2020 STATUTE AMENDMENTS

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING
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## Article 5 – Principles

The IFSC will carry out its activities in compliance with the principles of:

a) equality between all the members and all the athletes, licence-holders and officials, without racial, political, religious, gender-related, sexual orientation, or other discriminations;

b) promotion and support, by all means, of gender equality in its activities;

c) no political or governmental influence;

d) no-interference in the internal affairs of affiliated members;

ea) compliance with the Olympic Charter.

## Article 5 - Objectives

All activities of the IFSC are independent of any political or governmental influence.

The IFSC does not allow any discrimination for political, racial or religious reasons.

The IFSC promotes and support with all means gender equality in its activities.

The objectives of the IFSC are:

a) to encourage, promote, develop and supervise climbing competitions worldwide;

b) to promote the spirit of the Olympic Movement, respect the Olympic Charter, and to seek programme status in the Olympic Games;

c) to fight against doping and all other processes and procedures that might undermine sporting equality; to implement Anti-doping Rules in accordance with the World Anti-doping Code;

d) to promote good sporting practice;
e) to generally promote this sport as a healthy and educational activity for youth;

f) to establish and maintain rules and standards for competition climbing;

g) to establish and maintain rules for international climbing competitions and for the participation in such competitions;

h) to monitor and enforce the application of those rules by the Continental Councils and the member federations;

i) to organise World Climbing Championships, World and Continental Cups, as well as other competitions which are approved by the IFSC Plenary Assembly, and to decide which international climbing competitions are officially recognised;

j) to award licences and contracts to IFSC members and other organisations that seek authority to organise official international climbing competitions and associated activities;

k) to establish training courses for all IFSC officials in order to guarantee the highest possible standards for all IFSC officials;

l) to consider the protection of the environment when organising and promoting its activities.
Article 6

Membership in the IFSC is open to associations being actively involved in sport climbing. All categories of members as defined in this Article 6 are members of the IFSC, regardless of the category of membership and subject to IFSC Statutes and bye-laws.

1. **MEMBERS** of the IFSC will be Associations which act as the national representatives of the sport of competition climbing in their countries.
   
   a) Only one association from each country can be affiliated as a full member of the IFSC;
   
   b) The admission fee for members is fixed by the Plenary Assembly of IFSC.
   
   c) Members have full voting rights and rights for their athletes to compete in all climbing competitions organized by the IFSC.

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**Article 6 – Membership Categories**

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Only one association organisation from each country can be affiliated as a Full Member of the IFSC;

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m) to promote gender equality in all aspects of sport climbing;

n) to fight against any form of harassment;

o) to fight against irregular or illegal betting and gambling;

p) to promote Paraclimbing;

k) to advocate for the safety and rights of athletes;

r) to promote the sustainable development of the sport and to maximize the protection of and minimize the impact on the environment, notably when organising and promoting its activities;

s) to direct, develop, regulate and control any virtual/electronic climbing activities and competitions under all forms worldwide.
2. **CONTINENTAL MEMBERS** of the IFSC may be admitted under special circumstances. The IFSC may accept associations from countries where no IFSC member exists.

   a) Continental members are entitled to participate in the IFSC World Championships and all climbing competitions organized by their relevant Continental Council, according to the relevant regulations and fee system;
   
   b) Continental members are entitled to organize Continental events;
   
   c) Continental members are entitled to vote in their relevant Continental Council; they are entitled to participate in the IFSC Plenary Assembly, but without the right to vote;
   
   d) Continental members annual fees are fixed by the Plenary Assembly of their relevant Continental Council; the minimum amount of the annual fees is fixed by the IFSC Plenary Assembly.

3. **DEVELOPING CONTINENTAL MEMBERS** are under the guidance, patronage and representation of a member federation. Their Athletes can participate in climbing competitions organized by the IFSC.

4. **OBSERVER MEMBERS** of the IFSC will be Associations who are affiliated with sport climbing, or associations in countries where an IFSC member already exists (6.1). These organizations may be admitted by the Plenary Assembly.

   a) Observer member admission fee is fixed by the Plenary Assembly;
   
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   b) Continental Members are entitled to vote within their relevant Continental Council; they are entitled to participate in the IFSC General Assembly without the right to vote.
   
   c) Continental Members are entitled to organize Continental events, register athletes to events organised under the jurisdiction of their relevant Continental Council. They may also register athletes to IFSC Climbing and Paraclimbing World Championships, and IFSC Youth World Championships.
provided they are approved by the relevant IFSC national Member (6.1). *

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### ADMISSION CRITERIA

**Article 7**

Applicant associations for membership shall send to the IFSC Office all required information in the official language and in the format required by the Executive Board as required by the relevant bye laws.

