

Statutes of the African Kurash Association (AKU)

Composition and Goals of The AKU

1. Definition

- 1.1. The African Kurash Union, referred to herein as the AKU shall be the non-political and non-profit continental organization composed of the National Kurash Federations affiliated to the African Continental Kurash Union
- 1.2. The AKU shall equally respect the rights and interests of all officially affiliated National Kurash Federations, referred to herein as the NKF.
- 1.3. The IKA in its actions and decisions shall not use any discriminatory approach including discrimination on basis of nationality, religion, sex, political, cultural and other preferences. Hereinafter in cases, if there is not a special mentioning of the contrary, the masculine gender used in relation to any person shall be comprehended as including the feminine gender as well.
- 1.4. The governing bodies of the AKU shall be the Congress and the Directing Committee.

2. The sport of the International Kurash Association (IKA)

- 2.1. The IKA shall be the official international body governing and representing on international arena the sport of Kurash, the native ancient type of sport practiced by people of Uzbekistan. The present look of Kurash is based on the Kurash Rules created by Komil Yusupov - the main initiator of the IKA's foundation.
- 2.2. The AKU shall be open for collaboration equally for all organizations and sports which are ready to promote and cooperate with the sport of Kurash.

3. Aims

- 3.1. The main aim of the AKU shall be the promotion and protection of interests of Kurash and its values on the African continent.
- 3.2. Taking under account interests of the NKF, the AKU shall promote ideas of peace, friendship and mutual understanding.
- 3.3. AKU shall coordinate and supervise Kurash development on the African continent and surrounding islands.
- 3.4. The AKU shall coordinate holding of various international sporting events, including Continental Championships, International Tournaments and Cups, other sport competitions, international training camps and seminars for referees, coaches and athletes of both sexes of all age and weight categories mentioned in the International Kurash Rules.
- 3.5. The AKU shall support and maintain the ideals and objectives of the Olympic Movement.

4. Headquarters and Official Languages

- 4.1. The Headquarters of the AKU shall be located in the place as determined by the Congress of the AKU or the country of residence of the appointed continental president.
- 4.2. The official languages of the AKU shall be English, French and Portuguese. All official documents and correspondence shall be written in one or more of the official languages. The official meetings of the IKA including Congress and Directing Committee meetings shall use the official languages.
- 4.3. In case of disagreement over interpretation and translation, the language originally used in the documents and correspondence shall prevail.
- 4.4. In case of disagreement over interpretation of technical matters of Kurash, the Uzbek language shall prevail.

5. Flag, Emblem and Anthem

- 5.1. The Flag, the Emblem and the Anthem of the AKU shall be approved by the Congress of the AKU.
- 5.2. The Flag and the Emblem of the AKU shall be an exclusive property of the AKU and shall not be used by third parties without the prior approval of the Directing Committee.
- 5.3. The Flag, the Emblem and the Anthem of the IKA shall be used during all official sporting events of the IKA, including World and Continental championships, International tournaments and cups, etc.
- 5.4. The NKF and the AKU, if they so decide, shall have their own flags, emblems and anthems approved by the respective governing body of a national federation or a continental federation. The Flags, the Emblems and the Anthems of the NKF and the CKF may incorporate some elements of the Flag, the Emblem and the Anthem of the IKA, but shall not repeat them in entirety.

6. National Kurash Federations, their rights and obligations

- 6.1. The AKU shall unite National Kurash Federations - official members of the IKA, which are officially affiliated to the IKA.
- 6.2. Every single country shall be represented in the AKU.
- 6.3. The NKF shall be responsible for promotion and development of Kurash and for the position of Kurash in their countries. The information about that on constant basis shall be reported by the NKF to the AKU
- 6.4. The NKF seeking affiliation to the IKA shall be first officially affiliated to the AKU.
- 6.5. The Statutes and the By-Laws of the NKF shall be drafted in accordance with the Statutes and the By-Laws of the IKA. The Statutes and the By-Laws of the NKF shall not contradict to the Statutes and the By-Laws of the IKA.
- 6.6. The NKF applying for membership in the IKA shall present the following set of documents, all written or translated into one of the official languages of the IKA, to the General Secretary of the IKA:
 - a written request for membership signed by the NKF President

