

The background features a large, light blue circular watermark logo for the Asian Kickboxing Confederation. The outer ring of the logo contains the text "ASIAN KICKBOXING CONFEDERATION" in white capital letters. In the center, the word "WAKO" is written in a large, bold, white font, with "ASIA" written below it in a slightly smaller, bold, white font. There are also several white stars scattered within the inner circle of the logo.

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## **CHAPTER I. - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Art. 1 - NAME AND HEADQUARTERS**

The name of Confederation is ASIAN KICKBOXING CONFEDERATION (in short "WAKO ASIA"); founded on 19/12/1996 in Bishkek as confirmed by Ministry of Justice, in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) number of Certificate N 847.

The Headquarters shall be located in the country of the President unless otherwise decided by the President and or the Board of Directors

WAKO ASIA is a non-profit Confederation, composed of autonomous and independent Asian national federations and/or associations and other national organizations contributing to the sport of kickboxing (Mats Sports & Ring Sports) in their countries.

### **Art. 2 - OBJECTIVES**

WAKO ASIA is a not for profit Confederation and its objectives are the following:

- to promote its Kickboxing Sport (Mats Sports & Ring Sports Styles) in Asia, at all levels, as a means to contribute to the positive development of society and having it formally recognised by IOC and Olympic Council of Asia,
- to assist its Members in strengthening their position as national leaders, to develop specific services for its Members and provide them with assistance, training and support,
- to increase the level of its recognition and its Members by Olympic Council of Asia and the Olympic Movement stakeholders as well as by other entities involved in sport in Asia,
- to organize international championships, tournaments, contests in Asia between countries and large sporting events (Asian championships, Asian cups, open international tournaments and others Asian Kickboxing Championships events),
- to provide administrative and other appropriate support to its members,
- to recognize the autonomy of its Members and their authority within their restrictions,
- to promote closer links among its Members and between its Members and any other sport organization in Asia,
- to coordinate and protect the common interest of its Members to collect, collate and circulate information to and among its Members,
- to prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardize the integrity of Kickboxing Sport in Asia.

### **Art. 3 - NON-DISCRIMINATION, REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN**

WAKO ASIA and its Member reject all forms and means of discrimination against individuals, groups of people, organizations or countries of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion or politics.

WAKO ASIA supports a fair representation of women in Kickboxing activities and in the management of the sport.

#### **Art. 4 - Official Language**

The official language of the WAKO ASIA is English.

The representatives of the federations and/or associations which are Members of WAKO ASIA can use their own language during meetings, provided they have a qualified English interpreter.

#### **Art. 5 - MEMBERSHIP**

WAKO ASIA will accept as member only the National Kickboxing Federations and/or Associations which conduct their activities in their respective Asian countries contributing to the sport of kickboxing (Mats Sports & Ring Sports).

Membership is available to any kickboxing federation and/or association in a given Nation ("Country") which groups together the State/Provincial federations and/or association and/or organizations throughout such Country and practices the Kickboxing Sport with respect of all WAKO ASIA and WAKO (IF) rules and regulations.

If in any relevant Country there is more than one of such federation and/or association, the Board of Directors is entitled to decide at its discretion which federation and/or association is eligible for the membership to WAKO ASIA.

All WAKO ASIA members are requested to abide with the provisions of the present Articles of Association as well as with any and all regulations of WAKO ASIA and WAKO (IF) "World Association of Kickboxing Organization"

In any single country, WAKO ASIA can be represented by one or more Kickboxing Federations and/or Associations and that's because of the many existing styles subject to approval of WAKO ASIA Board of Directors.

Any Asian Kickboxing Federation and/or Association, being a member of WAKO ASIA, cannot be member of another ASIAN or WORLD wide or international kickboxing Federation and/or Association except WAKO (IF).

WAKO ASIA can accept also individual members, but only in those countries where there is no existing National Kickboxing Federation and/or Association or WAKO ASIA has not any representative.

Membership shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors which shall decide with a resolution taken with the majority provided under Article 19, paragraph H,

WAKO ASIA membership yearly fee is fixed by the Board of Directors. The said fee is paid directly to WAKO ASIA account as per-determined by WAKO ASIA Board of Directors or by the President.

