

WORLDWIDE CHARTER FOR AMATEUR SPORTS
(The Roman Charter)

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1. Preamble

- 1.1. We, sports amateurs, representatives of civil society institutions from various countries, held a meeting in the Italian Republic in Rome, on the 3rd day of August, in the year 2017, where we jointly agreed to the following, hereafter to be referred to as the "Roman charter", and is applicable and binding on us all:
- 1.2. That it is the fundamental right of every person(s) to engage in physical culture and sports,
- 1.3. That we hereby express our desire to expand and strengthen international sports relations,
- 1.4. That we are reaffirming the desire to expand and improve relations in the field of physical culture and sports, based on the principles of equality and mutual respect,
- 1.5. That we are aware of the need to establish a mechanism for cooperation in the implementation of joint programs and projects in the field of physical education and sports,
- 1.6. That we are recalling that the people of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in greater freedom,
- 1.7. We are recalling that, in accordance with the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without discrimination of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.
- 1.8. That based on the principle that physical education and sport should strive to promote closer ties amongst peoples, as well as unselfish competition, solidarity and brotherhood, mutual respect and understanding, and recognition of the integrity and dignity of people,

- 1.9. That we are convinced that the effective exercise of human rights depends to a large extent on the ability of every man and every woman to freely develop and maintain their physical, intellectual and moral abilities,
- 1.10. That we are convinced of the advisability of free access of all people to physical education and sport,
- 1.11. That we are convinced that the preservation and development of the physical, intellectual and moral abilities of a person improve the quality of life at the national and international level,
- 1.12. That we are convinced that physical education and sport should strengthen their educational impact in order to establish the basic human values that serve as the basis for the full development of peoples,
- 1.13. That we are convinced that developed and developing countries share a common responsibility and commitment to narrow the gap that exists between the them, with regard to the free access of all to physical education and sport,
- 1.14. That we are convinced that the inclusion of physical education and sports in the natural environment enriches them and inspires respect for the resources of the planet, and awakens the responsibility for their preservation and use with the greatest benefit for all mankind,
- 1.15. That we are convinced that the diversity of the existing forms of education and training in the world plays a major role, however, despite the difference in national sports structures, it seems obvious that physical education and sport are not limited to physical education and health promotion but also contribute to the full and harmonious development of a person,
- 1.16. That we are convinced also the scope of the efforts that must be undertaken before the right to physical development and sport becomes a reality for every person,
- 1.17. That we are underlining the importance of cooperation between international governmental and non-governmental organizations responsible for physical education and sport, in the name of peace and friendship among peoples,
- 1.18. That we are recognizing the fundamental principles, the most important values of Olympism, the leading, inspiring role and supreme authority of the International Olympic Committee in the Olympic Movement,
- 1.19. That we are recognizing the fundamental principles, the most important values of the Paralympic Movement, with the primary, inspiring role and supreme authority of the International Paralympic Committee in the Paralympic Movement,

- 1.20. That we are recognizing the fundamental principles, the most important values of the Deaflympian movement, with the predominant, inspiring role and supreme authority of the International Sport Committee for the Deaf in the Deaflympic Movement,
- 1.21. That we are guided by the goal of giving a new impetus to the development of human values through sport and the promotion of its development, the preservation and maintenance of a lasting peace, and the strengthening of mutual respect and friendship,
- 1.22. We declare the Worldwide Charter for Amateur Sports to promote the development of physical education and sport to serve the progress of humanity, to promote their development and to encourage governments, competent non-governmental organizations, citizens, their families and individuals to follow, disseminate and apply this Charter.

2. General definitions

2.1. In the present Charter the following definitions are used:

Administrative territorial formation - a territory that has full internal self-government recognized as such by the United Nations, but has not attained full independence in accordance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and is competent in matters governed by this charter, including the competence to enter into contracts (agreements) relating to such matters;

The view on amateur sport - a part of sport, which is a separate sphere of social relations that has specific features and rules for sport competitions, the field of play, and the sport equipment used;

World amateur games - comprehensive international winter and summer competitions, held among amateur athletes in various sports;

World Register of Amateur Sports - an information system containing information on sports and sports disciplines recorded on paper and electronic media that have been recognized by the International Council of Amateur Sports;

Physical culture and sports club - a voluntary association of individuals, created in organizations to prepare for health and fitness, sporting and mass participation events, sports competitions and participation in them;

Amateur sports - sports activities of a physical or legal person participating in sports competitions in order to achieve high sport results, when compared to their physical and/ or intellectual abilities, as well as preparation for this activity, and not engaged in order to make a profit;

