



Confédération Européenne de Roller Skating

STATUTES

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CHAPTER I

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMING – GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1 – DESIGNATION AND HEAD OFFICE

1. The Confederation adopts the designation "**CERS – CONFÉDÉRATION EUROPÉENNE DE ROLLER-SKATING**", hereafter abbreviated as "**CERS**".
2. The head Office of CERS shall be in the country where the President resides or in any other country proposed by him and approved by the Central Committee.

ARTICLE 2 – JURISDICTION, AUTHORITY AND OBJECTIVES

1. CERS exercises jurisdiction in Europe over all roller-skating sports, specifically:
 - 1.1 **ARTISTIC SKATING**
 - 1.2 **FREESTYLE**
 - 1.3 **IN-LINE AGGRESSIVE**
 - 1.4 **IN-LINE HOCKEY**
 - 1.5 **RINK-HOCKEY**
 - 1.6 **ROLLER ALPINE**
 - 1.7 **ROLLER DERBY**
 - 1.8 **SKATEBOARDING**
 - 1.9 **SPEED SKATING**
2. CERS's authority and jurisdiction are recognised by the **FIRS – FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE ROLLER SPORTS**.
3. Through the reunion of its members, i.e. the affiliated National Federations, the objectives of CERS are:
 - 3.1 To regulate and oversee the roller-skating sports, increase their practice and promote top-level competition,
 - 3.2 To promote and preserve the values of sport ethics and fair-play.

ARTICLE 3 – CURRENCY AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

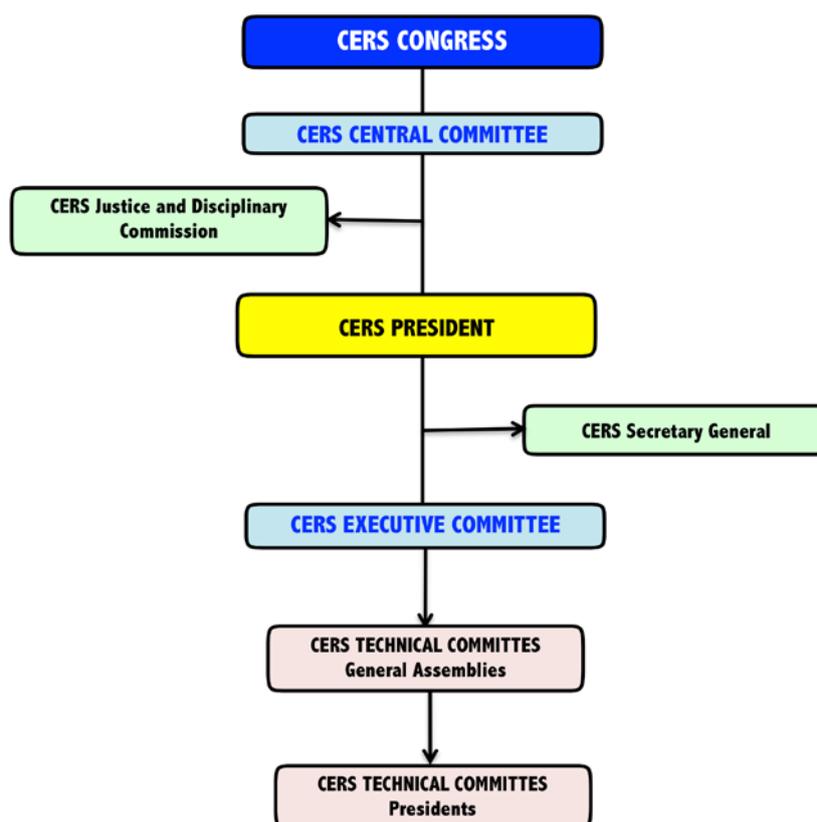
1. The **EURO (€)** is the currency used by CERS in all financial operations with its members.
2. **ENGLISH is the official language of CERS** and must be used in all institutional documents and communication, namely in the Statutes, Regulations, proposals and minutes of all the meetings and CERS organic bodies (*Congress, Central Committee, Executive Committee, discipline's Technical Committees and Justice and Disciplinary Commission*)

ARTICLE 4 – LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNING BODIES

1. The **LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF CERS** are the following ones:
 - 1.1 The **CONGRESS** is the supreme authority of CERS. The provisions set down in Chapter II of these statutes rule its composition and activity.
 - 1.2 The **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF EACH CERS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** is the legislative authority of the specific roller-skating discipline concerned. The provisions set down in Article 34 of these statutes rule the composition, responsibilities and activity of the General Assemblies of all the CERS Technical Committees
2. The **GOVERNING BODIES OF CERS** are the following ones:
 - 2.1 The **PRESIDENT**, who is in charge of the overall management of CERS, including the direction of the Congress, Central Committee and Executive Committee.
 - 2.2 The **CENTRAL COMMITTEE** that is the legal authority of CERS between Congresses. The provisions set down in Articles 26, 27 and 28 of these Statutes rule its composition and competencies.
 - 2.3 The **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** that ensures - *between the meetings of the Central Committee* - the analysis and decisions regarding the most urgent and current affairs, including the granting of the CERS rights related with all the European events/championships of the roller-skating disciplines. The provisions set down in Articles 29, 30 and 31 of these statutes rule the composition and the competencies of the CERS Executive Committee.
 - 2.4 The **CERS TECHNICAL COMMITTEES** of each one of the roller-skating disciplines, which - *on the date of adoption of these statutory amendments* - are namely the following:
 - a) **CERS ARTISTIC**
 - b) **CERS FREESTYLE**
 - c) **CERS IN-LINE HOCKEY**
 - d) **CERS RINK-HOCKEY**
 - e) **CERS ROLLER ALPINE**
 - f) **CERS SPEED**
 - 2.4.1 The designation of any future CERS Technical Committee must be in English, following the example of those previously referred, that is
...
 - **CERS + discipline designation**
 - 2.4.2 These CERS Technical Committees ensure, under the supervision and control of its President, the management of all the European events of that discipline. The provisions set down in Articles 35, 36 and 37 of these statutes rule the composition and the competencies of the CERS Technical Committees.

3. The **CERS TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BODIES** are the following ones:
- 3.1** The **JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION**, which ensures the exercise of justice and the disciplinary power of CERS, as well as the legal and juridical support specifically requested by the Central Committee and/or the CERS President. The provisions set down in Article 32 of these Statutes regulate the composition and competencies of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission.
- 3.2** The **GENERAL SECRETARIAT**, which provides administrative support to the CERS President, as well as to the Executive Committee and to the Central Committee. The provisions set down in Article 33 of these Statutes regulate the duties of the of the CERS General Secretariat (*Secretary General and Vice-Secretary*)
4. **Safeguarding the provisions set down in points 3.2 and 3.3 of this Article**, the members of the CERS governing bodies perform their functions without remuneration.
- 4.1** The amounts received as refunds for expenses made in the exercise of their functions are not regarded as remuneration.
- 4.2** The President and the two (2) Vice-Presidents of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission, as well as the members of the CERS Secretary General, are designated by the CERS President and may be remunerated or not.
- 4.3** In any of the cases mentioned in **point 4.2 of this Article**, the designations must be ratified by the Central Committee, who will set - *when appropriate* - the remunerations to be awarded.
5. When exercising their duties in any official event of CERS, all members of the CERS governing bodies shall wear the CERS emblem on their jackets and shall be identified by a CERS ID Card, with a passport size picture, which is valid for the current term of office.
6. All members of each governing body of CERS shall be jointly and severally liable for the acts and deliberations of the governing body in question, except in the case of a vote cast against that is declared in the minutes of the meeting, without prejudice of individual responsibility with regard to acts performed by them.
7. With safeguard of the provisions of **paragraph 8 of this Article**, an affirmative vote of the majority of Congress members to a motion of censure or of no-confidence against a governing body of CERS - *and / or its members* - implies their removal from office and immediate dismissal, implying that interim elections should be carried, in accordance with the provisions of **paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2 of Article 38 of these Statutes**.
8. In the case of loss of office of any member of the CERS Technical Committees, the CERS President must ensure the appointment of a substitute in accordance with the provisions of **Article 41 of these Statutes**.

