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1	TITLE, STATUS, FOUNDATION AND DURATION
1.1	The International Jukskei Federation , hereafter known as the IJF , is the only recognised Sports Federation of international nature, established specifically within the sport of Jukskei.
1.2	The IJF is comprised of those recognised National Bodies or International Associations (see Clauses 2.16 and 2.27) that have membership status according to this Constitution (and/or other recognised Stipulations or Regulations of the IJF).
1.3	The IJF (previously known as the International Jukskei Association or IJA) was founded in 1979 by four National Jukskei Sports Bodies, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the South African Jukskei Board (corporately known as Jukskei South Africa), b) the United States Jukskei Association, c) the Namibian Jukskei Board (corporately known as Namibia Jukskei) and d) the Zimbabwean Jukskei Board.
1.4	The Emblem of the International Jukskei Federation was officially put into use in 2000 to adapt to the image of the sport.
1.5	<p>The Emblem of the International Jukskei Federation consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The shape of a jukskei player throwing a skey in gold on a navy background and navy on a white background. b) Two semi-circles in green and red that simbolize the world of Jukskei. c) For Umpires, the legal scale is included under the left arm. d) The words INTERNATIONAL JUKSKEI are affixed on a bar below the emblem. e) The words EXCO, UMPIRE or COMMITTEE can be added underneath. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div>
1.6	The IJF shall be established for an indefinite period.
2	DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY
2.1	For the purposes of this Constitution, the terminology specified in Article 2 shall have the associated definitions (and meanings) assigned to them below, unless the context otherwise requires.
2.2	Unless the context otherwise requires in this Constitution the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa.
2.3	In this Constitution, a reference to a Rule is a reference to a Rule of Play of the Sport Jukskei. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) In the event of any inconsistency between the Rules of Play and this Constitution, the Rules of Play shall prevail.
2.4	AFFILIATED means registered with a National Body or International Association, via affiliation (registration) with a Club and/or Union and/or Province or other Jukskei body affiliated with the National Body or International Association.

	a) It also refers to National Bodies or International Associations whose membership of the IJF has been accepted.
2.5	AGE OF MAJORITY is deemed to be acquired on a person's 18 th birthday.
2.6	GENERAL ASSEMBLY means the Annual Meeting of the Executive with IJF Members.
2.7	APPEAL COMMITTEE has the meaning given to it in Clause 13.3
2.8	APPEAL PANEL means the panel of individuals from which Appeal Committees may be selected in accordance with Clause 13.4
2.9	CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER or COO means the Secretary-Treasurer of the IJF's Exco, appointed by the General Assembly.
2.10	CLEARANCE means the written consent from the Management of both parties authorising a registered Jukskei player or participant to participate in a new National Body or International Association at the request of such new Body or Association and signed by the COO or Secretary of:
2.10.1	the player's or participant's current National Body or International Association
2.10.2	the National Body or International Association for whom the player or participant participated in special international events or matches (if applicable); and
2.10.3	the player's or participant's new National Body or International Association.
2.11	CONSTITUTION means this document and its Articles and underlying Clauses that have been passed (or may hereafter be passed) by the General Assembly or Special General Assembly, relating to the management and promotion of the sport on an international level. a) The Constitution is binding on all affiliated National Bodies or Affiliated International Associations.)
2.12	CURRENT Body or Association means the National Body or International Association with which a player or participant is affiliated indirectly (via a union or member country).
2.13	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE or EXCO means the Committee, which governs the day-to-day affairs of the IJF (described in Article 11).
2.14	HOST BODY or ASSOCIATION means the National Body or International Association under whose jurisdiction an international match, tournament, championship or tour is played or takes place.
2.15	HOME GROUND means the ground within the geographical boundaries of the National Body or International Association at which the National Body's National Teams or the International Association's representative teams play (most of) their home fixtures and which is recognised as such by the National Body or International Association.
2.16	INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION means the recognized Inter-National Body that governs and promotes the sport of Jukskei in a cluster (region) of countries, being in membership of the IJF. a) In these countries, no National Body for Jukskei exists yet.
2.17	INTERNATIONAL JUKSKEI ACADEMY (IJA) is a Committee of the IJF Exco. Refer to Regulation Academy.
2.18	INTERNATIONAL JUKSKEI FEDERATION , hereafter known as the IJF , means the recognised International Sports Federation that governs and promotes the sport of Jukskei on an international level.
2.19	INTERNATIONAL JUKSKEI PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE (IJPC) is a Committee of the IJF Exco. Refer to Regulation Participation.

