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INTERPRETATION

The following definitions apply in the interpretation of these Statutes:

AGU	Asian Gymnastics Union
FIG	Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique
Federation	Any National Gymnastics Organisation affiliated to the AGU
Statutes	Statutes of the AGU
Congress	The Congress of the AGU
EC	The Executive Committee elected by the Congress
TC	Technical Committee refers to each of the six committees concerned with the "Gymnastics" disciplines defined below (exception: Gymnastics for All)
President	President of the AGU
Secretary General	Secretary General of the AGU
The Technical Manager	Technical Manager of the AGU
Zones	There are 4 Asian Gymnastics Zones (East, South East, Central and West)
Gymnastics	The sports and/or activities of Gymnastics for All, Artistic Gymnastics (Men and Women), Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline Gymnastics, Acrobatic Gymnastics, Aerobic Gymnastics and Parkour.
Gymnast/athlete	Any person participating in any of the activities described under "Gymnastics" above.
Discipline	Any of the sports and/or activities defined in „Gymnastics“
Gymnastics for All (GfA)	Gymnastics without or with competitions (Gymnaestrada without competition) of a recreational nature covering a wide range of gymnastic activities.
Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG)	Competitive Gymnastics for Men performed on prescribed 6 pieces of apparatus.
Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG)	Competitive Gymnastics for Women performed on prescribed 4 pieces of apparatus.
Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG)	Competitive Gymnastics performed using prescribed hand apparatus.
Trampoline Gymnastics (TRA)	Exercises performed on the trampoline and double mini-trampoline and a tumbling trac

**Acrobatic Gymnastics
(ACRO)**

“Dynamic “, Balance “and “Combined” exercises performed without apparatus by pairs, women's groups, or men's groups.

**Aerobic Gymnastics
(AER)**

Competitive gymnastics’ discipline based on the performance of variety of AMP (Aerobic Movement Patterns) continuously to the music, which originates from traditional aerobic exercises.

**Parkour
(PK)**

Competitive sport (outdoors and indoors) consisting of using urban equipment for a timed run or a run with style.

Organiser

The group responsible for the Organisation of any of the official events of the AGU

Technical Regulations

Regulations approved by the EC for the determination of the technical requirements of the AGU and for ensuring the observance and/or operation of such requirements.

CHAPTER I

TITLE, HEADQUARTERS and OBJECTS

Article 1 – Title

The Union has the title of the Asian Gymnastics Union, in abbreviation "AGU" consists of those national federations which are affiliated/associated to it and recognised by it as the federations which control gymnastics in their respective countries. Only one federation is recognised in each country and this federation must be recognized officially by the national authority responsible for Physical Education and/or Sport (e.g. National Sports Committee, National Association of Sports Federations, Governmental Authorities) and by the National Olympic Committee. It is controlled by the provisions of these statutes and the regulations adopted by the Congress of the Union. As a Continental Union it is an affiliate of the FIG whose statutes are recognised.

Article 2 – Headquarters

The official headquarters of the Union and the management of its finances shall be located where the President and the Secretary General reside.

Article 3 – Objectives & Projects

The AGU represents and defends the interests of gymnastics in Asia and of its member Federations.

The Objectives of the AGU are:

- To govern the sport of Gymnastics in Asia.
- To promote, develop, spread and support of gymnastics on the whole Asian Continent and all affiliated countries according to Art. 8
- To co-ordinate efforts for safe and healthy physical and moral development in gymnastics and the practice of all sports activities relating to it.
- To fight against all forms of doping violence and sports injustice.
- To respect and implement the World Anti-Doping Code including its International Standards and to protect clean athletes,
- To plan, organize and realize of the AGU events.
- To contribute and to consolidate, friendship amongst gymnasts and Asian nations.
- To co-operate with international institutions and organizations in particular the FIG.

Article 4 – Neutrality and Human right`s observance

The AGU does not permit any discrimination for race, color, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, disability, physical attributes, athletic ability, or other status; The AGU does not permit any violation of human rights amongst its members. In relations amongst themselves, and within their own activities, federations and their members must conform to the requirements of mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.

Article 5 – Honorary Functions

All material benefits ensuing from the activities of the members of the AGU Authorities are excluded in accordance with the FIG Code of Ethics.

Article 6 – Liability

Only the financial viability of the AGU is guarantee of its engagements. Elected members are not personally liable for the debts and other obligations of the AGU when acting in an official capacity.

CHAPTER II

MEMBERSHIP

Article 7 – Composition

7.1 The AGU unites the Federations of the Asian continent in which gymnastics is practiced according to Art. 8.

7.2 Definition of membership

The AGU is formed by National Federations, consists either of affiliated membership.

Affiliated federations are entitled:

1. to vote at the Congress;
2. to submit proposals to the Congress;
3. to make nominations for office in the AGU
4. where appropriate, to make nominations for positions on the elected structures of the AGU;
5. to participate in the official events (see Art. 58) of the AGU.

Affiliated federations are obliged to pay an annual fee of an amount determined by the Congress (see Art. 49.1).

Associated federations are those that wish to establish, or retain, links with the AGU, and are those federation associate to FIG or not recognized member federation by FIG, but do not have any of the above-mentioned rights. However, they will receive all the information and documents addressed to the affiliated federations and have the right to participate in the AGU events and AGU development projects to promote gymnastics in their country.

Associated federations may be required to pay a "token" monetary acknowledgement to the AGU.

Article 8 – Admission

8.1 Only FIG recognized member Federations may become members of AGU.

8.2 FIG Associated Federations will be Associated Federations to AGU.

8.2 National Federations from each country of the Asian continent, which practice at least one of the following sports activities, can be admitted as a member or associate Federation of the AGU:

Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG)
Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG)
Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG)
Trampoline Gymnastics (TRA)
Aerobic Gymnastics (AER)
Acrobatic Gymnastics (ACRO)
Gymnastics for All (GfA)
Parkour (PK)

8.3 Only one National Federation per country is admitted. It represents all gymnastics disciplines in its country.

- 8.4** A National Federation wishing to be affiliated or associated has to be recognized by the National Authority of Physical Education and Sport (National Olympic Committee, National Committee of Sport, National Association of Sports Federations, Governmental Authorities.)
- 8.5** A continental union may accept into membership the federation of a country which, in geographical terms, is not strictly part of the continent but which is in proximity geographically and which, but for this circumstance, or for some other reason beyond the federation's control, would otherwise be unable to join any other continental group.