ARTICLE 5 – ORGANIZATION CHART



ARTICLE 6 – REGULATING PRINCIPLES OF CERS AND ITS MEMBERS

1. CERS accepts and acknowledges the Statutes and Regulations of the **FIRS** and of the **IOC - INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**, as well as:
- 1.1** All regulations against the use of doping in sport, namely of the **WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (WADA)**.
- 1.2** As required by the FIRS Statutes, CERS accepts and recognizes the "**CAS - COURT OF ARBITRATION OF THE SPORT**" as a valid alternative for the resolution of disputes, allowing that - *by a specific request from the contestant National Federation, under the conditions established*



in the Justice and Disciplinary Regulation – the Central Committee can decide to refer an appeal to the “**CAS - COURT OF ARBITRATION OF THE SPORT**”, to properly evaluate and deliberate the special circumstances to be considered, namely when an arbitration between two (*or more*) affiliated Federations becomes necessary.

2. Provisions in the Statutes and Regulations of CERS, or of its affiliated National Federations, may not contradict or reject the application of the general and basic principles of the **OLYMPIC CHARTER**.
3. In relation to the country and to the roller-skating disciplines under their jurisdiction, the National Federations members of CERS have to perform the following duties and responsibilities:
 - 3.1 Ensure the necessary support to achieve the objectives of CERS, participating regularly in its activities, namely in the European championships and events of the roller-skating disciplines.
 - 3.2 Organise the national championships of the roller-skating disciplines, in accordance with the rules and regulations of CERS and/or of the CERS Technical Committees.
 - 3.3 Co-operate, whenever possible, with the other CERS affiliated National Federations, in support of the development of roller-skating sports in their countries.

ARTICLE 7 – STATUTES AND SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

1. The general principles ruling the activity of CERS are set down in the present Statutes.
2. Reformulations or amendments to these Statutes must be deliberated by the Congress and approved with at least 75% (*seventy five per cent*) of the votes represented in the Congress that deliberates on the proposals.
3. Proposals to amend the Statutes of CERS may be submitted by:
 - 3.1 The Central Committee.
 - 3.2 Any affiliated National Federation in good standing of CERS and with no pending dues. Their proposals shall first be subject to an opinion of the Central Committee, which will inform the Congress that will deliberate on the proposal.
4. For an adequate application of the general principles set out in these Statutes, the activity of CERS is also governed by the decisions approved in Congress, as well as by the following specific regulations:
 - 4.1 **CERS GENERAL REGULATION**, which rules the responsibilities and working procedures of the Central Committee and the General Assemblies of the disciplines' Technical Committees and that establishes:
 - 4.1.1 The rules of the CERS meetings
 - 4.1.2 The rules of the CERS awards and distinctions.
 - 4.2 **CERS FINANCE REGULATION**, which rules the financial obligation of CERS members and the cash and property administration of the CERS, establishing the following:
 - 4.2.1 The principles that rule CERS's financial management, including procedures binding the legal and governing bodies of CERS.
 - 4.2.2 The obligations that all CERS affiliated National Federations have to comply with, not only about their affiliation and activity on the roller-skating disciplines, but also about the organization and/or participation in the sporting events organised under jurisdiction of CERS.
 - 4.3 **CERS JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY REGULATION**, which rules the procedures related with:
 - 4.3.1 Analysis and sanctioning of all offenses regarding the practice of roller-skating sports and that were imputed to individual and/or collective persons subordinate to the justice and disciplinary powers of CERS
 - 4.3.2 Analysis and resolution of protests and/or complaints submitted to it by the contesting parties.
 - 4.4 **CERS EUROPEAN EVENTS REGULATION**, which rules the organization of the CERS international events, namely the European championships of each roller-skating discipline
 - 4.5 **CERS MEDICAL REGULATION FOR EUROPEAN EVENTS**, which rules the doping control and the gender verification.
5. *Except for the provisions set down in point 6 of this Article*, all the CERS Regulations referred in *point 4 of this Article* must be approved by the Central Committee and, afterwards, ratified by the Congress, which requires a majority of the votes cast in the meeting.
6. Additionally to the provisions established in *point 4 of this Article*, each one of the CERS roller-skating disciplines are governed by the decisions approved in the respective General Assembly, as well as by the following specific regulations:
 - 6.1 The "Technical rules and/or regulations" established by FIRS for each roller-skating discipline.
 - 6.2 The specific regulations approved by each CERS Technical Committee.

ARTICLE 8 – FISCAL YEAR AND AUDIT TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. The **fiscal year of CERS coincides with the civil year**, starting at 1 January and ending at 31 of December.
2. The Central Committee will appoint a **CERS Auditor** – *who must afterwards be approved by the Congress* – having in mind the following requisites:
 - 2.1 The CERS Auditor should be a qualified professional, inscribed in the Order of Auditors.
 - 2.2 Under a specific proposal from the CERS President, the Auditor's remuneration will have to be approved by the Central Committee.
 - 2.3 The appointed Auditor must certify the accounts of the prior fiscal year submitted by the Executive Committee to the Central Committee – *and to the subsequent ordinary Congress, taking into consideration the provisions set down in point 8 of Article 22 of this Regulation* – in conformity with the applicable provisions and in accordance with the disposals of the Finance Regulation of CERS.
3. The Executive Committee is responsible for the presentation of the CERS audited accounts to the Congress, including the delivering the respective Auditor's financial report.
4. In the case of the Technical Committees of CERS, the General Assembly concerned will approve the financial report and accounts (*balance sheet and profit and loss statement*) of the immediately prior fiscal year.

- 4.1 The President of each Technical Committee of CERS must submit – *to be eventually submitted to the Central Committee and to the appointed Auditor* – an activity report of the prior fiscal year, together with the financial report and accounts approved by the General Assembly of her/his Committee.
- 4.2 The appointed Auditor must certify the accounts that each Technical Committee of CERS has submitted to the Executive Committee.
- 4.3 After the approval of the report and consolidated accounts of each fiscal year by the Central Committee, the Secretary General will send these to all CERS members, by registered mail, attached to the summons for the Ordinary Congress meeting.

ARTICLE 9 – HONORARY MEMBERS

1. On a specific proposal from the Central Committee, the Congress may appoint "Honorary member of CERS" any person upon recognition of exceptional services rendered to the cause of roller-skating.
2. Honorary members may attend all official functions of CERS, which includes the right to participate and intervene in the Congress, however without the right to vote.

ARTICLE 10 – MEMBERSHIP – ADMISSION FEE AND "ANNUAL QUOTA"

1. CERS is remunerated through a single instalment, which is established as an "annual quota" that is fixed under this Article.
2. It falls exclusively within the remit of the Congress, on proposal of the Central Committee, to fix the affiliation fee for membership in CERS, as well as the annual quota for each roller-skating discipline directed.
3. The National Federations must pay their contributions to CERS in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 3.1 Payment of CERS quota for membership corresponding to the first year of membership of a roller-skating discipline is due when submitting the application for membership, which otherwise may be refused.
 - 3.2 Annual quota for membership for each roller-skating discipline directed shall be due by January 31st each year. Non-compliance will imply:
 - 3.2.1 A **five per cent (5%) surcharge** of the quota for membership on payments that are more than thirty days late.
 - 3.2.2 A **ten per cent (10%) surcharge** of the quota for membership on payments that are more than sixty days late
 - 3.2.3 On payments of the quota for membership that are more than ninety days late, the provisions established in **point 3 of Article 14 of the present Statutes** will apply.

ARTICLE 11 – MEMBERSHIP – ADMISSION CONDITIONS

1. To be admitted as "**full member**" of CERS, a National Federation shall submit its application for membership to the Central Committee, together with:
 - 1.1 A copy of its Statutes and other documents requested.
 - 1.2 Payment of the required affiliation quota as set out in **point 3.1 of Article 10 of the present Statutes**.
2. Completed all formalities, the Central Committee may grant provisional membership.
 - 2.1 With a provisional membership status, the new member is allowed to participate in all official European competitions.
 - 2.2 The new member can only exercise its remaining rights after the final acceptance by the Congress.
3. The final acceptance of any National Federation as full member of CERS is subject to approval by the Congress, on proposal of the Central Committee.
4. Any changes to the Statutes, fiscal address and/or composition of the governing bodies of the National Federations affiliated of CERS must be communicated to the CERS Central Committee, **no later than thirty days after the changes occurred**.

