National Federation.
- 9.10 Past Presidents of the OKF, present at Congress and not being delegates representing a National Federation shall have speaking rights but may not propose or second any resolution and shall have no voting rights.
- 9.11 **Each Member Federation of Congress shall have 1(one) vote.** The Congress shall normally be chaired by the President and in his absence the (first) 1st Vice-President. A member of the Executive Committee may not act simultaneously as a representative of a National Federation.
- 9.12 In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the Congress shall have the right to cast the deciding vote or, may decide to repeat the voting after further discussion, when the vote is tied.
- 9.13 An Extraordinary Meeting of the Congress may be convened:
- a. On the initiative of the President, when the same considers it necessary. By resolution of the 50% plus 1 (half plus 1) members of the Executive Committee or at the written and justified request of at least 50% (half) of the affiliated National Federations entitled to be present and vote.
  - b. Providing it complies with the terms and procedures for the validity of Congress as set forth herein, an extraordinary Congress may be called at the same time as an ordinary Congress.
  - c. The resolutions and decisions of the extraordinary Congress shall have the same validity as those of the ordinary Congress.
  - d. The extraordinary Congress may deal with all matters normally handled by the ordinary Congress. It shall decide on the proposals to amend the Statutes and/or any proposals to dissolve the OKF.
  - e. The Congress may delegate powers to the Executive Committee.
  - f. The President of the Congress shall decide on the number and duration of addresses granted to participants subject to the right of each duly authorised delegate to speak at least once.



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- g. Minutes of all meetings and other proceedings of the Congress are established under the authority and signature of the President.
  - h. Confirmed minutes of all meetings must be signed as correct by the General Secretary and the President.
- 9.14 The President may allow observers to be present. The observers may only take part in the deliberations of the Congress only with leave of the Chairman of Congress.
- 9.15 The following shall be entitled to take part in the Congress:
- a. The affiliated National Federations duly authorised to vote under these statutes
  - b. The Executive Committee
  - c. The Chairman of the OKF Commissions
  - d. The Honorary President(s) and/or Honorary Member(s)
  - e. The National Federation with provisional affiliation
- 9.16 A quorum for the Congress shall consist of representatives of at least 50% plus 1(one) of the affiliated and financial NKF's present.
- 9.17 Abstentions and blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority.
- 9.18 The Congress shall be deemed valid at the first call if at least 50% plus 1 (half plus 1) affiliated National Federations duly authorised to vote under these statutes. If a valid Congress is not possible for reasons of quorum, the Executive Committee will convene right after the cancellation of the Congress, with the same agenda as published for the Congress and with equivalent powers as that of the announced Congress with exception to Article 23 of these Statutes
- 9.19 The Minutes of the meeting of Congress shall be circulated to National Federations members within 60days after the Congress meeting.
- 9.20 Every 6 (six) years, to coincide with the Oceania Karate Championships, the ordinary Congress shall elect the President via secret ballot.
- 9.21 Every 4 (four) years to coincide with the Oceania Karate Championships, the ordinary Congress shall elect via secret ballot:



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- a. The General Secretary
- b. The Treasurer
- c. The Assistant Secretary
- d. The 1st Vice- President
- e. The 2nd Vice-President
- f. The 3rd Vice-President

- 9.22 All nominations for election shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary General to arrive no less than 60 (sixty) days before the date of the Congress except in the case of filling of casual vacancies when the Executive Committee may reduce the period.
- 9.23 Thirty (30) days before the date of the Congress, at which elections are to be held, the names of all the candidates and the positions they are being nominated for shall be circulated to all the OKF Member Federations.
- 9.24 Nominations shall only be accepted from financial affiliated Member Federations under the signatures of either its President or General Secretary

### **ARTICLE 10 PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION**

- 10.1 If there is no nomination received for a particular position then nominations shall be called for from the floor at the Congress.
- 10.2 If there is only one nomination for a position, then the person so nominated shall be declared duly elected to that position.
- 10.3 If two or more nominations are received for a position then elections shall be conducted in the following manner:
- a. All elections shall be by secret ballot.
  - b. After the first ballot the candidate who receives more than fifty (50%) percent of the votes of those present and entitled to vote shall be declared elected.
  - c. After a ballot if the result is not conclusive then the name of the candidate getting the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated from the list of candidates and the voting process shall continue until only two candidates remain, and then, the election shall be determined by a simple majority