Amateur competitions - a collection or individual events (competitions) in the field of amateur sports, conducted under the aegis of the national councils of amateur sports, amateur sports organizations and other organizations in game or non-game form with the aim of achieving high sports results and ascertaining the advantage in the degree of physical, psycho-physiological or organizational preparedness of individual amateur athletes or their groups;

International Federation of Sports (Association) - an international non-governmental organization recognized by the International Council of Amateur Sports (ICAS), which manages one or several sports at the international level and unites organizations that manage this kind of sport at the national level;

Methodologist for physical education and sport - an individual who has professional education, and who provides methodological support and guidance to the training process, the organization of fitness and health recreation events and sports events;

Provider of a sporting and mass participation event - (provider of a sport event, provider of a sports competition) is a physical and (or) legal person who initiated a sporting and mass participation event (sports event, sports competition) and (or) carries out organizational, financial and (or) other acts ensuring its preparation and conduct;

Registration of an amateur athlete - is the procedure for the International Council of Amateur Sports to recognize the affiliation of an amateur athlete to this sport in order to confer upon him the right to take part in sports competitions and other events held under the patronage of the International Council of Amateur Sports or with his participation, with the issuance of a certificate of registration of amateur sportsman;

Amateur athlete is an individual for whom sports are not their main activity, sports are carried out without entering into an employment agreement in the field of amateur sports (a contract for sporting activities) and who do not receive remuneration (including wages) for preparing for sports competitions, participation in them and the results shown;

Sports worker is a doctor, a masseur, a psychologist, as well as any other person who has entered into an employment agreement in the field of amateur sports with the customer, directly involved in the process of preparing an amateur athlete for sports competitions and their participation in them;

Sports organization - a legal entity duly accredited by the International Council of Amateur Sports (ICAS), which organizes, prepares and conducts official amateur competitions for a particular kind (or kinds) of sport;

Sports club is a legal entity created and operating under the national legislation of the host country, entered into membership or contractual relations with a sports federation or professional sports organization, taking part in amateur competitions;

Combined team is a permanent or temporary team of amateur athletes, coaches, doctors, scientists, other specialists in a certain kind of amateur sport, formed by the

sports federation to prepare and participate in sports competitions under the flag of the national team;

Sports Federation is a non-profit organization that manages the sports on the territory of its state and is a member of the relevant international sports federation recognized by the International Council of Amateur Sports (ICAS), which complies with the provisions of the Worldwide Charter of Amateur Sports, the charter and rules of the corresponding international sports federation, and also recognized as or being a member of the National Amateur Sports Council;

Sports school - a specialized children's and youth sports organization that provides training for amateur athletes;

A sports infraction is an unlawful, guilty action or omission of a physical or legal person for whom disciplinary (sports) liability has been established by the rules of sports or civil law;

Sports training is an integrated, planned process for the preparation of amateur athletes (teams of amateurs) aimed at improving their athletic skills and achieving athletic performance, including the physical education of amateur athletes, participation in sports competitions, as well as material, technical, medical, scientific-methodical and (or) other support;

Sport competition - competition among amateur athletes (teams of amateur athletes) in the form (types) of sport in order to determine the winners, sports results, conducted in accordance with the rules of sports competitions in the form of amateur sports and the regulation of conduct (the regulations) of the sports competition;

Sporting and mass participation event is an organized event of a competitive nature aimed at the physical and spiritual development of a person, strengthening health and preventing diseases, rational leisure activities, and the formation of the need for regular physical education and sports;

Student sport is a part of physical culture and sports aimed at the physical education of students in educational organizations, including amateur athletes, their preparation for participation and participation in health and fitness, sporting and mass participation events;

Subjects of amateur sport are state administration bodies, local government and self-government bodies, physical culture and sports organizations, amateur athletes, other physical persons engaged in physical culture and sports, their associations, including physical culture and sports clubs, sports judges, coaches and other specialists in the field of physical culture and sports, their associations, other individuals and legal entities (their associations) that carry out activities in the field of physical culture and sports, including educational organizations, research institutions, healthcare organizations, sponsors, volunteers, fans.

