

OCRS STATUTES

Article 1 Title Head Office

1. The name of the Confederation shall be "Oceania Confederation of Roller Sports. (OCRS)
2. The Head Office of OCRS shall be in the Country where the President resides or any other place proposed by the President and approved by the Confederation.

Article 2 Objects

1. The Confederation will adopt the objectives of International Federation of Roller Sports (F.I.R.S.). to promote and develop all branches of the sport of roller sports in Oceania.
2. The OCRS accepts and recognises the Statutes and aims of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) & FIRS, the IOC & FIRS anti-doping rules, WADA Rules and Guidelines, and the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), the Oceania National Olympic Committee (ONOC) and the International World Games Association (WGA).
3. The general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter are applicable and no provision of the statutes shall be deemed to conflict with or detract from these principles.
4. The OCRS President shall represent Oceania on the F.I.R.S. Central Committee in accordance with F.I.R.S. Statutes.
5. The OCRS will arrange and conduct a Confederation Championship involving all branches of the sport annually. Such Championship shall be organized in the even year by the New Zealand Federation and the odd year by the Australian Federation. Such Championship to be under the appropriate rule and with the approval of the FIRS Technical Committees.
6. All competitors competing in a Confederation Championship must be citizens of the country they are representing and must provide original and/or certified copies of documents proving citizenship and be members of the Federation they are representing. Such documents must be available at the "Citizenship Control" meeting one day prior to commencement of the championship.

7. The OCRS will encourage its members to participate in International Competitions and will establish a calendar of international competitions for its members

Article 3 Membership

1. Membership shall be open to National Federations without determination of race, religion or politics in Oceania being (but not limiting membership to) Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, American Samoa and Western Samoa, that direct any discipline of the sport.
2. At Congresses, National Federations shall have one vote irrespective of how many branches of the sport they direct plus one vote per Branch that competes in the Oceania Championships in the two years preceding congress.
3. The lack of participation at the Oceania Championships of one branch for 3 consecutive years will give the right to other sports bodies of the same country to request affiliation to OCRS as a separate Federation of that discipline.
4. At the end of each year all National Federations must send detailed reports of the previous years activities in all branches of the sport together with details of those planned for the following year to the head office of OCRS.
5. To be admitted as a Member of OCRS a National Federation shall submit its application for membership to head office, enclosing a copy of its Constitution, Anti-Doping Policy, the required subscriptions and any further information required. After investigation the Central Committee shall present the application together with its opinion to the next Congress for ratification.
6. The Central Committee can grant provisional membership if all requirements for membership have been fulfilled. With the provisional membership, the new member has all rights regarding participation in sporting activities, voting power, however, it is subject to final acceptance of membership by Congress.

Article 4 Authority

1. The Congress is the supreme authority of OCRS.
2. The Central Committee is entrusted with the management of the OCRS between Congresses.
3. The four Technical Committees are entrusted with the management of their respective disciplines through the General Assemblies of the participating Oceania Nations in accordance with the Statues and Regulations of OCRS.

Article 5 Central Committee

1. The officers of OCRS shall constitute the Central Committee. They are:
 - a) The President – The President shall be elected by Congress every 4 years to co-incide with the election of the FIRS president and shall preside over all meetings of Congress and the Central Committee.

The President shall represent OCRS in legal matters and on other occasions and must be the President of his/her own National Federation. The term of office shall be four years.

The President of OCRS must attend all Central Committee meetings of F.I.R.S. at the expense of the President's National Federation.

The failure by the President to attend these meetings without just cause will result in the automatic retirement of the President who will be replaced by the Vice President (at the expense of his Federation) for the remainder of the un-expired term of office.

- b) The Vice President – The Vice President shall be elected by Congress and assist the President in all his/her functions and will substitute for him or her when necessary.

The Vice President shall attend meetings of Congress and Central Committee of OCRS and must be the President of his/her own National Federation. The term of office shall be four years.

- c) The President and Vice President must not be members of the same Federation.
- d) 1 Representative (OCRS Delegate) of each Federation affiliated to OCRS.
- e) The Secretary – The Secretary shall be appointed by the President and must be approved by the Central Committee. The Secretary may be remunerated and shall have no voting rights. The Secretary shall carry out all secretarial and office duties, shall record the minutes of meetings and perform all duties as treasurer unless otherwise decided upon by the Central committee.
- f) Federations must advise the Secretary one (1) month prior to the Central Committee Meeting the name of their elected representatives.
- g) In the event of any member of the central committee ceasing to hold office (due to death, illness, incapacity or voluntary resignation) then they shall be replaced by a member of the same Federation and their replacement will hold office for the balance of the term until the next elections are due.
- h) Each member of the CC shall have one vote at CC meetings.
- i) The President and Vice President will have alternating casting votes.

Article 6 Membership Fees – Finances

1. All membership fees shall be set by the Central Committee.
2. Admission dues shall be payable on application for membership.
3. Annual membership fees shall be due on January 1st each year and accounts shall be sent by the Secretary.
4. All costs of delegates to attend meetings of the Central Committee shall be financed by the respective Federation.
5. The costs of hosting the meeting costs shall be met by the host federation.