8.6 Authority for Admittance

Federations shall be admitted as members only by the Congress and require a two-thirds' majority vote.

Article 9 Method

- 9.1** A National Federation wishing to become a member of the AGU has to submit a written application to the AGU Secretary General.
- 9.2** The following documents, written in English, must be enclosed:
- a copy of the Statutes of the applicant Federation.
 - a Certificate, signed by one of the authorities described in the Article 8.4 above, authorizing the application to be submitted.
 - a detailed report on the structures and the activities of the applicant Federation in the field of gymnastics.
- 9.3** The Executive Committee (Art. 10.2) is empowered to grant provisional affiliated or associated membership that shall be presented to the next Congress for ratification.
- 9.4** Every admission requires an undertaking to comply with the statutes, the regulations, and the decisions of the bodies of the AGU and FIG, and the payment of the financial contributions Art. 49.
- 9.5 Method of Application**
- Each National Gymnastics Organisation wishing to affiliate or associate with the AGU must apply in writing to the Secretary General. It must undertake, in writing, to respect the AGU Rules.

Article 10 Presentation at and participation in the Congress.

10.1 Examination of Application

Any application for admission is examined by the Executive Committee which, if necessary, will appoint one of its members to investigate the application. The investigation will be specific to the activity in the applicant country.

10.2 Granting of Application

If satisfied that all the requirements for membership of the AGU have been met, the EC may grant provisional membership to the applicant federation and report to the next Congress for approval by a 2/3 majority. There must be an interval of at least 3 months between the receipt of completed application forms and consideration by the Congress.

10.3 Attendance at Congress

A representative of the applicant organisation may attend the Congress to state, if needed, the reason and background of the application. These representatives have to leave the room during the consideration of the application and the voting.

- 10.4** If the acceptance is ratified by the Congress, the new federation may exercise its mandate after the conclusion of the Congress in question. During the progress of Congress, it may act in the capacity of "observer".

Article 11 Process of resignation from Membership

Any federation, having respected its obligations to the AGU, including the payment of any debts, and wishing to resign its membership, must so inform the Secretary General by registered letter. No action is taken until the resignation is confirmed after a period of three months. If the EC accepts the resignation, all member federations will be notified by the Secretary General of the AGU and to the FIG.

Article 12 Suspension

12.1 Suspension of a Federation

Any federation failure to fulfill its financial obligations shall be automatically suspended within 30 days after the 1st reminder sent by the Secretary General. In case of a suspension, Art. 12.2 hereunder shall immediately enter into force (see also Art 50).

Should the payment be received at the Office after the aforementioned 30-day period, the suspension shall be lifted (as per Art. 12.3)

The said Federation shall be reinstated in its rights after the Congress provided that it meets all the requirements about its financial obligations, fees, etc. An affiliated federation, failing to pay its annual fee, may apply to change its status of an " affiliated " federation to an " associated " federation.

12.2 Consequences of Suspension

The consequences of suspension are:

- no voting right at the Congress,
- no right to make proposals or nominations for office
- no participation in, or right to organise any official events of the AGU and events of the regional Zones
- no participation in events or activities with other member federations

12.3 Reinstatement after payment of financial dues

In the case of suspension for reasons of financial default, the federation may reinstate its position except for the right to vote and the right to submit proposals and/or bids for the next Congress, by payment of any amount/s outstanding.

The Federation concerned shall be reinstated in its rights after the Congress provided that it meets all the requirements about its financial obligations, fees, etc.

It will be required to provide reasons for the delay in payment.

As soon as the Federation concerned has settled the financial situation, the Secretary General is entitled to cancel the suspension. The EC will be informed (see reserve under Art 12.1).

12.4 Executive Committee`s responsibility

The EC is responsible for dealing with the suspension of federations or the reduction in their status from affiliated to associated federations (see Art. 12.1) and, where necessary.

The Federation concerned can again become an affiliated member once it has settled its financial situation with the AGU.

In such a case, the EC has the authority to decide.

The Congress will be informed (see also Art. 25).

Article 13 Expulsion

13.1 Process of Expulsion

The expulsion of a federation, for any of the reasons set out in Article 13.2 may be determined by the Congress upon a proposal from the EC or from any affiliated federation.

A federation excluded from the AGU is not entitled to participate in any activity within the AGU or within the Asian Gymnastics Zone.

13.2 Reasons for Expulsion

- a) serious breach of the Statutes or Regulations of the AGU
- b) serious prejudicial action against the AGU or any other member federation
- c) complete disinterest in the activities of the AGU
- d) rude or insolent words, gestures and/or acts towards the authorities of the AGU or towards any other member federation

- e) failure to fulfill its financial obligations to the AGU or to any other federation in relation to the AGU activity
- f) failure to fulfill its contractual obligations to the AGU (e.g. in the organization of events)
- g) involvement in illegal activity
- h) failure to comply with anti-doping policies and measures
- i) unjustifiable failure to honor its agreements with other federations (e.g. failure to fulfill competition arrangements)

13.3 Expulsion by Congress

Expulsion may only be decided by the Congress. The Federation in question may present its defense in writing or by personal representation made before the Congress dealing with the question of expulsion.

Article 14 Re-admission

14.1 Process of re-admission

Re-admission can only be effected in accordance with the provisions of Article 9.

14.2 Financial Provision

If a federation has been expelled for financial reasons, it must settle all amounts due before re-admission can be considered.

CHAPTER III

ORGANISATION OF THE AGU

Article 15 Governance Authorities of the AGU

- 15.1** The governance structure of the AGU which operate for the purposes of the control and administration includes the following:
- The Congress
 - The Executive Committee
 - The Presidential Commission
 - The President
 - The Secretary General
 - The Technical Manager
 - a) The Technical Committees, the Parkour Commission and the “Gymnastics for all” Committee

15.2 Congress and Executive Committee (main dates and functions)

Congresses are held every two years. (See also Art. 18)

The Executive Committee meets annually in January - February.

Basic Responsibilities and tasks:

*** Olympic year:**

January-February: Executive Committee, usual order of the day.

September: Congress with modification to the Statutes

*** Post-Olympic year:**

January-February: Executive Committee, usual order of the day.

October: No Congress

*** Intermediate year:**

January-February: Executive Committee Examination of modifications to the Statutes.

December: Elections. Without modification to the Statutes, except those proposed by the EC

*** Pre-Olympic year:**

January-February: Executive Committee, usual order of the day.

September - December: No Congress.