Sports judge is an individual who has been trained as a referee in sports and has a refereeing category, as well as an individual who has an international refereeing category, authorized by the provider of a sports event or provider of a sports competition to ensure compliance with the provision for a sports event or the rules of sports competitions in sports, regulations on the conduct (regulations) of the sports event, respectively, the determination of winners, sports results and their registration;

Coach is an individual who has an education in the field of physical culture and sports or who has been granted admission to teaching activities in the field of physical culture and sports, which carries out the physical education of amateur athletes in the course of their sports training, other individuals in the process of health and fitness, sports-mass work, carrying out other activities necessary for the sports training of amateur athletes (teams of amateur athletes), as well as the guidance of training and (or) competitive work of amateur athletes (teams of amateur athletes);

Training process is a way of carrying out sports training through training sessions, training camps, rehabilitation, preventive care, recreational activities, testing, instructor's and referee practice, and participation in sports competitions;

Physical culture is an integral part of culture, a field of activity that is a set of material and spiritual values created and used by society for the purpose of the physical development of a person, improving their motor activity, aimed at strengthening their health and contributing to the harmonious development of the individual;

Physical training - the process of using the means, methods, forms and conditions of physical exercises, administered to affect the physical development of a person;

Physical education is a complex process aimed at the physical development of a person, the acquisition of skills and knowledge in the field of physical culture and sports in order to form a fully developed and physically healthy person, including physical training;

Health and fitness work - preparation and conduct of health and fitness work activities;

Health and fitness activities - an event of a recreational nature, aimed at improving health in the process of physical education;

Physical culture and sports facilities - facilities designed for physical culture and sports;

School sports are a part of physical culture and sports aimed at the physical education of students in general secondary education organizations, including athletes, their preparation for participation and participation in health and fitness, sporting and mass participation events.

3. Introduction to the Worldwide Charter of Amateur Sports

3.1. The Worldwide Charter of Amateur Sports is a set of fundamental principles of the International amateur sports movement, rules and official explanations adopted by the International Council of Amateur Sports. The Worldwide Charter of Amateur Sports regulates the organization, events and activities of the International amateur sports movement and determines the conditions for holding Amateur Games.

3.2. The Worldwide Charter of Amateur Sports is a regulative, normative act establishing the fundamental principles and the most important values of the International amateur sports movement, serving as the statute of the International Council of Amateur Sports, defining the basic mutual rights and duties.

3.3. Amateur sport is a socio-cultural activity based on its voluntary choice, which facilitates the establishment of contacts between states and citizens around the world, plays a fundamental role in the realization of the goals proclaimed by the United Nations through the strengthening of mutual understanding between people.

3.4. The International amateur sports movement is a coherent, organized, universal and permanent activity of all individuals and organizations inspired by the values of sports friendship, carried out under the guidance of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

3.5. The International amateur sports movement, as an important factor in human development, should contribute to the implementation of the provisions hereof on the basis of the principles of:

- a. Equality and accessibility of physical education and sports for all individuals;
- b. Continuity and succession of physical education of different age groups of the population;
- c. Voluntariness of physical training and sports;
- d. Health-improving orientation of sports and sports events;
- e. Equal respect for physical culture, amateur sports;
- f. Prohibition of discrimination and prevention of propaganda from the cult of cruelty, violence and humiliation of human dignity;
- g. Promoting the development of adaptive physical culture and sports.
- h. Development of the moral and ethical basis of sport, human dignity and safety;
- i. Creation of guarantees for male and female athletes from their exploitation for the purpose of political, commercial and financial gain;
- j. Ensuring the safety of life and health of people engaged in physical culture and sports, as well as participants and spectators of physical culture and sports events, and observance of public order in places where sporting events are held;
- k. Development of national, technical and applied sports;
- l. Support and stimulation of physical culture and sports;
- m. Development of a scientific base for research in the field of physical culture and sports;

- n. Promoting the development of all sports, considering social and educational functions, as well as the specifics of their structure, based on the principle of voluntary activity.

4. The Objectives of the Charter

4.1. International promotion of amateur sports as an important factor in human development, including the protection and development of the moral and ethical basis of amateur sports, human dignity and safety, the creation of amateur athlete guarantees from exploitation for the purpose of political, commercial and financial gain.

4.2. The combination of moral education with amateur sports, the promotion of a peaceful and more harmonious world through the education of youth by means of sports in accordance with the ideas of amateur sports and its values.

4.3. Improving the physical, social and mental health of people, through the principle of saving the planet's resources in the framework of balanced environmental management.

4.4. Development of physical, mental and social qualities, and ethical norms of justice and discipline, fostering respect for oneself and other people, teaching tolerance and responsibility for life in a democratic society, fostering self-control, promoting healthy lifestyles.

4.5. Collective actions and the formation of partnerships based on solidarity and cooperation, assistance in the development and implementation of partnership initiatives designed to support development projects aimed at achieving and using the opportunities of the sports world.