ARTICLE 12 – EFFECTIVE MEMBERS – RECOGNITION OF FULL MEMBERSHIP

1. "Full members" of CERS are all the National Federations whose membership is accepted by the Congress, in accordance with the following:
 - 1.1. **Safeguarding the provisions set down in point 1.2 of this Article**, CERS accepts membership of National Federations of countries on the European continent, without distinction of race, religion or political opinion.
 - 1.1.1 In conformity with **Article 34 of the Olympic Charter**, "country" is any independent State recognised as such by the international community.
 - 1.1.2 **Safeguarding the provisions set down in point 1.1.3 of this Article**, CERS accepts and recognises only one National Federation per country.
 - 1.1.3 CERS may accept membership and recognition of more than one National Federation in each country, when – *prove and based on the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Article* – it is found that in that country there are different National Federations to exercise effective management of different roller-skating disciplines.
 - 1.2 National Federations that do not have their head office in Europe, but are situated in its zone of influence, may also be members of CERS and provided they meet the following additional conditions:
 - 1.2.1 They may not be affiliated with any other continental Confederation.
 - 1.2.2 The Central Committee of FIRS has given previous authorisation for their affiliation with CERS.
2. Each affiliated National Federation may request – *to CERS and also to FIRS* – to affiliate one or more roller-skating disciplines, provided the following conditions are met:
 - 2.1 Regular organization of a National Championship of the roller-skating discipline concerned.
 - 2.2 Regular participation in European and World Championships of the roller-skating discipline concerned.
3. If that Federation does not participate in 2 (*two*) consecutive years in any of the European Championships mentioned in point 2.2 of this Article, another body of the same country will have the right to request and to formalize, with CERS and with FIRS, its application for membership and representation of the roller-skating discipline concerned.



4. The National Federations that are full members of CERS are the only entities that CERS recognises to exercise jurisdiction, in their own country, over one or more roller-skating disciplines.

ARTICLE 13 – EFFECTIVE MEMBERS – RESIGNATION

1. Any National Federation that wishes to resign its full membership of CERS will need to submit, in writing certifiable, the corresponding request.
2. The resignation must be submitted by December 31st of the year of the last membership payment. Failing to comply with this implies that this National Federation remains responsible for the payment of the contributions, both overdue and coming due.

ARTICLE 14 – SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION OF MEMBERS – LACK OF PARTICIPATION IN CERS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. If the conduct of a member is considered prejudicial to the interests of CERS, the Executive Committee has the power to request such a member to resign.
2. If the National Federation so requested does not resign within 60 (*sixty*) days, the Executive Committee has the power to:
 - 2.1 Decide immediate suspension of membership.
 - 2.2 Request expulsion, by submitting a proposal to the Central Committee, who may decide to submit it to the Congress.
3. If, by April 30th of each year, a National Federation has not paid the annual membership quota for one or more roller-skating disciplines – *or when other financial obligations are more than 90 (ninety) days late* – the CERS Executive Committee may decide:
 - 3.1 *If the entity that fails is a European club*, the CERS President may decide – *under a proposal from the CERS Technical Committee in question* – its suspension of all the European competitions of the roller-skating discipline concerned.
 - 3.2 *If the entity that fails is a National federation*, the CERS Executive Committee may decide:
 - 3.2.1 The temporary suspension of all membership rights of that Federation, including the participation of their representatives (*National team, Clubs or Athletes*) in any international Championship or sporting event
 - 3.2.2 The CERS President shall communicate, per registered letter, such decision to the National Federation concerned, as well as to the FIRS President.
4. The suspension remains in effect until the debts – *Including the additional payments referred in paragraph 3.2 of Article 10 of these Statutes* – have been entirely paid.
5. Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs, the Congress may decide, at its discretion, the expulsion of the National Federation defaulting if it considers that their conduct justifies such an option.
6. When information or reporting from a CERS Technical Committee reveals that – *in the two years prior to the realisation of a CERS Congress* – an affiliated National Federation did not participate in any European Championship of its roller-skating discipline, the National Federation concerned will lose the right to vote in the Congress with regard to that discipline.

ARTICLE 15 – PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS – BODIES OF INSTANCE

1. All the protests, complaints or appeals are:
 - 1.1 Subjected to the guidelines formulated by the technical rules and/or regulations of the discipline's Technical Committee concerned
 - 1.2 Subjected to the payment of the required fees, according to the provisions established in Article 10 of the CERS Finance Regulation
 - 1.3 Regulated by the procedures and other provisions established in Chapter VII of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Regulation
2. The payment of the required fees will be carried out simultaneously with the submission – *according to the respective and established deadlines* – of the relevant documentation related with any protest, complaint or appeal.
3. Any protest, complaint or appeal that does not respect the established deadline – *or that is not accompanied by the respective fee* – is in direct opposition to the knowledge of the facts and will be categorically rejected, by specific decision that will be settled by the CERS President and that will be reported to the contestant party by certifiable courier (*registered letter, fax or e-mail*).
4. No protest, complaint or appeal may be lodged when observed that the irregularity invoked is the sole responsibility of the contestant party (*Skater, Club or National Federation, as it is the case*)
5. The submission of a protest, a complaint or an appeal doesn't suspend the decisions that have been contested, except if there is a contrary decision from one of the governing bodies referred in point 2 of Article 4 of these Statutes.
6. The ultimate body of instance for judging and to decide any appeal is always the CERS Congress.
 - 6.1 The deliberations approved by the CERS Congress are "final decisions" and not open to any appeals, disputes or judicial claims of any kind.
 - 6.2 Only National Federations in good standing of CERS and with no pending dues shall have the right to submit appeals before the Congress.

CHAPTER II

CONGRESS

ARTICLE 16 – CONGRESS – MEETINGS AND PARTICIPANTS

1. Without prejudice of point 2 of this Article, the meetings of the Congress will take place on a date, time and place decided by the Central Committee of CERS, keeping in mind that:
 - 1.1 The Ordinary Congress shall meet in conformity with the provisions set down in Article 22 of these Statutes
 - 1.2 An Extraordinary Congress will only meet in the circumstances mentioned in point 1 of Article 23 of these Statutes
2. Whenever possible, Congress meetings must take place on a date and place coincident with the realisation of a European Championship of one of the roller-skating disciplines.



3. Delegates from a National Federation that is not in order with its financial obligations towards CERS are not allowed to participate in the Congress.
4. Consequently, a Congress meeting shall only be attended by:
 - 4.1 Full members of CERS with voting rights, i.e., all member Federations that are fully in order with their financial obligations towards CERS.
 - 4.2 Members without voting rights, i.e., members of CERS governing bodies, and honorary members.

ARTICLE 17 – CONGRESS – REQUIRED QUORUM

1. A Congress meeting needs the following quorum to take place:
 - 1.1 The quorum required for the Congress to meet on a first call must consist of National Federations with voting rights representing, at least, the majority of votes in CERS.
 - 1.2 However, the Congress meeting may validly take place on the second call – *at the same place and on the same date, and with the same agenda* – thirty minutes after the hour set by the first call, regardless of the number of National Federations present.
2. The quorum for an Extraordinary Congress – *convened according to point 1.2 of Article 23 of the present Statutes* – must consist, both on a first call as on a second call, of at least half of the requesting National Federations.