- a copy of the NKF's Statutes
 - a copy of the NKF's registration certificates
 - a letter stating agreement with the Statutes and the By-Laws of the IKA and obligation to follow them
 - the list of the NKF's officials including their full mailing addresses and contact telephone and facsimile numbers
 - a cheque made out in US dollars for the sum of the entering fee and membership fee for the first year of membership
- 6.7. The above mentioned set of documents shall be submitted to the General Secretary of the IKA at least six months prior to the next Congress meeting.
- 6.8. The General Secretary shall present the submitted documents for the discussion at the next Directing Committee meeting. If the submitted documents comply with requirements of the IKA the Directing Committee shall include to the Agenda of the next Congress the question on affiliation of the applying NKF to the IKA.
- 6.9. The NKF shall become a member of the IKA if the simple majority of the Congress members votes in favor.
- 6.10. The NKF officially affiliated to the IKA shall have the right to attend and speak at all Congress Meetings, nominate its candidates to all official positions in the IKA and vote on all questions included to the Agenda of the Congress.
- 6.11. The NKF may withdraw its membership from the IKA by submitting a written request to the General Secretary, who shall present it to the next Congress meeting. The Congress shall cancel the membership of the NKF submitting the request.

7. Continental Kurash Federations, their rights and obligations

- 7.1. The CKF shall be established by two and more NKF located in the same continent.
- 7.2. The CKF shall have their own Statutes and the By-Laws, which must be in conformity with the Statutes and the By-Laws of the IKA.
- 7.3. The CKF shall elect officials in accordance with their Statutes. **The President of the IKA shall have the right to nominate his own candidate for the post of the CKF President.**
- 7.4. The President of the CKF shall become the member of the Directing Committee of the IKA in the position of the IKA's Vice-President.
- 7.5. The Presidents of the CKF shall register their CKF as a non-political and non-profit international organizations in the states where they reside or in any other state of the respective continent.
- 7.6. The Continental Kurash Federations shall work in close cooperation with the Directing Committee of the IKA and with each other.
- 7.7. The CKF shall be responsible for promotion and development of Kurash in the respective Continent and for the position of Kurash in affiliated NKF. The information about that shall be reported by the CKF on constant basis to the President of the IKA.
- 7.8. The CKF shall communicate to the General Secretary of the IKA agendas, minutes and decisions made by the Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings of the Congress and the Directing Committee of

the respective CKF, as well as the annual Calendar of events and results of the major Continental Kurash competitions.

8. Annual membership fee

- 8.1. The NKF shall pay to the IKA the entrance fee in amount of US \$ 300. Annual membership fee of the NKF in amount of US \$ 300 shall be payable by 31st December each year.
- 8.2. Any NKF that has not paid its annual fee is liable for suspension from all official competitions and meetings of the IKA, including the Congress meetings, until the said payments are duly made by the NFK.
- 8.3. In case the NKF delay payment of the annual membership fee for more than a year, the NKF shall be expelled from the IKA.

9. Expulsion, resignation and suspension

- 9.1. The NKF shall be expelled from the IKA in following cases:
 - expulsion from its CKF
 - resignation
 - failure to pay the annual membership fee
 - activities conflicting with the Statutes and the By-Laws of the IKA
 - refusal to comply with the IKA decisions
 - actions against Kurash development
- 9.2. The final decision to expel the NKF from the IKA (except cases of resignation and non- payment of annual membership fee) may only be obtained at the IKA's Congress meetings by a two-third majority vote.
- 9.3. Any NKF which has resigned or has been expelled from the IKA and later wishes to rejoin the IKA will have to pay a re-entry fee twice the amount of the membership fee it would have had to pay had it remained a member.
- 9.4. A member NKF may not claim any damages against the IKA.

