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STATUTES

CHAPTER I - CONSTITUTION AND PURPOSES

Article 1. - CONSTITUTION AND NAME

The Association of Pan American Sports Confederations, hereinafter referred to by its acronym ACODEPA, is an international sports organization recognized by Panam Sports.

The members that constitute it are: 1. The Pan American Sports Confederations or Continental Sports Organizations and, 2. The Regional Sports Organizations, when neither of the two types of Institutions mentioned in the previous numeral exist.

Only one Pan American Sports Confederation shall be recognized for each International Federation, unless the same federation recognize two or more Continental Organizations, in which case they shall also be recognized by ACODEPA.

In all cases, they must be recognized by their respective International Federation, which in turn must be recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

Article 2. – PURPOSES AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

ACODEPA is an independent, autonomous, non-profit entity, far removed from any influence or interest of a political, racial, economic, gender or religious nature, with legal personality and its own assets, and may affiliate with international organizations it deems appropriate.

The purposes of ACODEPA are the following:

- a) To coordinate efforts in favor of the development of Pan American sport, becoming the forum in which all Pan American Confederations and, where appropriate, the Regional Sports Organizations, may express their concerns and points of view.

- b) To establish links and promote fluid relationships with governmental sports authorities of the American continent.
- c) To liaise with Panam Sports and all regional sports organizations; as well as with the National Olympic Committees of the Americas and international and national sports organizations, to achieve common goals.
- d) To collaborate with the organizing committees of all the Multi-Sports Games, that take place within our continent, to work jointly and directly or, through previously designated regional organizations, participating and providing support in everything that concerns the Sports Confederations Pan American Games, during the processes of planning, organizing and carrying out said games.
- e) To Reaffirm and defend the full autonomy of the Pan American Confederations and, where appropriate, the Regional Sports Organizations, especially in relation to the technical aspects of their respective sports in accordance with the rules governing the International Federations.
- f) To procure the signing of agreements and the execution of programs aimed at improving the updating, technology, and equipment of the Pan American Sports Confederations and, where appropriate, the Regional Organizations.
- g) To ensure that the Pan American Sports Confederations and, where applicable, the Regional Sports Organizations comply with the World Anti-Doping Code in force. Adopt, implement, and enforce anti-doping rules within their jurisdictions, as regulated by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the National Anti-Doping Agencies (NADOs) and the International Testing Agency (ITA).
- h) To promote educational programs that foster the fight against any type of violence, physical and/or psychological harassment and abuse in sports.
- i) To ensure that playing a sport is a means of disseminating cultural, moral, and ethical values, guided by the Olympic ideals of friendship, honor, effort, perseverance, and fair play.

- j) To maintain relationships with Continental or World Associations of a similar nature to this organization and other international sports organizations.
- k) To comply with and enforce the provisions of the Olympic Charter of the International Olympic Committee and Panam Sports, within the scope of its competence.
- l) To promote the exchange of information through statistics, documents, books, magazines, or electronic means, to improve and update the organizational, technical and scientific levels of our members.
- m) To prepare and approve regulations corresponding to the commissions created by ACODEPA, to improve the capabilities of ACODEPA and its affiliates. The members of the commissions will remain in their positions for a term of 2 years, and their mandate may be renewed.
- n) The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) of Lausanne, Switzerland, is the only body empowered by ACODEPA to ensure arbitration between all parties. The provisions of the CAS Code of Arbitration for Sport will apply to the proceedings. The CAS will first apply the ACODEPA regulations and, in addition, Swiss Law.

Any dispute must be submitted, in the first instance, to the Executive Committee for its solution. The parties, who have participated in the processes of the decision of the Executive Committee, or any person who is directly affected by the decision, may submit the dispute exclusively through an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the arbitration code relating to the respective sport.

Article 3. -LEGAL PERSONALITY AND REGISTERED OFFICE

ACODEPA was created on May 1, 1992, in the city of Acapulco, Mexico. Subsequently, it was registered on August 16, 2000, legally formalizing under public deed of the



public property registry, under page 2827 of book 275 dated September 5, 2000, in Mexico City.

Its headquarters and financial administration shall be in the country and city in which the President of its Executive Committee resides:

- Monthly fees for technical and administrative staff,
- Purchase of equipment and furniture,
- Installation and monthly service of telephone and internet,
- Social media management for the generation of multimedia content that promotes a greater audience,
- Purchase of electronic equipment (Example: computer, printer, etc.),
- Acquisition of stationery and office supplies, photocopies, prints, etc.,
- International courier service,
- Likewise, a "petty cash" fund to cover unforeseen expenses and,
- Other type of expenses related to the administration and operation of ACODEPA.