## **ARTICLE 11 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 11.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of seven members:
- a. The President
  - b. The General Secretary
  - c. The Treasurer
  - d. The Assistant Secretary
  - e. The 1st Vice-President
  - f. The 2nd Vice-President
  - g. The 3rd Vice-President
- 11.2 The Executive Committee shall be in power for a 6 (six) year term for the President's office and for a 4 (four) year term for the office of the six elected members. All may be re-elected.
- 11.3 In the Executive Committee the equal opportunity to women and men must be assured.
- 11.4 The newly elected President and Executive Committee members will take office the day after the closing of the Championships where the corresponding elective Congress has taken place.
- 11.5 In accordance with the provisions of Article 7 herein, former OKF Presidents shall have the right to attend Executive Committee meetings.
- 11.6 The Executive Committee shall form the following permanent commissions:
- a. Anti-Doping Commission
  - b. Athletes Commission
  - c. Disciplinary and Legal Commission
  - d. Financial Commission
  - e. Medical Commission
  - f. Organising Commission
  - g. Referee Commission
  - h. Technical Commission
- 11.7 The President shall chair all meetings of the Executive Committee and shall have a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes in addition to his own vote.



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- 11.8 If for any reason the President is unable or unwilling to act, the 1st Vice President shall act in the place of the President
- 11.9 A member of the Executive Committee may resign from office or be suspended or expelled by a majority decision of the Executive Committee subject to ratification by the Congress, if the conduct of the member has been in breach of the OKF's Code of Conduct and/or not in keeping with conduct reasonably expected from an Executive Member of the OKF.
- 11.10 Any casual vacancy occurring on the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Executive Committee and such appointment shall continue until the next Congress. The Executive Committee shall notify NKF's of its filling of the casual vacancy within 14 (fourteen) days. Nominations for a permanent replacement shall be invited from NKF's and voted upon at the next Congress of the OKF.
- 11.11 A member of the Executive Committee shall not hold any technical (including athletes) appointment or position within a NKF team participating at Oceania Championships.
- 11.12 The Executive Committee shall direct and administer OKF activity, draw up programmes in accordance with the directives approved by the Congress and assure that they are enacted in order to achieve OKF goals. In particular, it shall:
- a. Call Congress, establishing the relative agenda.
  - b. Submit the technical and financial report on the previous years' activity for approval by Congress.
  - c. Approve the budget relative changes and the final balance-sheet, to be submitted to the approval of Congress.
  - d. Decide upon the provisional affiliation of National Federations, to be submitted for ratification by the Congress.
  - e. Approve and amend Rules and Regulations with the exception of the Anti-Doping Rules and the WKF competition rules.
  - f. Grant and repeal appointments.
  - g. Administer available funds.
  - h. Monitor compliance with the Statutes, Rules and issued Norms.
  - i. Decide upon the amount of fees and charges.
  - j. Issue provisions relating to affiliations and membership.
  - k. Grant amnesties, pardons and dispensations and establish the limits of these measures.
  - l. Consider urgent provisions issued by the President.
  - m. Decide upon other matters included in the agenda.



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- n. Appoint representatives, if need be, to inspect the facilities offered by a host NKF for the Oceania Karate Championship.
  - o. A minimum of 14 day's notice shall be given to members for each meeting of the Executive Committee.
  - p. In principle, National Federations will be responsible for all costs of their OKF Executive member(s) attending OKF Executive meetings and Oceania Championships.
- 11.13 The Executive Committee shall be convened by the President as required but at least once a year, in an ordinary session, to be held at a nominated location.
- 11.14 At the request of the Executive Committee, meetings will also be attended by the Chairpersons, as required, of the Permanent Commissions for matters directly concerning them and the same conditions apply as in 11.12 (p)
- 11.15 The Quorum for the Executive Committee meeting shall be a majority of its members.
- 11.16 Executive Committee meetings maybe in person, teleconference faxes or emails or other means as may be convenient or cost effective.
- 11.17 Executive Committee may act by a simple majority of the members present. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- 11.18 Have power to recommend to the Congress recognition of meritorious services to the OKF.