10. Finances

- 10.1. The AKU's incomes shall be as follows:
 - Entrance fees
 - Annual membership fees
 - Donations
 - Sponsors' license fees
 - Rights for TV broadcast of IKA's official events
 - Financial support from the World Foundation on Kurash Development
 - Other sources
- 10.2. The members of the Directing Committee and Commissions, as well as other staff of the IKA shall offer their services to the IKA free of charge, unless otherwise stated by the Statutes and the By-Laws of the IKA.

However, their traveling and living expenses while on official out-station duty will be reimbursed by the IKA.

- 10.3. All TV and Radio broadcasting, film, photo, contractual and property rights of the World and Continental Championships of the IKA are the exclusive property of the IKA. The rights may not be negotiated or sold without a written agreement of the President of the IKA, who may delegate his authority to manage and sell these rights, but who shall retain the sole responsibility for the final decision and for the use of the income from the sale of the rights. All saleable rights are to be reflected by the Treasurer in income and expenditure statements.
- 10.4. The fiscal period for financial and accounting purposes shall be a period of one calendar year from 1st January to 31st December of the said year.
- 10.5. The Treasurer shall submit to the Congress and the Directing Committee the accounting report of the past Fiscal Year at the first meeting of the Congress and the Directing Committee which is subsequently nearest to 31st December of said year.
- 10.6. The Treasurer shall consult with the President, the Congress and the Directing Committee for recommending an internationally acceptable public accounting firm of Chartered Accountants for the auditing of the AKU accounts prepared under the supervision of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible and shall oversee the auditing done by the selected accountants and place the audited statements before the Congress and the Directing Committee at the first meeting of the Congress after the completion of the yearly audit for approval. A representative from the firm of accountants may be invited to attend the Congress/Directing Committee meeting at the discretion of the Treasurer with the approval of the President of the AKU.

The Congress

11. Composition

- 11.1. The Congress shall be the Supreme Governing Authority of the AKU.
- 11.2. The members of the Congress shall be the NKF - official members of the IKA, and the members of the Directing Committee of the IKA.
- 11.3. Each NKF may delegate up to two representatives to the Congress meeting, but only one of them shall have the right to vote and speak at the Congress meeting.
- 11.4. The representatives of the NKF with the right to vote at the Congress must present formal credentials signed by the NKF's President to the General Secretary before the opening of the meeting of the Congress. In case if the delegate is the President of the NKF, he shall not need to present such credentials.
- 11.5. The Directing Committee may invite observers to take part at the Congress meeting. The said observers shall have no right to take part in discussions during the meeting. Observers may address the speech to the Congress only with permission of the Congress' Chairperson.
- 11.6. The Congress meeting shall be eligible to start if more than a half of the Congress members are present including those represented by proxies.
- 11.7. The Congress meeting shall be chaired by the President of the AKU. In

case if the President is unable to take part at the meeting, the Congress shall be chaired by one of the members of the Directing Committee elected by simple majority of votes of Congress members.

- 11.8. The Congress meeting shall be eligible to discuss and vote only on the questions included to the Agenda of the Congress. The Agenda of the Congress shall be drafted by the Directing Committee of the AKU and approved by the Congress members in the beginning of the meeting.

12. Proxies

- 12.1. The Congress members who due to some reasons cannot take part at the Congress meetings may delegate their right to speak and vote at the Congress to the other member of the Congress via a duly authorized proxy of the fixed form.
- 12.2. The Congress members shall present proxies to the General Secretary before the start of the Congress meetings.
- 12.3. The proxies shall be of the type designated by the By-Laws of the AKU and must be signed by the President of the NKF or the Directing Committee member issuing the proxy. The proxy issued by the NKF must have the seal of the NKF on it.
- 12.4. The proxies shall not be accepted if they do not correspond to requirements mentioned above.