WAKO ASIA Board of Directors has fixed three different kind of membership:

A. **PROVISIONAL MEMBER:** Each initial applicant who has satisfied the initial membership obligations including the payment of the affiliation fees relating to the status of "Provisional Member" in the amount proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly and detailed in the Fee Bylaw. This membership level is valid for a minimum 2 (two) year term to a maximum 4 (four) year term or more, upon decision of the Board of Directors, and is non renewable. Provisional Members may participate to the Ordinary General Assembly or the Extraordinary General Assembly but do not have any voting rights

and the right to speak; they may have the right to speak only in case they are required by the President or his designated substitute. The Provisional Member shall automatically become an Official Member at any time upon payment of the affiliation fee due in connection with the status of "Official Member" in the amount proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly as detailed in the Fee Bylaw. A Provisional Member has the right to be informed regarding all activities of WAKO on a worldwide basis.

- B. **OFFICIAL MEMBER:** A Member who has satisfied all obligations provided for by these Statutes including the payment of the affiliation fees relating to the status of "Official Member" in the amount proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly and detailed in the Fee Bylaw. Each Official Member is entitled to participate to the Ordinary General Assembly and the Extraordinary General Assembly and has the right to cast 1 vote.
- C. **FULL MEMBER:** A Member who has fulfilled a mandatory 4 year term as Official Member and has satisfied all obligations provided for by these Statutes including the payment of the affiliation fees relating to the status of "Full Member" in the amount proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly and detailed in the Fee Bylaw. Each Full Member is entitled to participate to the Ordinary General Assembly and the Extraordinary General Assembly and has the right to cast 2 votes. Any Member who has reached the recognition by the National Olympic Committee or its Government Sport Authorities shall automatically become a Full Member - regardless the other previous status of Provisional Member and/or Official Member - subject to his payment of the affiliation fees relating to such status.

Unless otherwise provided in these Statutes, the term "Voting Members" refers to both the Official Members and the Full Members who have the right to vote in the General Assembly.

The membership's fee of WAKO ASIA is independent to the membership's fee of WAKO (IF) payable to WAKO (IF) as provided by WAKO (IF) statutes and bylaws.

The membership in WAKO ASIA is terminated by resignation, by expulsion, or simply by the decision of the Board of Directors.

The non payment of WAKO ASIA yearly fees or only other dues for two years can bring to expulsion.

#### **Art. 6 - HONORARY MEMBERS**

The General Assembly may, upon a proposal by the Board of Directors, grant the title of "Honorary President" or "Honorary Member" respectively to (i) a retiring President or (ii) a retiring Board of Directors member, for the outstanding services rendered to WAKO. The Honorary President and the Honorary Member may attend the General Assembly and may join debates, but do not have any right to vote.

#### **Art. 7 - Voting Members' Rights**

Voting Members have the right:

- A. to receive in advance the agenda of the General Assembly;
- B. to be called to the General Assembly within the prescribed time;
- C. to take part to the General Assembly and to exercise their right to vote;
- D. to be informed of the activities and events of WAKO ASIA;
- E. to call for an Extraordinary General Assembly,
- F. to participate in voting and elections,;

- G. to propose items for consideration regarding the agenda of the General Assembly,;
- H. to nominate candidates to the Presidency of WAKO ASIA;
- I. to nominate candidates for election to the Board of Directors of WAKO ASIA;
- J. to exercise any other right arising from these Statutes;
- K. to participate in any WAKO ASIA event.

The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations.

#### **Art. 8 - MEMBERS' OBLIGATIONS**

All Members of WAKO ASIA, including the Provisional Members, have the obligations:

- A. to comply with these Statutes as well as any and all regulations, directives and decisions of WAKO ASIA bodies at any time and to comply with the decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);
- B. to ensure that their own members comply with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of WAKO bodies;
- C. to have their executive bodies and disciplinary bodies elected by their respective general assembly;
- D. to notify WAKO ASIA, in writing, of any modification in their constitution/statutes, regulations and directives or of the inclusion of any new discipline to their national program;
- E. to recognize WAKO ASIA and WAKO (IF) as exclusive organization of reference of promotional and/or professional activities in connection with the Kickboxing Sport and shall not organize any of such activities in a way which may compete with WAKO ASIA or WAKO (IF) and its activities;
- F. to pay their membership affiliation fee each year to WAKO ASIA and WAKO (IF) in connection with their respective membership status, as determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly as detailed in the Fee Bylaw, no later than 31<sup>st</sup> of March for WAKO ASIA and 30<sup>th</sup> of June for WAKO (IF);
- G. to fully comply with all other duties arising from these Statutes and other regulations.