**Article 7 – Application for Membership**

Applicant associations Organisations wishing to apply for membership shall send to the IFSC Office all required information in the official language and in the format required by the Executive Board, as required by the relevant bye laws.

**Article 7 BIS – Admission**

Members shall be admitted provisionally by the Executive Board at any time of the year in between General Assemblies; such admission requires the final ratification of the General Assembly upon its next meeting.

All membership rights and responsibilities take effect at the moment of the provisional admission by the Executive Board.

### Article 8

Except for Observer Members, all categories of members as defined in Article 6 should be member of their National Olympic Committee or actively seeking such membership.

All categories of members as defined in Article 6 shall comply with the Statutes and Regulations of the IFSC and with any resolutions adopted by the IFSC. They will undertake to request the same of their individual members participating in activities of the IFSC.

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### Article 9

Any member wishing to terminate membership at the end of the year shall inform the IFSC Office in writing before the end of June of that year. Fees for the current year remain payable in full.

### Article 10

All forms of participation in, or support for illegal and irregular betting and gambling are prohibited. Any infringement of this prohibition will result in disciplinary sanctions by the IFSC Disciplinary Commission.

### Article 11

A member may be suspended from membership and/or from participating in IFSC approved International Climbing Competitions by the Plenary Assembly, for the following reasons:

- non-payment of any liabilities to the IFSC;
- failure to comply with these Statutes or other Regulations of the IFSC.

This decision requires at least half of the members of the IFSC having the right to vote be present or represented. To be adopted, such item must receive the approval of the majority of the votes of the Members present or represented.

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### Article 12 – Exclusion

A member may be excluded from the IFSC by the Plenary Assembly for failure to comply with these Statutes or other regulations of the IFSC. This decision requires at least half of the members of IFSC having the right to vote be present or represented. To be adopted, such items must receive the approval of two thirds of the votes of the Members present or represented.

### Article 11 BIS – No Claim for Reimbursement or Damages

Under no circumstance will a member be entitled to reimbursement of its membership contribution. The member shall claim no damages for decisions taken by the IFSC bodies concerning them, except in case of abuse of law or serious offence.

### Article 13 – Honorary Title

The Plenary Assembly may confer the title of Honorary President of the IFSC; as well as conferring the title of Honorary Member. Other awards may be conferred by the Executive Board.

### Article 14 – IFSC Bodies

The IFSC functions through the following ten bodies, each with separately defined powers and duties:

- **Plenary Assembly**
- **Executive Board**
- **Continental Councils**
- **Sport Department**
- **Commissions and Working Groups**
- **Anti-doping, Disciplinary and Appeals Commissions**
- **Athletes’ Commission**
- **Medical Commission**
- **Statutory Commissions**
  - Anti-Doping
  - Disciplinary
  - Appeals
  - Ethics
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- Medical and Anti-Doping Commission
- Ethics Commission Sport and Technical Commissions
- Media Commission
- Marketing Commission
- Finance Commission

The President, in accordance with the Executive Board, may create commissions and working groups whenever it appears necessary, for the purpose of advising the Plenary Assembly, the Executive Board or the President. IFSC.

Article 15

The Plenary Assembly is the highest body of the IFSC and has ultimate authority for all activities of the IFSC. It convenes every year.

Organisation of the Plenary Assembly shall be entrusted alternately to one of its members. The date and venue for the assembly shall be agreed at the Plenary Assembly meeting two years prior.

The calling notice must be sent to all members at least 90 days prior to the date set for the Assembly, or 120 days in case elections are scheduled at Plenary Assembly.

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Article 16

a) to elect the Executive Board;
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c) to fix admission, membership and other fees;
d) to approve plans for future activities;
e) to adopt and amend these Statutes, such decisions needing a quorum and majority as described in Art. 19;
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g) to decide the suspension or expulsion of members which do not comply with the obligations as stated in these Statutes;
h) to approve the Minutes of meetings;
i) to receive, discuss and approve the report of the Executive Board;
j) to review and approve the annual accounts after having heard the report of the auditors and to give discharge to the Treasurer and to the other members of the Executive Board;
k) to approve the budget;
l) to approve the IFSC logo, and other items of image and identity, upon the recommendation of the Executive Board;
m) to decide all matters which no other body is competent to decide or which other bodies refer to the Plenary Assembly for final decision.

