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I. TITLE, STATUS, OFFICIAL SEAT AND AIMS

Art. 1 Title and constitution

The representatives of the National Gymnastics Federations of the countries from the Balkan region, who acknowledge the present Statutes, set up an international gymnastics organisation called “Balkan Gymnastics”, herein called BG.

The BG is a non-political, non-governmental and non-profit organisation decisively rejecting all forms of race, colour, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or any other form of discrimination within its members. BG is an organisation of unlimited duration in the form of a regional association and has entire autonomy within the limits of these Statutes.

The BG shall apply, where relevant, the current version of the Statutes and Technical Regulations (TR) of the European Gymnastics (EG) and the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG).

Art. 2 Members and official seat and language

The National Gymnastics Federations (NGF), members of the EG or FIG, are eligible to become BG members. Any new affiliations must be approved by the BG Congress, by simple majority.

The members may depart from the BG following a decision of their National Gymnastics Federation’s Executive Board, which must be brought to the BG knowledge.

As to the expulsion of a member, the relevant decision must be based on very serious reasons and can be taken only by the BG Congress, with at least 2/3 majority.

The Headquarters (official seat) of the BG is in the country of residence of the BG President in duty.

The official language of the BG is English and all written materials must be edited in English.

Art. 3 Aims of BG

The **aims of BG** are, among others:

- ⇒ the promotion, development and support of gymnastics in all affiliated countries, with an especial attention of the less developed members;
- ⇒ the support of exemplary initiatives undertaken by member Federations;
- ⇒ the co-operation with international institutions and organisations, in particular the EG and FIG;
- ⇒ the planning, organisation and realisation of events (Balkan Championships);
- ⇒ the promotion of sports and cultural activities and the promotion of the relationships between the countries in the Balkan region, the mutual understanding and the exchanging of ideas;
- ⇒ the fight against all forms of doping, violation of human rights and any kind of discrimination and violence, abuse and harassment associated with the sport.

Art. 4 Disciplines

The BG will promote, develop and organize championships and events by the interest of the member Federations in following gymnastics disciplines:

- ⇒ Men's Artistic Gymnastics;
- ⇒ Women's Artistic Gymnastics;
- ⇒ Rhythmic Gymnastics;
- ⇒ Trampoline Gymnastics;
- ⇒ Acrobatic Gymnastics;
- ⇒ Aerobic Gymnastics;
- ⇒ Parkour.

II. ORGANISATION

Art. 5 Bodies of BG

The bodies of BG are:

1. The Congress (CO)
2. The Executive Committee (EC)
3. Technical Commission (TC)
4. Other Commissions or Working Groups

III. CONGRESS (CO)

Art. 6 Authority, frequency and composition

The Congress is the supreme governing body and the highest regulating authority of the BG. The Congress is required to have authority and take decisions in the range of:

- ⇒ supervises the fulfilment of the aims given by the BG Statutes;
- ⇒ approves, amends or changes the BG Statutes;
- ⇒ elects President, Vice-Presidents and the Executive Board Members;
- ⇒ approves new members of the BG and take the decisions about the expulsion of a member;
- ⇒ approves the membership fees.

The Ordinary Congress shall take place at least every two (2) years and shall be hosted by one of the member Federation. The host of the Congress is confirmed by the Executive Committee at least one (1) year before Congress.

The Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses may be attended by a maximum of two (2) delegates per member Federation plus the BG Executive Committee Members. The presence of delegates from at least half the member Federations is required to have a quorum. Member Federations shall confirm the names of their Delegates to the BG Headquarters at least two (2) weeks before the Congress.

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Observers and other guests are allowed to be present at the Congress, after having applied and received an invitation from the BG EC.

Art. 7 Voting and elections

In case of a voting procedure, only one (1) delegate per country is allowed to vote, while the decisions are taken by simple majority. Each BG member shall have the same voting rights (1 Federation = 1 vote).

In case of a tie occurring in any election, the procedure shall be repeated for a maximum of three (3) times to decide between the persons so tying. If a tie occurs also on the third ballot, the President's vote shall count double in order to decide the tie.

The Congress approves the decisions for changes in the Statutes made by a 2/3 majority of the present member Federations.

The voting rules presented in the previous paragraphs of Article 7, apply to both, the Ordinary and the Extraordinary Congress.

Art. 8 Ordinary Congress

The Ordinary Congress shall be convened by the President, following the decision of the Executive Committee. The appropriate invitation, preliminary agenda and all documents shall be sent to the member Federations at least one (1) month before the date of the Congress.