13. Voting procedure

- 13.1. The Congress shall make the decisions by simple majority of cast votes, which means fifty per cent of votes plus one vote, unless otherwise stipulated by the Statutes and the By-Laws of the IKA.
- 13.2. The voting at the Congress meeting shall be made openly by raising hands. In case if demanded by three and more members and if it is approved by one third of the Congress members, voting shall be a secret ballot.
- 13.3. In cases if the number of votes cast for and against is equal the vote of the President of the AKU shall have the decisive character.

14. Activity and Duties of the Congress

- 14.1. The Congress meeting shall be held every year at the same time and venue as the Continental Championship is to be held.
- 14.2. At least three months before the Congress meeting the members of the Congress shall send to the General Secretary the items they would like to be included to the Agenda of the Congress. The General Secretary shall present the proposals from the Congress members to discussion of the Directing Committee.
- 14.3. The Directing Committee shall draft the Agenda of the Congress at least two months before the Congress meeting. The General Secretary shall circulate the agenda of the Congress among the members of the Congress at least one month before the Congress meeting.
- 14.4. Right after the end of the Congress meeting the General Secretary shall draft the Congress Outline, which shall include short description of main issues discussed by the Congress and the list of decisions made by the Congress. The Congress Outline shall be signed both by the President

and the General Secretary. The General Secretary shall circulate the Congress Outline among the Congress members within two weeks after the Congress meeting.

- 14.5. The General Secretary shall draft the minutes of the Congress. The draft minutes shall be circulated among the members of the Congress within six months after the Congress meeting. The next Congress meeting shall discuss and approve the minutes.
- 14.6. The Congress shall do the following:
 - elect the Directing Committee members (except Vice-Presidents and Treasurer)
 - approve, change and amend the IKA's Statutes and the International Kurash Rules
 - approve the Calendar of the Events of the AKU
 - approve the Minutes of the previous Congress meeting
 - hear and approve reports of the Directing Committee's members
 - grant and expel membership of national federations in the AKU
 - grant "Honorary Member of the AKU", "Honorary Member of the Directing Committee of the AKU", "Honorary Vice President of the AKU", "Honorary President of the AKU" awards.

15. Extraordinary Congress meeting

15.1. An Extraordinary Congress meeting shall be called in following cases:

- Upon request of at least a half of the Directing Committee members with clear reasons for gathering
- Upon request of at least a half of the member NKF with clear reasons for gathering.
- Upon decision of the AKU or IKA's President.

The request shall be sent to the General Secretary, who shall inform the President about such request.

- 15.2. The President of the AKU shall designate the date, time and venue of the Extraordinary Congress meeting. The date of the Extraordinary Congress shall be within four months following the receipt of the request.
- 15.3. The Agenda drafted by the Directing Committee shall include only the issues which where the reason of calling of the Extraordinary Congress meeting. Issues that are not included in the Agenda of the meeting shall not be discussed
- 15.4. The status and the validity of decisions made by the Extraordinary Congress meeting shall be equal to the Ordinary Congress' decisions. The procedure of holding and other regulations related to the Extraordinary Congress meeting shall duly comply with the respective conditions of the Ordinary Congress.

The Directing Committee

16. Members

- 16.1. The Directing Committee shall be a governing body of the AKU, which governs the IKA and makes decisions related to the IKA activity in the period between the two Congress meetings.