Moreover, each Member shall not:

- H. be member of any other national or international kickboxing organization competing with WAKO ASIA or WAKO (IF);
- I. have among its members persons who are part of other national or international Kickboxing organizations competing with WAKO ASIA and WAKO (IF);
- J. permit or allow its members to participate in any other national or international event(s) organized by kickboxing organizations competing with WAKO ASIA and WAKO (IF).

#### **Art. 9 - REVISION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- A. In case of modifications of the statutes, rules, regulations and directives by a Member, or the inclusion of new disciplines to its program, the Board of Directors is entitled to

- review the membership of such Member.
- B. Any revision of the membership of a Member by the Board of Directors which leads to a specific decision by the latter regarding the membership status of a Member, shall be promptly communicated in writing to the Member

## **CHAPTER II - ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONFEDERATION**

### **Art. 10 - BODIES**

The bodies of WAKO ASIA are the following:

- A. the General Assembly is the supreme body of WAKO ASIA;
- B. the Board of Directors of WAKO ASIA is the executive body;
- C. the Administration (administrative staffs) is the administrative body;
- D. the 5 (five) zones developments/coordinators officers unless they have already been elected among the Vice Presidents or board members.

### **Art. 11 - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors is the executive body of WAKO ASIA consisting of minimum of 5 up to maximum of 13 Directors in total. Their number shall be set on proposal of the President at the General Assembly.

The Board of Directors shall be elected by the General Assembly through a vote for each single member. It will stay in charge for 4 years like the President of WAKO ASIA and can be renewed every four years.

The members of the Board of Directors are the Presidents or representative of National Kickboxing Federations and/or Associations, members of WAKO ASIA. However the President may be a member of a Federation and/or Association which has already a member in the Board of Directors, reserve being made that in no case can a Federation and/or Association have more than two representatives on the Board of Directors.

The General Secretary is nominated by the Board of Directors and can be one of the previously elected members of the Board of Directors.

The Medical and Anti-Doping Committee is nominated by the Board of Directors and can be chaired by one of the previously elected members of the Board of Directors.

### **Art. 12 - THE PRESIDENT**

Any president of an affiliated Asian National Kickboxing Federation and/or Associations or members of WAKO ASIA can stand as candidate to the presidency of WAKO ASIA if:

- his Federation and/or Association is an OFFICIAL MEMBER or a FULL MEMBER of WAKO ASIA for the past 8 (eight) years
- has never occurred any WAKO or WAKO ASIA sanction or disqualification.

The President of WAKO ASIA will be elected directly by the General Assembly for four years by simple majority of votes.

The President of WAKO ASIA shall Chair the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and managing the Headquarters office. He will represent WAKO ASIA for all purposes within its legal existence and before the Courts.

The President is responsible and manages the Administration and oversees the day to day running of WAKO ASIA.

The President shall be entitled to remuneration for his services and reimbursement of the reasonable expenses incurred in performing his duties

The President may delegate certain of his powers. In absence of the President, WAKO ASIA may be represented by one of its 2 vice-presidents, nominated by the President.

The President may choose a Secretary to help and assist him in the WAKO ASIA office.

### **Art. 13 - VICE PRESIDENTS**

Vice-Presidents will be elected for four years by the General Assembly and assist the President and can replace him in case of absence until the board of Directors designate an acting "*pro tempore*" president. WAKO ASIA can have a maximum of two vice-presidents.

### **Art. 14 - FUNCTIONING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall meet at least once per year and more often if necessary, either called by the President or by half of its members.

The Board of Directors shall determine the Agenda of the General Assembly or of any General Extraordinary Assembly.

In case of vacancy of the President's office, the Board of Directors should meet immediately in order to vote by majority 50% + 1 (fifty per cent plus one) who, among the 2 vice presidents, will be substitute the President as temporary solution. The person so designated as *pro tempore* substitute of the President shall remain in office until the President is able to resume his position or, in any event, until the next Ordinary General Assembly or Extraordinary General Assembly.

The Board of Directors shall validly deliberate if a representation of greater than fifty percent of its members is present. Its decisions shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast and recorded in the minutes of said Assembly.

Certain persons who are not members of the Board of Directors may attend the meetings for technical reasons if they are authorised by the President. These persons have no right to vote.

The minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the President or Vice President and or the Secretary of the meeting.