CHAPTER IV

THE CONGRESS

Article 16

16.1 Nature

The Congress is the general meeting of the delegates of the federations. It is the highest regulating, and supreme, authority of the AGU.

16.2 Composition

Congress is composed of the authorized delegates of the federations together with the members of the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee members have no voting rights at Congress.

16.3 Quorum

Except where the Congress is dealing with the proposed dissolution of the AGU, a valid resolution cannot be passed unless the representatives of 40 % of the Federations with voting rights are present.

16.4 Functions

The functions of the Congress are:

- The presentation of the following biannual reports:
 - The President (for the activities of the Executive Committee).
 - The Technical Committee Presidents.
 - The President of the Gymnastics for All Committee.
 - The Presidents of the Zones.
- Dealing with the following financial matters:
 - The approval of the biannual financial plan.
 - The adoption of the financial statements for the preceding two years.
 - Consideration of the Auditors' report for the preceding two years.
 - Approval of membership fees and any other dues.
- Consideration of admissions and expulsions of federations.
- Carrying out the following elections (every four years):
 - The Members of the Executive Committee (President, 4 Vice Presidents (one from each Zone), 4 Members (one from each Zone), 6 President of Technical Committee, the President of the Parkour Commission and the President of the Gymnastics for All.
- The Allocation of the next Congress.
- Consideration of the propositions submitted by the Federations, and the Executive Committee.
- The granting of Honorary Awards.

16.5 Dates and Venues

Congress is held every two years in those years having an even number. In the year of the Asian Games the Congress will be held at a suitable date and venue after the Games.

As a general rule, the date and venue are decided at the preceding Congress. Federations interested in organizing the Congress are required to make official submissions.

16.6 Executive Committee acts in Emergency

If circumstances make it impossible for the Congress to be held at the date or at the place formerly decided upon, the Executive Committee is authorized to take such decisions as are necessary for the choice of an alternative venue and/or date.

16.7 Notice of Meeting

The Secretary General is responsible for summoning the Congress, stating the place, date, and time of the meeting, to the Federations. The summons will be sent by electronic, fax or post dependent upon the facilities available to each Federation. This will take place at least five months prior to the commencement of Congress.

16.8 Appointment of Delegates and Notification to Secretary General

Each Federation is entitled to participate with maximum up to 4 delegates (including an interpreter if needed) and will appoint a head of delegation official among them (The EC members are not affected by this proposition).

Only those delegates duly accredited, have the right to enter the room during the Congress. Delegates must belong to the Federation they represent (except for interpreters). No proxy for a person of another Federation shall be permitted.

At least two months prior to the commencement of the Congress, the federations must send to the Secretary General of the AGU a list of the names of the delegates who will represent them and who are authorised to vote on their behalf.

Any persons authorised by the Presidential Commission may be invited to attend the Congress.

16.9 Sessions are private

Meetings of the Congress are held in "closed session" and, except with the permission or invitation of the President, they are open only to the Authorities of the AGU, delegates, honorary members, interpreters, and essential personnel.

16.10 Organizers follow instructions of EC

The Organizers of a Congress must comply with the instructions of the Executive Committee.

16.11 Documents to be published.

The following documents must be published to the Federations, Technical Committees, Gymnastics for All Committee, Honorary Members and Asian Gymnastics Zones not less than one month before the commencement of the Congress:

- Report of the AGU President
- Reports of the Zones.
- The reports of the Technical Presidents and of the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee.
- The biannual financial plan (every two years).
- The reports of the Auditors for the preceding period.
- The agenda for the Congress.
- The propositions of the AGU Authorities and the Federations
- The candidatures for affiliation, elections, and the organization of the AGU events.
- Any other relevant documentation.

16.12 Agenda

16.12.1 Compilation of Agenda

The agenda of the Congress is prepared by the Executive Committee. It must be approved at the commencement of the Congress by an absolute majority of the delegates present. Any additional items must be submitted to the Secretary General before the opening of Congress. Such items can only be added to the agenda with the consent of two-thirds of the delegates present.

16.12.2 Items on Agenda

The agenda of the Congress must, in principle, include the following items:

1. Formal opening.
2. Confirmation of delegations.
3. Composition of the Polling Office
4. Approval of agenda (including any additions and amendments)
5. Approval of Minutes of previous Congress.
6. Presentation of Reports:
 - The President.
 - The Presidents of the Zones
 - The Technical Presidents and President of the Gymnastics for All Committee.
7. Financial Matters:
 - Approval of biannual financial plan.
 - Approval of the audited statements of accounts for the preceding two years.
 - Determination of fees for the 4 years.

8. Admissions, Resignations, Suspensions and Expulsions.
9. Elections (Every four years).
 - President.
 - Vice-Presidents.
 - Members of Executive Committee.
 - Presidents of Technical Committees and President of the Gymnastics for All Committee.
10. Appointment of specialist Financial Auditors.
11. Allocation of next Congress and Asian events.
12. Propositions of the AGU Authorities and the National Federations.
13. Honorary Awards
14. Miscellaneous information

16.12.3 Presiding

The President presides over meetings of the Congress. In his/her absence one of the Vice-Presidents, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall preside. In the event of this provision not being operable, one of the members of the Executive Committee, elected by that Committee, shall preside. The President may authorize one of the Vice Presidents to preside at any particular time for any meeting.

16.13 Elections

All the members of the EC, the President of the TCs and of the GfA Committee, are elected by the Congress in the year of the Asian Games (Reg. 16.5). The elected members take up their function January 1st of the year following their election and will remain in office until December 31st of the 4th year.

The members of the FIG Council are elected by the FIG Congress (elective) according to the allocated quota. The candidates (nominated by their national federation) are elected by the representatives of their own Continental Union. Minimum 30% of the quota per Continent of each gender.

16.14 Election of President

The election of President takes place first. If the President in office is a candidate, he will vacate the chair during the election and it will be assumed by one of the Vice-Presidents, who is not a candidate for the Presidency and who is appointed by the Executive Committee.

(Note: See Appendix 1 describes the tie breaking process at any stage)

16.15 Election of four Vice-Presidents

Following this election, the President resumes the chair and presides over the election of the 4 Vice-Presidents (One for each of the four Zones). The Vice Presidents should be the President of the respective Asian Gymnastics Zones), their positions being decided (by the votes registered by the Federations of the respective Zone). In the state of tie in any position, the Vice President with the most service will assume the position.