2.20	INTERNATIONAL JUJSKEI UMPIRES COMMITTEE (IJUC) is a Committee of the IJF Exco. Refer to Regulation Umpires.
2.21	INTERNATIONAL MATCH means any match, played between National representative teams selected by National Bodies or International Associations and approved by the IJF.
2.22	INTERNATIONAL MATCH PROTOCOL means the minimum standards and/or conditions that are regarded as necessary by the IJF for the conduction of international matches, tournaments, championships and tours as described in Regulation Participation.
2.23	INTERNATIONAL MATCH or TOURING AGREEMENT means the final arrangements as formally approved by Exco.
2.24	INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC JUJSKEI COMMITTEE (ISJC) is a Committee of the IJF Exco.
2.25	INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE or IOC means an association created by the Congress of Paris in June 1894 and which is entrusted with the control and development of the Modern Olympic Games pursuant to the Olympic Charter.
2.26	JUNIOR or MINOR means a person who has not reached the Age of Majority as referred to in Clause 2.5 of this Constitution.
2.27	NATIONAL BODY means the official body, being in membership of the IJF, which governs and promotes the sport of Jukskei in a country.
2.28	NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TEAM means a team on the highest level selected by a National Body or International Association to represent that body or association (it includes all players, officials and other relevant participants) during a match (es), tournament, championship or tour.
2.29	NEW NATIONAL BODY or ASSOCIATION means the National Body or International Association with which a player or participant wishes to become affiliated (see Regulation Participation).
2.30	RESIDENCE means the place or location in which a player or participant has his/her primary home and Resident shall be construed accordingly.
2.31	SPORT means Jukskei played in accordance with the rules of the Sport, as determined by the International Jukskei Umpires Committee (IJUC) and approved by the IJF.
2.32	STANDING COMMITTEE means a group of people appointed by the Executive Committee (Exco) of the IJF to fulfil certain specialised duties, to conduct investigations and/or research or to perform other responsibilities, as determined by the Exco or General Assembly (see Clause 11.22).
2.33	TAFISA is THE ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FOR ALL , an Association of international nature (with its seat in Frankfurt, Germany), with which sports confederations, federations, associations, academic or commercial institutions, countries, cities, as well as public or private institutions promoting the spirit of 'Sport for All' and physical activity, and recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the TAFISA Board, are or aspire to be affiliated.
2.34	UMPIRE refers to a person who is called upon to act as a third-party negotiator or mediator to resolve a dispute or to make a judgment call during a Jukskei match.
2.35	UNION means a Provincial or Regional Body registered with a National Body or International Association, via affiliation.

2.36	WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (WADA) means the global agency responsible for drafting, regularly reviewing and promoting an internationally accepted Code (set of standards and regulations) aimed at optimal anti-doping control of all sportsmen and –women.
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VISION, MISSION AND VALUES	
3.1	Vision Jukskei: A Sport for the World
3.2	Mission To promote sustainable growth of Jukskei's participation internationally
3.3	Values
	a) Integrity With integrity as one of Jukskei's core values, the sport Jukskei can be recognized as genuine in its dealings, promoting sportsmanship, and most importantly of all providing a safe and fair environment for all those competing.
	b) Diversity Everyone in our diverse community, regardless of their gender, age, race or culture, is welcome to participate in Jukskei as in Jukskei we strive to create an environment that fosters inclusion for all.
	c) Healthy Relationships Genuine relations between the players, coaches, managers and umpires generate more trust, better communication and a winning attitude. An open line of communication helps everyone be more honest with one another, which leads to stronger team cohesion.
	d) Commitment Commitment means complete dedication from the individual players and officials to the sport of Jukskei as well as that they will support team recommendations and decisions.
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UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES	
4.1	The Federation strongly subscribes to purposefully strives to implement the following underlying principles and values, and would expect respect for and endorsement of these expressions of sportsmanship and humanity by its members:
4.1.1	that human and social values are both essential and inherent to the practice of Jukskei (and the organization of Jukskei events) and the virtually international spirit of kinship and human solidarity between people and nations ;
4.1.2	that the public image and personally enriching value of Jukskei as a Sport, expressed via statements by political and sports authorities; general public opinion; by the spoken, written and audiovisual mass media; and via any other credible means, is extremely important and should be actively and positively promoted and, if necessary, re-instated, by all IJF-related officials and bodies ;
4.1.3	the technical constituents of competition and self-discipline as regards physical and mental preparation of all Jukskei players and officials is publicly valued and promoted ;