The members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any compensation for their work.

### **Art. 15 - POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors has all power in connection to management and administration of WAKO ASIA and, in particular:

- a) They may ensure that the Articles and the Rules and Regulations of WAKO ASIA are



respected, to check their interpretation and to take and apply any necessary decision to that regard;

- b) They may decide upon the provisional affiliation with WAKO ASIA of any ASIAN National Federation and/or Association or single individuals pursuant to the provisions set forth by Article 8 of these Statutes;
- c) They may settle the dispute which may arise among affiliated members when its arbitration is requested or if it is necessary due to a critical situation;
- d) They may decide for suspension and or expulsion of a Member in conformity of article 28.2 and 28.3 of these statutes;
- e) prepares and convenes the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies;
- f) Study any question which will be submitted to the General Assembly of WAKO ASIA;
- g) is responsible to ensure that each Board member is accountable for fulfilling the tasks and assignments as directed by these Statutes, General Assembly, decisions of the Board of Directors or the President;
- h) provides sanctioning in connection with WAKO ASIAN events;
- i) appoints the Treasurer of WAKO ASIA;
- j) determines and proposes to the General Assembly the sanctioning fees as well as the affiliation fees;
- k) prepares and approves the regulations and Bylaw of WAKO ASIA in conformity of WAKO (IF) Bylaw and rules and regulations of functioning of WAKO (IF);
- l) They may fix WAKO ASIA yearly fees and criteria of membership of WAKO ASIA,;
- m) Approves the annual financial statements of WAKO ASIA each year which are then submitted to the General Assembly for the relevant ratification;
- n) They may take all steps which will be necessary for the organisation of ASIAN and Regional Championships, International meetings/events, Regional, intercontinental. ASIAN Games, including the selection of referees and judges and the staff to run those events;
- o) They may decide upon the Technical, Medical, Referee, PR, Press Commission or any other commission for WAKO ASIA;
- p) Is responsible in all matters that are not reserved to other bodies of WAKO ASIA by these Statutes or the regulations and directives of WAKO ASIA;
- q) Establish any committee and appoint its members, it deems necessary at any time.

#### **Art. 16 - COMPOSITION**

The General Assembly shall be composed of the Presidents or their representatives of each WAKO ASIA or Association in Asian which has paid their yearly fee to WAKO ASIA and which has reached the status of FULL MEMBER or OFFICIAL MEMBER.

Subject to authorisation of the President, PROVISIONAL MEMBERS, Technical Directors of

WAKO ASIA, members of the various Commissions, can assist to the General Assembly works but they have no voting rights.

#### **Art. 17 - NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Formal notice will be sent to all WAKO ASIA members by the following medium: regular mail, fax or email no longer than 60 days from the proposed date.

In extreme cases the notification can be shortened at the discretion of the WAKO ASIA president.

#### **Art. 18 - VOTE DISTRIBUTION**

Each Voting Member who has satisfied all its financial obligations toward WAKO ASIA at the time of the meeting of the General Assembly is entitled to vote according to his membership status.

Each Voting Member entitled to vote must regularly pay his affiliation fee (every year) in order to maintain his right to vote.

Delegates may represent one additional Member if an appropriate proxy authorization has been submitted in writing to the Administration prior to start of General Assembly.

All decisions shall be deemed passed with the quorums specified in these Statutes on the basis of votes validly cast by the Delegates of the Members who have voting rights pursuant to these Statutes.

Illegible, void, blank or improper ballot votes and abstentions shall not be calculated in the majorities.

The PROVISIONAL MEMBERS of WAKO ASIA have no voting rights.

The OFFICIAL MEMBERS of WAKO ASIA have one vote.

The FULL MEMBERS of WAKO ASIA have two votes.

As representative of his country, the WAKO ASIA President will be granted an extra vote or casting vote in case of tied vote.

Decisions will be taken by a simple majority of the votes expressed.

Any Asian National Federations and/or Associations whose payments are not completely made at the date fixed by the Board of Directors shall have the right to participate but will not have the right to vote at the General Assembly.