The members of the AKU Directing Committee shall be as follows:

- President
 - Five Vice - Presidents (Presidents of Southern zone, Central zone, Eastern zone, Western Zone and Northern zone)
 - General Secretary
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Sports Director
 - Refereeing Director
 - Director on legal issues
 - Press Director
- 16.2. The Directing Committee meetings shall be held at least once a year. The dates and venues for the Directing Committee meetings shall be designated by the President of the AKU. The General Secretary shall inform the members of the Directing Committee about the date and venue of the Directing Committee meeting at least two months before the said meeting.
- 16.3. The Directing Committee meetings shall be chaired by the President of the AKU. In case if the President is unable to take part at the meeting, the Directing Committee meeting shall be chaired by one of the members of the Directing Committee elected by simple majority of votes of Directing Committee members. The Directing Committee meeting shall be valid if more than a half of the members are present at the said meeting.
- 16.4. Any Directing Committee member who fails to attend without reasonable excuses three consecutive Directing Committee meetings shall be expelled from his position of the Directing Committee member.
- 16.5. In case if the member of the Directing Committee is unable to attend the Directing Committee meeting due to a reasonable excuse, he may delegate his authority to the other member of the Directing committee by giving the proxy or sending the respective notification to the General Secretary by fax at least one week before the Directing Committee meeting.
- 16.6. In case if the Honorary President is unable to attend the Directing Committee meetings, his authority shall be represented by the President of the AKU
- 16.7. The Directing Committee members shall be responsible for duly accomplishment of activities entrusted them by the Statutes and the By-Laws of the IKA, Congress and Directing Committee decisions, and the personal tasks of the President of the AKU.
- 16.8. The Directing Committee members shall send to the General Secretary items they want to be included to the Agenda of the next Directing Committee meetings at least two weeks before the date of the said meeting. The General Secretary shall present the said items to the President of the AKU who makes the final draft of the Agenda. The General Secretary shall circulate the Agenda among Directing

Committee members at least one week before the date of the Directing Committee meeting.

- 16.9. The Directing Committee meetings shall discuss only those issues included to the Agenda of the meeting. The new items may be included to the Agenda during the meeting if the simple majority of the members decide so.
- 16.10. In case if the scheduled meeting of the Directing Committee due to some reasons may not be held, the decisions may be made by written or verbal communications among the members of the Directing Committee. The validity of such decisions shall be equal with the decisions made during the Directing Committee meetings.
- 16.11. No member of the Directing Committee (except President) shall act, speak and take any commitments on behalf of the AKU before the third parties without prior agreement from the President of the AKU.

17. Voting procedure

- 17.1. All decisions in the Directing Committee shall be made by simple majority, which means fifty per cent of votes plus one vote. In case of tie, the President of the AKU shall have the decisive vote.
- 17.2. The voting during the Directing Committee meetings shall be held openly, by raising hand.

18. Election

- 18.1. The Directing Committee members may be re-elected after the completion of their terms.
- 18.2. Nominations to the post of the Directing Committee member shall be sent to the General Secretary at least six months before the next Congress meeting. The nomination letter shall be sent by the NKF nominating the candidate and shall be signed by the President of the NKF. The nomination letter shall be accompanied with the Resume of the candidate and the outline of his program of activity on the sought position of the Directing Committee member.
- 18.3. The General Secretary shall circulate among the members of the Congress the nomination letters, resume and the program outline of the candidates together with other documents of the Congress in terms prescribed by the Statutes of the IKA.
- 18.4. The President of the AKU shall have the right to nominate his candidates to the posts in the Directing Committee of the AKU
- 18.5. Nominations for the post of the Directing Committee member shall be done only in the way prescribed by the Statutes of the AKU. Nominations done in any other way shall not be accepted.

19. Documents

- 19.1. Right after the end of the Directing Committee meeting the General Secretary shall draft the Outline of the said meeting, which shall include short description of main issues discussed and the list of decisions made. The Outline shall be signed both by the President of the AKU and the General Secretary. The General Secretary shall circulate the Outline among the Directing Committee members within one week after the

Directing Committee meeting.

- 19.2. The General Secretary shall draft the minutes of the Directing Committee meeting. The draft minutes shall be circulated among the members of the Directing Committee before the next Directing Committee meeting, during of which the draft minutes shall be approved. The approved Minutes shall be circulated among the NKF and the CKU members.