16.16 Nomination of the 5th Vice President

The President of the AGU have the right to nominate a 5th Vice-President and should be approved by the Executive Committee. This nomination will not be counted as an experienced leadership.

16.17 Election of the four Members of Executive Committee

The election of the four members of the EC shall take place following the election of the four Vice Presidents (One for each of the four Zones), their positions being decided by the votes registered by the Federations of the respective Zone. In the state of tie in any position, the member with the most service will assume the position.

16.18 Election of the Presidents of the Technical Committees and the President of the Gymnastics for All

The elections of the six Presidents of the Technical Committees (including Parkour in 2026) and the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee are held following the election of the Executive Committee Members.

They are elected at the simple majority

16.19 Appointment of two Auditors

The EC shall appoint for a period of four years 2 auditors or chartered accountants to examine and certify the accounts. Their report shall be submitted to the Congress together with any observations that the Executive Committee might wish to make.

16.20 Candidatures

Particulars concerning the nomination of candidates are set out in Art. 16.21.1

16.20.1 Candidates must be nominated by their own Federation

Candidates must be nominated by their own Federations (of which they are citizen) at least three months before the elective Congress in the same manner as set out in art. 17.1.

The same Federation cannot present more than two (2) candidatures for the functions of Technical Committee President or President of the Gymnastics for All Committee. An individual cannot be a candidate for more than one

position. Any person who has been sanctioned during the Olympic cycle cannot be a candidate for a function within the AGU. At the end of the following Olympic cycle, this restriction is no longer applied, except when the sanction is in place for a longer period.

16.20.2 Engagements and information from Federations / absence

An undertaking by the nominating Federation must accompany each nomination, stating that, if the candidate is elected, the Federation will be responsible for the full costs of travel and lodging involved in attendance at meetings. An assurance must also be given that the nominee, if elected, will be provided with administrative support if required, and every facility to enable him / her to attend meetings. Federations may distribute curriculum vitae to promote their candidates.

A member who has been duly notified two times in a row or three times in one cycle and fails to attend, can be replaced for the remainder of the cycle if the case is submitted to the EC.

16.20.3 Notification of Candidatures

Information about candidates for office shall be published or otherwise communicated to Federations together with the propositions (see Art. 17.1).

16.21 Candidates for President, Vice-Presidents, and President of the TC's

16.21.1 Mandatory requirements to apply for the President of AGU

In order to preserve continuity and to ensure experienced leadership, candidates for the office of President must have been members of the Executive Committee for at least four years; the National Federation he is belonging must practice at least 3 disciplines of the FIG 8 disciplines. Within above 3 disciplines Men's and Women's Artistic Gymnastics must be included and must have participated in Men's and Women's competitions in

- 16.21.2** Asian Games or in Asian Championships before the election.
- Mandatory requirements to apply for the Vice President**
Candidates for the office of Vice-President must have been members of the Executive Committee of the respective Asian Gymnastics Zones for at least four years.
In case of non-qualifying person, the congress should accept the candidate(s) which should be voted by their respective zone.
- 16.21.3** **Mandatory requirements to apply for the Technical Committee or the GfA Committee**
In each case, the members of a Technical Committee and the GfA Committee must belong to different Federations.
- 16.21.3.1** **Mandatory requirements to apply to the President of the Technical Committee**
In order to be eligible for nomination and election to a position on a President of Technical Committee, the candidate must have been members of the Committee in question for at least four years and must possess of International Judges' Brevet category 1 or 2 and coaches Diploma 3rd Level.
In exceptional circumstances, the Congress may, by a vote of the absolute majority of the delegates present, decide upon an alternative procedure.
- 16.21.3.2** **Mandatory requirements to apply to the Technical Committee**
In order to be eligible for nomination to a position on a Technical Member, the candidate must possess of International Judges' Brevet category 1, 2 or 3.
- Mandatory requirements to apply to the GfA Committee**
- 16.21.3.3** Candidates shall have taken part in at least one World Gymnaestrada or one Asian Gymnaestrada. In addition, they shall have the knowledge and expertise of GfA on a national and international level and have participated in FIG "Foundation" courses, Training Camp for GfA organised by AGU. They shall fulfil at least 2 of these 4 requirements.
- 16.22** **Memberships Personal**
Membership on any of the Committees of the AGU is a personal determination and is granted on the clear understanding that such members are not elected to represent their Federations but to serve the Asian Continental gymnastics community.
Proxies are not allowed for elected members. If absent, a member cannot be represented at a meeting by a designated other individual.
If a position on the EC becomes vacant, it will be filled by nomination candidate from the Zone concerned.
In case of a vacancy on any other committee, the Executive Committee is empowered to appoint a replacement.

16.23 Committees' representation

Except in the case of the AGU President, Technical Presidents, and the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee, the EC or any Committee may not include more than one elected member from a federation in the same Committee. In addition, a member may not exercise two functions at the same time except in a particular case approved by the Executive Committee.

Elected AGU Committee members must not accept any position or function which can be in contradiction with his / her function as an elected member or presents conflicts of interests with the AGU.

Article 17 Propositions

17.1 Submission and Notification of Propositions and Candidatures

All propositions, together with applications for the organization of AGU Events, must be sent to the Secretary General by electronic document (confirmed by letter), fax or mail, 3 months before the commencement of the Congress.

Propositions may only be submitted by the affiliated Federations and the Executive Committee.

The date of the postage stamp at the local post office of the AGU Secretariat shall serve to prove adherence to the required deadline where propositions are sent by mail.

17.2 Propositions must be put to Vote

All propositions contained in the agenda must be put to the vote except that any proposition, from a Federation which is not present, will be withdrawn unless the Executive Committee shall adopt it as its own and, subject to acceptance by a simple majority of the delegates present, submits it for consideration.

18. Voting

The following rules apply for voting at the Congress, the EC Meetings and all the Committees

18.1 Right to vote

Only the accredited representatives of the affiliated Federations may vote at Congress meetings.

Members of the AGU Authorities may represent their Federation only in exceptional cases and with the agreement of the Congress (see also Art. 16.8)

18.2 Voting entitlement

During elections at Congress meetings each affiliated Federation has one (1) vote.

At other meetings of the AGU Authorities, each member may only exercise one vote. The respective President, of the committee may exercise a deciding vote in the event of a tie.

Should the President refrain from voting in case of a tie, the proposition in question is not adopted.

18.3 Elections by Secret Ballot and validity of votes

All elections are by secret ballot.

