



CONFEDERATION of MEDITERRANEAN ORIENTEERING FEDERATIONS (COMOF)

STATUTE

Art. 1 –Denomination, Establishment and objectives

The Confederation of Mediterranean Orienteering Federations (COMOF) is an Association of National Federations which practice and promote the sport of Orienteering in the Countries of the Mediterranean Basin.

COMOF is a non-profit Association and has no political, racial or religious views. Its Code is based on democracy and the active practice of sport by men and women on equal opportunity basis.

The objectives of COMOF are:

- 1- to promote, organize and develop the sport of Orienteering in the Countries of the Association;
- 2- to promote the spirit of friendship and co-operation among the sporting people in the Countries of the Association;
- 3- to organize and promote new sporting events, apart from those already organized by the International Orienteering Federation (IOF), in order to establish friendly competitions among the Countries of the Association;
- 4- to develop the principles of Orienteering with the patronage of the IOF, which is the only Organization entitled at international level to rule the Sport of Orienteering under the International Olympic Committee (IOC);
- 5- to organize, upon decision of the General Assembly, an official event named **Mediterranean Championship in Orienteering (MCO)** which will be assigned to an applicant belonging to the Associated Members by the Council according to the current rules.
- 6- to promote, introduce, update and improve the practice of Orienteering;
- 7- to promote scientific researches connected with the sport in co-operation with Universities, Sporting Schools, the IOF and other National and International Institutions;
- 8- to work together to ban the use of doping in Sport;
- 9- to follow the policies of the IOC;
- 10- to encourage the policies of the IOF;
- 11- to promote the inclusion of the Sport of Orienteering in the Mediterranean Games.

In case of profit originating from the activity of the Association, it must be used only for sporting purposes. COMOF cannot distribute, directly or indirectly, any currency or capital unless it is a legal obligation.

Art. 2 – Duration

COMOF has a validity until 31/12/2060

Art. 3 – Headquarters

The legal, administrative and operative headquarters of COMOF is in Trento, Italy at the offices of the Italian Orienteering Federation (FISO), which will grant the hospitality and the functioning of the Council.

The headquarters can be transferred from one city to another in Italy upon a decision of the Council, or from one Country to another, upon a decision of the General Assembly.

Art. 4 – Official language

The official language is English. During all meetings of the Council and of the General Assembly English must be used. English version of all documents must be provided.

Art. 5 – The Member (Associated) Federations

The Countries who's Federations may belong to the Confederation are:

1. Albania
2. Algeria
3. Andorra
4. Bosnia Herzegovina
5. Croatia
6. Cyprus
7. Egypt
8. France
9. Greece
10. Italy
11. Kosovo
12. Lebanon
13. Libya
14. Malta
15. Monaco
16. Montenegro
17. Morocco
18. Portugal
19. San Marino
20. Serbia
21. Slovenia
22. Spain
23. Syria
24. FYR Macedonia
25. Tunisia
26. Turkey

Any National Federation which is not part of the above list, but takes part at the Mediterranean Games may adhere to COMOF. The Council may invite or accept the request of other Federations to become COMOF member and to take part at the events organized by COMOF. The General Assembly may accept other National Federations which do not belong to the above list and do not take part in the Mediterranean Games to become Member Federations.

Art. 6 – Adhesion to COMOF

Once COMOF is established, the National Federations which wish to adhere to COMOF, will make formal request to the Council. The Council, according to Art. 5, will accept the adhesion, which will be ratified by the General Assembly at its next meeting. The General Assembly may propose to a Federation to become a member of the COMOF.

Art. 7 – Renunciation and exclusion from COMOF

The Associated National Federations could be excluded from COMOF for the following reasons:

- a- Renunciation;
- b- Expulsion

The renunciation must be communicated to the Council in writing.

The expulsion could be decided by the Council upon fault or lack to fulfil the directives of IOF, IOC or COMOF.

Art. 8 – The General Assembly

8.1 – Composition and Rights to vote

The General Assembly is the highest body of COMOF. It can decide any argument or minutes of the agenda. Each National Federation **present** has only one right to vote. Each National Federation may nominate two representatives to participate at the General Assembly. The President of COMOF participates at the General Assembly, but without a right to vote. The right to vote cannot be transferred.

8.2 – Decisions

The General Assembly will meet at least once every two years and decide about:

- a- the four-year period budget;
- b- the election of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Council members, by secret ballot;
- c- the election, on proposal of the Council, of honorary Presidents;
- d- changes to the Statute of the Association;
- e- the approval of budgets and annual reports prepared by the Council
- f- the organization of the MCO (Art. 1, point 5)
- g- the possible termination of COMOF;
- h- any other argument.

The proposal for any changes to the Statute of the Association must be addressed to the General Secretary at least three months before the Assembly. The proposal will be evaluated by the Council and presented to the General Assembly for approval or rejection.