#### **Art. 19 – QUORUM**

- A. The General Assembly will take place and validly deliberate if the representation is greater than fifty percent (50%) of the voting MEMBERS;
- B. Each Member, entitled to a vote must submit their membership fee regularly (every year) to maintain their right to vote;
- C. Representation by proxy is allowed, on condition that the party voting by proxy is a member of the General Assembly;

- D. Delegates may represent one additional Member if an appropriate proxy authorization has been submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to start of General Assembly;
- E. Failing the above quorum to be reached, the General Assembly will be called again and this time it can deliberate whatever may be the number of members as represented;
- F. In the General Assembly, the WAKO ASIA President will report about the financial, structural, political position and activities of the Association;
- G. The General Assembly will discuss and vote for the election of the President of the Confederation and for the members of the Board of Directors every four years;
- H. resolutions of the Ordinary General Assembly shall be deemed duly passed with the favourable vote of a majority of 50% +1 (fifty per cent plus one) of the Members in attendance, to be calculated with respect to the votes cast by the Voting Members only;
- I. Resolutions of the Ordinary General Assembly regarding changes to the Statutes and dissolution of WAKO ASIA, shall be deemed duly passed with the favourable vote of 2/3rd (two thirds) of the Members in attendance, to be calculated with respect to the votes cast by the Voting Members only;
- J. When the quorum under paragraph A above is not reached in the first call, the Ordinary General Assembly shall be held in second call 3 hours after the first had to be established, with the same agenda. The Ordinary General Assembly shall validly resolve, regardless of the percentage of Members which is in attendance, with the favourable vote of a majority of 50% +1 (fifty per cent plus one) of the Members in attendance, to be calculated with respect to the votes cast by the Voting Members only, unless in case the agenda provides for any or the following items: changes to the Statutes and dissolution of WAKO, in which case the relevant resolution shall be deemed duly passed with the favourable vote of 2/3rd (two third) of the Members in attendance, to be calculated with respect to the votes cast by the Voting Members only;
- K. Decisions passed by the General Assembly shall come into effect for the Members immediately upon the close of the General Assembly, unless the General Assembly fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

#### **Art. 20 - THE GENERAL ORDINARY ASSEMBLY**

The General Ordinary Assembly of WAKO ASIA shall be held at least every four years during the Asian championships, except in case of "force majeure" (wars, turmoil, natural disasters etc.) preventing the free circulation of the affiliated Federations and/or Associations.

Its agenda shall be drawn up by the President and the Board of Directors in conformity to good business practices and sent to all members two months before the Assembly takes place.

In the General Ordinary Assembly, the President and the Board of Directors members will report about the moral political, financial position and activities of the Confederation.

The Assembly will deliberate upon the questions on the agenda.

The minutes of the Assembly shall be mailed to all WAKO ASIA members.

## **Art. 21 - THE GENERAL EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY**

The General Extraordinary Assembly may be called by the Board of Directors in addition to the General Ordinary Assembly.

The General Extraordinary Assembly can also be requested by three fourth (3/4) of the voting Asian National Kickboxing Federations and/or Associations affiliated, which must send in that case their request to the President of WAKO ASIA by registered letter stating the reasons for that Assembly and specifying the matters to be put on the Agenda. Upon receipt of that request, the President shall call the General Extraordinary Assembly within three months, carefully informing all affiliated Federations or Associations.

The place, the date and the agenda shall be set by the WAKO ASIA Board of Directors.

The notice of call of the Extraordinary General Assembly shall specify: the place where the meeting is to be held, the date and time of calling and the items on the agenda as well as the reasons for convening an Extraordinary General Assembly.

No items other than those specified in the notice of call may be added to the agenda of the meeting nor shall be discussed at such Extraordinary General Assembly.

The Extraordinary General Assembly meeting, held whether in first or in second call, shall validly resolve with the favourable vote of at least 2/3rd (two third) of the favourable votes of the Voting Members, irrespective of the number of Members in attendance.

## **Art. 22 - MEETINGS**

The President presides over every meeting of the Ordinary General Assembly or the Extraordinary General Assembly and of the Board of Directors meeting. If the President is absent, he shall nominate a Vice President to take his role in the meeting, in any other case the longest serving Vice President shall deputize.