4.6. Promoting the development of sports and physical education as a means of developing the health care system, education, as well as social and cultural development at the international, local and national levels.

4.7. Strengthening of international cooperation between civil society organizations.

5. The Principles of the Charter

5.1. Amateur sports are an important factor in human development. National governments, local authorities, civil society institutions should, if possible, provide amateur sports with appropriate support.

5.2. In the development of social policy and its planning at the local, regional and national levels, amateur sports as a factor of socio-cultural development should receive an integrated approach in conjunction with such areas as education, health, social services, the establishment of the territory, the protection of nature, the service of culture and recreation.

5.3. Effective sports policy can be implemented only with the optimal coordination of the activities of public bodies and institutions of civil society, directly or indirectly related to amateur sports. Sports policy is implemented through the interaction of state authorities and local self-government with public associations, other organizations related to amateur sports, based on public needs and accessible to all citizens regardless of their health (including the disabled and elderly population).

5.4. The International amateur sports movement is a philosophy of life that elevates and unites the dignity of the body, will and mind into a balanced whole. The movement that connects sport with culture and education, striving to create a way of life based on the joy of effort, the educational value of a good example, social responsibility, respect for universal basic ethical principles.

6. Determination of the boundaries of the Charter

6.1. Within the framework hereof, "amateur sport" means all forms of physical activity that, through episodic or organized participation, are aimed at expressing or improving the physical and mental state, the formation of social relations or the achievement of results in competitions of all levels.

7. Legal regulation in the field of amateur sports

7.1. Legal regulation in the field of amateur sports is carried out by laws and other normative legal acts of the corresponding state, laws and other normative legal acts of subjects of law of the corresponding state, and also by statutory acts of subjects of amateur sports, based on the norms of sports legislation and this Charter.

7.2. Normative acts of subjects of amateur sports, containing the norms of sports legislation, should not contradict laws and other normative legal acts of the respective state, as well as laws and other normative legal acts of subjects of law of the respective state.

7.3. In case of contradictions between the normative legal acts and the norms of sports legislation that has different legal standing, the normative legal act that has higher legal standing is applied.

7.4. Regulation of relations between the authorized state body in the field of physical education and sports, and subjects of amateur sports is carried out on the basis of the provisions of the relevant treaties and agreements to which the norms of sports legislation are applied, as well as the norms of the national civil law insofar as it does not contradict the norms of sports legislation.

8. Responsibility in the field of amateur sports

8.1. Persons guilty of violating regulatory legal acts containing the norms of sports legislation bear criminal, administrative, civil or disciplinary liability in accordance with national legislation.

8.2. The unintended harm caused to an amateur athlete by other amateur athletes during preparation for amateur competitions and directly during participation in such events is not subject to compensation.

8.3. In these cases, the person who caused such harm is not subject to criminal or administrative liability in the manner prescribed by national legislation.

8.4. Deliberate harm caused by a gross violation of the norms of sports legislation caused to an amateur athlete by another amateur athlete during preparation for amateur competitions or directly during participation in such competitions shall be reimbursed in the manner and on the grounds provided for by national legislation.

9. Settlement of Disputes in Amateur Sports

9.1. In the field of amateur sports, permanent arbitration courts can be established in accordance with the national legislation on arbitration courts.

9.2. The founders of arbitration courts can only be subjects of amateur sports. For each type of amateur sport, more than one arbitration court cannot be created.

9.3. Amateur sports subjects, in addition to arbitration courts, are entitled to create other special pre-trial dispute resolution bodies of the relevant jurisdiction (committees, chambers, commissions, mediation bodies) in the field of amateur sports.

9.4. Any dispute in the field of amateur sport may be submitted to the arbitration court by agreement of the parties to the arbitration proceedings, if the amateur athlete, coach, judge or other sports worker, as well as any subject of amateur sport, is a party to such a dispute.

9.5. The arbitration court resolves disputes on the basis of the norms of labor, civil law and sports legislation, considering the customs of amateur sports, applying the rules of law governing similar relations, and in the absence of such norms it resolves the case proceeding from the general principles and meaning of legislation.

9.6. In the event that disputes in amateur sports are considered by the arbitral tribunal, its decision is executed by the participants of the dispute voluntarily, in the order and within the terms established in the decision. The decision of the Arbitration Court is final and cannot be appealed.

10. Sports facilities and sports activities

10.1. Access to sports facilities or to sports activities cannot be subject to any discrimination based on sex, race, color, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property status, sports, Olympic, Paralympic or Deaflympic movement.