### **ARTICLE 12 ROLES OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

#### **12.1 The President**

12.1.1 The President or other member(s) of the Executive Committee appointed by the President shall represent the OKF before WKF and before outside parties. The President represents the OKF before the ordinary justice both in demand and in defence without need to be authorised by the Executive Committee. He can delegate his powers to be represented in any event, before the WKF, before the Court of Arbitration for Sport or in any other juridical matter

12.1.2 To be eligible as OKF President it is necessary to have served a 1(one) 4 (four) year term as an OKF Executive Committee member





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and on the previous term as an Executive Committee member has proven commitment and dedication to the operations of the OKF Executive Committee and the OKF.

- 12.1.3 The President shall be responsible for the day to day running of the OKF and answer to the Congress and the Executive Committee.
- 12.1.4 The President shall convene and chair the Executive Committee meetings, after having drafted the relative Agenda, and shall monitor the implementation of approved resolutions. The President shall have a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes in addition to his own vote.
- 12.1.5 In an emergency situation, the President may make decisions normally attributed to the Executive Committee. These decisions shall however be submitted to the Executive Committee for ratification in its subsequent meeting.
- 12.1.6 In the event of a temporary absence, the President may delegate some or all of his powers to the 1st Vice President. In the event of the President's resignation or permanent absence, his powers and title shall be taken up by the 1st Vice President until the next Ordinary Congress where general elections take place, to be convened and held in accordance with the terms and procedures for the validity of the Congress as set forth herein.

### **12.2 The Vice – Presidents**

- 12.2.1 The Vice Presidents shall provide the President with assistance for all his functions and shall replace him upon on the occasions as set out herein before in accordance with the relative procedures.
- 12.2.2 The Executive Committee may assign special tasks to the Vice - Presidents providing they do not contradict any of the provisions herein.

### **12.3 Secretary General**

- 12.3.1 The duties of the General Secretary shall be:
  - a. To execute the decisions taken by the Executive Committee.
  - b. To maintain relationships with the WKF, with the affiliated National Federations and with outside parties.
  - c. To draw up and take care of the Minutes of the Executive Committee and of the Congress meetings.



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- 12.3.2 The General Secretary must present an up-to-date report on the OKF situation at each meeting of the Executive Committee.

### **12.4 Assistant Secretary**

- 12.4.1 The Assistant Secretary shall assist the General Secretary in carrying out his duties.

### **12.5 Treasurer**

- 12.5.1 It is the duty of the Treasurer to keep the accounts of the Executive Committee in order.
- 12.5.2 At each meeting of the Executive Committee to take place immediately before an Ordinary Congress, the Treasurer must present an update report on the OKF financial position.

## **ARTICLE 13 FINANCES, ACCOUNTS AND AUDITING**

- 13.1 Under the authority of the Executive Committee, the Treasurer is responsible for the assets of the OKF and the regular keeping of the accounts.
- 13.2 The Executive Committee will appoint an independent qualified accountant or a firm of qualified accountants, who will be given the task of auditing the accounts of the OKF.

## **ARTICLE 14 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 14.1 In accordance with the provisions of Art.11.12 letter (e), and to further the aims of the OKF, the Executive Committee shall approve and amend Rules and Regulations in compliance with WKF directives.
- 14.2 The Permanent Commissions as per Art 11.6 shall help to prepare the Rules and Regulations in their own sphere of activity and in compliance with WKF directives.
- 14.3 All Rules and Regulations must conform to the principles of these Statutes and the WKF Statutes.

## **ARTICLE 15 HONORARY PRESIDENTS AND HONORARY MEMBERS**



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- 15.1 Based upon a recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Ordinary Congress shall elect the honorary president and honorary members by approval. They must be chosen among members of the OKF who with selfless commitment, have made a significant contribution to the spread of Karate in Oceania and in the World and acquired special merits within the OKF.
- 15.2 The Honorary Presidents are entitled to attend, without voting rights, Congresses and Executive Committee meetings.
- 15.3 The Honorary President and Honorary members shall make up the OKF Honorary Committee.