## **Art. 23 - MINUTES - WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS**

- A. The minutes of the meetings are recorded in English by the secretary of the meeting, appointed among its members by the President, and submitted for approval by the Board of Directors within 1 (one) month of the meeting;
- B. The minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors are communicated to the Members through email by the Administration;
- C. No correction of or alteration to the minutes will be accepted without written notification to the Administration, duly received and acknowledge, within 10 (ten) days of the date of circulation of the minutes to the Members;
- D. The Board of Directors may also decide that any decision to be taken by the General Assembly shall be made by means of written resolution;
- E. The Members shall be notified by the Administration in writing (i.e. registered letter, fax, e-mail or other means than can provide evidence of the receipt) about the Board decision according to paragraph D above together with the items to be decided on at least 30 (thirty) days before the date of the taking the planned decision;
- F. Any Member wishing to add a new item must submit it to the Board of Directors no later than 1 (one) months prior to the planned decision;

- G. At least 15 (fifteen) days prior to the planned decision, the Administration shall send to the Members all documents and/or materials relating to the items planned to take a written resolution as prepared by the Board of Directors as well as any document submitted by a Member in accordance with paragraph F above;
- H. The Members have to cast their vote by registered letter; fax, e-mail or other means than can provide evidence of the receipt within the deadline set by the Board of Directors. This deadline must be at least 15 (fifteen) days upon receipt of the formal request to vote;
- I. The Board of Directors shall be validly established with the presence of the majority (50%+1) of the directors in office and the resolutions of the Board of Directors – save for those provided for in paragraph J below – shall be validly adopted with the favourable vote of the absolute majority of the attendees;
- J. Resolutions of the Board of Directors regarding suspension and expulsion of a Member, shall be adopted with the favourable vote of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> (two/third) of the members in attendance;
- K. The Board of Directors is however duly established and able to adopt resolutions even in the absence of a formal call, provided that all members of the Board of Directors are in attendance have been informed in writing (mail/letter/fax);
- L. The meetings of the Board of Directors may also be held by way of teleconference or videoconference or web cast, provided that the President and the secretary of the meeting, who is appointed by the President among the members of the Board, is present in the same place and that all the attendees can be identified, and they can follow and take part in the discussion of the items on the agenda in real time. Such requirements having been fulfilled, the Board of Directors shall be deemed to have met in the place where the President and the secretary are in attendance;
- M. Board resolutions may also be passed by means of written resolutions (circular resolutions), in writing, by facsimile or by a signed copy sent by e-mail, provided that no Board member requests deliberation in a meeting, within 5 (five) calendar days after hearing of the proposed resolution. Board resolutions by means of written resolutions to be passed require the majorities according to paragraph I above;
- N. The Administration shall notify the Members about the result of the written resolution without delay.

### **CHAPTER III: WAKO ASIA STRUCTURE**

#### **Art. 24 - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF WAKO ASIA**

WAKO ASIA is structured as following:

- 1 President
- 2 Vice presidents
- 1 Treasurer
- 5 Board members
- 5 Zones developments/coordinators officers unless they have already been elected among the Vice Presidents or board members.

WAKO ASIA's 5 (five) zones are the followings:

SOUTH EAST DIVISION,  
SOUTH DIVISION,

WEST DIVISION,  
EAST DIVISION,  
CENTRAL DIVISION,

The developments/coordinators officers and Treasurer can be member of the board or chosen by the board among WAKO ASIA members.

The above named Zones developments/coordinators officers report directly to the WAKO ASIA Board of Directors through their presidents who have a position on the said board.

The Zones will abide WAKO ASIA constitutions, articles of association and all of their decision should be pre-approved by the WAKO ASIA Board of Directors and any development program must be pre-authorized by the WAKO ASIA Board of Directors.

#### **CHAPTER IV: AFFILIATION AND ANNUAL INCOME**

##### **Art. 25 - AFFILIATION**

Any Asian National Kickboxing Federation and/or Association and individuals wishing to become a member of WAKO ASIA, must apply to WAKO ASIA Board of Directors which is responsible for the acceptance of the request. No member can be accepted without the payment of the annual fee to WAKO ASIA, as agreed by the Board of Directors.

An Asian affiliated National Kickboxing Federation and/or Association cannot accept to have among its members club or clubs already affiliated to another Asian, international or World Kickboxing organisation in competition with WAKO.

##### **Art. 26- ANNUAL INCOME**

The income of WAKO ASIA shall include:

- A. The income from yearly fees of all its members including the five Asian Divisions.
- B. The income from entry fees of competitors to any open Tournament including WAKO ASIAN Championships.
- C. Any and all sanctioning fees paid by promoters/organizers of any Championships in Asia including Asian Games, activities.
- D. The income from possible merchandising in sporting events,
- E. TV and film rights of its events,
- F. Possible gifts and free donations,
- G. Sanctioning fees on kickboxing articles manufacturers.
- H. Sponsors,
- I. Public Subsidies.

