



INTERNATIONAL LIFE SAVING FEDERATION OF EUROPE

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CONSTITUTION

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Article 1. ILS of Europe

- 1.1. According to article 6.1. of the Constitution of the International Life Saving Federation (ILS), the European Full Members of ILS have founded a Regional Branch of ILS with the purpose of achieving closer relationship and collaboration in aquatic life saving activities in the area of Europe.
- 1.2. The Regional Branch bears the name of „International Life Saving Federation of Europe“, whose abbreviation is „ILSE“.

Article 2. Mission Statement, Aims and Objectives

ILSE shall fulfil the objectives of ILS according to articles 3 of the ILS Constitution with particular emphasis on the European perspective.

Article 3. Legislation

The legislation of ILSE consists of the ILSE Constitution, describing all principles and fundamental aspects, and the ILSE Bye-Laws, giving explanations and procedures with regard to articles of the ILSE Constitution. The ILSE shall at all times remain subject to the Constitution and Bye-Laws of ILS.

Requirements and procedures for organising life saving sports events and competitions are regulated in the ILS Rules of Life Saving Sport.

Article 4. Membership

A Member of ILS whose country falls within the geographical and political region of Europe (as defined by the United Nations) shall also be a Member of ILSE. Categories of membership, together with rights and obligations connected with the respective category of membership, shall be the same as for ILS.

Article 5. General Assembly of ILSE

- 5.1. The General Assembly of ILSE is the supreme governing body of ILSE. It is composed of the representatives from the ILSE members.
- 5.2. The General Assembly of ILSE meets at least once every four calendar years, at the maximum 12 months before the General Assembly of ILS.
- 5.3. If so requested by the Board of Directors or if a written request is submitted to the Board by at least 20% of the Full Members an Extraordinary General Assembly must be convened within three months.
- 5.4. The place and date of the General Assembly or Extraordinary General Assembly shall be promulgated by procedures and timetables set out in the ILSE Bye-Laws. Procedures governing the calling of General Assemblies and Extraordinary General Assemblies shall be set out in the ILSE Bye-Laws.
- 5.5. The General Assembly of ILSE is empowered to:
 - a) approve and modify the Constitution of ILSE and the Bye-Laws of ILSE,
 - b) conduct statutory elections for ILSE,
 - c) elect other Directors of the Board of ILS according to article 4.4.5 of the Bye-Laws of ILS,
 - d) adopt statements of account and budgets,
 - e) adopt programmes of activities,
 - f) decide upon proposals submitted by the Board of Directors of ILSE and Members,
 - g) voluntary dissolve ILSE
- 5.6. The quorum of Full Members required to be present at a General Assembly for resolutions on dissolution of ILSE, on distribution of its assets and on amendments to the ILSE Constitution, shall be more than 50%. For other matters the minimum quorum shall be 30% of Full Members with voting rights.

The respective quorum shall be reached at the opening session of the General Assembly and is then valid for the whole General Assembly meeting.
- 5.7.
 - (a) Any vote on the dissolution and distribution of the assets of ILSE shall be passed by the agreement of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the full members present and voting.
 - (b) Any vote on an amendment to the ILSE Constitution or Bye-Laws shall be passed by the agreement of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the full members present and voting.
 - (c) Any vote on other matters shall be passed by a simple majority of the full members present and voting
 - (d) For the purpose of ballots at a General Assembly abstentions shall not be included in these calculations
- 5.8. A General Assembly may decide that postal (or facsimile or e-mail) ballots shall take place. If such a postal ballot is held, a motion requires the following majorities of Full Members with voting rights:
 - a) motion to dissolve ILSE: three quarters
 - b) all other motions: two thirds.
- 5.9. The agenda of the General Assembly and the Extraordinary General Assembly shall be determined by procedures set out in the ILSE Bye-Laws.

Article 6. Board of Directors of ILSE

- 6.1. The Board of Directors of ILSE shall be constituted as follows:
- a) President
 - b) Secretary General
 - c) Up to four Vice Presidents who shall come from (four) different European regions (North, East, Central, South, West), but not from the same region, as the President.
 - d) Other Directors up to a number decided by the General Assembly of ILSE
 - e) An Honorary Life-President
 - f) Up to four Honorary Life-Members of the Board.
- 6.2. The President of ILSE shall be, by virtue of his office, one of the four Vice Presidents of ILS.
- 6.3. Each Member of the Board of Directors of ILSE shall be nominated by a Full Member and hold membership in that Full Member Association. Each shall be elected for a period of four years and is eligible for re-election. If a person elected to be a Member of the Board has ceased to hold credentials in the nominating Association this person automatically resigns from the Board. For this purpose a formal letter signed by the Chairman or Secretary of the nominating Association that a person is no longer supported by that Association in the role of Director shall be conclusive evidence of that resignation when received by the Secretary General of ILSE.
- 6.4. The Board of Directors of ILSE meets at least once a year.
- 6.5. The Board of Directors is empowered to:
- a) implement the decisions of the General Assembly of ILSE,
 - b) create and dissolve Commissions and approve their terms of reference and procedures,
 - c) appoint and dismiss individuals of Commissions by procedures set out in the ILSE Bye-Laws,
 - d) decide on the place and date and other arrangements for the European Aquatic Life Saving Championships,
 - e) adopt the annual financial report and forecast budgets,
 - f) adopt the activity report and the future projects,
 - g) submit to ILS proposals already approved by the General Assembly of ILSE.
- 6.6. The members of the Board at 6.1. e) and f) shall have no voting right.
- 6.7. The quorum of the Board is attained, if 50% of the Directors are present. The resolutions of the Board shall be decided by a simple majority of the Directors present.
- 6.8. The Chair of the Commissions may, if invited, participate in the meetings of the Board as and when considered necessary, but have no right to vote by virtue of that office.
- 6.9. The Chair of the Commissions may be a Director of the Board of Directors of ILSE.

Article 7. Commissions

- 7.1. The Board of Directors may decide upon the creation of Commissions and their composition, frequency of meetings and procedures. The nomination of Commission members, their duties, obligations, responsibilities and voting rights shall be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.
- 7.2. Each Commission shall be composed as a minimum of a Chair and two other Members and a maximum of ten (10) Members. The term of office shall be four years. If a person elected to a Commission has ceased to hold credentials in the nominating Association this person automatically resigns from the Commission. For this purpose a formal letter signed by the Chairman or Secretary of the nominating Association that a person is no longer supported by that Association shall be conclusive evidence of that resignation when received by the Secretary General of ILSE.
- 7.3. The President and Secretary General of ILSE may participate in Commission meetings, but have no voting right.
- 7.4. The Chair of each Commission should be, by virtue of his/her office, a member of an equivalent ILS Commission.

Article 8. Budget and Accounts

- 8.1. The financial year of ILSE begins on 1st January and ends on 31st December of the same year.
- 8.2. The Board of Directors presents the financial report and proposed budgets to the General Assembly of ILSE according to procedures set out in the ILSE Bye-Laws. The account auditing procedures are also set out in the ILSE Bye-Laws.

Article 9. Language

The official language of ILSE is English, but every delegate unable to speak English shall have the right to speak in his/her own language provided that he/she arranges to be assisted by an interpreter for whose expenses he/she shall be responsible.

Article 10. Political, religious and racial

Given the nature and the aims of ILSE, Members are to be discouraged from raising political, religious and racial matters.

Article 11. Dissolution

In the case of ILSE being dissolved, its assets shall be distributed to the ILS.