ARTICLE 18 – CONGRESS – NOTICE AND AGENDA

1. Summonses for Congress meetings are responsibility of the CERS President and shall be sent to all National Federations members of CERS by registered letter at least sixty days prior to the date set for the meeting.
2. The summons for a Congress meeting shall specify the place, date and time, for the first call or the second call, as well as – *according to Article 17 of the present Statutes* – the necessary quorum for the Congress to take place.
3. The agenda – *together with copies of all proposals and documents that will be object of debate and vote by the participants* – will be sent by registered mail to all National Federations members of CERS according to one of the following options:
 - 3.1 Supplied together with the summons, sixty days prior to the meeting as in point 1 of this Article.
 - 3.2 Supplied later, but always at least 30 (*thirty*) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE 19 – BOARD OF THE CONGRESS AND REPRESENTATION OF EFFECTIVE MEMBERS

1. The CERS President will chair, assisted by the other members of the Central Committee, the board of the Congress.
2. The National Federations could be represented in the Congress by a maximum of two delegates. Nevertheless, only one of them will be entitled to vote.
 - 2.1 Before the opening of the Congress, delegates shall give the Secretary General their credentials from the National Federations they represent.
 - 2.1.1 Each delegate must satisfy all of the following conditions:
 - a) Be a citizen of the country of the National Federation he represents.
 - b) Be an employee or a member of a governing body of the National Federation he represents.
 - 2.1.2 In agreement with point 3 of Article 16 of these Statutes, credentials from delegates of such National Federations will not be accepted, nor will they be allowed to participate in the Congress.
 - 2.2 Voting cards shall be issued at accreditation – *according to Article 20 of the present Statutes* – to the delegates of the National Federations eligible to vote.

ARTICLE 20 – CONGRESS – VOTES ISSUED

1. Safeguarding the provisions set in point 2 of this Article, each National Federation represented in the Congress will be entitled to the following votes:
 - 1.1 One vote per country represented by one or more National Federations, in consideration of point 2.1 of this Article.
 - 1.2 One supplementary vote for each roller-skating discipline in which the National Federation concerned maintains active participation, nationally and internationally.
2. The National Federations represented in the Congress may be refused one or more votes when one of the following situations is observed:
 - 2.1 When, according to point 1.1.3 of Article 12, CERS accepts and recognises more than one National Federation of a country, the vote shall be issued to:
 - 2.1.1 The Federation that directs the largest number of roller-skating disciplines.
 - 2.1.2 The most ancient Federation, when point 2.1.1 above is not applicable.
 - 2.2 When a National Federation has not participated in, at least, 2 (*two*) organized European Championship of a specific roller-skating discipline during the preceding 3 (*three*) years of the Congress and no vote will be issued with respect to that discipline.

ARTICLE 21 – CONGRESS – DELIBERATIONS AND APPROVAL

1. Safeguarding the provisions set in point 2 of this Article, voting in Congress shall be public. The President of the Board may decide on voting by roll call.
 - 1.1 To enable the tellers to count the votes, the delegates of the National Federations shall show their voting card, which shows the number of votes issued before the start of the Congress.
 - 1.2 When voting is by roll call, the National Federations shall be called out in English in alphabetical order.
2. Voting must be by secret ballot:
 - 2.1 When set down in the Statutes, namely for the election of members of CERS governing bodies.
 - 2.2 Whenever the issue concerns the governing bodies of CERS and/or their members, including any election.



- 2.3** Upon a request approved by the majority of votes of the National Federations eligible to vote and duly represented in the meeting.
- 3. To be approved by the Congress, the following matters require at least seventy five per cent (75%) of the votes of the National Federations eligible to vote and duly represented in the meeting:**
- 3.1** Approval and/or amendment of the Statutes of CERS.
- 3.2** Additions to the agenda of an Ordinary Congress.
- 3.3** Expulsion of a National Federation that is a full member of CERS.
- 3.4** Dissolution of CERS.
- 4.** Safeguarding the provisions set in point 3 above, all other matters shall be decided by a majority of votes cast by the National Federations eligible to vote and duly represented in the meeting.

ARTICLE 22 – CONGRESS – ORDINARY MEETINGS

- 1. The Ordinary Congress of CERS shall meet one time, at least, every two fiscal years.** The Agenda is decided by the CERS President and shall include:
- 1.1** CERS President's opening remarks
- 1.2** Appointment of tellers.
- 1.3** Approval of Minutes of previous Congress.
- 1.4** President's report.
- 1.5** Vice-Presidents' reports, if applicable.
- 1.6** Report by the Secretary General concerning new memberships, meetings of the Central Committee and/or other issues concerning CERS's activity.
- 1.7** Reports by the Presidents of CERS's Technical Committees of the roller-skating disciplines on activities carried out since the previous Congress.
- 1.8** Financial report and consolidated accounts of the previous fiscal year by the Auditor of CERS.
- 1.9** Ratification of new memberships and/or resignations of members
- 1.10** Deliberations on proposals concerning reformulation or changes to the Statutes.
- 1.11** Examination and/or deliberation on issues and/or proposals duly submitted to the Ordinary Congress by member Federations and/or by the Central Committee.
- 1.12** Examination and/or deliberation on issues included on the Agenda after the approval by the Congress, according to point 3 of Article 21 of the present Statutes.
- 1.13** Voting (*when it is the case*) related with:
- a)** The ratification of the appointment of an Auditor by the Central Committee of CERS
- b)** The ratification of Rules and Regulations of CERS approved by the Central Committee
- c)** The elections of the members of the CERS Executive Committee.
- 2.** Between two Congresses, the Central Committee must inform the national Federations of any problems or important decisions to be taken.
- 2.1** The Central Committee can ask, within a settled delay, an opinion from the National Federations about a particular raised question, which can lead to the decision that is pertinent to the majority.
- 2.2** However, the Central Committee may decide provisionally until the next Congress, who will decide in last instance.

ARTICLE 23 – CONGRESS – EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS

- 1.** A CERS Extraordinary Congress may be summoned in the following circumstances:
- 1.1** By decision of the CERS Central Committee, whenever and when considered necessary.
- 1.2** By request endorsed by at least 51% (*fifty one per cent*) of the National Federations members of CERS who are fully in order with their financial obligations.
- 2.** In any of the circumstances referred above, the business to be transacted must be included on the Agenda by the CERS President. No other business may be discussed and any additions can be accepted, in the specific case of a CERS Extraordinary Congress.
- 3.** In the event of an Extraordinary Congress meeting to be called in accordance with point 1.2 of this Article, the CERS Central Committee is bound to do so within 3 (*three*) months after receiving notice of the request.

ARTICLE 24 – CONGRESS – MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

- 1.** For each Congress meeting, the minutes shall be taken in English, the official language of CERS, and shall include:
- 1.1** The place and date of the assembly
- 1.2** The given name and surname of Chairman and Secretary (*recorder of minutes*)
- 1.3** The agenda
- 1.4** The attendance list, identifying by name:
- 1.4.1** The National Federations, with the indication of the number of votes issued, and their delegates.
- 1.4.2** The members of the Central Committee and, if it is the case, of other CERS governing bodies, with the indication of their post
- 1.4.3** The Honorary Members
- 1.5** The assessment of a quorum
- 1.6** The matters on the agenda, with a brief report of the decisions, acts and facts that occurred.



- 1.7 The proposals submitted and motions put forthwith, the content of deliberations or resolutions, the results of the voting, as well as explanations of vote that may have been presented.
- 1.8 The signatures of the CERS President and of the CERS Secretary General.
2. All the arguments produced against and/or in favour of the refusal or of the approval of any proposal or motion, will not be included in the minutes.
3. When appropriate, the Board of the Congress may decide to record the meetings, in part or all, by mechanical or audio-visual means, allowing a more reliable draft of the minutes.
4. The CERS Secretary General will be responsible for the preparation and issuing of the minutes, which shall be sent – *within 60 (sixty) days from the date of the assembly* – to all affiliated National Federations and to all members of the CERS Central Committee.
5. The minutes will be officially accepted unless objections in writing are received within 45 (*forty five*) days from the date of:
 - 5.1 The sending of the referred minutes by e-mail
 - 5.2 The postmark on the envelope containing the minutes

CHAPTER III

PRESIDENT AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 25 – CERS PRESIDENT – COMPETENCIES