4.1.4	that, in adherence to the most recent Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and (if required) in collaboration with other sports federations and bodies, the international campaign against drug-taking and the quest for anti-doping will increasingly receive prominence on all IJF and Jukskei-related forums and events and in all appropriate constitutions and regulations (also see Article 19);
4.1.5	the value and promotion of sports ethics, fair play, a healthy lifestyle and sports environment, and measures aimed at the protection of the general environment is increasingly evident during all Jukskei matches, events and forums ;
4.1.6	the involvement and role of women at all playing levels and in all managerial and officiating cadres of the sport is increasingly valued and enhanced ;
4.1.7	the IJF is apolitical and refrains from promoting specific religious rituals and confessions, but instead draws its inspiration from relevant Values, Regulations and Provisions Governing International Sports Bodies such as the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Association for International Sport for All (TAFISA) and appropriate others.
5	GOALS OF THE IJF
	The goals and objectives for which the IJF is established are:
5.1	to be the governing body for the conduction, administration, promotion and perseverance of the Sport of Jukskei on an international level, and in pursuance thereof
5.2	to encourage the growth of the sport of Jukskei on a worldwide basis, which entails accepting or refusing an application for affiliation and conditions from any National Body or International Association, which controls any form of Jukskei, on such terms and conditions as may be considered appropriate by the Exco.
5.2.1	The terms and conditions are the following:
	a) Establishing meeting minutes
	b) List of committee members:
	i. Chair
	ii. Secretary
	iii. Member for Finances
	c) List of Senior members
	d) List of Junior members
	e) Constitution or date to be expected
5.3	to affiliate and liaise with such other bodies as may be appropriate in pursuit of these goals, including, amongst others, the Association for International Sport for All (TAFISA), the SportAccord movement, the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association (NHPA) of the USA, as well as other relevant International Sports Bodies and Associations
5.4	the promotion of the individual and collective sports practice related to the general promotion of health, the social quality of life, and an active lifestyle
5.5	the active promotion of the IJF's underlying principles and values (see Article 4), as well as the ethical values that go hand in hand with any sports-related activity
5.6	the promotion of and participation (if feasible) in events related to traditional games and sports, for example, the TAFISA World Sport for All Games

5.7	general participation in programs, training events, tournaments and activities related to the Sport for All concept, and the general promotion of Sport for All and physical activity among members
5.8	to authorize and to lay down the conditions and terms under which a National Body or International Association visits another National Body or International Association, for the purposes of an international tour and/or the playing of (an) international match(es)
5.9	to conduct or commission research and development for improvements in Jukskei, its match formats and its equipment, including regulations for the experimentation with and the piloting of the aforementioned
5.10	to promote the importance and enhance the quality of Jukskei rules, standards, ethics, techniques, events, awards (e.g. players, teams or officials of the year) and educational programs amongst members of the IJF, as well as other relevant bodies involved in or related to the sport of Jukskei
5.11	to promulgate and secure uniformity in such rules and standards as may be necessary for the governance of Jukskei; international matches, championships, tournaments, tours and related activities including (but not limited to) the rules of the sport, coaching, officiating and umpiring standards
5.12	to strive for and maintain government, public and commercial recognition of the IJF as the international authority for and of the sport of Jukskei
5.13	to act as the final arbiter on all matters pertaining to the conduct of Jukskei on an international level
5.14	to establish and/or contractually negotiate, promote, conduct, assess and review education and training-related programs (and workshops) for players, officials and other participants of the sport
5.15	to formulate and implement appropriate policies on an international level, including policies in relation to equal opportunity, gender and racial equality, drugs in sport, health and safety, and such other social responsibility matters as arise from time to time
5.16	to maintain the authority and independence of its members; but at the same time coordinate, ensure close cooperation between and defend the common interests of its members
5.17	to ensure respect amongst members for the decisions made by the Executive and the General Assembly, as well as the Articles of this Constitution.
6	COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CONSTITUTION
6.1	Any member (a National Body or International Association) is deemed to have full knowledge of the content of this constitution.
6.2	A National Body or International Association must ensure that it complies with the articles of this constitution and must further ensure that it takes appropriate action to inform each of its member provinces, unions, regions, clubs or countries of the content of the constitution and their obligation to comply with it.
6.3	The Exco may from time to time issue guidelines in relation to the implementation of the articles or clauses of the constitution.
6.4	Members maintain full independence and autonomy in the administration of the sport of Jukskei.

6.5	Members shall abide by the decisions taken by the General Assembly in relation to the common interests as reflected in this constitution. The underlying principles and values (Article 4), as well as the goals (Article 5) of the IJF, shall prevail in all actions taken by the IJF and its members.
7	OFFICIALS SEAT AND HEADQUARTERS
7.1	The official seat of the IJF is the hometown of the Chief Operations Officer (COO).
7.2	The Executive shall decide from time to time, on the location of the IJF headquarters.
8	LEGAL STATUS AND BODIES
8.1	The IJF is a non-governmental, non-profit, non-discriminatory federation of national Jukskei bodies or International Associations that is recognized by the international sports confederation it is affiliated to.
8.2	The IJF shall have full legal status, but only with regard to matters pertaining to the international governance of Jukskei and overseeing status with regard to matters pertaining to the national governance of Jukskei in the member countries.
8.3	Bodies of the IJF shall be the General Assembly, the Exco and Standing or other Committees established by the Exco or the General or Special General Assembly.
9	LANGUAGE
9.1	The official language of the IJF is English.
9.2	All meetings of the Executive and its Sub-Committees, as well as the General Assembly, shall be conducted in English (and/or in another language(s) if deemed appropriate).
9.3	All documents, reports, minutes and other written communication (including those on the IJF website) shall be published in English and/or in another language(s) if deemed appropriate.
10	MEMBERSHIP
10.1	Membership of the IJF shall be open to any National Body or International Association: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) who is officially recognized to administer Jukskei in a country or recognized international region; and b) whose membership has been accepted in terms of Clause 5.2.1 of this Constitution.
10.2	Full Membership
10.2.1	Full Membership is a Country that has paid the Affiliation fees plus membership registration fees equal to a minimum of 15 Senior members . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) From the 16th member, onwards, the additional membership registration must be paid.
10.2.2	To be a Full Member of the IJF the country has the following benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The country may attend all meetings called for. b) The country has voting rights. c) The country can nominate members for the EXCO and the Standing Committees