Article 156 – Powers of the General Assembly

a) to elect the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary General of the Executive Board;
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h) to approve the Minutes of Plenary General Assembly meetings;
i) to receive, discuss and approve the report of the Executive Board;
j) to review and approve the annual accounts after having heard the report of the auditors and to give discharge to the Treasurer and to the other members of the Executive Board;
k) to approve the provisional budget;
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Bye-laws to the Statutes, which shall be identified in the Statutes as "Bye-Laws to the IFSC Statutes", may be added or amended by an absolute majority of the Members present or represented.

Article 20

Voting at the Plenary Assembly is conducted by show of hands or electronic vote. Upon the request of one fifth of the Members present, any vote must be taken by secret written ballot.

Elections shall always be decided by secret written ballot.

The election process is described in the relevant document approved by the Plenary Assembly. The Executive Board will establish an Electoral Committee to assume certain duties related to elections. The Electoral Committee members will be proposed by the Executive Board and appointed by the Plenary Assembly one year ahead of the elections.

Article 21

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Article 1920 – Taking of Decisions

Voting at the Plenary General Assembly is conducted by electronic vote or show of hands or electronic vote. Upon the request of one fifth (1/5) of the Full Members present, any vote must be taken by anonymous electronic vote or secret written ballot.

Elections shall always be decided by anonymous electronic vote or secret written ballot.

Votes taken by means of electronic system, shall always be anonymous.

The election process is described in the relevant document approved by the Plenary General Assembly. The Executive Board will establish an Electoral Nomination Committee to assume certain duties related to the elections. The composition of the Nomination Committee is described in the relevant document approved by the Plenary Assembly. The Electoral Committee members will be proposed by the Executive Board and appointed by the Plenary Assembly one year ahead of the elections.

Article 2021 – Agenda

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The provisional Agenda with short explanation of the topics shall be distributed two months before the date of the PA. Items presented by IFSC Members are to be sent to the IFSC Executive Board at least six weeks before the Plenary Assembly. The full Agenda with all documents has to be sent to all members at least 28 days before the PA.

Continental Members, Developing Continental Members and Observer Members are entitled to speak, but not to present motions to the Plenary Assembly, in accordance to the relevant regulations.

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Upon affirmative vote of no less than 2/3 of the Members being present and having voting rights, the Plenary Assembly itself may add items to the Agenda of any meeting.

**Article 212 – Amendments to the Agenda**

Upon affirmative vote of no less than two thirds \( \frac{2}{3} \) of the present Full Members being present and having voting rights, in good standing, the Plenary General Assembly itself may add items to the Agenda of any meeting.

**Items relevant to:**
- Finances
- Statutes

Shall be excluded from being added to the agenda.
Article 23

The Executive Board may at any time call an extraordinary Plenary Assembly.

At the written request of the majority of the Members entitled to vote, the Executive Board shall convene an extraordinary Plenary Assembly within 3 months of receipt of such request. The request must be substantiated and accompanied by a proposal for the Agenda.

Article 24

The Executive Board of IFSC consists of the following officers:

- President/IFSC
- 3 (three) Vice-Presidents/IFSC
- General Secretary/IFSC

as well as of:

- 1 (one) representative elected by each of the five Continental Councils
- 1 (one) female representative elected by the Athletes’ Commission
- 1 (one) male representative elected by the Athletes’ Commission

All elected members of the Executive Board will sign and be subject to the IFSC Charter and IFSC Code of Conduct. Therefore, all Executive Board members must have a fiduciary responsibility to the IFSC and breach of that fiduciary responsibility could result in disciplinary actions.

Article 25

Candidates standing for election to any post in the Executive Board (with the exception of the representatives of the Athletes and representatives of the Continental Councils) shall be presented by

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<td>The members of the Executive Board (with the exception of the representatives of the Athletes and representatives of the Continental Councils) are elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of four years.</td>
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<td>Executive Board members are eligible for a maximum of three terms.</td>
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**Provision to Article 25, to be deleted after PA2021:**

*In 2021 elections, Board members who have already served for three terms or are in their third term can only be eligible for one more term.*

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**Provision to Article 245, to be deleted after PAGA2021:**

*In 2021 elections, Board members who have already served for three terms or are in their third term can only be eligible for one more term.*
Article 26