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Article 4.- LANGUAGES AND EMBLEM

The official languages of ACODEPA are Spanish and English. Spanish will be the official working language. In the event of a dispute, the original version of the document or statement will prevail.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 12, 2019, in the city of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA, a new emblem for ACODEPA was adopted, being ratified at the General Assembly held in the city of Cali, Colombia on 24 of November of the year 2022. The symbol of the new image of ACODEPA represents both the "A" of Association and the "A" of America, and the much more simplified form of the American continent, giving it a sense of unity. Its forms have been synthesized, but it still maintains its essence.

The main color of the brand is a gradient that goes from blue to green. Blue evokes loyalty, trust, success, dignity, and consolidation, showing ACODEPA's values. Green



for its part arouses freshness, nature, renewal, harmony, representing our continent full of life and the renewal of our association.

The triangular figures evoke growth, focus, support, inspiration, vitality, equality, justice, science, and power.

This geometric figure represents a path that offers structural support. In the design, the triangle extends its usefulness to direction by its visual aspect that draws the eye to something like an arrow.

CHAPTER II – AFFILIATIONS

Article 5.- The Confederations and, if applicable, the Regional Sports Organizations affiliated to ACODEPA shall maintain total independence and autonomy in the management of their sports.

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Article 6.- Any Pan American Sports Confederation or Regional Sports Organization wishing to affiliate to ACODEPA must submit the following documents:

- a) Application for affiliation signed by its President and Secretary General;
- b) Copy of its current Statutes;
- c) List of authorities and minutes of the Assembly of incorporation, as well as the minutes in which the last Executive Committee was elected.
- d) Letter signed by the President and/or Secretary General of the respective International Federation, expressly stating that they recognize the Pan American Sports Confederation or Continental Sports Organization or, failing that, the Regional Sports Organization.

Article 7.- On the affiliation applications, the Executive Committee will decide, after the opinion of the Legal and Ethics Commission, giving an account in the following General Assembly so that it can resolve definitively.



Article 8.- Pan American Sports Confederations and/or Continental Sports Organizations may be members of ACODEPA, and in the absence of these, Regional Sports Organizations that comply with the requirements established in Articles 1 and 10 of these Statutes.

Those sports that comply with the following requirements **shall have the right to two (2) votes** in all types of assemblies:

- a) To have duly constituted their Pan American Sports Confederation or Continental Sports Organization, which must be recognized by their respective International Federation.
- b) That its International Federation be recognized by the International Olympic Committee.
- c) That the members of its Executive Committee have been democratically elected by its respective General Assembly.
- d) Be or have been part of the official program of the Pan American Sports Games.

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The following shall be entitled to one (1) vote:

- a) Those sports that do not comply with one or more of the requirements described above, at the time of issuing the respective call.
- b) Regional Sports Organizations, which shall only have one vote per sport.

Article 9.- The application for affiliation as a member implies complete knowledge and acceptance of these Statutes.

Article 10. - For a Pan American Confederation or Regional Sports Organization to be accepted as a member of ACODEPA, it must include in its Statutes, at least the following requirements:



- a) That its General Assembly be the supreme authority of conduction and government.
- b) That the leaders that comprise it have been democratically elected;

That the members with the right to speak and vote in each one of them, are the representatives of the National Federations responsible for their sport and that are linked to the sports activity in their respective country.

Article 11.- POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE AFFILIATED MEMBERS

- a) To attend the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies of ACODEPA.
- b) To elect the members of the Executive Committee from among its members.
- c) To reform this Statute.
- d) To communicate to ACODEPA the results of its Pan American Championships, Pan American records and annual calendar of competitions.
- e) To ratify or modify the sanctions imposed on its members by the Legal and Ethics Commission.
- f) To assume the expenses incurred by their representatives when participating in the meetings of the Executive Committee or General Assembly. ACODEPA will support its members to ensure their participation, if our economic conditions allow it.
- g) To collaborate to the best of their ability with ACODEPA to achieve the goals proclaimed in this Statute.
- h) If necessary, derived from unforeseen circumstances, the affiliation and annual membership fee may be established.



CHAPTER III - GOVERNING BODIES AND MANAGEMENT OF ACODEPA

Article 12.- The Governing and Management Bodies of ACODEPA are: The General Assembly as supreme authority, the Executive Committee as permanently delegated authority, the President as legal representative and the Fiscal Commission.

CHAPTER IV – THE ASSEMBLY

Article 13.- The General Assembly is the highest authority of ACODEPA and shall be composed of the Pan American Sports Confederations and the affiliated Regional Sports Organizations. It shall be presided over by the President who shall have voice, but no vote, except in case of a tie.