20. Duties of the Directing Committee

- 20.1. The Directing Committee and its members shall fulfill the duties reflected in the Statutes and the By-Laws of the AKU.
- 20.2. The members of the Directing Committee shall present reports of activity to each Congress meeting of the AKU. The report shall include the description of the work done by the member and his proposals on how to improve the situation in the field the member is responsible for.

21. By-Laws

- 21.1. The By-Laws shall be developed, adopted and changed by the Directing Committee. The By-Laws adopted or changed by the Directing Committee shall be taken into account by the Congress of the AKU. The By-Laws come into effect right after their adoption by the Directing Committee of the AKU. Only the Directing Committee may change or cancel the By-Laws. The By-Laws lose their power right after the respective Decision is adopted by the Directing Committee of the AKU.
- 21.2. The By-Laws shall be the supplementary additions to the articles and paragraphs of the AKU's Statutes. The power of the By-Laws shall be equal with the power of the AKU's Statutes.
- 21.3. The Congress, the Directing Committee, the NKF, the CKF and all other organs and employees of the AKU shall fully obey and follow the By-Laws.

22. Honorary President

Only applicable to the IKA

23. President

- 23.1. The President shall be elected by the two thirds of votes of the Congress or by appointment from the IKA
- 23.2. The President shall chair all Congress and Directing Committee meetings.
- 23.3. In cases if the voting during the Congress and Directing Committee meetings is tie, the vote of the President shall be decisive.
- 23.4. The President shall receive the reimbursement for all expenses connected with representative activity and traveling for the AKU.
- 23.5. The President shall receive and decide on applications from the members of the Directing Committee and the Commissions of the IKA concerning the reimbursement of expenses which incurred during the performance of their assigned duties.

- 23.6. The President shall have the right to propose to the Congress amendments and changes to the Statutes of the IKA and the International Kurash Rules.
- 23.7. In case if disputes occur over matters not specified in the Statutes or matters that require urgent solution in the period between the two Congresses, the President shall take emergency measures and report about them to the next Congress meeting.
- 23.8. The President shall entrust to the members of the Directing Committee and Commissions of the AKU the duties and tasks related to respective fields of activity of the said members.
- 23.9. The President shall have a right to create his administration, which fulfills his assignments and is led by the President, and financed from the budget of the AKU.
- 23.10. The rights and duties of the President shall be as designated by the Statutes and the By-Laws of the AKU and the IKA.

24. Vice - Presidents

- 24.1. The persons occupying the posts of the Presidents five African zones shall be the Vice - Presidents of the AKU.
- 24.2. The Vice - Presidents shall represent and protect interests of their zones in the Directing Committee and the Congress of the AKU.
- 24.3. The rights and duties of the Vice - Presidents shall be as designated by the Statutes and the By-Laws of the AKU.

25. General Secretary

- 25.1. The General Secretary shall be elected by the Congress of the IKA.
- 25.2. The General Secretary shall act as a liaison between the President of the IKA and the NKF, the CKF, members of the Directing Committee and Commissions
- 25.3. The General Secretary shall establish close cooperative ties with the NKF, the AKU, members of the Directing Committee and Commissions of the AKU.
- 25.4. The General Secretary shall be responsible for administrative issues in the AKU, as well as for circulation of information and correspondence as prescribed by the Statutes and the By-Laws of the AKU.
- 25.5. The General Secretary shall sign with prior permission of the IKA's President official documents and correspondence of the IKA.
- 25.6. The General Secretary shall control the proper fulfillment of the IKA's Statutes, the International Kurash Rules, the By-Laws and assignments of the IKA's President by the NKF, the CKF, members of the Directing Committee and Commissions and report about the abuses to the President of the IKA.
- 25.7. The rights and duties of the General Secretary shall be as designated by the Statutes and the By Laws of the IKA.