The Executive Board is responsible for implementing all the policy directives and decisions made by the Plenary Assembly. This includes in particular:

a) to prepare the agenda of the Plenary Assembly meetings;
b) to prepare the annual accounts (consisting of the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet);
c) to make recommendations to the Plenary Assembly about:
   a. the long-term strategies of the IFSC;
   b. regulations and rules to be decided by the Plenary Assembly;
   c. the candidates to be appointed by the Plenary Assembly as members of Anti-doping, Ethics, Disciplinary and Appeals Commissions;
   d. the admission and expulsion of Member associations;
d) to decide about the composition and functioning of the Sport Department;
e) to set up the calendar of IFSC approved competitions and to coordinate schedules of International and Continental competitions;
f) to appoint President and members of the Medical Commission;
g) to decide the terms and conditions of contracts between the IFSC and organisers of IFSC approved competitions;
h) to recommend any proposed changes to the IFSC Statutes;
i) to appoint and remove persons (employees) entrusted with the management of IFSC’s day-to-day operations;
j) to make recommendations on the terms and conditions of contracts to be concluded with third parties outside IFSC;

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   d. the admission and expulsion of Member associations;
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   b. Sport and Technical Commissions
   c. Media Commission
   d. Marketing Commission
   e. Finance Commission;
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   e) to recommend any proposed changes to the IFSC Statutes;
k) to decide on membership issues between Plenary Assembly meetings;
l) to decide the official means of information of the IFSC;
m) to control IFSC finances;
n) to appoint an IFSC delegate for IFSC events as necessary;
o) to initiate and undertake negotiations with third parties.

All statements and contracts which bind the IFSC must be signed by the President and the General Secretary, or one Vice-President. In case of absence, the President may be replaced by one Vice-President.

The Executive Board is responsible for the functioning of the administrative office of the IFSC. All permanent employees are hired by the Executive Board and employed in accordance with the annual budget.

The Executive Board hires the General Director. The General Director is responsible for the management of the staff and the functioning operations of the administrative office of the IFSC. All permanent employees are hired by the Executive Board and employed in accordance with the annual budget.

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**Article 28 – Executive Board Agenda**

The Agenda for the Executive Board meetings is prepared by the Steering Committee. However, any member of the Executive Board is entitled to present proposals for the agenda. Such proposals must be submitted, with relevant documentation, at least one month before the date set for any Executive Board meeting. The full agenda shall be sent by the Steering Committee to the Executive Board members at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

**Article 29 – Taking of Decisions of the Executive Board**

Every member of the Executive Board has one vote. All decisions of the Executive Board are taken by majority of the members present, and no voting rights may be exercised by proxy. The quorum of the Executive Board consists of a majority of its members. In case of tie, the President’s vote is the casting vote.

**Article 30 – Role of the President**

The President chairs all meetings of the Plenary Assembly, the Executive Board. He represents the sport in all important matters, especially those pertaining to the IOC and other International organisations.

The President, or a Board member designated by the President, is entitled to attend and participate in all Commission meetings, but without vote.
**Article 31**

If the President is prevented from attending a meeting of the Executive Board or a Plenary Assembly, the Executive Board will appoint one of the Vice Presidents to chair those meetings.

In case of death or disability of the President, the Vice-President appointed by the Executive Board shall assume the President’s duties until the next Plenary Assembly. Should the Vice-President in turn be unable to fulfil his/her obligations, the Treasurer/Vice President and/or the member of the Executive Board who has served on the Executive Board the longest shall assume his/her duties and convene an Extraordinary Plenary Assembly in order to elect appropriate replacements.

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**Article 32**

Continental Councils are responsible for the administration, development and furtherance of competition climbing in a specific continent or geographic area. The Continental Councils shall comply with and enforce the rules and regulations of the IFSC and co-operate with IFSC bodies. They organise continental championships and other competitions in their area.

The Continental Councils are:

- Africa
- Asia
- Europe
- Pan America
- Oceania

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The Statutes and Regulations of the Continental Councils must be submitted to the Executive Board for approval and will not come into effect until they have received such approval.
Continental Councils must create an Athletes’ Commission to provide permanent liaison between active Athletes and the Continental Council. One representative appointed by the Athletes’ Commission must be a member of the Continental Council Executive Board.

**Article 35**

The function of the Anti-Doping Commission is to ensure that the IFSC complies with the World Anti-Doping Code. Its rules will comply with the World Anti-Doping Code.

The Ethics Commission intends to protect and encourage ethical values in all IFSC. The Ethics Commission addresses issues referred to it by the IFSC President. It can also propose issues for consideration to the IFSC President or the IFSC Executive Board following information received directly or indirectly. The Ethics Commission will consider cases resulting from a breach of the IFSC Code of Conduct or Charter and elected members of the IFSC. They can recommend action to the IFSC President, who may address the Disciplinary Commission.