A simple majority applies for the election of the President, the four Vice-Presidents (Art. 16.14 and 16.15), the four members of the Executive Committee (Art. 16.17), the President of the TC's and the GfA Committee (Art. 16.18).

Any voting ballot containing more votes than the required number shall be declared invalid. Blank ballots, or any containing a signature or other identifying mark, shall be declared invalid.

18.4 Voting by show of hands

Voting shall, except in the case of elections, be by the show of hands, unless any delegate requests a secret ballot. Whenever it is self-evident during a vote by the show of hands that a majority exists, the President may announce the result immediately. However, the delegates of three Federations may demand verification and vote count.

18.5 Business may continue during counting of votes

Whenever possible, the business of Congress shall continue while the result of a secret ballot is being tabulated.

18.6 Majorities required for specific purposes

The following rules apply for a majority

Dissolution of the AGU	Four-fifths majority of the affiliated Federations
Admission of new Federations or re-admissions	Two-thirds majority
Expulsions:	Two-thirds majority
Change of the Zone	Two-thirds majority
Increase in subscriptions and fees:	Two-thirds majority

Revision of Statutes and / or Technical Regulations

Two-thirds majority

Elections

Simple majority

Other cases

Simple majority

18.7 Voting Office

The Voting Office at a Congress will be composed of Three delegates elected by the Congress plus a member of the Executive Committee who will act as the Chair.

CHAPTER V

EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

Article 19 Convocation

19.1 The EC can, at any time, convene an extraordinary Congress

19.2 At the written request of one third of the member Federations of the AGU having the right to vote, the EC must organize an extraordinary Congress within the fourth months following the receipt of the request

19.3 The request must state the purpose for which the Extraordinary Congress is required. It must be signed by all the Presidents and General Secretaries of the Federations requiring the meeting.

19.4 The organization costs will be charged to the organizer and those Federations which signed the request.

Article 20 - Place, date and Agenda

20.1 The invitation must be sent to the member Federations at least 45 days beforehand.

20.2 Only items which are on the agenda, can be discussed

20.3 Notification has to be given in written form using modern means of telecommunication.

Article 21 Complementary provisions

All decisions are taken by a simple majority of the votes cast.

CHAPTER VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 22 - General Duties

The Executive Committee has the responsibility for the administration, financial management, and day-to-day operation of the affairs of the AGU.

Article 23 - Composition

The Executive Committee is composed of:

- The President
- The five Vice-Presidents
- The four other members
- The six Presidents of the Technical Committees, the President of Parkour commission and the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee

Article 24 - Quorum

The Executive Committee cannot make valid decisions unless the majority of the members are present. Decisions are made by a simple majority of the members present. The President has a deciding vote in the case of a tie.

Article 25 - Functions

- 25.1 The EC is the executive authority of the AGU and is responsible for the control and execution of all decisions.
- 25.2 Supervise and control of the work of the Secretariat.
- 25.3 Prepare the financial rules to be approved by the Congress.
- 25.4 To make necessary decisions in cases where there are no existing rules and to report this at the next meeting of the Congress.
- 25.5 The EC is required to take all decisions in the range of administration, finance, marketing and communication and to make all proposals in the interest of the AGU, excluding those proposals which are within the province of the Congress.
- 25.6 The EC prepares the agenda of the Congress and examines the proposals made by the member Federations.
- 25.7 The EC decides on the allotment of the AGU development projects and the official events.
- 25.8 The EC is responsible for providing information about its activities to the AGU member Federations.
- 25.9 Nomination of the Members of the TC and the GfA committee.

Article 26 Election and Tenure of Office

The Executive Committee is elected by the Congress during the year of the Asian Games and it holds office for a period of four years effective from January 1st, following the date of the elections, until December 31st of the fourth year.

In case of vacancies, see Art. 16.23

As the Presidents of the Zone are “ex-officio” Vice President, if, for any reason, one or any of them should vacate his office before the termination of the period of office of the Executive Committee his position on the Committee will forthwith terminate and be assumed by his successor in the Zone.

26.1 Restriction (limitation) to the right to vote

In the event that a Federation holds more than two positions on the Executive Committee (for example: EC elected member, Technical President), a maximum of two will have the right to vote. Priority is given to:

- a) Executive Committee elected member
- b) Technical President

Every person holding a seat will have the right to speak.

Article 27 Meetings

Apart from the meeting held in conjunction with the Congress, the Executive Committee will meet at least one time annually and on such other occasions that the President, or a majority of the members, consider necessary. Notice of the date of meeting, and the agenda, must be given by the President and the Secretary General at least one month in advance except in the case of an emergency.

With regard to urgent matters under its jurisdiction, the Executive Committee may make decisions by a vote by electronic mail. In this case, the appropriate procedure prepared by the Executive Committee shall be implemented.

Article 28 - Person Presiding

The President presides over meetings of the Executive Committee. In his absence one of the Vice-Presidents appointed by the committee presides. In the absence of all these officers, the Committee shall elect one of its other members to preside.

Article 29 Minutes

29.1 Minutes of meetings must be drawn up in English

29.2 The minutes have to be sent to the members of the EC within thirty days following the meeting.

Article 30 - Expenses of the members on official missions

- 30.1** The National Federations concerned are responsible for the cost of travel and sojourn incurred by their members attending EC meeting.
- 30.2** When taking part in meetings of the President commission or when carrying out a mandate, the expenses of the persons concerned have to be paid by the AGU, according to the Directives on the reimbursement of expenses.
- 30.3** Expenses due to the participation of a member of the EC in the organization of an official AGU-event will be settled according to specific regulations.

Article 31 - ABSENCE

Any elected member of the Executive Committee who is absent two times in a row or three times in one cycle within the mandate of four years, is considered to have resigned.
His substitute will be elected during the next Congress.

Article 32 THE PRESIDENT

32.1 Highest Single Authority

The President is elected by the Congress and represents the highest single authority of the AGU as the Chief Executive Officer.

32.2 Status and duties

The President presides at meetings of the Congress, and the Executive Committee and represents the AGU legally in all circumstances, including acting either as defendant or prosecutor, or by authorizing someone to act on his behalf. He represents the AGU on all formal occasions and takes precedence over all other members. He takes all measures necessary to ensure the good conduct and progress of the affairs of the AGU subject to the subsequent approval of his actions by the Congress, or the Executive Committee.

Apart from the cases expressly foreseen in the Statutes, the President appoints the Commissions, the special groups or any other person useful to the management of AGU.