Article 14.- The General Assemblies may be:

- a) Ordinary
- b) Extraordinary

Article 15.- ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ACODEPA will annually hold its Ordinary General Assembly. The elections to appoint the members of the Executive Committee will be held in the year of the Pan American Sports Games. It will be chaired by the President or, in his absence, by the First Vice President and, in the absence of both, by the corresponding member of the Executive Committee, according to the degree of precedence.

The General Assemblies will basically be governed by the following agenda.

- a) Delegate Accreditation
- b) Words of welcome, by the President
- c) Verification of quorum, by the Secretary General
- d) Approval or modification of the agenda, by the Secretary General
- e) Reading, approval, or modification of the previous minutes, by the Secretary General

- f) Presentation, approval, or disapproval of reports of the:
 - President,
 - Secretary,
 - Treasurer,
 - Fiscal Commission,
 - Sports Technical Director and,
 - Commissions.
- g) If it is an elective General Assembly:
 - Appointment and approval of the Electoral Commission,
 - Election of the members of the Executive Committee and Fiscal Commission,
- h) Presentation of awards (if applicable)
- i) Miscellaneous Points
- j) Establish the place, date, and time of the next meeting of the Executive Committee and/or General Assembly

IMPORTANT: As the case may be, the Executive Committee may include the participation of special guests, to deal with specific topics.

Article 16.- The Secretary General shall send the agenda to the Pan American Sports Confederations and/or Regional Sports Organizations at least 30 days prior to the date of the General Assembly, which shall be convened 90 days in advance.

Article 17.- EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

An Extraordinary General Assembly may be held when called by the Executive Committee or by written request signed by at least one third of the affiliated Pan American Sports Confederations and Regional Sports Organizations.

The call shall be issued no more than 45 calendar days prior to the Assembly and shall contain only the item or items that give rise to it, and no item may be dealt with in addition to the one/s established in the summons. Likewise, it shall specify the date, place, and time of the meeting.



Article 18.- The Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies will require a minimum quorum of 50% plus one of the affiliated members with the right to speak and vote.

If 50% of the members are not present on the day and time established in the call, the Assembly will be held the same day, one hour later, with the number of delegates present, without the need for a new call.

In the case of modifications to the Statute, the approval of at least two thirds of the total number of affiliated members with the right to speak and vote must be present during the General Assembly of ACODEPA.

Article 19.- The General Assemblies shall be composed of the duly accredited delegates or, in their absence, alternates of their affiliated Organizations. Each delegate shall have voice and vote; the duly accredited alternate delegate shall also have the right to voice and vote only in the absence of the delegate.

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If two (2) or more Regional Sports Organizations are affiliated to ACODEPA, the respective International Federation shall determine in writing which one shall have the titular and alternate representation of its sport, which may be done on an annual, biennial, or quadrennial basis.

Authorization to vote by proxy or representation granted in writing to another Pan American Confederation and/or Regional Sports Organization shall not be valid. They may only attend ordinary or extraordinary General Assemblies:

1. Members of the Executive Committee of ACODEPA
2. Principal and/or alternate delegates of the Pan American Sports Confederations duly accredited
3. Technical or administrative staff of ACODEPA
4. Special guests
5. Members of duly accredited media

The persons mentioned in numbers 4 and 5 shall remain in a previously identified place, separated from the participating delegates.



ELECTION PROCEDURE FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 20.- Nominations for election shall be submitted by the affiliated Pan American Confederations or Regional Sports Organizations 60 days prior to the date of the General Assembly.

Article 21.- Elections will always be held by secret ballot, unless there is only one candidate for the position to be filled, in which case the General Assembly will make its decisions by a show of hands. The General Assembly will first elect the President and then the members of the Executive Committee. For the elections of the Executive Committee, including the election of the President, an absolute majority is required. If no candidate achieves an absolute majority, the candidate obtaining the fewest number of votes in each ballot will be eliminated until one or more candidates obtain an absolute majority.

Article 22.- The Secretary General will take minutes of the meetings. The President and/or the Secretary General will prepare and distribute them to the Members of the Executive Committee and/or General Assembly, as the case may be.

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CHAPTER V – THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 23.- ACODEPA shall be administered by its Executive Committee, who shall decide all matters of interest to the entity, always having as its objectives the development and the highest goals of the sport.

Its members shall be elected for a term of four years and may be reelected for a maximum of two additional consecutive terms, regardless of the position they occupy in the Executive Committee of ACODEPA and/or their respective Pan American Sports Confederation or Regional Sports Organization, but they must be part of the Executive Committee of the same at the time of the elections.