The function of the Disciplinary Commission is to investigate and take appropriate action following any complaint concerning breach of rules (including the IFSC Anti-Doping Rules) or misconduct.

The function of the Appeals Commission is to decide appeals from decisions taken by the Disciplinary Commission (except in doping cases, where the appeal will be made to the Court of Arbitration for Sport).

Rules concerning these Commissions and their rules are set out in a regulation made by the Plenary Assembly.

**Article 32 – Statutory Commissions**

1. **Disciplinary Commission**
   The function of the Disciplinary Commission is to investigate and take appropriate action following any complaint concerning breach of rules (including the IFSC Anti-Doping Rules) or misconduct reported to the IFSC on behalf of its stakeholders.

2. **Appeals Commission**
   The function of the Appeals Commission is to review and decide on appeals from related to decisions taken by the Disciplinary Commission, except in doping cases, where the appeal will be made to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Composition and functioning of the Disciplinary Commission are described in the relevant regulations approved by the Plenary General Assembly.

Composition and functioning of the Appeals Commission are described in the relevant regulations approved by the General Assembly.

Decisions of the Disciplinary Commission in doping cases and decisions of the Appeal Commission may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (in Lausanne, Switzerland). The procedure before the Court of Arbitration for Sport takes place according to its regulations. The decision of the International Court of Arbitration for Sport will be final and there will be no further appeal from it without the right to further appeal.

3. **Ethics Commission**

Rules concerning these Commissions and their rules are set out in a regulation made by the Plenary Assembly.
## Article 37

The Athletes’ Commission provides a permanent liaison between active athletes and the IFSC. One female and one male representatives, not from the same country, appointed by the Athletes’ Commission are elected by the Plenary Assembly as members of the Executive Board.

Composition and functioning of the Athletes’ Commission are described in the relevant regulations as approved by the Plenary Assembly.

## Article 38

Composition and functioning of the Paraclimbing Commission are described in the relevant regulations as approved by the Plenary Assembly.
1. **AS PER ARTICLE 35, VERSION 2019**

Medical Commission Rules and composition are defined in the relevant document approved by the IFSC Executive Board.

**Article 35 – Medical and Anti-Doping Commission**

The Medical and Anti-Doping Commission protects and maintains the standards of athletes’ health and of Sport Climbing as a safe sport. It addresses issues impacting the health of athletes and defines the medical regulations for the safe running of IFSC competitions.

The Medical and Anti-Doping Commission ensures that the IFSC complies with the WADA World Anti-Doping Code, and implements programmes for the promotion of clean sport. Its rules will comply with the World Anti-Doping Code.

Medical and Anti-Doping Commission Rules and composition are defined in the relevant document approved by the IFSC Executive Board.

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**Article 33**

The Sport Department will form the Technical Commissions related to sport management, such as sport regulations, calendar, Athletes and Entourage, Athletes’ health, officials, etc.

These Technical Commissions are subject to approval by the Executive Board.

Members of these Commissions are proposed by Member associations. Their membership expires at end of the term of the Executive Board.

One member of each Commission is appointed by the Athletes’ Commission.

Each Commission is directed by one of its members (Director), who is appointed by the Executive Board.

**Article 36 – Sport and Technical Commissions**

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**Sport Commissions**

- Events
- Development
- Coaches

**Technical Commissions**

- Rules
- Judges
- Routesetters
- Sport Equipment

These Technical Commissions are formed by subject to approval by the Executive Board.
Members of these Sport Commissions are proposed by Member associations. Their membership mandate expires at the end of the term of the Executive Board.

Each Sport Commission shall have one Athletes’ Representative appointed by the Athletes’ Commission. One member of each Commission is appointed by the Athletes’ Commission.

The Director/Chairperson of each Sport Commission is appointed by the Executive Board. Each Commission is directed by one of its members (Director), who is appointed by the Executive Board.

Mandate and regulations of the Sport and Technical Commissions are defined in the relevant document approved by the Executive Board.

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**DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

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Disputes arising under the IFSC Statutes or otherwise, will be dealt with under the procedure and rules set out in the Disciplinary and Appeals Rules.

The final determination of a dispute can be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (in Lausanne, Switzerland).

The procedure before the Court of Arbitration for Sport takes place according to its regulations.

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**Article 39**

The IFSC will finance its own activities through sources such as:

a) Membership and subscription fees of its Members;

b) The organization and authorization of Competitions, competitor entry fees, and any other fees relating to official competitions;

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Within approved budgets, the Plenary Assembly of the IFSC and the Executive Board are empowered to authorise payment of fees and expenses to individuals and/or organisations to provide specific professional service or advice.

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