Article 33

THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Vice-Presidents assist the President and can be charged with special duties.

Their order of precedence is according to the following:

- 1- 5th Vice-President (Art. 16.16)
- 2- The Vice-President of the current Zone hosting the Asian Games.
- 3- The EC nominate the next one.

The Vice-Presidents act for the President, in the event of his serious illness or in a case of urgency.

Article 34

PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

34.1

Nature and Composition

The Presidential Commission deals with the detailed aspects of administration and management and with matters of urgency. It is composed of the President (or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents designated by the President) and the five (5) Vice-Presidents. The Secretary General reports on the administrative and management issues facing the federation.

The Commission advises the President as requested.

The Commission makes recommendations to the Executive Committee for decisions.

Any technical issues can be discussed after consultation with the Technical Manager and the respective Technical Presidents.

The Committee makes decisions by a simple majority vote.

Any decisions taken are reported to the Executive Committee at the earliest possible time.

The President can invite the persons of his choice.

34.2

Decision making Process

Any decisions taken are reported to the Executive Committee with the shortest delay possible and the Committee may, except where urgency or expediency has required immediate action, take a final decision upon any matter by a simple majority vote.

Article 35

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES AND GYMNASTICS FOR ALL COMMITTEE

35.1

Composition

The Technical Committees and the GfA Committee are made of one President and maximum of 6 members. The TC Presidents and the President of the GfA-Committee are elected by the Congress (Parkour in 2026). The TC members and the members of the GfA-Committee are appointed by the EC.

They are responsible to administer and manage the 7 disciplines of the AGU (Men's Artistic Gymnastics, Women's Artistic Gymnastics, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline Gymnastics, Acrobatic Gymnastics, Aerobic Gymnastics and Parkour) and Gymnastics for All.

35.2 Allocation of tasks within the Committees

The Committees have to allocate the tasks to the members themselves. Each has to appoint a Vice-President and a Secretary from among their members.

35.3 Quorum

The Technical Committees and the Gymnastics for All Committee may deliberate only if the majority of members are present. Two members are required for a quorum. Decisions are taken by a majority of the members present; the President has a deciding vote in the event of a tie.

35.4 Functions

The Technical Committees and the Gymnastics for All Committee carry out the following functions:

- To deal with all technical questions concerning the administration, management and development of their respective disciplines and of Gymnastics for All
- To draft, after consultation with the Executive Committee, the Technical Regulations and the Gymnastics for All Regulations, relative to their respective activities, this must be presented to the EC and approved by the Congress.
- To organize courses (coaches, judges, etc.)
- To make decisions on any technical matters of urgency subject to reporting this to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- To present a written report to the Congress.
- The TC's are responsible for the technical aspect of the AGU competitions.

35.5 Competence

The Committee is subordinate to the EC. Their decisions (technical matters or general significance) are subject to the approval of the EC, especially with respect to the following:

- a) The annual program of the activities,
- b) The interpretation and the modification of the Regulations,
- c) The programs and aims of courses.

The Committees are authorized to present proposals to the congress of the AGU to be transmitted by the EC.

35.6 Mandatory requirements to apply to the Technical Committee or the GfA Committee

In each case, the maximum of seven members of a Technical Committee and the GfA Committee must belong to different Federations.

35.7 Tenure of office

Each Technical Committee and the Gymnastics for All Committee holds office for a period of four years effective from the January 1, following the date of the elections, until the December 31st of the fourth year.

35.8 Meetings

The Technical Committees and the Gymnastics for All Committee meet at least once per year in order to deal with the specific tasks of its discipline.

35.9 The Presidents of the Committees establish an agenda and chair the meetings.

35.10 Minutes of the meetings must be drawn in English and have to be sent to the Members of the Committees and the Executive Committee within thirty days following the meeting.

35.11 When the members of the committees attend their meetings, the cost of travel and sojourn will be charged to the National Federations to which they belong

35.12 Members of the Committees may be entrusted with special tasks which are in the interest of the AGU and which have been ordered by their Presidents and approved by the President of the AGU. In such a case, the members of the Committees are entitled to claim for reimbursement of the full cost of travel and sojourn, either from the AGU or from the organizer of the event.

Article 36 The disciplinary commission

36.1 Composition

The Disciplinary Commission is composed of three members.

36.2 Functions and Powers

The functions and powers of the Disciplinary Commission are:

1. to investigate and make decisions in disciplinary cases submitted to its authority
2. to investigate and make proposals in cases where the disciplinary authority is the EC or Congress.
3. to impose disciplinary sanctions

4. to request statements from the parties or independent experts
5. to conduct hearings
6. to report the final decision to EC who report it to the FIG.

Article 37

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

37.1

The President of the AGU nominates the Secretary General from the same country of him and should be approved by Executive Committee. He is required to be present during meetings of the Congress, the Executive Committee and the Presidential Commission so as to report, to advise and to be consulted whenever necessary.

37.2

Functions of the Secretary General

The Secretary General is in charge of the Secretariat and he is responsible for the ongoing management of the AGU. He ensures that the necessary measures are taken for the organization of the Congress and for the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Presidential Commission and the Technical meeting and for any other meeting required by the AGU Authorities. He is responsible for editing the minutes of the Congress, the Executive Committee and the Presidential Commission and for their distribution. Likewise, he is responsible for the distribution of the minutes of the Technical Committees and for conducting the official correspondence of the AGU. With the authority of the President, he can act as an official representative of the AGU.

37.3

Financial Responsibility

The Secretary General is responsible for the conduct of the financial transactions of the AGU, for the maintenance of proper records, for the compilation of budgets and for the preparation of the statements of accounts.

Article 38

Administration of the AGU

38.1

The Technical Manager

The President of the AGU appoints the Technical Manager and should be approved by Executive Committee and is responsible for prescribing the terms, conditions, and requirements of the appointment. He/She is required to be present during meetings of the Congress, the Executive Committee, and the Presidential Commission (without a vote), so as to report, to advise and to be consulted in technical matters whenever necessary.

38.2

The directorate (including the Secretary General and other members) of the AGU are appointed by the President of the AGU. Their employment contract and salary are proposed by the AGU President.

- 38.3** Terms of reference are set out in a job description or specification
- 38.4** Members of the Directorate participate in the meeting of the Congress, of the EC and the President's Commission. They are authorized to make proposals without having the right to vote.
- 38.5** Following the decision by the President of the AGU, the members of the Directorate can represent him.