1. The CERS President is the official and legal representative of CERS in all-administrative and/or financial matters. She/he is responsible for:
 - 1.1 Ensuring the proper functioning of the institution, promoting functional co-operation and articulation between CERS's governing bodies, as well as between its Technical structures.
 - 1.2 Managing the CERS finances and treasury.
 - 1.3 Chairing the meetings of the Congress and also the meetings of the Central Committee and of the Executive Committee, where he will have the casting vote.
 - 1.4 Exercising her/his mandate in cooperation with the CERS Executive Committee
 - 1.5 Ensuring, when necessary, the taking of all the urgent decisions, which will be later formally ratified by the CERS Executive Committee, namely in what concerns the ratification of the proposals of each CERS Technical Committees for the award of the organization of the competitions/events of the roller-skating discipline in question.
2. The CERS President is elected in the Congress from a single list, by direct suffrage and secret ballot. The CERS President is the first candidate of the single list that got the majority of votes from the affiliated National Federations entitled to vote, in the elections for the CERS Executive Committee, as established in Article 38 of these Statutes.
3. In the event of the replacement of the CERS President and given the provisions of Article 41 of these Statutes, it may be held an interim voting for the election of all the members of the CERS Executive Committee.
4. In the absence or temporary disability of the CERS President, her/his replacement will be insured by the by the First Vice-President of the CERS Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 26 – CENTRAL COMMITTEE – COMPOSITION

1. The CERS Central Committee consists of the following members, with voting rights:
 - 1.1 The **CERS PRESIDENT**
 - 1.2 The **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT**
 - 1.3 The **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT**
 - 1.4 The **PRESIDENTS OF EACH ONE OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**
2. The members of the **CERS SECRETARIAT GENERAL** are also part – *without voting rights* – of the composition of the CERS Central Committee.
3. If required, the President of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission will attend the CERS Central Committee meetings, without right to vote.
4. All the members of the CERS Central Committee are not representing the interests of their Federations and they shall perform – *independently and on their own responsibility* – the tasks assigned under these Statutes.
5. The membership in the CERS Central Committee does not require special activities or position within the respective affiliated National Federation.

ARTICLE 27 – CENTRAL COMMITTEE – COMPETENCIES

1. The Central Committee has the following responsibility and competencies:
 - 1.1 Ensure compliance with the Statutes and effective implementation of the rulings and decisions of the Congress.
 - 1.2 Exercise – *between Congresses* – legislative functions; any actions taken must be ratified by the next Congress.
 - 1.3 Make decisions on all the important issues for the activity of CERS, particularly with regard to:
 - 1.3.1 The incidents or conflicts occurring within CERS, as a result of actions or attitudes of racial, religious and/or political discrimination.
 - 1.3.2 The development of public relations actions and other measures aiming to the development of the roller-skating disciplines, especially in the European countries where CERS has no affiliated National Federations.
 - 1.3.3 The definition and the establishment of the amount of quotas, fees and/or annual contributions that should be paid to CERS by the National Federations.
 - 1.3.4 The ratification of the proposals presented by the CERS President and/or by the the CERS Executive Committee related with:
 - a) The appointment and/or replacement of the President of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission;
 - b) The appointment and/or replacement of the members of the CERS; Secretariat General

- c) The expulsion of full members of CERS.
 - 1.3.5** The approval of the annual accounts and the management report of each CERS Technical Committee, submitting them to the final approval of the CERS Congress.
 - 1.4** Request the opinion or advice of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission with regard to the interpretation and/or application of the provisions of the CERS Statutes and of the CERS Regulations
 - 1.5** Promote the creation of special Commissions with specific duties and objectives, under the direction of one of the Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee of CERS.
- 2.** The decisions and actions by the members of the CERS Central Committee only have to be justified before the CERS Congress.

ARTICLE 28 – CENTRAL COMMITTEE – MEETINGS AND REQUIRED QUORUM

- 1. The Central Committee meets at least once in each fiscal year**, summoned by the CERS President.
- 1.1** The Central Committee will also meet whenever considered necessary by the CERS President, or upon request of at least five (5) of its members.
 - 1.2** Minutes shall be taken for every Central Committee meeting, in accordance with Article 24 of these Statutes, safeguarding the necessary adjustments.
- 2.** The CERS Central Committee may decide and deliberate in its meetings, and can also vote by e-mail, fax or videoconference.
- 2.1** The “**quorum**” required for the CERS Central Committee to meet must consist of **fifty per cent (50%) of the members with voting rights**.
 - 2.2** In the event of a tie in the deliberations or voting of the CERS Central Committee, the CERS President shall exercise her/his casting vote.

CHAPTER IV

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 29 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – COMPOSITION

- 1.** The **CERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** consists of the following three (3) members, *with voting rights*:
- 1.1** The **CERS PRESIDENT**
 - 1.2** The **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT**
 - 1.3** The **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT**
- 2.** The members of the **CERS SECRETARIAT GENERAL** are also part - *without voting rights* - of the composition of the CERS Executive Committee.
- 3.** If required, the President of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission will also attend the CERS Executive Committee meetings, without right to vote.
- 4. All members of the Executive Committee with voting rights will be elected from a single list, by direct suffrage and secret ballot**, according to the election procedures established in Article 38 of these Statutes.
- 4.1** The President and the two Vice-Presidents of the CERS Executive Committee shall all be of different nationalities and must be indicated by the respective Federations, conditions equally applicable in what regards the CERS President.
 - 4.2** The Vice-Presidents of the CERS Executive Committee - *with the help of the General Secretariat* - will ensure the co-ordination of all administrative activity of the CERS Executive Committee and of the CERS Central Committee.
 - 4.2.1** The First Vice-President will assist the CERS President in all her/his duties, and replace her/him when necessary.
 - 4.2.2** The Second Vice-President will replace the First Vice-President when necessary.
- 5.** In the event of the substitution of the CERS President and having in mind what is established in paragraph 9 of Article 38 of these Statutes, an interim voting must be made for the mid-term election of all the members of the CERS Executive Committee (*President, 1st and 2nd. Vice-Presidents*)

ARTICLE 30 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – COMPETENCIES

- 1.** The Executive Committee has the following competencies:
- 1.1** To ensure compliance with the Statutes and effective implementation of the rulings and decisions of the Congress and/or of the Central Committee.
 - 1.2** To ensure all the decisions - *by majority of votes of its members* - related with the following duties and responsibilities:
 - 1.2.1** The CERS's current management, deciding on most urgent affairs, without prejudice of the provisions set down in point 3 of this Article
 - 1.2.2** The provisional suspension of affiliated National Federations that do not meet, in due time, with their financial obligations before CERS.
 - 1.2.3** The submission to the Central Committee, when such is justified, of a well-founded proposal for the expulsion of National Federations whose conduct is considered contrary or detrimental to the interests of CERS.
 - 1.3** To ensure an effective control of all the financial transactions with:
 - 1.3.1** The affiliated National Federations, namely as regards compliance with the deadlines set for the payment of quotas, fees and contributions
 - 1.3.2** The CERS Technical Committees
- 2.** In addition, it is the exclusive responsibility of the Executive Committee to conclude agreements, protocols and contracts regarding the granting of rights directly or indirectly related with all the European championships/events of the roller-skating disciplines, such as:
- 2.1** Transmission rights, including television, internet and/or other audio-visual means
 - 2.2** Marketing, Advertising and Merchandising rights.

- 2.3** Sponsorship and "Naming" rights concerning the European championships/events
- 2.4** Other rights or sources of income related to any sporting event organized under the jurisdiction of CERS
- 3.** The Executive Committee has not the power to appreciate and/or to decide any judiciary and/or disciplinary matters.
- 4.** All the taken decisions of the Executive Committee – *together with copies of the minutes of the meetings* – shall be sent to the Central Committee.

ARTICLE 31 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – MEETINGS AND REQUIRED QUORUM

- 1.** The CERS Executive Committee meets on the call of the CERS President, whenever he deems it necessary.
- 2.** The CERS Executive Committee may decide and deliberate in its meetings, and can also vote by e-mail, fax or videoconference.
 - 2.1** The quorum required for the Executive Committee to meet consist of all the 3 (*three*) members with voting rights.
 - 2.2** In the event of a tie in Executive Committee's deliberations and voting, the CERS President shall exercise her/his casting vote.
- 3.** Minutes shall be taken for every Executive Committee's meeting, in accordance with [Article 24 of these Statutes](#), without prejudice to the necessary adjustments.
- 4.** The actions taken by the Executive Committee members are only to be justified before the Congress.