	d) The country can participate in test matches
	e) The national teams of the country can gain IJF medals
	f) The host country has the benefit of selecting National 'A' teams (Corporate Colours) to fill the gaps when the visiting countries do not have teams in the same age and gender group.
	i. These teams are also entitled to IJF medals when playing against National teams.
10.3	Associate Membership
10.3.1	Associated Membership is a country that has paid the Affiliation fees and registered all senior and junior members.
10.3.2	To be an Associated Member of the IJF the country has the following restrictions and benefits:
	a) The country may attend all meetings called for.
	b) The country has no voting rights.
	c) The country cannot nominate members for the EXCO and the Standing Committees of its country
	d) The country cannot participate in test matches
11	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
11.1	Under the control of the General Assembly, the day-to-day affairs of the IJF are governed by its Executive Committee, from here onwards known as the Exco.
11.2	The Exco is comprised of six persons, all meeting the age of majority (see Clause 2.5), namely:
11.2.1	President
11.2.2	Vice-President (Participation)
11.2.3	Chief Operations Officer (COO)
11.2.4	Director: Communication
11.2.5	Director: Development
11.2.6	Director: Umpires
11.2.7	Director Academy: This post will be fulfilled by any of the above members
11.3	The President and COO are elected via an absolute majority (see Clause 12.7.2) and the Vice-President, and the rest of the EXCO members, via a simple majority (see Clause 12.7.8) of the members of the General or Special General Assembly.
11.4	Persons in these three posts are elected from a shortlist of candidates, nominated by the
	a) individual members of the Exco,
	b) IJF Standing Committees
	c) National Bodies or International Associations
	at the General Assembly or a Special General Assembly.
11.5	All members of the Exco are elected for a period of three (3) years each, each of them having the option of multiple re-elections.
11.6	It is preferable that the President and COO are residents of the same member country or International Association.
11.7	Conditions for occupying an Exco post
11.7.1	The President and COO of the IJF shall not simultaneously serve on the Management Committee of a National Body or International Association; or the Executive Committee of a region or union (in the Jukskei domain).

	<p>a) Not to lose the experience of these members, they can be elected as Sub Committee members at any level.</p> <p>b) The nominated member/s must have acted as an official at a national level, in his/her country.</p>
11.7.2	<p>The President, Vice-President and COO shall assume office at the end of the General Assembly at which they are elected unless circumstances dictate otherwise.</p> <p>a) In the latter case, the incoming/current President or Vice-President would request outgoing Exco members to fulfil their current roles for an additional mutually agreed upon period.</p>
11.7.3	In the event of absence or hitch, the Vice-President will stand in for the President and any Exco member or another suitable external person, appointed via a simple majority by the Exco, will be requested to stand in for the COO.
11.8	Role and responsibilities of the President
11.8.1	The President is responsible for and entrusted with general leadership pertaining to the functioning of the IJF, the Exco and the Committees of the Exco.
11.8.2	The President formally represents the Federation at all relevant international and national sporting and civil events and liaises with all appropriate international and national sporting and other relevant bodies.
11.8.3	The President is the Chairperson of all Exco meetings, as well as of the General Assembly.
11.8.4	The President has overarching responsibility for general sports and Jukskei policy matters and the implementation of the IJF statute.
11.8.5	The President actively promotes and steers the goals, underlying principles and values, as well as the Strategic Plan of the IJF, and is, therefore, the Chairperson of the IJF's International Strategic Jukskei Committee (see Clauses 2.24 and 11.22.6 b))
11.9	Role and responsibilities of the COO
11.9.1	The COO oversees the planning for, organization and recording of all meetings of the Exco, its Committees (if and when necessary) and the General Assembly.
11.9.2	He/She is responsible for the recording, execution and monitoring of all Exco and General Assembly decisions, as well as the establishment and regular updating of the IJF's decision register.
11.9.3	He/She receives drafts, distributes, orderly assembles and handles all relevant verbal, written and electronic communication and presentations (in collaboration with the President, if necessary), inclusive of the annual report, circulars and other communiqués.
11.9.4	The COO serves as Secretary of the IJF's International Jukskei Umpires Committee (IJUC) – see Clauses 2.20 and 11.22.5 d))
11.9.5	The COO also serves as Treasurer of the Federation and is in this capacity responsible for overseeing financial management, which includes all payments, claims, deposits, a steady account of all financial transactions, budgeting, auditing (via an externally appointed auditor) and financial reporting.
11.10	Role and responsibilities of the Vice-President
11.10.1	The Vice-President, <i>apart from standing in for the President in his absence</i> , has overarching responsibility for the management of the IJF's cross-border match & touring protocol and policy.