Article 39 - VALIDITY OF THE SIGNATURES

- 39.1** The AGU is engaged by the joint signatures of the President and of a second authorized person.
- 39.2** The day-to-day correspondence can be signed by the Secretary General or a member of the Directorate.

CHAPTER VII

HONORARY AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Article 40 Honorary President

The Congress, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may elevate a former AGU President to the rank of Honorary President.

The Congress, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may grant the Honorary President to any person who has rendered outstanding meritorious service to the AGU.

Article 41 Honorary Vice-President

The Congress, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may elevate a former AGU Vice-President to the rank of Honorary Vice-President.

The Congress, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may grant the Honorary Vice-President to any person who has rendered outstanding meritorious service to the AGU.

Article 42 Awards of Special Merit

The Congress, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may confer the title of Honorary Member to the former EC members or to any persons who has rendered outstanding meritorious service to the AGU.

Article 43 Presentation of the awards

The awards are normally presented to the recipients during the Congress

Article 43.1 Entitlements of Awardees

Recipients of any of the above awards are entitled to attend the Congress and to free admission to all AGU events and official receptions.

CHAPTER VIII

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 44 Financial Year

The financial year and the accounting system operate from the January 1st to the December 31st.

Article 45 Secretary General to prepare Budget

The Secretary General is responsible for the preparation and presentation at appropriate times, of the financial reports, the budgets, and the biennial financial plan.

Once approved, he is responsible for implementing the plans and monitoring the budgets.

Article 46 Administration of Accounts and Audit

The Secretary General is responsible for the financial administration of accounts in accordance with the financial rules approved by the Executive Committee and by the Congress.

The accounts which have been approved by the Executive Committee shall be examined and certified by the Auditors.

The appointed auditors shall examine and report on the audited accounts.

Article 47 Official Positions are Voluntary

With the exception of the position of Secretary General and the Technical Manager all elected positions within the AGU are unpaid and so are determined as voluntary.

Article 48 Reimbursement of Expenses

The members of the EC, the various Committees, and persons, carrying out designated functions (outside the official meetings) in the interests of the AGU and who are authorized by the President or his designate, are entitled to reimbursement of costs of travel and accommodation in carrying out these functions.

Article 49 Annual Fees

- 49.1** Federations are obliged to pay an annual fee. Subject to changes in the economic situation, the fees - which are payable in US Dollars - are established for four years at the Congress. A majority vote of two-thirds is necessary.
- 49.2** The total annual membership fee has to be paid by all member Federations, even those which, within the course of the year, join the AGU or resign from membership.

Article 50 Fees - Payments

Fees are due on January 1st in each year and must be paid before March 31st in that year.

Article 51 Television and other Rights

All Television (broadcasting rights, as well as Marketing rights (publicity, advertising, merchandising, sponsoring, logos, and insignia) concerning the official events of the AGU are the property of the AGU.

The financial returns from Marketing rights (publicity, advertising, merchandising, sponsoring, logos, and insignia) are shared between the AGU and the organizing Federation and are based on a contract signed by the said federation and the AGU.

The principles of such a contract are negotiated and signed by both parties prior to awarding the respective event. For this purpose, the Executive Committee establishes minimum requirements which must be met by the candidates and which respect any existing contracts between the AGU and sponsors or marketing agencies. Exceptional cases may be considered.

All AGU rights can be discussed during the development of the contract. A contract must be signed before the allocation of an event.

The financial returns from Marketing rights can be used for the development of Gymnastics in whole Asia.

Article 51.1 26.2 Applications for Events and contractual Responsibilities

The successful Federations who will organize Asian Events will be required to enter into binding contracts with the AGU and such contracts will include an undertaking to respect and observe any contracts to which the AGU is subject, and which are, directly or indirectly, connected with the event.

CHAPTER IX

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FEDERATIONS, ZONES AND THE AGU

Article 52**Exclusive Control**

Each member Federation is recognized by all other members, as being the exclusive authority over gymnastics in their respective country.

Article 53**Friendly relationships between Federations**

The AGU assists to foster and maintain friendly relations between Federations within the context of Article 4 and between Zones and recognized in accordance with Article 54 and 55.

Article 54**Code of Discipline**

Provision for the "good rule and governance" of the AGU is made in the new code of discipline of the FIG. This has validity as though it were enacted in the body of the Statutes.

Article 55**Formation of Asian Zones**

Asian Zones have been formed under the Regulations prescribed by the AGU and Olympic Council of Asian. Their Presidents are the Vice-Presidents of the AGU. They are entitled to attend the Congress and to take part in discussion, but have no right to vote.

Article 56**Approval of Statutes of Zones**

The Statutes and all other regulations and rules applicable for the Asian Gymnastics Zones must be submitted to the AGU Executive Committee for approval. Such Zones must undertake to respect the Rules of the AGU and to conduct their activities in the spirit of the AGU. Minutes of meetings are to be submitted to the Secretary General.

The Statutes of the Zones may not be in conflict with those of the AGU. They shall be congruent with AGU Statutes.

In the event that the AGU Statutes are modified by the Congress, those of the Zones shall be adapted accordingly at the time of their earliest Congress. Exceptions may be made, however, upon request and with AGU Executive Committee agreement.

Any Zone failing to respect the AGU Statutes runs the risk of losing AGU "Recognition" and any related rights.

Article 57**Autonomy of Federations and regional Zones**

Federations, Zones retain their entire autonomy and independence of action within the limits imposed by these Statutes.

CHAPTER X

OFFICIAL EVENTS OF THE AGU

Article 58

Official Events

The official events of the AGU are as follows:

- a) Gymnastics Competitions at the Asian Games.
- b) Gymnastics Competitions at the Zone Games.
- c) The Asian Championships for Juniors and Seniors in the different disciplines.
- d) The Asian Gymnaestrada
- e) The Zone events (e.g. the Four Zones Championships)
- f) Gymnastics Asian Cups
- g) Any other events of a competitive, instructional or display nature organized by the Executive Committee on behalf of the AGU

Article 58.1

Awarding of Events and action in default

The awarding of the Asian Championships and the Asian Gymnaestrada is done by the Executive Committee upon the recommendations of the Presidential Commission.

In case of default by any federation, or by the relevant authority of the country involved, the Presidential Commission is authorised to decide the action to be taken including, if necessary, to transfer the organisation of the event concerned to another federation.

The Presidential Commission is empowered to determine the venues and organisation of other events.