If after being elected they cease to form part of the Executive Committee of their respective Regional Sports Confederation or Organization, they may remain on the Executive Committee of ACODEPA until the end of their term, provided that the new



President of their respective Regional Sports Confederation or Organization grants authorization.

Otherwise, the position shall be declared vacant, and the Executive Committee shall appoint an interim member; and subsequently call for an election to fill the vacancy. Of the total number of members of the Executive Committee, at least 40% shall be filled by the opposite gender.

All aspects related to the electoral process, established in this article, shall be effective as of the elections held in the year 2023.

Article 24.- The President and/or the Secretary General shall represent ACODEPA, being able to act jointly and indistinctly; in case the Secretary General represents ACODEPA, they must do so with the knowledge and approval of the President.

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Article 25.- The Executive Committee will be composed as follows:

- A President
- A First Vice President
- Four Vice Presidents
- A Secretary General
- A Treasurer
- Four Members
- Two members of the Tax Commission

No more than one representative of the same sport, as represented by a Pan American Sports Confederation or Regional Organization, may be a member of the Executive Committee.

Article 26.- Only candidates who are proposed by their respective Pan American Sports Confederation or Regional Sports Organization, which in turn must be part of the sports that make up the sports program of the Pan American Games and who are not older than 75 years of age, shall be eligible to be members of the Executive Committee of ACODEPA.

POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 27.- The Members of the Executive Committee have, among others, the following Rights and Obligations:

- a) To attend the meetings convened by the President and/or the Secretary General.
- b) To have voice and vote in the meetings of the Executive Committee.
- c) To transfer to the General Assembly for its knowledge and respective resolution, the cases referred by the Legal and Ethics Commission, related to the violation of this Statute or of another nature. Likewise, those who damage the unity of ACODEPA or the integrity of some of its members.
- d) To provisionally designate substitutes for those members of the Executive Committee who cannot continue in the performance of their duties, submitting said designation to the consideration of the next General Assembly, for its ratification or rectification.
- e) To execute the decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly.
- f) To manage the affairs of ACODEPA on behalf of its members between each General Assembly in accordance with the Statute.
- g) To award decorations to people, companies or entities that are deserving for their relevant actions for the benefit of Pan American sport.
- h) To comply with and ensure compliance with this Statute and its regulations.
- i) To establish the amounts to be paid by the Pan American Sports Confederations, for affiliation and annual membership.
- j) The meetings of the Executive Committee and General Assemblies will be held in person; however, in special cases, they may be carried out by computer or technological means such as videoconference, in order to

safeguard the integrity and security of all participants, due to natural, social or health events, such as epidemics, pandemics or other phenomena of the same or different nature. The determination of the way in which the meeting will be carried out will be stated in the corresponding call.

- k) To grant and revoke general and special powers of attorney for lawsuits and collections, to administer the goods and business of the Association, to exercise acts of dominion and to subscribe titles of credit, opening, canceling, and managing bank accounts of any nature, being empowered to represent ACODEPA in all judicial, labor, administrative or other matters that are of interest to ACODEPA. For this purpose, the Executive Committee shall designate from among its members the person who shall appear on its behalf to grant such powers and/or mandates.

Article 28.- The Executive Committee will have the power to appoint as many commissions as it deems necessary, whether temporary or permanent for the smooth operations and administration of ACODEPA, in the same way to regulate everything related to its activities, including the conduct of General Assemblies, meetings of the Executive Committee, work functions and all other matters that due to their nature, purposes and object are necessary.

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MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 29.- The meetings of the Executive Committee must be convened by the Secretary General with prior agreement with the President.

Article 30.- The Executive Committee will make its decisions by majority vote of the members present, in case of a tie, the one who acts as President will have the casting vote.

Article 31.- The Executive Committee will meet in an ordinary manner once a year and, in an extraordinary manner when the circumstances warrant it, and the required quorum must always exist.



In cases of special urgency and when the Executive Committee cannot meet, decisions may be made by electronic voting.

Given that the members of the Executive Committee perform their functions ad honorem and, to guarantee the proper functioning of the entity, it is authorized - when necessary and financial resources are available-, the payment to the members of the Executive Committee and technical and administrative staff of ACODEPA, air tickets, lodging, food, internal transportation, purchase of visa, laboratory tests, travel expenses, representation expenses and protocol activities.