The calendar of any Asian event should be placed according to WAKO calendar.

Sanctioning and entry fees regarding Asian Championships should be determinate by WAKO ASIA Board of Directors.

## **Art. 27 - AFFILIATION DUTIES AND FEES**

Any Asian affiliated National Federation and/or Association member of WAKO ASIA has to pay an annual fee whose amount is fixed by the Board of Directors. The mentioned annual fee is separate from the annual fee payable to WAKO (IF).

Each WAKO ASIA member has to pay to WAKO ASIA annual yearly fees within March 31<sup>st</sup> of every calendar year.

The payment of such fee is not dispensing the member of the payment of their annual affiliation fees of WAKO (IF) which must to be paid to WAKO (IF) directly.

Irregular payment or reiterate not payment of annual fees, bring to the loss of the right to vote and in the end of membership.

## **Art. 28 - RESIGNATION – SUSPENSION - EXPULSION**

### **28.1 - RESIGNATION**

A Member may resign at any time from WAKO ASIA, provided that at the time of resignation he has no outstanding liabilities vis-à-vis WAKO ASIA.

Such resignation shall take effect immediately upon receipt by WAKO ASIA of a notice of resignation signed by the legal representative of the relevant Member.

Any Member intending to relinquish membership must send the notice of resignation to the Administration of WAKO ASIA by means of registered letter with return receipt requested or email or facsimile. Any outstanding affiliation fees must be paid by the resigning Member. Any affiliation fees already paid will not be refunded

### **28.2 - SUSPENSION**

- A. The Board of Directors, through a decision adopted with the majority provided under Article 23 paragraph J, above, may suspend a Member who seriously violates rules and regulations and its obligations, from the delivery to the relevant Member of a warning notice by means of registered letter with return receipt requested or email or facsimile also through WAKO ASIA website.
- B. The suspension decision of the Board of Directors shall be communicated in due course to the Member by the President by means of registered letter with return receipt requested or email or facsimile. Moreover, all WAKO ASIA Members shall be properly informed on the suspension of the relevant Member.
- C. Following the receipt of the suspension decision of the Board of Directors communicated as above, in case the Member does not comply with the obligations set in suspension decision of the Board of Directors within a period of time determinate within such suspension decision, the Board of Directors shall resolve upon the expulsion of the relevant Member pursuant to the provisions of Article 28.3 below.
- D. A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights. Other Members may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended Member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.
- E. Asian National Federations and/or Associations which have not paid their annual fees to the WAKO ASIA by the required date will be automatically suspended from all Asian activities until complete payment of all amounts due is affected.

### **28.3 - EXPULSION**

- A. The expulsion of a Member shall be resolved by the Board of Directors, by means of a resolution adopted with the majority provided under Article 23, paragraph J, above, for the following reasons:
- refusal by the relevant Member to comply with the obligations set in suspension decision within a period of time determinate within such suspension decision;
  - serious violation of the Statutes, regulations or decisions of WAKO ASIA or its bodies;
  - any kind of discrimination acts to WAKO ASIA, its Executives, Administration and any of its Members.
- B. A notice of notification to a Member shall be deemed to have been properly served, provided it was sent to the last address indicated by the Member to the Administration of WAKO ASIA;
- C. The expulsion decision of the Board of Directors shall be communicated in due course to the Member by the President by means of registered letter with return receipt requested or email or facsimile. Moreover, all WAKO ASIA members shall be properly informed on the expulsion of the relevant Member also through WAKO website.

### **Art. 29 - EXPENSES**

Approved expenditure: The Board of Directors approves all expenditure.

### **Art. 30 - THE TREASURER**

The Board of Directors, within its members, will name a Treasurer who is responsible of the control and checking of every single expenses made.

The Treasurer will check all book-keeping and financial transactions at the end of each fiscal year and will make his report during the Board of Directors Meeting.

### **Art. 31 - FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The President will present a report about the financial position of WAKO ASIA every two years to all members of the Board of Directors during their annual meeting: The Treasurer of WAKO ASIA is responsible for the control of each single expenses and he is in charge to report the validity of the book-keeping and financial transactions within the Board of Directors.

The WAKO ASIA fiscal year shall start on January 1st and end on December 31st.