Article 59

Qualification for Official Events

59.1

Asian Games

- a) A team event may only be organized in any of the disciplines of gymnastics on condition that at least (4) four participating teams from four (4) different countries, officially undertake to participate.
- b) An individual event may only be organized in any of the disciplines of gymnastics on condition that at least five (5) competitors from five (5) different countries, officially undertake to participate.

59.2

Asian Championships

- a) A team event may only be organized in any of the disciplines of gymnastics on condition that at least three (3) participating teams from

three (3) different countries have officially entered for participation.

b) An individual event may only be organized in any of the disciplines of gymnastics on condition that at least five (5) competitors from three different countries have officially entered for participation.

59.3 Awarding of events

The awarding of the Asian Championships is done by the Executive Committee.

59.4 Assurances concerning visas

Entry visas must be granted to the gymnasts and other members of the official delegations of the Federations. In the event that this requirement is not fulfilled, the allocation of the event may be cancelled immediately by the Executive Committee.

59.5 Executive Committee to act in exceptional cases

In all exceptional cases the Executive Committee has full power to make a decision and it may act in the event of non-compliance with the Statutes, Technical Regulations or other requirements of the AGU.

59.6 Expenses attributed to organizers

The expenses relating to the official events of the AGU are charged to the Federations in accordance to the Technical and Financial requirements regulating the events and with the terms of the contract with the AGU.

59.7 Expenses of delegations

The expenses of participation of a Federation's delegation (Transport, Hotel and Meal costs) are attributed to the said Federation.

Article 60 AGU may organize other events

When aiming to carry out promotion of gymnastics or to enhance the income and/or prestige of the AGU, the AGU may organize events of an international or continental character described in Article 58 above. Where necessary, regulations for these will be drawn up by the Technical Committee concerned and submitted for approval by the Executive Committee.

Article 61 Competitions of Continental Unions

Competitions of AGU are organized under their own statutes and regulations which must be approved by the FIG.

61.1 Inter-Federation events and responsibilities of Federations

Federations may organize events among themselves in accordance with the Statutes and Regulations of the AGU and FIG. It is, however, forbidden for gymnasts or judges of a Federation to participate in competitions in the sphere of activity of another Federation without the prior consent of the Federations involved and that of the Federation organizing the event. Likewise, the participation of gymnasts and judges of a Federation in an event organized by a body other than a Federation must be subject to the prior consent of any Federations involved. Federations are also responsible to the AGU for the behavior of their gymnasts, coaches, judges and other officials and they act as guarantors to the AGU in respect of these responsibilities.

Article 62 Nationality of Gymnasts and Judges

62.1 Principle

In principle, gymnasts and judges taking part in any official events of the UNION must have the nationality (citizenship) of the Federations they represent and authority to participate, from their Federation.

62.2 Changes of Nationality

The rules as laid down in the Statutes of the FIG will apply.

CHAPTER XI

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 63 Official Languages at Congress

At the Congress and at the official meetings the official language is the English. Delegates may speak in their mother tongue. If this is not included in the official languages, the cost of any translations must be borne by the federation requiring the translation.

Article 64 Official Language for Documents, etc.

English is the official language for meetings, competitions, the Statutes, Regulations, minutes and all the official documents published by the AGU.

Article 65**Copyright**

Any reproduction or distribution of documents, instructional material or other material belonging to the AGU is prohibited without the authority of the AGU. Any contravention can be penalized requiring fines to be paid.

Article 66**Official documents only from Secretary General**

All official documents and official information are valid only if they are distributed by the Secretary General. Federations are obliged to respect this and are responsible for its enforcement within their own Federations.

Article 67**Signatures on Official Documents**

Contracts, agreements, and all other documents requiring the stamp of authority of the AGU must be signed by the President and the Secretary General.

Article 68**President represents AGU legally.**

The President represents the AGU legally in all circumstances. Whenever possible, he obtains the advice of the Executive Committee, and he may engage the assistance of professionals.

Article 69**Supremacy of Statutes**

The Statutes of the AGU are the final and paramount authority, and nothing contained in any Regulations shall operate as to circumvent or lessen the force and purport of these Articles.

The Statutes can be modified only by the Congress, and the Technical Regulations only by the Executive Committee.

Article 70**Decisions of Congress: Operative Date**

The decisions taken at the Congress come into effect on January 1st, immediately in the following year unless otherwise decided by Congress.

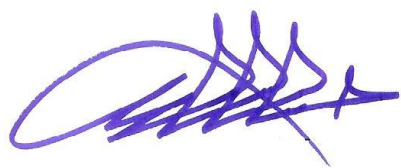
Article 71**Unforeseen Circumstances**

All cases not foreseen in the present Statutes are resolved analogous to the FIG Statutes or by the Executive Committee of AGU, subject to ratification by the next Congress which follows the date of their resolution.

These Statutes replace the edition of Dec. 2018.
They come into effect on January 16, 2023.

Signed on behalf of the Asian Gymnastics Union

AGU President

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Abdulrahman Al-Shathri

Secretary General

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Mohamed Saed

Doha, January 15, 2023

APPENDIX 1

Voting Rules

1. Reminder of Article 20 - Validity of Deliberations (Quorum)

Except where the Assembly is dealing with the proposed dissolution of the AGU., a valid resolution cannot be passed unless the representatives of 40% of the affiliated federations with voting rights are present.

2. Election of Candidates

First Count : *Simple Majority*

2.1 Valid ballot papers

Ballots containing at least one (1) name as well as the blank ballots are considered valid ballot papers.

2.2 Invalid papers

Blank ballot papers containing no name.

Papers containing recognisable marks, (*signature, cross, etc.*)

Papers containing messages.

Papers containing more names than the number of candidates to be elected.

3. Determination of Absolute Majority

Example :	Ballot papers issued	39
	Blanks	2
	Spoiled Ballots	1
	Papers taken into account	36

- **Absolute Majority** ($36: 2 = 18 + 1$) = **19 votes**

Ballots issued	39
Blank ballots	3
Spoiled ballots	1
Ballots taken into account	35

- *Absolute Majority* ($35:2 = 17,5$) = **18 votes**

4. Determination of a Majority of Two-Thirds

Example :

- Number of votes (valid) 39

$$(39 : 3 = 13 \times 2 = 26) = \mathbf{26 \text{ votes}}$$

- Number of votes (valid) 37

$$(37 : 3 = 12.33 \times 2 = 24.66) = \mathbf{25 \text{ votes}}$$