11.10.2	The Vice-President has overarching responsibility for the management of the IJF's cross-border match & touring protocol and policy.
11.10.3	The former responsibility entails coordination and monitoring of arrangements related to all international pre-, during and post-touring and/or -match events.
11.10.4	This responsibility is inclusive of matters such as: a) cross-border applications and approvals b) liaison with appointed Chief de Missions (when appropriate) c) prize-giving ceremonies in liaison with Director Communication d) the preparation of appropriate medals in liaison with the Director Communication e) match and participants' information f) database creation and regular updates of the IJF's international match and player archive g) consolidated feedback after matches and/or tours and other Exco-identified aspects
11.10.5	The Vice-President is the Chair of the Exco's International Jukskei Participation Committee (IJPC) – see Clauses 2.19 and 11.22.6 (a) .
11.11	Role and responsibilities of the Director Communication
11.11.1	The Director Communication's responsibilities and overarching role revolve around International Jukskei communication, promotion and marketing.
11.11.2	The role includes responsibilities such as: a) member recruitment drives b) the promotion and regular updating of the Federation's website c) the creation, implementation and monitoring of the IJF's branding strategies and material d) oversight of the IJF's corporate clothing e) handling of international Jukskei-related queries, contacts and liaison f) appropriate media liaison and International Jukskei communication & promotion g) oversight of the style and image of all IJF events, ceremonies, public statements and documents etc. h) handle prize-given ceremonies in liaison with Director Participation i) is responsible for obtaining the appropriate medals for the test matches j) handle the preparation of the appropriate medals in liaison with Director Participation
11.12	Role and responsibilities of the Director Development
11.12.1	The Director Development's responsibilities and overarching role relate to the scheduling, organisation, promotion, coordination and quality assurance of appropriate IJF training (capacity building and skills development) events.
11.12.2	The role includes the well-considered motivation of participation in appropriate external sport-related training events and reporting afterwards.
11.12.3	The Director Development is the Chair of the Exco's International Jukskei Development (IID)
11.13	Role and responsibilities of the Director Academy
11.13.1	The Director Academy responsibilities and overarching role relate to the quality assurance of appropriate IJF training documents
11.13.2	The role includes the liaison and cooperation with those countries that do have well-developed material available to share with those countries in need.

11.13.3	The Director Academy is the Chair of the Exco's International Jukskei Academy (IJA) – see Clauses 2.17 and 11.22.5 a)
11.14	Role and responsibilities of the Director Umpires
11.14.1	Refer Regulation Umpires
11.15	Exco Meetings
11.15.1	The President adjourns the Exco at any time that the Federation's administration demands it.
11.15.2	The President must adjourn the Exco at least twice a year and/or if at least two of the Exco members require it (in writing). a) In the latter instance, Exco must meet within a period of a month.
11.15.3	The Exco meets according to the written or electronic notification of the President, at a date, time and venue that the latter arranges, in consultation with the COO. a) Meetings could take place virtually, via interactive communiqués, e-mail or other means of technological communication.
11.15.4	A quorum of the Exco is three members.
11.16	Voting during Exco meetings
11.16.1	Exco decisions are taken by the simple majority of those members present.
11.16.2	Votes are usually cast by a show of hands, written or technological feedback, and a secret individual ballot may take effect if requested by more than one Exco member.
11.16.3	If votes are equally divided, the President holds a casting vote (the Exco should be informed accordingly by the President).
11.17	Minutes (Decision registers) of Exco meetings:
11.17.1	All approved Exco minutes (decision registers) are (electronically) signed by the President and the COO (or the specific meeting's chair and/or secretary, when appropriate).
11.17.2	Approved minutes (decision registers), excluding confidential or personal matters, shall be distributed to all Member Countries, International Associations, all Exco Committees and other relevant persons or bodies, whom the Exco may deem necessary, within 21 days after their approval.
11.17.3	In the promotion of transparency and worldwide communication, all Exco decisions will be communicated on a quarterly basis to the member countries and interested members via the IJF quarterly Newsletter, Web page and Facebook.
11.17.4	Should one or two vacancies occur on the Exco (excluding both the President and COO at the same time), the remaining Exco members should decide whether to:
11.17.4.1	co-opt new members (in cooperation with National Bodies, IJF Standing Committees, and International Associations, who may be requested to make nominations, if necessary); or
11.17.4.2	convene a Special General Assembly (see Clause 12.10); or
11.17.4.3	conduct a postal ballot (among themselves) to elect (a) new Exco member(s), or
11.17.4.4	allow the vacancy or vacancies to remain unfilled until the General Assembly.
11.18	If more than two vacancies occur on the Exco, or if both the President and COO resign at the same time, a Special General Assembly must be scheduled (see Clause 12.10.1).