8.3- Meetings

The General Assembly is convened and called by the President every two years by the Council who prepares the agenda. The call must contain the Agenda. The General Assembly may be convened by the Council if deemed necessary or upon request of at least one third of the associated members. When Orienteering will be admitted to the Mediterranean Games, in the year of the Games the General Assembly will be held in conjunction with them.

The notification must be made at least 60 days ahead of the meeting day with the agenda by means of electronic mail to the addresses provided by the members.

There will be a first and a second call.

During the first call the General Assembly will be valid if there is at least the presence of half of the number of members having right to vote plus one. During the second call, which will be at least one hour after the first call, the General Assembly is valid with any number of members.

The decisions will be ratified with a simple majority except for the changes to the Statute of the Association, where a majority of two-thirds is necessary.

In case of parity the vote will be repeated. If the parity persists the decision will be rejected.

Art. 9 – The Council

9.1- Establishment

The Council is made by a President, a Senior Vice President, another Vice President and two, three, four or five members, if the associated Federations are less than or five, at least six, seven or eight respectively, all with the right of one vote. The General Secretary will participate with no right of vote.

The Council may act with a minimum of three Members.

9.2- Power

The Council is the body which must direct the COMOF according to the guidelines and decisions taken by the General Assembly.

The Council will:

- a- implement the objectives of Art. 1;
- b- nominate the General Secretary upon the proposal of the President;
- c- convene the General Assembly;
- d- define the amount of membership fee;
- e- prepare budgets and balance sheets;
- f- prepare and approve the activity programs;
- g- approve rules and guidelines
- h- promote the implementation by the Members of the policy of IOF and of the Regional bodies;
- i- propose to the General Assembly Honorary Presidents;
- j- confirm urgent decisions taken by the President;
- k- invite or accept the participation of other Federations to the events organized by COMOF;
- l- discuss any other argument in the agenda.

9.3- Meetings

The Council will be called at least twice a year by the President by electronic mail, once to coincide with the MCO (Art. 1, point 5), if established, or with the Mediterranean Games, when Orienteering will be admitted to the Games, with one month's notice. The Member Federations have the responsibility to assure the presence of their Council Members and pay for their expenses.

9.4- Election

The Council will be in office for four years and will be elected in connection with the Mediterranean Games when Orienteering will be admitted to the Games. Members can be re-elected. Any Member Federation can candidate only one person to be elected in the Council in the position of President or Vice President, up to two persons for Council member position. Such candidates must not have been disqualified by their own Federation or by the IOF for more than 6 months total, nor must have been disqualified for the use of doping substances.

The General Assembly will elect by secret scrutiny first the President, then the Vice Presidents and then the other two to five Members. Should applications for President not exist, the President in charge will serve for another term of four years. Should applications for one or two Vice Presidents not exist, normal Council Members will be elected in place by the Council itself. Provided that applications exist, at least one Vice-President and two Council Members of each gender must be elected.

9.5- Forfeiture

The Members of the Council will lose their position after two consecutive unjustified absences at the meetings of the Council. The General Assembly may exclude a Member of the Council for indignity.

Art. 10 - The President

The President is the legal representative of COMOF. President can sign any contract or act on behalf of the COMOF. President will represent COMOF with the International Institutions. President will call the Council meetings and prepare the agenda of the meetings and call the General Assembly convened by the Council.

Art. 11 – Honorary Presidents

The General Assembly elects on the proposal of the Council Honorary Presidents of COMOF.

Art. 12 – The General Secretary

The General Secretary will:

- a- draw up the minutes of the General Assembly and of the Council;
- b- manage the office and be responsible of the correspondence and the books;
- c- keep the relations with the Member Federations and with the IOF;
- d- verify and keep the results of the MCO(Art. 1, point 5);
- e- release and provide relevant information to the Member Federations and to the Public;
- f- organize the list of International Judges and Event Advisers;

- g- be responsible for financial matters, effects and receives payments, manage the accounting, prepare the budgets and the balance sheets for the Council to be later approved by the General Assembly;
- h- carry out any other task assigned by the President or the Council;
- i- take part at the meetings of the Council and the General Assembly without a right of vote.

Art. 13 – Assets

The Assets of COMOF consists of:

- a- properties acquired or received from private or public institutions;
- b- donations or contributions of third parties;
- c- earnings from sponsorships or contracts;
- d- membership fees.
- e- sanction fees or entry fees from competitions;

Should COMOF be dissolved, the remaining assets will be devolved to the IOF.

Art. 15 – Last disposition

For any other argument not indicated in the Statute of the Association, the rules of IOF and IOC will be applied.

Statute confirmed at the COMOF General Assembly meeting held on 6th October 2018 in Prague, Czech Republic.