Article 32.- POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT

The powers and obligations of the President are:

- a) To be the legitimate representative and legal representative of ACODEPA, the Executive Committee, as well as of the General Assembly.
- b) Likewise, the President, in his capacity as legal representative, together with the Treasurer, shall have the power to grant, subscribe, guarantee, and endorse credit titles, as well as to carry out all kinds of banking and commercial operations and open or cancel current accounts in financial institutions. They must compulsorily report everything that has been done in detail at the following meeting of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.
- c) The President, in agreement with the Secretary General, may hire the technical and administrative staff that ACODEPA requires for its proper functioning. They must compulsorily report everything that has been done in detail at the following meeting to the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.
- d) Together with the Secretary General, sign the official notifications of ACODEPA and other documents that may come from the President.
- e) To convene together with the Secretary General the ordinary and/or extraordinary General Assemblies in a timely and compliant manner.

- f) To exercise the qualifying vote, both in the meetings of the Executive Committee as in the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies when required.
- g) To attend and represent ACODEPA in the meetings of the Executive Committee and General Assemblies of Panam Sports; and also, those of an international nature. In justified cases, a representative may be appointed.
- h) To confer commissions.
- i) To preside over the General Assemblies and the meetings of the Executive Committee and decide whether they are public or private.
- j) To dictate agreement on matters that require immediate processing, reporting it to the Executive Committee.
- k) To enforce the provisions adopted by the Executive Committee and/or the General Assembly.

Article 33.- POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS

The powers and duties of the Vice Presidents are:

- a) To assist the President in all tasks inherent to his position.
- b) To replace the President in case of temporary or permanent absence, calling elections in the following terms:
 - a. If the vacancy occurs within the first 2 years from the election of the President, the First Vice President will take office on an interim basis and must call an election within a period not exceeding 90 days from the date of substitution.
 - b. If the substitution occurs after the first 2 years counted from the election, the period for which the President was elected will end.

- c) To carry out the other commissions conferred by the President.

Article 34.- POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The powers and duties of the Secretary General are:

- a) To sign together with the President the calls for the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies of ACODEPA.
- b) To prepare minutes of the Executive Committee meetings and General Assemblies.
- c) To dispatch the processing correspondence.
- d) To keep a record containing the signatures of the participants in the meetings of the Executive Committee and General Assemblies.
- e) To sign, when applicable, the correspondence together with the President or whoever performs his functions.
- f) To carry out the commissions and exercise the powers conferred by the Executive Committee and/or the President.

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Article 35.- POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE TREASURER

- a) To ensure that the goods, funds, and resources of ACODEPA are up to date, in accounting terms.
- b) To supervise, together with the President, the correct application of expenditures and compliance with fiscal obligations.
- c) To obtain authorization from the President in the accounting documents.
- d) To carry out the commissions and exercise the powers granted to the position, and the others that are established for this position.
- e) To submit the corresponding financial reports to the Executive Committee



and General Assembly.

- f) To authorize the accounting documents related to the income and expenses of ACODEPA.

Article 36.- POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS

The powers and obligations of the Members are:

- a) To carry out the commissions entrusted to them.
- b) To replace, in their order of election, the Treasurer, Secretary General and Vice President in case of temporary or permanent absences.

CHAPTER VI – FISCAL COMMISSION

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Article 37.- The Fiscal Commission will be responsible for reviewing and controlling all economic movements carried out by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer must provide all the necessary information to fulfill its mission.

Article 38.- In each General Assembly, the Fiscal Commission must present a written report, for its consideration.

CHAPTER VII – TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 39.- The declaration of dissolution of ACODEPA can only be made when there is a majority of two thirds of the Confederations represented in a General Assembly, the two thirds must represent at least half of the affiliated Confederations.

Article 40.- In case of dissolution, the Executive Committee must divide the assets of ACODEPA in equal parts among the affiliated Confederations at the time of voting.



Article 41.- The power of interpretation of this Statute in case of doubt, will fall on the Executive Committee.

Article 42.- The following awards and/or decorations are established for deserving individuals, companies, or entities, for their relevant performances for the benefit of Pan American sport:

ACODEPA Medal for Sports Merit

As the highest award:

Grand Collar of ACODEPA

The delivery of the "Grand Collar of ACODEPA" will be made in a special act, accompanied by the respective Agreement.

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Article 43.- The adoption and modification of this Statute will not affect the previous operation of any article that is modified or repealed, nor the validity of any act performed, contract or agreement under this Statute, or any predecessor Statute, before its adoption or modification. All elections and resolutions of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee will remain in effect under this Bylaw, or any preceding Bylaw, prior to its amendment, shall remain good and valid until amended or repealed, except to the extent of inconsistency with this Statute, after its adoption or modification.

Article 44.- These Statutes were unanimously approved at the General Assembly of ACODEPA, held in the city of Santiago, Chile, on October 19th, 2023.

In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, these Statutes enter into force on the same day of their approval and replace all previous versions.