The Congress is chaired by the President. In case of his absence, it is chaired by one of the Vice-Presidents.

Draft minutes of the Congress shall be sent within two (2) weeks to the Members for approval and comments. Minutes shall be approved during the next Congress.

Art. 9 Extraordinary Congress

An Extraordinary Congress may be convened at any time either by the President, Executive Committee or by a minimum number of six (6) member Federations.

The requirements for convening an Extraordinary Congress should be in writing form and sent to the BG Headquarters.

The Executive Committee must organise an Extraordinary Congress within the six (6) months following the receipt of the request. The date of the Extraordinary Congress as well as the invitation will be sent to the member Federations no later than one (1) month before the Extraordinary Congress.

During Extraordinary Congress only items on the agenda can be discussed.

In case that the Extraordinary Congress is convened at the member federations request, they should organise the Extraordinary Congress, pay all organisation costs and announce the host Federation and the location where the Extraordinary Congress will be organised.

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

Art. 10 Authority and frequency

The EC is the executive authority of BG and is responsible for the control and execution of all decisions. The decisions of the EC are taken by a simple majority. In case of a tie, the President has a casting vote. The EC should meet minimum two (2) times a year.

The EC is required to have authority and take decisions in the range of:

- ⇒ prepares and coordinates the organization of the events (competitions, congress and others) and approves the dates and venues for the Balkan Championships;
- ⇒ approving the host and the date of a Congress and prepares the agenda of the forthcoming Congress;
- ⇒ approves the Secretary General;
- ⇒ organises other activities (such as judging courses, seminars, training camps etc.);
- ⇒ prepares the annual report and submits it every two years to the Congress for approval;
- ⇒ approving the Technical Regulations;
- ⇒ approving different rules and regulations concerning administration, finance, marketing and communication of the BG;
- ⇒ establishing different Commissions and/or Working Group's with special tasks important for the BG and approves the members of the Commissions and Working Groups.

Art. 11 Composition

The EC shall be elected, during the Ordinary Congress for a period of four (4) years and shall consist of the six (6) following members:

- ⇒ President:
 - he/she shall be proposed by the member Federations;
 - he/she must be elected by the Congress;
 - he/she shall have a voting right.
- ⇒ Two (2) Vice-Presidents:
 - they shall be proposed by the member Federations;
 - they must be elected by the Congress;
 - they shall have a voting right.
- ⇒ Two (2) Members of the EC:
 - they shall be proposed by the member Federations;
 - they must be elected by the Congress;
 - they shall have a voting right.
- ⇒ The Secretary General:
 - he/she shall be proposed by the President;
 - he/she must be approved by the EC;
 - he/she does not have a voting right.

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The Executive Committee may not include more than one (1) member with voting rights belonging to the same Federation.

All representatives of the member Federations who are currently members of FIG or the EG Executive Committee shall be ex-officio members of the BG EC. They are invited to the BG EC meetings, but they do not have voting rights.

Art. 12 The President

The President is elected by the Congress for four (4) years and required to have authority and responsibility in the range of:

- ⇒ represents and govern the BG according to the Statutes and the decisions of the Congress and the EC;
- ⇒ is responsible for managing the BG, elaborating strategies and long-term planning of the BG activities and representing the BG at all official events and in public;
- ⇒ signs all correspondence and all the legal and financial documents of the BG;
- ⇒ is responsible for the implementation of the budget, decisions of the Congress and EC;
- ⇒ nominate the candidate for Secretary General to the EC;
- ⇒ convene and chairs the Congress and EC;
- ⇒ in case of necessity, he can delegate his powers or decide on the attribution of special tasks to the Vice-Presidents;
- ⇒ takes, with the Secretary General, all decisions regarding the staff of the BG.

If the President resigns or can no longer assume his functions for any reason, he will be replaced by the First Vice-President until the end of the legislative period or until the election of a new President at the next Congress.

Art. 13 The Vice-President

The BG has two (2) Vice-Presidents. Each of the Vice-Presidents have their own responsibilities and special tasks. The Vice-presidents are elected by the Congress for four (4) years and required to have authority and responsibility in the range of:

- ⇒ First Vice-President:
 - is together with President and Secretary General, responsible for organization strategy, marketing strategy and finance;
 - is together with President and Secretary General responsible for preparing of the annual plan of BG;
 - is responsible, in the absence of the President, for the President's duties;
 - in case the President is not able to fulfil his/her duties, he/she becomes Interim President until the next elections or the closest Congress.
- ⇒ Second Vice-President:
 - is together with President and Secretary General, responsible for technical regulations, competition system of BG and managing of Balkan Championships;

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- is responsible for planning and implementing of other events concerning the technical development of the member Federations (such as judging courses, seminars, training camps etc.);
- chairs the TC and have authority to nominate the members of the TC;
- is responsible, in the absence of the President and First Vice-President, for the President's duties;
- in case the President and First Vice-President is not able to fulfil his/her duties, he/she becomes Interim President until the next elections or the closest Congress.