CHAPTER V

CERS TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BODIES

ARTICLE 32 – JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

- 1.** The **CERS JUSTICE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION** consists of the following three (*3*) members, with voting rights:
 - 1.1** The **PRESIDENT**
 - 1.2** The **FIRST VICE–PRESIDENT**
 - 1.3** The **SECOND VICE–PRESIDENT**
- 2.** The members of the **CERS SECRETARIAT GENERAL** are also part – *without voting rights* – of the composition of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission.
- 3.** The President and the two Vice–Presidents of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission shall be appointed by the CERS President, and subsequently ratified by the Central Committee, taking into account that each on of them must have:
 - a)** A Graduation in Law;
 - b)** A different nationality.
- 4.** The President and the two Vice–Presidents of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission may be remunerated for the functions performed, under a specific proposal presented by the CERS President that is approved by the CERS Central Committee.
- 5.** The CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission meet on the call of its President, whenever he deems it necessary.
 - 5.1** The CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission may decide and deliberate in its meetings, and can also vote by e-mail, fax or videoconference.
 - 5.1.1** The quorum for the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission can meet validly requires the presence of two (2) members with voting rights.
 - 5.1.2** In the event of a tie in any vote in any resolution, the President of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission has the right to exercise a casting vote.
 - 5.2** Minutes shall be taken for every meeting of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission, in accordance with [Article 24 of these Statutes](#), safeguarding the necessary adjustments.
- 6.** The CERS Statutes and the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Regulation rule the activity of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission, which is applicable to:
 - 6.1** The affiliated National Federations and their members and clubs (*including their managers, delegates, skaters, athletes and coaches, as well as its agents and employees*)
 - 6.2** The governing bodies of CERS and their members and collaborators, including Referees, Judges, Calculators and Timekeepers
 - 6.3** Other persons or legal entities that are linked to CERS or that are participating in any activities under the CERS jurisdiction.
- 7.** With regard to judiciary and/or disciplinary procedures, it falls within the remit of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission:
 - 7.1** To appreciate and to decide – *in its first body of instance* – any lodged protests and complaints, submitted by the affiliated National Federations against the decisions of the disciplines' Technical Committees.
 - 7.2** To appreciate and to sanction any sports infractions in the roller-skating competitions.
 - 7.3** To instruct and to conduct all the disciplinary proceedings.
 - 7.4** To issue opinions requested by the CERS President, namely those regarding to the interpretation and/or application of the provisions of the CER Statutes and Regulations.
- 8.** The Justice and Disciplinary Committee deliberate upon:
 - 8.1** The reports submitted by the Referees and Judges, as well as the members and/or delegates of the CERS Technical Committees
 - 8.2** The video records of competitions – *if any* – as well as all other documentation or information that is available.
- 9.** Concerning the European championships and other sporting events of the roller-skating disciplines, the exercise of disciplinary powers can be delegated to a single member with voting rights of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission or – *in case of her/his absence* – to the President (*or one of the Vice-Presidents*) of the CERS Technical Committee concerned.
 - 9.1** The above-referred delegation of competencies will finish with the end of the European Championship or the sporting event in question.

- 9.2** If a serious or very serious infraction occurs and additional sanctions should be considered, it must always be ensured:
- 9.2.1** The immediate exclusion from the competition of all the persons that were responsible for the offense.
- 9.2.2** The elaboration of a “confidential report”, with a detailed information about all the facts, which – *together with the relevant documents mentioned in point 7 of this Article* – must be sent to the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission, in order to decide any additional procedures that could be needed.

ARTICLE 33 – GENERAL SECRETARIAT

- 1.** The **CERS SECRETARIAT GENERAL** includes the following members: to be appointed by the CERS President and submitted to the ratification of CERS Central Committee:
- 1.1** The **CERS SECRETARY GENERAL**
- 1.2** The **CERS VICE-SECRETARY**, but only if the CERS President deems necessary its designation
- 2.** The members of the CERS General Secretariat shall be appointed by the CERS President, and subsequently ratified by the Central Committee.
- 3.** The members of the CERS General Secretariat may be remunerated for the functions performed, under a specific proposal presented by the CERS President that is approved by the CERS Central Committee.
- 4.** The tasks committed to the CERS General Secretariat are carried out in close cooperation with the CERS President, ensuring the secretarial work, management of office and administrative support that is necessary, in particular:
- 4.1** The issuance, management and delivering of correspondence and the preparation of circulars and information of a general nature, including the sending of notices and compilation of documents related to the meetings of the Congress, of the Central Committee, of the Executive Committee and of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission.
- 4.2** The compilation of the minutes of meetings of the Congress, of the Central Committee and / or of the Executive Committee, ensuring the implementation and/or routing of the approved resolutions.
- 4.3** The performance of specific tasks and functions to be appointed or to be charged by the CERS President.
- 5.** The members of the CERS General Secretariat shall attend the meetings of the CERS Congress, of the Central Committee, of the Executive Committee and of the Disciplinary and Justice Commission, where they can issue an opinion about the issues in question, but without having the right to vote.

CHAPTER VI

CERS TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 34 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CERS TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

- 1.** The General Assembly of the CERS Technical Committees acts as the supreme authority of the specific roller-skating discipline concerned, with regard to:
- 1.1** The annual approval of the report and the accounts (*balance sheet and profit and loss statement*) of the immediately prior fiscal year.
- 1.2** The ratification and/or approval of decisions related to technical issues and/or the organization of European events/Championships of the roller-skating discipline concerned.
- 2.** Without prejudice of point 2.1 of this Article, the meetings of the General Assembly of each CERS Technical Committee will take place once a year, at least, under proposal of the President of the Technical Committee concerned, which will chair all the meetings.
- 2.1** Whenever possible, the meetings of the General Assembly of each CERS Technical Committees must take place on a date and place coincident with the realisation of a European Championship of the same roller-skating discipline.
- 2.2** The Delegates or representatives from a National Federation that is not in order with its financial obligations towards CERS and/or towards the Technical Committee in question, cannot be allowed to participate in the meetings of any General Assembly of the CERS Technical Committee concerned.
- 3.** Consequently, the General Assembly of any CERS Technical Committee will only be attended by:
- 3.1 Full members of CERS with right to vote**, i.e., all National Federations members of CERS that:
- 3.1.1** Are ensuring in their country the direction of the roller-skating discipline concerned.
- 3.1.2** Are in order with all financial obligations towards CERS.
- 3.1.3** Having participated, in the two years immediately prior to the General Assembly, in the European Championships of the roller-skating discipline concerned.
- 3.2 Members without right to vote**, namely:
- 3.2.1** The CERS Technical Committee concerned, which be represented by its President and two (2) other members, at least
- 3.2.2** The members of the CERS governing bodies
- 3.2.3** The honorary members
- 4. One vote in the General Assembly of the CERS Technical Committee concerned will be assigned to each one of the affiliated National Federations that – as set out in paragraph 3.1 of this Article – is entitled to vote.**
- 4.1** These federations can be represented in the meeting by two (2) delegates – *duly accredited* – but only one of them may exercise the right to vote.
- 4.2 One third (1/3) of the affiliated National Federations entitled to vote** must be present at the meetings, in order to guarantee the “quorum” that is required.