### **ARTICLE 16 PRIZES AND REWARDS**

- 16.1 The Star of Sporting Merit will be the distinction to honour National Federations and individuals who have distinguished themselves through the performance of activity to popularise and improve the sport of Karate.
- 16.2 There are 3 (three) types of Stars for Sporting Merit:
- a. **Gold:** For the Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members, for National Federations and individuals that have worked for Karate at least 15 (fifteen) years.
  - b. **Silver:** For National Federations and individuals that have worked for Karate at least 12 (twelve) years.
  - c. **Bronze:** For National Federations and individuals that have worked for Karate at least 8 (eight) years.
- 16.3 The Stars for Sporting Merit are accompanied by the corresponding Diploma.

### **ARTICLE 17 PRINCIPLES OF SPORTING JUSTICE**

- 17.1 The Disciplinary and Legal Affairs Committee (“DLC”), may take the following disciplinary actions against National Federations and physical persons:
- a. Warning
  - b. Disapproval
  - c. Suspension
  - d. Disqualification for up to 5 (five) years
  - e. Expulsion



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- 17.2 Any dispute arising from the application or interpretation of the OKF Statutes will be settled exclusively and finally by a Tribunal formed by the DLC's following rules.
- 17.3 The National Federations are responsible before the OKF of the actions of the associations, clubs and individuals that belong to them, as well as the compliance of all their members with the Statutes of the OKF.
- 17.4 The OKF prohibits their National Federations, and their members, from the double affiliation with any karate organisation not recognised by WKF.
- 17.5 National Federations and their members are prohibited from having sporting relationships with organisations not recognised by the WKF and with any organisation that is determined by the OKF to act contrary to the interest of the OKF and/or WKF.
- 17.6 The DLC may take disciplinary action against Federations and physical persons.
- 17.7 Disciplinary action may also include the handing out of fines. The minimum fine must correspond to the membership fee (for National Federation) or to the registration fee (for Individuals)

### **ARTICLE 18 THE OCEANIA KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 18.1 The Oceania Karate Championships shall be numbered and held every 2 (two) years.
- 18.2 The honour of hosting the Oceania Championship shall be entrusted to a NKF affiliated to the OKF, at a venue recommended by the NKF and approved by the OKF.
- 18.3 In respect of all activities of the OKF and events under its control, there shall be no discrimination against any member NKF or person on any grounds whatsoever including race, gender, religion, social status or politics provided the NKF and or its members comply with the requirements of these Statutes.
- 18.4 The Oceania Championships represents a contest between athletes and not between countries.



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- 18.5 The Official languages of the Oceania Karate Federation are English and French.
- 18.6 NKF shall pay such sum as approved by the Congress on the recommendation of the Executive Committee for each competitor and official entered by them in the Championships organised by the OKF.
- 18.7 The duration of OKF Championships shall be a maximum of 3 (three) days, unless approved by the EC.

### **ARTICLE 19      COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS PROGRAMME**

- 19.1 The events and programme of the Oceania Karate Championships shall be confirmed by the Executive Committee six months before the commencement of the championship.

### **ARTICLE 20      COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY**

- 20.1 An athlete to be eligible to compete in any OKF Championship shall:
- a. Complete all entry form(s) and other applicable documents.
  - b. Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the WKF, OKF, or their respective NKF or under the World Anti Doping Code.
  - c. Hold a passport of the country he/she represents or holds a permanent residency status.
- 20.2 An athlete when competing in any OKF Championship must comply with:
- a. The applicable rules and regulations of the OKF and these statutes.
  - b. The WKF competition rules
  - c. The provisions of the World Anti Doping Code
- 20.3 A NKF shall be required to submit competitor and delegation entries by name at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the commencement of the Championship and each entry shall be accompanied by all necessary documentation.

### **ARTICLE 21      AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES**

- 21.1 Proposals to amend the Statutes may be put forward by the Executive Committee or by affiliated National Federations having voting rights. In case of National Federations, proposals must be presented to the



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Executive Committee by at 50% plus 1(half plus 1) of all financial affiliated National Federations having voting rights.