### **Art. 32 - RIGHT FOR TELEVISION, RADIO, PHOTOGRAPHIC, ADVERTISING, SPONSORSHIP AND FILM RIGHTS DURING OF WAKO EVENTS**

Any and all television, radio, photographic, advertising, sponsorship and film rights of WAKO Asian events, belong exclusively to WAKO ASIA.

The WAKO ASIA President or his delegate can negotiate these rights with promoters, sponsors and WAKO ASIA members.



## **CHAPTER V: DEGREES AND BYLAWS**

### **Art. 33 - DEGREES**

WAKO ASIA will recognise, subject to the approval of WAKO ASIA and WAKO (IF) Technical Committee, as valid qualification the degrees granted officially by Asian National Kickboxing leaders to their own licensed members, such as they are defined by the Board of Directors up to 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree black belt.

### **Art. 34 - BYLAWS**

The By-laws of WAKO ASIA are reviewed and prepared by the Board of Directors and are ratified or modified by the next following General Assembly.

## **CHAPTER VI: FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Art. 35 - INSURANCE - MEMBERS AND ATHLETES**

- A. All WAKO ASIA Members are responsible for and are required to obtain insurance for their associations or federations and athletes including coverage for sports accidents in national and international competitions.
- B. WAKO ASIA will not take responsibility for any Member liability.
- C. WAKO ASIA and its bodies accept no liability whatsoever towards Member associations. The burden of proof for establishing any liability of WAKO ASIA and/or its bodies shall remain with the Member.

### **Art. 36 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- A. Any dispute arising from, or related to these Statutes or any regulation, directive, operations and decisions of WAKO ASIA's bodies which cannot be resolved through the standard operational procedures of WAKO ASIA can be brought forward CAS.
- B. Appeals against final decisions passed by Board of Directors shall be lodged with CAS within 20 days of notification of the decision in question;
- C. The provisions of the CAS Code of Sports-Related Arbitration shall apply to the proceedings. CAS shall primarily apply the various regulations of WAKO ASIA.
- D. The appeal shall not have a suspensive effect.
- E. The WAKO ASIA Members shall agree to recognize CAS as an independent judicial authority and to ensure that their members, affiliated clubs, athletes and officials comply with the decisions passed by CAS.
- F. Recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited unless specifically provided for in the WAKO ASIA regulations.
- G. The WAKO ASIA Members shall insert a clause in their statutes or regulations, stipulating that it is prohibited to take disputes in the Member or disputes affecting athletes, clubs, officials and other association officials to ordinary courts of law, unless the WAKO ASIA regulations or binding legal provisions specifically provide for or stipulate recourse to ordinary courts of law.

- H. The WAKO ASIA Members shall also ensure that this stipulation is implemented in their Federation and/or association, if necessary by imposing a binding obligation on its members. The WAKO ASIA Members shall impose sanctions on any party that fails to respect this obligation and ensure that any appeal against such sanctions shall likewise be strictly submitted to CAS, and not to ordinary courts of law.
- I. All related fees must be paid upon submission, in writing, of the dispute by the member demanding such process.

#### **Art. 37 - INTERPRETATION**

The authority for settling any dispute arising out of the interpretation of these Statutes shall reside with the Board of Directors for the time being, who shall seek the advice of the General Assembly before taking the final decision.

#### **Art. 38 - AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES**

Any Amendments or any changes to WAKO ASIA Constitution and Articles of the Association can only be decided by the General Extraordinary Assembly when there present at least two third (2/3) of its voting members present at the said Assembly.

#### **Art. 39 - DISSOLUTION**

The General Assembly having to decide upon WAKO ASIA's dissolution, and especially called for that purpose, will include at least two third (2/3) of its voting members. If that proportion is not reached, the General Assembly is called again a second time in a minimum of two weeks' time.

The General Assembly will have then the right to deliberate whatever may be the number of WAKO ASIA voting members.

In case of dissolution, the General Assembly will appoint one or several Commissions to close down WAKO ASIA.

WAKO ASIA assets, if any, in accordance with the law, will be granted to one or more Federations and/or Associations.

#### **Art. 40 - ANTI-DOPING**

WAKO ASIA recognizes the WADA, "World Anti-Doping Agency" and World Anti-Doping code as the principal authority for its Anti-Doping policy.

#### **Art. 41 - RECOGNIZED JURISDICTION**

WAKO ASIA recognizes as the principal authority in all disputes and matters of arbitration as the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) jurisdiction and accepts the Code of Sports-related Arbitration as defined.