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## **AFFILIATION OF FEDERATIONS**

1. To apply for affiliation a National Federation or Association shall provide :

- a) an Official Letter of Application for Affiliation signed by its Legal Representatives ;
- b) a certificate from its National Olympic Committee attesting the recognition of said National Federation or Association by said National Olympic Committee as the sole governing body for Softball in the jurisdiction of said Olympic Committee ;
- c) the original plus an English and/or French translation of its Statutes ;
- d) the General Information Form for said Federation, duly filled in.

## **RULES OF JURISDICTION**

2. In all competitions open to the ESF Affiliated Federations the rules of the International Softball Federation shall be respected.

3. All Affiliated Federations shall acknowledge any suspension or disciplinary sanction or measure taken against a member of any of the Affiliated Federations.

4. All Affiliated Federations shall abide by the decisions taken by the relative ESF Officers and Committees in cases of disputes between members.

5. All Affiliated Federations shall recognize each other mutually in their respective countries as :

- a) the only authority able to legislate on Softball in their country
- b) the only organization authorized to regulate international agreements regarding Softball

**6.** The ESF shall arrange and organize all European Softball Competitions, except those organized by the International Softball Federation. All matters shall be referred to the ESF through its appropriate Officers, Commissions and Committees by the Affiliated Federations.

The ESF shall deal with all matters relating to Softball within the international European framework.

**7.** The ESF shall abide by the Softball technical regulations of the International Softball Federation and shall ensure that they are respected by the ESF Affiliated Federations.

**8.** Any disqualification or disciplinary sanction or measure against players, managers, umpires, scorekeepers and members of the Affiliated Federations, imposed within the framework of the activities under the auspices of the ESF, shall be immediately transmitted by the ESF to the other Affiliated Federations.

**9.** Within the framework of the official international competitions held under the auspices of the ESF, all disputes (suspensions, disqualifications) shall be the responsibility of the ESF.

Within the framework of the international friendly competitions amongst clubs, all disputes (suspensions, disqualifications) shall be dealt with by the Federations of the parties concerned.

**10.** Softball players (either male or female) of the Affiliated Federations may not play any Softball games with other Softball players from European countries not affiliated to the ESF.

**11.** Neither player nor team shall represent his/her/its country in a game which is not arranged and organized by an ESF Affiliated Federation.

## **UMPIRES**

**12.01.01.** Each year in November the ESF will send to the Affiliated Federations the Provisional List of International Umpires. This List will contain the names of the Umpires with a valid ESF Certification.

**12.01.02.** If an Umpire in three consecutive years has not participated in one of the ESF International Competitions or in one of the ESF Umpire Clinics, the Umpire Committee has the right to withdraw the ESF Umpire Certification.

**12.02.** Each year before December 31st those Affiliated Federations that intend to participate in ESF Competitions in the following year, shall have returned the updated Provisional List of International Umpires to the ESF, removing those names of Umpires no longer to be considered, and adding the names of Umpires that will take part in a ESF Certification Clinic that given year.

**12.03.** This List must contain at least the name of one Umpire who will be available for each of the European Competitions in which that Federation will be represented in that given year, either by a National team or a Club team.

**12.04.** The Affiliated Federation which does not submit the updated Provisional List of International Umpires, will not be allowed to participate in European Competitions.

**12.05.** Only Umpires named on the Official List of International Umpires may carry out his/her duties as an Umpire during European Competitions.

**12.06.** The Umpire Committee may with the approval of the Executive Council exclude an Umpire from the List of International Umpires.

**12.07.** Each year before March 1st the Affiliated Federations that intend to participate in ESF Competitions, shall send to the ESF, for each European Championship or European Cup Tournament in which such Federation will be represented by a National team or a Club team, a guarantee sum which amount is indicated in the Financial Appendix (III Guarantees). The late payment of the guarantee sum is subject to the assessment of a penalty, which amount is indicated in the Financial Appendix (IV – Penalties).