Art. 14 The Executive Committee Members

The BG has two (2) additional EC members. They can be nominated for chairs of Commissions or Working Groups. The EC can also nominate special tasks to the members of the EC. They are elected by the Congress for four (4) years.

Art. 15 The Secretary General

The Secretary General is nominated by the President and elected by the EC for four (4) years and required to have authority and responsibility in the range of:

- ⇒ is the executive of the EC responsible for the BG office;
- ⇒ manages the EC activities in the period between the EC meetings and coordinates all activities;
- ⇒ keeps the whole documentation of the Balkan competitions;
- ⇒ sends the Congress reports and the results of Balkan competitions to the member federations;
- ⇒ create and publishes the official records of the Balkan competitions through the BG website;
- ⇒ together with the President, signs all correspondence and all the legal and financial documents of the BG;
- ⇒ is responsible for preparing the annual plan and annual report of the BG.

The function of Secretary General can be volunteer or professional. About the nature of function decides EC.

V. TECHNICAL COMMISSION

Art. 16 Chairing, appointment, composition and authority

The second Vice-President is a chair of the TC and has the authority and responsibility to nominate members of the TC. The members should be confirmed by the EC.

TC can be composed by the one (1) expert for each gymnastics discipline presented in Art. 4. Mandatory composition of TC is formed from chairman and members responsible for Men's Artistic Gymnastics, Women's Artistic Gymnastics and Rhythmic Gymnastics.

The authority and responsibilities of the TCs are concerning the issue of technical regulations, competition system of BG and managing of Balkan Championships.

VI. COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS

Art. 17 Appointment, composition and authority

The EC has the right to appoint various Commissions or Working Groups according to the current needs.

The EC also nominates the chair of the Commission or Working Group, which has to be a member of the EC. Chair of Commission or Working Group has the authority to nominate other members of the Commission or Working Group. The members should be confirmed by the EC.

The authority of the Commissions or Working Groups is strictly limited to special tasks which are dedicated to them by the EC.

VII. PROPERTIES

Art. 18 Properties of BG

The BG may acquire or own properties for the realisation of its aims, including facilities and equipment according to the laws of the country in which the offices are located.

VIII. MEMBERSHIP FEE

Art. 19 Contribution of the member Federations

Each member Federation shall pay an annual membership fee.

The EC proposes and Congress approves the membership fee amount for the two (2) years cycle.

IX. FINANCES

Art. 20 Structure of finances and bank account

The incomes of the BG are formed by marketing and sponsorships, subsidies, donations, membership fees, license fees and other sources allowed by law.

A bank account will be provided for this purpose, and it will be opened and located in the country of a President.

The President and the Secretary General have to manage the above bank account both and together.

X. FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 21 Other matters

All matters not settled by the present Statutes will be arranged by the Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress.

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Art. 22 Stamp, logo and other symbols

The BG has a stamp, logo, letter form, flag, and other symbols, approved by the EC.

Art. 23 Approval of the Statutes

The present Statutes were approved by the BG Congress held in Istanbul, Turkey on 29th January 2022.



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Appendix 1: Constitutive members of Balkan Gymnastics

#	Abbreviation	Country	Full name of the Member Federation
1.	ALB	Albania	Gymnastics Federation of Albania
2.	BiH	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Gymnastics Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
3.	BUL	Bulgaria	Gymnastics Federation of Bulgaria
4.	CRO	Croatia	Gymnastics Federation of Croatia
5.	GRE	Greece	Gymnastics Federation of Greece
6.	HUN	Hungary	Gymnastics Federation of Hungary
7.	KOS	Kosovo	Gymnastics Federation of Kosovo
8.	MDA	Moldova	Gymnastics Federation of Moldova
9.	MNE	Montenegro	Gymnastics Federation of Montenegro
10.	MK	Republic of North Macedonia	Gymnastics Federation of North Macedonia
11.	ROU	Romania	Gymnastics Federation of Romania
12.	SLO	Slovenia	Gymnastics Federation of Slovenia
13.	SRB	Serbia	Gymnastics Federation of Serbia
14.	TUR	Turkey	Gymnastics Federation of Turkey