ARTICLE 35 – CERS TECHNICAL COMMITTEES – COMPOSITION

1. At the European level and within CERS, the sporting activity of each CERS roller-skating discipline is managed autonomously – *both in technical and in financial terms* – by the respective CERS Technical Committee, which will ensure – *under the direction of its President* – the scheduling, planning and organization of all the events and competitions of the roller-skating discipline in question.
2. The following members will be included in each one of the CERS Technical Committees:
 - 2.1 **THREE (3) MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS**, as follows:
 - 2.1.1 The **PRESIDENT OF THE CERS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**
 - 2.1.2 The **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT**
 - 2.1.3 The **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT**
 - 2.2 **SIX (6) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, at most, without voting rights**, where must be included:
 - 2.2.1 The **members of the “COMMITTEE GENERAL SECRETARIAT”**, namely the **SECRETARY** and – *if it is the case* – the **DEPUTY SECRETARY of the Technical Committee**
 - 2.2.2 The **members that could be allocated to the EUROPEAN REFEREEING/JUDGING COMMISSION** – *if and when formally constituted* – that will be headed by the **PRESIDENT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** and that will be supported by **GENERAL SECRETARIAT** referred in the previous paragraph.
3. The **President of each European Technical Committee** is also a member of the Central Committee and she/he **will be elected in the respective General Assembly meeting**, by direct suffrage and secret ballot, under the election procedures established in **Article 38 of these Statutes**.
 - 3.1 The **two Vice-Presidents of each European Technical Committee** – *who should be of different nationalities, belonging to different National Federations* – will be appointed by the respective President, under the provisions established in **3.3 of this Article**
 - 3.2 The **additional members of each European Technical Committee**, without voting rights, will be appointed – *when included* – by the respective President, under the provisions established in **point 3.3 of this Article**.
 - 3.3 **All the designated members of each European Technical Committee will be selected by its President from among:**
 - 3.3.1 The candidates that were proposed before the General Assembly by the affiliated national Federations
 - 3.3.2 The candidates directly chosen by the President, except in the case where there is formal opposition by the National Federation of origin.
 - 3.4 During the term of office, **the President may withdraw her/his confidence to a member of its European Technical Committee**, deciding to make a designation of a substitute for the remaining term of office, according to the provisions established in **point 4 of this Article**.
4. The **term of office of each European Technical Committee may be recalled after two years**, either on the ground of negative activity results, or because its President – *or any other member* – made decisions or acted against the provisions and/or obligations set down in the present Statutes and other rules and Regulations of CERS.
 - 4.1 The termination of the term of office of the European Technical Committee concerned shall be subject to specific deliberation – *voted by secret ballot* – in an Extraordinary General Assembly of the roller skating discipline concerned, on the grounds of a proposal made by the CERS Executive Committee.
 - 4.2 If the CERS Executive Committee’s proposal is approved by the majority of votes represented in the General Assembly, destitution of the members of the European Technical Committee concerned takes immediate effect.
 - 4.3 Consequently, the President of CERS will immediately provide for the following:
 - 4.3.1 The Central Committee shall appoint an Administrative Commission – *consisting of 3 (three) members, one of them presiding* – to ensure the current management of the of the European Technical Committee concerned.
 - 4.3.2 Summon, in the shortest delay possible, an Extraordinary Congress of CERS to hold an interim election for the European Technical Committee concerned, which will serve for the remainder of the current term.
 - 4.4 The destitution of the members of a European Technical Committee prevents these persons – *during a four-year period, as from the date of their destitution* – to hold an office or exercise a function in any of the legislative and governing bodies of CERS.
 - 4.5 In the event of the substitution of the President of a European Technical Committee, she/he shall be elected by an interim vote – *by direct suffrage and secret ballot, from a list of candidates that must be presented autonomously* – that will be followed by the designation of all the other members of this governing body, according to the provisions of **points 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 of this Article**.

ARTICLE 36 – CERS TECHNICAL COMMITTEES – COMPETENCIES

1. **The main responsibilities of each CERS Technical Committee, under the direction and coordination of its President, are the following:**
 - 1.1 To ensure the proper functioning of the Committee and the development of the respective discipline, promoting functional co-operation and articulation between the other governing bodies of CERS.
 - 1.2 To ensure the approval from the General Assembly of the CERS Technical Committee concerned the approval of:
 - 1.2.1 The annual accounts and the management report that are related to the activity carried out in each calendar year, documents which will have to be later submitted to the final approval of the CERS Central Committee and the CERS Congress.



1.2.2 The changing and/or correcting the specific regulations of the discipline in question – *including the framework of the rules and procedures of refereeing / judging the events and competitions* – ensuring that they do not contravene the provisions of the CERS Statutes and Regulations.

1.3 To ensure the organization of roller-skating competitions/events, by sex and age categories, where shall compete:

1.3.1 The representative teams and skaters of the affiliated National Federations

1.3.2 The representative teams and skaters of the European clubs

2. The decisions of the CERS Technical Committee could be subjected to complaints, under the provisions settled in Article 60 of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Regulation.

ARTICLE 37 – CERS TECHNICAL COMMITTEES – MEETINGS AND REQUIRED QUORUM

1. Each CERS Technical Committee shall meet, on a call of its President, once in every fiscal year, at least, in order to approve the activity report and accounts that will be submitted to the Ordinary General Assembly, in accordance with **point 4 of Article 8 of these Statutes**.

1.1 Each CERS Technical Committee shall also meet whenever considered necessary by its President.

1.2 In the event of a tie in the deliberations and voting of a CERS Technical Committee, its President shall exercise her/his casting vote.

2. Each CERS Technical Committee may decide and deliberate in its meetings, and can also vote by e-mail, fax or videoconference.

2.1 The quorum required for each CERS Technical Committee to meet must consist of 2 (*two*) members with voting rights.

2.2 Minutes shall be taken for every meeting of each CERS Technical Committee, in conformity with Article 24 of these Statutes, without prejudice of the necessary adjustments.

CHAPTER VII

GOVERNING BODIES – ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

ARTICLE 38 – ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. In normal conditions, **the elections for the CERS Executive Committee will be held every four years, in a single list, by direct suffrage and secret ballot**. The elected members shall complete a four-year term of office, which coincides with an Olympic cycle.

1.1 When elections are not held at the proper time, the members in exercise of the CERS Executive Committee stay on after the end of their term of office, however, for a period no longer than hundred and twenty (*120*) calendar days.

1.2 In the event of partial revocation of the term of office of the CERS Executive Committee, interim elections shall be called – *in accordance with point 2.2 of this Article and as established in Article 41 of these Statutes* – in order to guarantee its functional continuity.

1.3 In the event of interim elections, the new elected members for the CERS Executive Committee will serve only the remainder of their predecessors' term of office.

1.4 When there is a need for the replacement of the President or other member of any CERS Technical Committees, the CERS President is responsible for securing the appointment of her/his replacement.

2. The electoral process always starts with the summons for the Congress, whose agenda includes the election – *normal or interim* – of the CERS Executive Committee. The CERS President in office must send the call in accordance with the following deadlines:

2.1 In the case of **normal elections**, the call must be made sixty (60) days before the day of the electoral Congress, at least.

2.2 In the case of **interim elections**, the call must be made forty-five (45) before the day of the electoral Congress, at least.

3. To be accepted, all candidatures to the elections of the CERS Executive Committee must be sent or handed thirty (30) days before the day of the electoral Congress, at least.

4. Any **candidature for the election of the members of the CERS Executive Committee – President, First and Second Vice-Presidents** – must be signed by the respective affiliated National Federation that – *being in full possession of their statutory rights*– is responsible for submitting the suffrage its candidate.

4.1 Each one of the affiliated National Federations mentioned before can only present a candidate for one of the positions of the CERS Executive Committee.

4.2 Each single list of candidates for the CERS Executive Committee must also enclose the following documents:

4.2.1 A list signed by the CERS President candidate, with the names of all the Presidents of the CERS Technical Committees to be designated by her/him, if elected.

4.2.2 An individual declaration of each candidate – *as well as of all the Presidents of the CERS Technical Committees, to be designated* – stating that they will accept office in case of being elected (*or designated*).

5. The CERS President in office – *who chairs the Board of the Congress* – will decide on the acceptance or refusal of the lists of candidates submitted, **bearing in mind that will not be subjected to any suffrage any list that:**

5.1 Has been delivered after the deadline established in paragraph 3 of this Article or which reveals the introduction of any changes and/or the existence of erasures.

5.2 Presents any candidate who has not been proposed for election by the National Federation of his own country.

5.3 Have been presented or signed by an affiliated Federation that is not in full possession of their statutory rights or has any financial or other obligation owed to CERS.

5.4 Does not fulfil the conditions defined in paragraph 4 of this Article or which contains one or more candidates who – *in the same or different position* – present themselves for election in more than a competing list.