6. The financial year of OCRS shall end of 31st December each year.
7. A qualified Auditor shall be appointed by the President and Vice President and an audited balance sheet and accounts for the preceding period shall be submitted to each meeting.
8. All monies belonging to OCRS and not invested shall be deposited by the Secretary into a separate account in the name of Oceania Confederation of Roller Sports at a bank to be named by the President and Vice President.

Article 7 Resignation of Members

1. Any Member wishing to resign from OCRS shall give notice in writing to the Secretary before 1st January otherwise that member remains liable for the current membership year.

Article 8 Expulsion of Members

1. If, in the opinion of the Central Committee, the conduct of any member shall be prejudicial to the interests of OCRS, the Central Committee shall have the power to request such a member to resign. If the member so requested does not resign within two months, it shall be subject to expulsion by the Central Committee.
2. If a Technical Committee report shows that a member has not participated in the Oceania Championships within three (3) years preceding the OCRS Congress it will lose its right to use that discipline's vote at the OCRS Central Committee Meeting and Congress.

Article 9 The Ordinary Congress

1. The Ordinary Congress shall meet at least once every year at a place and on a date decided by the Central Committee. This meeting shall take place where possible in conjunction with the Oceania Confederation of Roller Sports Championships.
2. Notice of the Meeting shall be sent out at least one month prior to the date decided upon.
3. An agenda shall be supplied at least two weeks before the Congress. Only items shown on the Agenda shall be discussed except if matters are

unknown one (1) week prior to Congress or occurred after that date. In both cases, new items may be considered only with the consent of at least two-thirds of the expressed votes.

4. The Agenda shall include:-
 - a. President's Welcome
 - b. Appointment of Scrutineers
 - c. Approval of Minutes of Previous Congress
 - d. President's Report
 - e. Vice-President's Report
 - f. Secretary's Report
 - g. Treasurer's Report
 - h. Elections
 - i. Business that was duly submitted by member Federations and/or Central Committee within the prescribed time.
 - j. Other urgent business that arose since notification of the meeting with approval of 2/3rd majority of those present and eligible to vote.

5. The following shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of Congress:-
 - (a) Members of the Central Committee
 - (b) Technical committees of each Federation.

6. Before opening of the Congress representatives shall hand over to the Secretary their credentials from their National Federation and/or Branch.

7. Voting cards shall be issued to those eligible to vote during the Congress, one card per vote.

8. A quorum shall consist of 5 attendees entitled to vote.

Article 10 Nomination of Officers

1. Nominations of officers shall be proposed by members in good standing of OCRS and FIRS with the consent of the Nominee. They shall be submitted to the Secretary in writing at least 10 days before the Congress. A list of all nominations shall be made available to those eligible to vote

Article 11 Voting

1. Voting for officers shall be by secret ballot
2. Other decisions shall be made by showing voting cards.
3. All matters shall be decided by a majority of the expressed votes with the exception of the following which require at least 2/3rd of the expressed votes:-
 - a. Alterations to the OCRS Statues
 - b. Alterations to the Agenda which are only permitted at Ordinary Congresses
 - c. Dissolution of OCRS.
4. In the event of a tie, the President may exercise a casting vote.

Article 12 Alterations to the Statutes

1. Alterations to the Statues can be made by two-thirds majority vote at the Congress only.
2. Members who wish to propose an alteration must give notice in writing to the Secretary, together with the particulars of the proposed alteration, at least three months before the Congress.
3. All proposed alterations must be sent to members by the Secretary together with the Agenda dealing with these matters.

Article 13 Extraordinary Congress

1. The Central Committee shall have the power to call an extraordinary Congress when they consider it necessary.
2. They shall be bound to do so within 3 months of receiving notice in writing from at least ten members eligible to vote.
3. The business to be transacted must appear on the agenda and no other business may be discussed.

Article 14 Central Committee Meetings

1. The Central Committee shall meet at least yearly and on other occasions as shall be deemed necessary by the President. The quorum shall consist of President, Vice President and one National Representative.

Article 15 The Technical Committees

1. The Technical Committees shall consist of three representatives from each National Federation recognised by OCRS as directing that discipline.
2. The Chairperson shall be the chairperson, or his/her representative, of the nation hosting the Oceania Championships in that year.
3. Each National Federation shall have three votes at general meetings of the Technical Committee. The Chair person will have the casting vote.
4. Each Technical Committee shall set out its own technical rules which must not conflict with the Statutes and Regulations of OCRS and FIRS.
5. In matters of a technical nature, the Central Committee will adopt the policy and/or decision of the four International Technical Committees, e.g.

Comite Internationale de Rink Hockey (CIRH)
Comite International de Course (CIC)
Comite International de Patinage Artistico (CIPA)
Comite International de In Line Hockey (CIRILH)

6. They shall be directly responsible to the Central Committee of OCRS for its actions and management between meetings. A quorum is a representative from each recognized Federation of OCRS.

Article 16 Dissolution

1. If at a Congress a special resolution to terminate the affairs of OCRS shall be duly proposed and passes, a sufficient amount of assets of OCRS shall be retained to discharge all liabilities, and all remaining assets shall be divided equally in proportion to the number of member Federations.

Signed: _____ (President OCRS)
Date

Signed: _____ (Vice President OCRS)
Date