11.19	The Exco is empowered on behalf of the General Assembly to conduct or defend any relevant legal action, its members being personally indemnified against any expenses, loss or costs that may be incurred therewith.
11.20	The Exco shall appoint delegates to meetings of such local and International Sporting Bodies, to which the IJF may be affiliated, have linkages with or are invited to, as well as other events (eg conferences, conventions, championships, festivals, etc) deemed appropriate
11.21	The travelling, accommodation and meal expenses of Exco Members, who are participating in relevant events in an official capacity, shall be borne by the IJF (as determined from time to time by the Exco, and with the necessary consideration for the IJF's financial position).
11.22	Exco Standing Committees, Task Teams and Working Groups
11.22.1	The Exco is empowered to establish and appoint Standing Committees, Working Groups and Task Teams, as it deems appropriate or necessary.
11.22.2	The terms of reference and responsibilities of Standing Committees, Working Groups and Task teams, shall be determined by the Exco, with this Constitution providing the necessary guidelines (if and when appropriate).
11.22.3	Members of the Exco's Standing Committees are the same person within the same post as that of the EXCO member of the Member Countries - see Clause 11.22.5
11.22.4	Members of Task Teams and/or Working Groups are elected, when needed, by the Exco, based upon requested nominations from National Bodies, International Associations and Standing Committees.
11.22.5	The composition of the following four EXCO Standing Committees will be the Director and the person within the same post, like that of the EXCO member, of the Member Country:
	a) International Jukskei Academy. See Regulation Academy
	b) International Jukskei Development. See Regulation Development
	c) International Jukskei Communication
	d) International Jukskei Umpires, with the following exceptions:
	i. The Head – Umpire per member country
	ii. The EXCO COO will act as Secretary
	iii. This Committee is responsible for overseeing and approving matters related to the rules of the sport on an international level, which includes the identification, appointment, assessment, and development of International Umpires
11.22.6	The following two Standing Committees will read as follows:
	a) International Jukskei Participation
	The Vice-President (Chair), the Director of Communication, and persons of the EXCO of the host country will form the IJPC for the specific occasion/event. Refer to duties as described in the Participation Regulation.
	b) International Jukskei Strategic Committee (IJSC) . This committee can act in two different scenarios:
	i. The President (Chair), the Vice-President, the Director: Communication, the Chair of each of the other three Standing Committees, and two persons each, nominated by National Member Bodies (preferably their President and Vice-President). The COO acts as the notary of the IJSC.

	ii. Using a questionnaire with the different problem areas to be discussed.
11.22.7	Each Standing Sub-Committee annually presents a written report to the General Assembly (see Clause 12.3.3) on their functioning and achievements, as well as the extent of progress (or the lack thereof) in terms of their Terms of Reference and goals.
11.22.8	Each Task Team or working group, appointed by the Exco, presents, as and when requested, a written report to the Exco, with an executive summary which serves at the General Assembly (if appropriate), on the extent of the attainment of their brief and goals.
11.23	The Exco, after consultation with its Member Countries and International Associations, may promulgate and promote coherence via the setting of minimum standards and/or conditions that are regarded as necessary for the efficient governance of the Sport; for international matches and tours and related activities, including (but not limited to) the rules of the Sport, coaching, officiating, umpiring, training and facilities standards.
11.24	The Exco promotes, approves or refuses (with reasons that should be supplied in writing), and records cross-border tours, championships, tournaments and matches (see Regulation Participation), as well as the version of the Sport (see Regulation Participation).
12	ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
12.1	The General Assembly shall be the highest authority of the IJF and shall have all the powers that, according to this Constitution, have not been given to other bodies of the Federation.
12.2	General Meeting
	a) Once a year an Annual General Meeting of the IJF is held not later than 31 August .
	b) The Annual General Meeting elects every three years the President, Vice-President, Directors Communication, Umpires, Development, and COO.
	c) At least 35 days' notice shall be given to convening a General Assembly and such notice (to be submitted by the COO) shall specify the date, venue and time of the meeting and include an invitation to all members of the meeting to submit items to the Agenda or to nominate appropriate Exco Members, at least 21 days before the meeting.
	d) General Assembly members can participate in person or virtually, via e-mail or another means of technological communication, as predetermined by the President and the COO.
12.3	The Agenda of the General Assembly shall be distributed to members at least 14 days before the meeting and shall contain at least the following:
12.3.1	the minutes of the previous General Assembly ;
12.3.2	the President's annual report ;
12.3.3	reports of the Chairs of Standing Committees and/or task teams and/or working groups
12.3.4	all international match and touring reports (see Regulation Participation) that were received by the Exco since the previous general assembly (and those that haven't served before the General Assembly yet) ;
12.3.5	the audited financial statements budgetary assessment and proposed budget for the following year period;