- 21.2 Proposals to amend the Statutes must be approved by at least 2/3 (two thirds) of financial affiliated National Federations having voting rights present and represented at the Congress

### **ARTICLE 22**      **DISSOLUTION**

- 22.1 The proposal to dissolve the OKF must be presented to the OKF by at least 2/3 (two thirds) of financial affiliated National Federations having voting rights.
- 22.2 The Executive Committee shall then call the relative extraordinary Congress in compliance with the procedures as set forth herein.
- 22.3 The proposal to dissolve the OKF must be approved at the extraordinary Congress by at least 4/5 (four fifth) of financial affiliated National Federations having voting rights.
- 22.4 Should the OKF be dissolved, its assets must be divided among affiliated National Federations having voting rights in proportion to the number of years each federation has been affiliated to the OKF.

### **ARTICLE 23**      **CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 23.1 The Executive Committee will design and promote a Code of Conduct to be adhered to by all those involved in the activities of the OKF.
- 23.2 The OKF, NKFs and Executive Committee Members shall promote and support this Code and all activities of the OKF and the NKFs by leadership and example. Their philosophy shall be to at least equal the dedication and discipline of the athletes with energy, vision and professionalism.
- 23.3 The Code of Conduct shall reflect the following principles:
- a. **Selflessness:** The OKF, NKFs Executive and Committee Members shall make decisions solely in the best interests of the OKF. They shall not do so in order to gain benefits for themselves.
  - b. **Integrity:** The OKF, NKFs, Executive and Committee Members shall not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to



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individuals or organisations that might influence them in the performance of their duties.

- c. **Objectivity:** In carrying out the business of the OKF including appointing or electing officials, awarding contracts or recommending individuals for rewards or benefits, the OKF, NKF, Executive and Committee Members shall make choices and decisions on merit.
- d. **Accountability:** The OKF, NKF, Executive and Committee Members are accountable for their decisions and actions to the OKF and shall submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate. The Executive Committee Members and members of elected committees shall report regularly to and communicate with the NKF which elected them. Communication shall not be confined to meetings held during Congress of the Federation.
- e. **Openness:** The OKF, NKF, Executive and Committee Members shall be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They shall give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider interest clearly demands it.
- f. **Honesty:** The OKF, NKF, Executive and Committee Members have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their duties and to take all steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the interest of the OKF and the sport of Karate in general.
- g. **Non Discrimination:** The OKF, NKF, Executive and Committee Members shall not discriminate against any country or person on any grounds whatsoever including race, colour, gender, religion, social status or politics.

23.4 If in any case, there is to be a breach in the set Code of Conduct, the following procedures will be referenced to and initiated if deemed applicable:

23.4.1 Any allegation of a breach of this Code of Conduct shall be first referred to the Executive Committee who may appoint an Ethics Commission established in accordance with the provisions under this Statute for investigation.

23.4.2 The Ethics Commission may comprise two or more persons – either independent of the Executive Committee or members of the Executive Committee – as the Executive Committee in its absolute



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discretion shall resolve to appoint. The Ethics Commission shall be established for the sole purpose of investigating specific matters referred to it on a case by case basis and shall in respect of each case investigated and cease to act upon its written report being provided to the Executive Committee.

- 23.4.3 The Ethics Commission must investigate allegations referred to it. The Ethics Commission shall be responsible for setting its own procedure for such investigation but in any event shall act in accordance with the principles of natural justice. The Ethics Commission shall, in addition to such other powers as it considers it necessary, have the power to require the attendance by summons if necessary, of all or any person(s) from whom it wishes to obtain information for the investigation. The Ethics Commission shall report in writing to the Executive Committee with its findings and recommendations, and the reasons therefore.
- 23.4.4 For the avoidance of doubt, the principles of natural justice do require the Ethics Commission to give the person or persons, against whom the allegation(s) being investigated have been made, the opportunity to be heard in respect of them.
- 23.4.5 The Executive Committee shall report to the OKF on the proceeding(s) and report(s) of the Ethics Commission with its recommendation(s).
- 23.4.6 The OKF, in the case of an individual, acting on a two thirds majority, may take action in respect of any breach of this code, and in particular, but without limitation may suspend and/or remove any person from any office of the OKF, and in the case of a NKF, may remove its voting rights and/or withdraw the right of a NKF to participate in any of its Championship.

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