26. Secretary

Not Applicable

27. Treasurer

- 27.1. The treasurer will be the treasurer of the national Kurash federation of the country where the president resides.
- 27.2. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the Treasury of the AKU and shall be responsible for keeping regular accounts, and shall work as directed by the President of the AKU.
- 27.3. All incomes and expenses must be recorded and included by the Treasurer to the budget approved by the Congress and the Directing Committee of the AKU.
- 27.4. The Treasurer shall elaborate and propose to the Directing Committee and the Congress a draft of the annual budget of the AKU, and after approval of the said budget shall fulfill it. Any expenses which occur after approval of the budget shall be covered with the prior permission of the President of the AKU.
- 27.5. The Treasurer shall report through the President, a report on the financial situation of the AKU at every Congress and Directing Committee meetings.
- 27.6. The rights and duties of the Treasurer shall be as designated by the Statutes and the By-Laws of the AKU

28. Sports Director

- 28.1. The Sports Director shall be elected by the Congress.
- 28.2. The Sports Director shall be responsible for all sporting issues in the AKU. He shall control the effective and correct functioning of the competition system at the official sport events of the AKU
- 28.3. The Sports Director shall lead all issues related to doping control in the AKU.
- 28.4. The Sports Director shall submit to consideration by the AKU Congress his proposals on improving the International Kurash Rules.
- 28.5. The Sports Director shall be responsible for developing and controlling the programs of the training camps and seminars for coaches and athletes organized in frameworks of the AKU
- 28.6. The Sports Director shall collaborate closely in all aspects of his activity with the President of the AKU.
- 28.7. The rights and duties of the Sports Director shall be as designated by the Statutes and the By Laws of the AKU.

29. Refereeing Director

- 29.1. The Refereeing Director shall be elected by the Congress.
- 29.2. The Refereeing Director shall be responsible for all issues related to refereeing matters at the official sport events of the AKU.
- 29.3. The Refereeing Director shall submit to consideration by the AKU's Congress his proposals on improving the International Kurash Rules in the parts connected with refereeing.
- 29.4. The Refereeing Director shall be responsible for developing and controlling the programs of the refereeing seminars organized in frameworks of the AKU
- 29.5. The Refereeing Director shall be responsible for drafting the list of the International referees of the AKU.

29.6. The Refereeing Director shall collaborate closely in all aspects of his activity with the President AKU.

30. Director on relations with international sport organizations

Not applicable

31. Director on legal issues

Not applicable

32. Press Director

- 32.1. The Press Director shall be elected by the Congress.
- 32.2. The Press Director shall be responsible for development and fulfillment of promotional and PR activity aimed at general popularization of Kurash worldwide.
- 32.3. The Press Director shall establish close cooperative and working ties with media sources for ensuring wide coverage of the AKU events and general promotion of Kurash.
- 32.5. The Press Director shall assist the activity of all official press publications and other media sources of the IKA.
- 32.6. The Press Director shall be responsible for media accreditation at all official AKU events.
- 32.7. The Press Director shall closely cooperate and consult with the AKU President on his actions and decisions.
- 32.8. The rights and duties of the Press Director shall be as designated by the Statutes and the By Laws of the AKU.

33. Commissions

- 33.1. The Commissions shall be the assisting bodies of the Directing Committee, which are created by the President of the AKU and fulfill assignments of the President of the AKU and the Directing Committee.
- 33.2. The Commissions shall consist of a fixed number of members depending on the nature of activity. The Chairmen and the members of the Commissions shall be appointed by the President of the AKU, and their terms of office shall be designated by the President of the AKU.
- 33.3. The Chairmen and the members of the Commissions shall not be the members of neither the Congress nor the Directing Committee of the AKU. The Chairmen and the members of the Commissions may take part and speak at the meetings of the Congress and the Directing Committee, but not to vote.
- 33.4. The Directing Committee in the respective By-Laws shall specify roles and functions of each commission.
- 33.5. The AKU may have the following Commissions:
 - Auditors Commission
 - Kurash Development Commission
 - Refereeing Commission
 - Coaching Commission