12.3.6	proposals for amendments, deletions or additions to the Constitution and/or International Match Protocol document ;
12.3.7	nominations received for Exco posts members, if applicable; and
12.3.8	items for deliberation forthcoming from either the Exco or any other meeting member.
12.4	The General Assembly (and Special General Assembly) shall be composed of the following persons, each of them, except for 12.4.4 and 12.4.5 , with full voting rights :
12.4.1	all current Members of the Exco (see Clause 11.2) ;
12.4.2	three (3) delegates from each IJF Member Body or Association (see Clauses 2.6 and 2.29)
12.4.3	Honorary Members, as referred to in Article 14 (without voting rights) , and
12.4.4	other persons that may attend at the discretion or by invitation of the President (without voting rights).
12.4.5	Associated Members (without voting rights)
12.5	Chair of the General Assembly
12.5.1	The President shall preside over the General Assembly, but he/she may request the meeting to appoint a Chairperson in his/her place.
12.5.2	If the President is absent, the Vice-President shall preside over the General Assembly (also see Clause 11.10).
12.5.3	If both the President and Vice-President are absent, the COO shall constitute the General Assembly and then request the members present to appoint someone from their midst to take the Chair.
12.6	A quorum of the General Assembly shall be 50% plus one of all persons eligible to vote.
12.7	Voting at the General Assembly shall be dealt with as follows:
12.7.1	A simple majority is the majority of votes cast, excluding abstentions.
12.7.2	An absolute majority is more than 50% of the votes present.
12.7.3	A special majority is more than two-thirds (ie at least 67%) of the votes present.
12.7.4	Voting by proxy is not permitted.
12.7.5	All voting on business matters shall be taken by a show of hands or via the predetermined technological means, and all voting on matters concerning people shall be by concrete or electronic ballot, unless the meeting, by simple majority, shall determine a different form of voting.
12.7.6	Two scrutinizers, who should be non-voting members of or visitors to the General Assembly, will be appointed by the COO during the meeting, to open ballot papers and count votes.
12.7.7	Alterations to the Constitution require a special majority (two-thirds) .
12.7.8	The election of the President and COO requires an absolute majority , while the election of the Vice-President, and the rest of the EXCO members, requires a simple majority (see Clause 11.3).
12.7.9	Initial approval of the Agenda of the General Assembly shall be by a simple majority .
	a) The approved Agenda may only be altered by a special majority (two-thirds) .
12.7.10	All other decisions of the General Assembly require a simple majority .

12.8	A brief Résumé (CV) (based upon a template, approved by the Exco and generated by the COO) of each candidate for a post(s) on the Exco shall be circulated together with the Agenda for the General Assembly (see Clause 12.3.7), if the Exco regards it as necessary, to all meeting delegates.
12.9	Decisions taken by the General Assembly take immediate effect unless the Assembly decides to the contrary.
12.10	Special General Assemblies
	Special General Assemblies shall be held at a place (or virtually via technological means) and on a date determined by the President, in consultation with the COO, but definitely within a period of a month:
12.10.1	if more than two vacancies occur on the Exco (see Clause 11.7);
12.10.2	if both the President and COO resign at the same time;
12.10.3	when requested (in writing) by at least 50% of the National Bodies and/or International Associations; or
12.10.4	when requested (in writing) by a simple majority of the Exco members.
12.10.5	only requested or required matters (in conjunction with Clauses 12.4 to 12.4.6 above) shall serve on the Agenda of a Special General Assembly. Additional agenda items may only be allowed via a special majority , ie more than two-thirds (ie at least 67%) of the available votes.
12.11	Presidents Council
	Presidential Council should take place twice a year virtually or by e-mail during February and June.
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13	APPEALS
13.1	A National Body or International Association that has been the subject of a decision or ruling by the Exco shall have the right of appeal against such decision/ruling.
13.2	The appeal should be submitted in writing within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the IJF notification to the COO.
	a) If this regulation is not adhered to, the original Exco decision or ruling will be maintained.
13.3	The Exco will constitute an Appeal Committee of a maximum of four persons (inclusive of a Chair), usually selected from the Appeal Panel (see Clauses 2.7 and 2.8), which may include knowledgeable external civilians or Jukskei players/officials, which may not include any Exco Member and of which maximum two persons shall be executive members of other non-involved National Bodies, International Associations or other sporting bodies.
13.4	The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be advised in writing to all applicable parties, as soon as practicable after the conclusion of their appeal meeting and shall be binding.
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14	HONORARY MEMBERS
14.1	The General Assembly may confer by a special majority (see Clause 12.7.3) the title of Honorary Member upon persons who have rendered exceptional service to the IJF.
14.2	The name(s) of a candidate(s) for Honorary Membership is/are usually identified and tabled by the Exco, and then brought before the General Assembly for voting.
	a) In exceptional cases (eg terminal illness, continuous bad health, once-off visits, etc), and then only with the approval of the full Exco, Honorary