**12.08.** If it occurs that the Affiliated Federation, for whatever reason, has not available the same number of Umpires as the teams which this Affiliated Federation is intended to participate in the current year, it still has the obligation to send the appropriate guarantee sum. When the absence of the Umpire is the responsibility of such Affiliated Federation, the latter loses the guarantee sum and has to pay in addition to the ESF a penalty which amount is equal to the guarantee sum and is indicated in the Financial Appendix (IV – Penalties). This penalty sum will then be used to ensure the transportation of an Umpire from another Affiliated Federation.

**12.09.** Transportation of Umpires for European Competitions is under the responsibility of the Affiliated Federations. Exception: When a guarantee sum is used by the ESF as mentioned under article 12.08, the transportation of Umpires is under the responsibility of the ESF.

## **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

**13.** All players, teams and umpires who are visiting a foreign country to play Softball games, must be authorized to do so by their ESF Affiliated Federation.

This authorization must be notified to the Secretary General of the ESF prior to the games.

Federations, Teams and/or Umpires violating this rule, will be suspended from International Competitions for one (1) year.

**14.01.** International Competitions between two or more Affiliated Federations, National (representative) teams or Club teams of ESF Affiliated Federations against teams from outside Europe, must be notified to the ESF Secretary General prior to the games. All Umpires for these games named on the ESF List of International Umpires, must have the authorization of the Umpire Committee of the ESF to participate.

**14.02.** All games shall be subject to the Statutes and Regulations of the ESF.

**14.03.** Federations, Teams and/or Umpires violating rule 14.01 and/or 14.02 will be suspended from taking part in International Competitions for one (1) year.

## **GENERAL RULINGS**

**15.** All matters not mentioned in the ISF and ESF Regulations shall be dealt with by the Executive Council of the ESF.

## **EUROPEAN HALL OF FAME**

**16.** Nominations must conform to the following conditions:

**16.01.** Players' Nominations:

**16.01.01.** May not have played in European Competitions during at least the two last years.

**16.01.02.** Must have played in European Competitions: for a minimum period of six competitive years and at least in sixty games.

**16.01.03.** Nominations for players may only be submitted by the Affiliated Federations.

**16.01.04.** A nomination form will be provided by the ESF Secretary General.

**16.01.05.** Definition of "Games played in European Competitions" : Games played in European Competitions are games played in European Championships and/or games played in European Cup Tournaments (both tournaments organized by the ESF). In case of doubt the Hall of Fame Committee decides, whether a played game is a game played in European Competitions or not, and their decision is final for the purpose of this article.

**16.01.06.** One Affiliated Federation may not nominate more than two players for any given year.

**16.02.** Non-players' Nominations:

**16.02.01.** Umpires: Ten years in European Competitions.

**16.02.02.** Coaches / Managers: Six years in European Competitions.

**16.02.03.** Administrators / Organizers / Meritorious Service: having been active in international Softball (World or European level) for at least fifteen years.

**16.02.04.** Meritorious Service includes such combinations as: Umpire, Coach, Sponsor, Organizer and Administrator.

**16.02.05.** A nomination form will be provided by the ESF Secretary General.

**16.02.06.** One Affiliated Federation may for any given year not nominate more than one nominee in each of the categories: Umpires, Coaches / Managers and/or Administrators / Organizers / Meritorious Service.

**16.03.** Selection Committee:

**16.03.01** The Selection Committee shall be comprised of four persons plus the Secretary General of the ESF. At least three committee members' votes are required to recommend a nominee to the Congress for election.

If the committee is required to vote on a nominee from the same country as one (or more) of the committee members, then such member(s) will not participate in the voting for that nominee.

**16.03.02.** Nominations must be submitted at least two months prior to the date of the Congress at which the nominations are to be considered. To be validly examined by the Selection Committee, a nomination must be made on the official form provided by the Secretary General of the ESF.

**16.03.03.** A suitable recognition Plaque and Certificate and a Life-Time-Pass to ESF events shall be presented to the Honoree by or on behalf of the ESF within six months of the election.

**16.03.04.** The members of the Selection Committee shall be appointed by the President of the ESF. The Chairman of this Committee shall be the President of the ESF or in his absence the First Vice President.

**16.03.05.** The Committee shall meet immediately prior to the Congress at the venue of the Congress.

**16.03.06.** The decisions of the Selection Committee are final and not subject to appeal.