- Medical Commission
- Press Commission
- Commission on registration of the IKA in international sport organizations
- Commission on legal issues

33.6. The rights and duties of the Commissions shall be as designated by the Statutes and the By Laws of the AKU.

General Rules of Holding AKU AND IKA Official Events

34. General Principles

- 34.1. All NKF, their members and affiliated clubs shall participate only in those Kurash competitions approved by the IKA.
- 34.2. However, with the permission of the President of the IKA, NKF may participate in other events if these events contribute to promotion of Kurash, especially in countries, which are not IKA members.
- 34.3. The International Kurash Rules shall apply to all official IKA events, which include World and Continental Championships, International Kurash tournaments, competitions organized by the CKF and the NKF in the weight and age categories reflected in the International Kurash Rules.
- 34.4. If necessary the IKA's President shall appoint officials to supervise the observance of the International Kurash Rules at the IKA's official events.
- 34.5. Athletes shall not have the right to be members of the team of countries unless they are citizens of said countries.
- 34.6. The invitation of an athlete to participate at an event shall be made by the IKA or the CKF through the National Federation, which the athlete is a member of.

35. IKA's Official Events

- 35.1. All competitions included to the IKA calendar shall be IKA's official events.
- 35.2. All competitions included to the IKA calendar shall be IKA's official events.
- 35.3. The Continental Championships shall be held annually under the supervision of the IKA and shall be organized by the host NKF selected at the Congress of the respective CKF. The CKF with prior permission of the Directing Committee of the IKA may change the frequency of holding of Continental Championships.
- 35.4. Other International Kurash tournaments may be held by any NKF only if these tournaments are not titled as "World" or "Continental".
- 35.5. Any NKF officially affiliated to the IKA shall have the right to apply for holding of the IKA's official event. For that the NKF shall send the said application to the General Secretary at least six months before the date of the next Congress.

- 35.6. The report about each IKA's official event shall be submitted by the host NKF to the General Secretary within one month after the conclusion of the event.

36. Doping

- 35.1. The use of any substances designed to artificially increase the performance of an athlete shall be strictly forbidden by the IKA.
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- 36.3. The decisions concerning penalties for doping abuse shall be based on the international anti-doping regulations and shall be made by the IKA's Directing Committee.

Special Provisions

37. Tribunal

- 37.1. In case of a legal dispute arising from or in connection to the Statutes, the By-Laws or any other rules of the IKA, the parties shall do their best to settle matters amicably.
- 37.2. If the dispute is not settled amicably, the decision made by the Congress of the IKA or by a Court of Arbitration shall be final and binding upon all the concerned parties.

38. Internal Regulation

- 38.1. In accordance with the Statutes and the By-Laws of the AKU the Directing Committee shall be authorized to establish the internal regulation.

39. The Statutes of the AKU, changing and amending the Statutes

- 39.1. The Statutes of the AKU shall be the main document for all the members and organs of the AKU.
- 39.2. Proposals to change and amend the Statutes of the AKU shall be submitted by the President of the AKU and the Director on legal issues of the AKU to consideration by the Congress of the AKU. The Congress of the AKU shall have an exclusive privilege to approve any change and amendment to the Statutes of the AKU. All amendments and changes to the Statutes of the IKA shall come into effect right after their adoption by the AKU's Congress. The changed parts of the Statutes shall lose their power from the moment such changes are made by the Congress of the AKU.
- 39.3. In cases, which are not stipulated by the Statutes, the President of the AKU shall make the decision.
- 39.4. Decisions made by the Congress, the Directing Committee and Commissions of the IKA, the CKF and the NKF and any other organs of the IKA shall fully comply with the IKA's Statutes.

40. Dissolution of the AKU

- 40.1. The decision on dissolution of the AKU shall only be made at the Congress meeting by the unanimous vote of all the members of the Congress.
- 40.2. Exclusive right over the use of any funds or properties belonging to the AKU shall be granted by the Congress after obtaining the resolution on dissolution.