	Membership may be awarded prematurely by the Exco, which should then be ratified afterwards by the General Assembly.
14.3	Honorary Members are participating members, without voting and nomination rights, of all General Assemblies (see Clause 12.4.3) and/or Special General Assemblies.
14.4	There will be a maximum of three (3) Honorary Members at any time.
15	AWARDING AND WEARING OF IJF COLOURS
15.1	Exco Member:
	a) IJF logo
	b) Wear on the left breast (both jacket and navy and white shirt)
	c) Chino Trousers (Stone) shall be worn
15.2	Standing Committee Member:
	a) IJF logo
	b) Wear on the left breast (white and navy shirt)
	c) Chino Trousers (Stone) shall be worn
15.3	Umpires:
	a) IJF logo with the-Umpire Scale
	b) To be worn as follows:
	i. Jacket: IJF logo with Umpire scale on the left breast (Navy background)
	ii. Shirt: IJF Logo with Umpire scale on the left breast (White background on white and navy shirt)
	iii. Chino trousers (Stone) shall be worn
15.4	Chef de Mission
	a) Does not qualify as this person is only a representative for the IJF but is entitled to wear the IJF shirt during the official Ceremonies.
15.5	World Teams: (Players and Officials)
	a) IJF logo with WORLD TEAM (year)
	b) To be worn as follows:
	i. Jacket: IJF logo on the left breast (Navy background)
	ii. Shirt: IJF Logo on the left breast (White background on white and navy shirt)
	iii. Chino trousers (Stone) shall be worn
16	FINANCIAL AUDITOR AND FINANCIAL YEAR
16.1	The General Assembly, based upon a nomination(s), shall appoint a Financial Auditor, the latter being either a registered chartered accountant or an accredited auditing firm (preferably based in the same country as the official seat (Clause 7.1)), on a triennial basis (with the option of re-appointment).
16.2	The Financial Auditor(s) may not be a member of the Exco or any Standing Committee or an Honorary member or an Exco Member of any Member Body of the IJF.
16.3	It shall be the duty of the Financial Auditor(s) to examine (audit) the financial administration and procedures of the IJF, its account(s), its balance sheet, profit & loss statement, as well as any other financial matters and to fully report on its efficiency and effectiveness to the General Assembly.
16.4	The COO (and Exco and Standing Committee Members, if applicable) is obliged to supply the financial auditor(s) with any relevant and timely

	information and documents that may be required to adequately conduct a financial audit.
16.5	The financial year of the IJF runs from 1 July until 30 June .
16.6	The membership fees, as approved at the previous AGM, must be paid before the 15th of July .
16.7	The Exco (via the COO) shall be obliged to maintain such records of accounting so that the financial position of the IJF can be ascertained at all times.
16.8	The records of accounting shall be expressed in the currency of the country of the IJF's official seat (See Clause 7.1).
17	MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTATION
17.1	All Member Countries (Full and Associate) must send their Constitution, Presidents' Report and Financial statements to the IJF when requested.
18	DISPUTES OF INTERPRETATION
18.1	In all cases in which the application of any Article of the Constitution leads to a dispute regarding the interpretation thereof, the full Exco shall interpret and thus decide on the matter.
18.2	Anybody or person, affiliated with, appointed by or being in membership of the IJF, that has been the subject of a decision or ruling by the Exco (as stated in Article 10 above) shall have the right of appeal against such decision/ruling. a) In this case, the regulations of Article 13 apply.
19	ANTIDOPING REGULATIONS
19.1	The IJF, and each of its Member Bodies, commits itself to quote in its Constitution/Statutes and to apply anti-doping rules and regulations laid down by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in its Anti-doping Code (see Clauses 2.36).
19.2	The IJF, and each of its Members, shall demand, as a condition of affiliation that the Rules, Regulations and Programs of Affiliated Bodies conform to the World Anti-Doping Code.
19.3	The IJF, and each of its Member Bodies, demand from every sportsman or sportswoman and all managerial and officiating individuals that they acknowledge and be bound by the regulations of WADA. a) This implies that the IJF, and each affiliated Member Body, will design and follow through with a customized anti-doping program.
19.4	Appropriate actions will be taken by the IJF, and each of its Member Bodies, to dissuade non-observance of the World Anti-Doping Code.
19.5	The IJF authorizes and customizes its programs during international events to make provision for independent observers from WADA (or other International Sports Confederations, eg TAFISA or the IOC) if required.
20	DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION
20.1	The IJF may only be dissolved at a Special General Assembly convened for the purpose and by a resolution supported by a special majority (see Clause 12.7.7).
20.2	If dissolved, all debts and liabilities incurred on behalf of the IJF shall be fully discharged and remaining assets, if any, shall be distributed to the Member

	Bodies at the time of the resolution dissolving the IJF.
20.3	If following a resolution dissolving the IJF, no liquidators are appointed, the Exco shall carry out the liquidation procedure.
20.4	As soon as a proposal calling for the dissolution of the IJF is submitted, Article 20 in its entirety, may not be altered.

MC BARNARD
IJF PRESIDENT

This Constitution thus immediately comes into effect and supersedes all previous Constitutions.

This Constitution served at and was approved by the IJF's Triennial General Assembly, via a virtual meeting on **25 August 2023**.