6. If there are doubts about the regularity of a candidate list, the CERS President must require to the applicants National Federations to prove – *within three (3) working days* – the absence of any irregularity. Otherwise the list in question cannot be accepted and put to vote.

7. The CERS President will assign a 'letter' – "A", "B", "C" and so on – to designate each list admitted for the election of the CERS Executive Committee.

8. The CERS President will ensure – *fifteen (15) days before the day of the electoral Congress* – the release of all the candidature lists (*and the letters assigned to them*) to be submitted for election, as below exemplified.

SINGLE LIST OF THE CANDIDATES TO THE CERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THAT WAS ASSIGNED WITH THE LETTER “...”

CERS GOVERNING BODY	OFFICE	FULL NAME	PROPOSING FEDERATION
CERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	CERS President	AAAAAA	FFFFFF
	1st. Vice-President	BBBBBB	FFFFFF
	2nd. Vice-President	NNNNNN	FFFFFF

ARTICLE 39 – BALLOT PAPERS

- In the election for the CERS Executive Committee will be used "ballot papers" provided by CERS, printed on strictly equal role, without marks or external signs.
- In the "ballot paper " must be included:
 - The "letter" corresponding to each one of the candidates lists, followed by the candidate name presented to become the CERS President;
 - To the right of the referred candidate's name, is printed a square box to be marked with a cross according to the voter's choice.

<p>LIST A - Presents as candidate to President of CERS <i>Ms./Mr. (name of the candidate)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>LIST B - Presents as candidate to President of CERS <i>Ms./Mr. (name of the candidate)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>LIST C - Presents as candidate to President of CERS <i>Ms./Mr. (name of the candidate)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ARTICLE 40 – ELECTORAL CONGRESS – PROCEDURES

- Arriving at the agenda item of the election of the governing bodies, the CERS President shall conduct the voting procedures and ensure:
 - The opening and closing of the ballot box.
 - Calling each National Federation's delegate to hand over the ballot papers. When these are filled in, they are introduced in the ballot box.
- After the voting, the tellers will count the votes cast, sign the result report – *which mentions the votes cast for each list, abstentions and null votes* – and hand it over to the CERS President
 - The "blank votes" – *ballot papers not marked with a cross, and showing no notes, signs or erasures* – shall be considered "**ABSTENTIONS**".
 - Ballot papers with notes, signs or erasures* – *regardless of having a box marked with a cross or not* – shall be considered "**NULL VOTES**".
- The list elected is the list that obtains at least one more vote than the 50% (fifty per cent) of votes of the National Federations eligible for voting and duly represented in the Electoral Congress.**
 - If none of the lists obtains the required majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be held to choose between the two most voted lists.
 - The second ballot shall be held thirty (30) minutes after the announcement of the outcome of the first ballot.
- The CERS President will announce the final results counted by the tellers, and proclaim as the winning list of the elections the list that obtained the majority of votes, as established in point 3 of this Article.

ARTICLE 41 – VACANCIES IN THE CERS FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE

In the event of a vacancy in any of the CERS bodies – *due to destitution, substitution, resignation, incapacity or death* – the following procedures shall be followed in order to fill the vacant post for the remainder of the term of office:

- When the vacancy occurs less than twelve (12) months before the end of the term of office, no interim election is needed.** The necessary replacements will be made according to the following provisions:
 - The CERS President will be replaced by the First Vice-President of the CERS Executive Committee.
 - The President of a CERS Technical Committee will be replaced by the First Vice-President of the CERS Technical Committee concerned.
 - The President of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission will be replaced by the First Vice-President of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission.
 - With regard to any other filling of vacancies that can occur in the CERS governing bodies (*referred in paragraph 2 of Article 4 of these Statutes*) and/or in the CERS Technical and Administrative support bodies (*referred in paragraph 3 of Article 4 of these Statutes*), the CERS President will decide – *if that is the option* – all the appointments to be made, which will be after ratified by the CERS Central Committee.
- When it is not applicable the timeframe referred in paragraph 1 of this Article,** the necessary replacements will be made according to the following situations and specific provisions:
 - When there is a need to ensure the replacement of the CERS President,** a call for an interim election of the CERS Executive Committee must be provided, according to the procedures established in Article 38 of these Statutes.
 - The election will take place in the next Ordinary Congress, if this is scheduled to take place within 6 (six) months but no less than 3 (three) months.
 - Otherwise, an Extraordinary Congress must be called by the acting CERS President to take place within maximum 3 (three) months.



- 2.2** **When there is a need to ensure the replacement of a Vice-President of a CERS Executive Committee**, her/his substitute will be appointed by the CERS President, whose decision will be after ratified by the CERS Central Committee.
- 2.3** **When there is a need to ensure the replacement of the President of a CERS Technical Committee of a roller-skating discipline**, a call for an interim election in the respective General Assembly meeting must be provided, under the election procedures established in Article 38 of these Statutes.
- 2.3.1** The election of a new **President of any CERS Technical Committee** can imply the designation of new members the Technical Committee concerned, which will be insured by the elected President - *under the provisions established in paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of the Article 35 of these Statutes* - whose decision must be after ratified by the CERS Central Committee.
- 2.4** **When there is a need to ensure the replacement of any member with voting rights of the CERS Justice and Disciplinary Commission**, her/his substitute will be appointed by the CERS President, whose decision will be after ratified by the CERS Central Committee.
- 2.5** **In the event of any other vacancies**, it must be followed the procedures that are established in paragraph 1.4 of this Article.

CHAPTER VIII

FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 42 – DISSOLUTION OF CERS

- 1.** Dissolution of CERS shall only be possible by decision of an Extraordinary Congress, specially convened with that purpose, and by majority of at least 75% (*seventy five per cent*) of the member countries.
- 2.** In the event of a dissolution, it will be decided what to do with CERS's assets and whether to appoint a winding-up committee.
- 3.** Besides the legal grounds for extinction, CERS may only be dissolved for major and insurmountable reasons making it impossible to achieve its aims.
- 4.** The dissolution of CERS must be approved by the Congress, with at least 75% (*seventy five per cent*) of favourable votes cast in the said Congress. In the event, arrangements will immediately be made to:
 - 4.1** Set up a "Winding-up Commission" to distribute the net assets of CERS, in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 4.1.1** A part of the CERS funds will be withheld to pay all debts.
 - 4.1.2** The remaining part of the CERS funds, if existing will be divided proportionally to the National Federations, after pondering the number of roller-skating disciplines each of them governs.
 - 4.2** Limit the powers of the governing bodies and their members to mere administrative acts, namely those necessary to wrapping up pending activities and/or liquidating assets.

ARTICLE 43 – GAPS, OMISSIONS AND HIERARCHY OF NORMS

- 1.** To gaps and/or omissions that may exist in these Statutes – *and without prejudice to the subsequent incorporation of provisions to fill these gaps on deliberation of the Congress* – are applicable the procedures established in the following points of this Article.
- 2.** All the existing gaps and/or omissions will be examined by the Central Committee, which will take a specific deliberation, after taking into consideration:
 - 2.1** All similar rules which, eventually, could exist on the FIRS Statutes or Regulations
 - 2.2** The opinion of the Justice and Disciplinary Commission
- 3.** The Statutory rules prevail over all the others when overlapping or incompatibility is observed.

ARTICLE 44 – REVOCATIONS, APPROVAL AND ENTRY IN FORCE OF THE PRESENT STATUTES

- 1.** Having in mind what is established in paragraph 3 of this Article, the entry in force of the present Statutes entirely repeal all rules and regulations of CERS that are opposed or in contradiction with them.
- 2.** The present Statutes were approved in the CERS Congress, held in Paredes, Portugal, on the 27th of October of 2012, entering in force on the 1st of January of 2013, and being amended on the CERS Congresses held in:
 - a)** Porto Salvo, Portugal, on the 21st of September of 2013
 - b)** Luso, Portugal, on the 12th of September of 2015
 - c)** Oliveira de Azemeis, Portugal, on the 16th of July of 2016
- 3.** **All the approved amendments of the CERS Statutes come into force on the date of they are approved by the FIRS Executive Committee**, taking into consideration what it is established in the paragraph 2 of Article 24 of the FIRS Statutes.