10.2. Participants in this Charter will take measures to ensure that all citizens can play sports and, where necessary, create conditions for young talents and persons with physical defects or disabilities.

10.3. Since the scale of sports depends partly on the size, variety and availability of sports facilities, then their general planning should be considered a matter of state bodies. The range of planned facilities should take into account a number of requirements - public, private, local, and include everything necessary for their safe and full use and for a good management.

10.4. Participants in this Charter, owners of sports facilities will take appropriate steps to ensure access to such facilities for persons with physical and mental disabilities.

11. Assistance to high performance sport and professional sport

11.1. The ways to provide direct or indirect assistance to amateur athletes who have shown exceptional sports abilities will be developed in cooperation with sports organizations in order to more fully reveal their sports and human abilities while respecting each individual in the unity of physical and moral qualities. Such assistance will be provided at the stage of education, during the period of sports training, and for a smooth integration into the society.

12. Amateur sports and the environment

12.1. Taking care of the improvement of the physical, social and mental health of people, the participants of the charter will follow the principle that amateur sports, including in the city, in open rural area and in waterways, should be coordinated with the limited resources of the planet in mind and conducted in the framework of balanced environmental management, namely:

- a. considering the value of nature and the surrounding environment when planning and building sports facilities;
- b. support and encouragement of sport organizations in their efforts to preserve nature and the environment;
- c. Increase people's knowledge and understanding of the relationship between sport and the environmental situation.

13. Compliance with safety rules, health protection of individuals during physical education and amateur sports, amateur competitions and sports events

13.1. When conducting physical education and amateur sports, the safety rules developed and approved by the national state bodies in the field of physical culture and sports should be observed.

13.2. The administration of organizations of health and fitness and sports facilities will strive to provide sports facilities and equipment for sports activities and amateur sports competition sites in accordance with safety regulations, sanitary rules and hygienic standards and bear responsibility for harm caused to the health of individuals in accordance with national legislation.

13.3. Sports facilities intended for conducting sporting activities and amateur sports competitions should comply with technical rules, sanitary rules and hygienic standards, rules for the operation of sports facilities, fire safety rules and be accessible to persons with disabilities.

13.4. Sports workers in the field of physical culture and sports are responsible for harm caused to the health of individuals engaged in physical culture and amateur sports, in accordance with national legislation.

13.5. Responsibility for harm caused to the health of an amateur athlete, coach or sports judge during amateur sports activities in an organized form is established on the basis of national legislation and the terms of the contract concluded by an amateur athlete, coach or sports judge with a sports organization.

13.6. In case of violations of the requirements of the rules for the operation of sports facilities, places for sporting and mass participation events, and fire safety violations, which compromise the security of individuals and participants, including the deterioration of the bearing structures of seating areas, the placement of combustible hazardous substances and materials in premises under the seating areas, the absence of emergency lighting and evacuation routes, the absence or malfunction of fire protection means, as well as violations of the rules of electrical installation and operation which can lead to a fire, security conditions for participants and spectators in venues for sporting and mass participation events, the local executive bodies, on the proposal submitted by the competent authorities, or the state body in the sphere of sanitary and epidemiological welfare of the population, prohibit such events until the violations of the security conditions are identified.

13.7. Providers of sports and mass participation events are obliged to:

- create conditions for the safety of individuals, the safety of locations for amateur sports and mass participation events, including the property in them, and to assist the competent authorities in ensuring public order;
- ensure the restoration and improvement of the territory bordering with the places of amateur sports and mass participation events, in case of its violation;

- place rules of conduct for spectators in places where amateur sports and mass participation events are held.

13.8. Harm caused to individuals and legal entities during amateur sports and mass participation events is compensated in accordance with national legislation.

14. Certification of coaches and referees in amateur sports

14.1. Certification of coaches in amateur sports is a procedure for recognizing and confirming the proper qualifications and knowledge of coaches in the relevant amateur sport, including knowledge of safety rules, in order to confirm the right of coaches to work on the training of amateur athletes.

14.2. Certification of amateur sports judges is a procedure for recognizing and confirming the proper qualifications and knowledge of amateur sports judges in the field of the amateur sport concerned in order to confirm the right to conduct judicial work at amateur sporting events.

14.3. Certification is conducted in accordance with the Regulations approved by the International Council of Amateur Sports secretariat.

14.4. Based on the results of the certification of coaches and amateur sports judges, they are issued a certificate of attestation for a period of four years.

15. Amateur Athlete Registration Certificate

15.1. Registration of amateur athletes is carried out in accordance with the Regulations approved by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

15.2. The Amateur Athlete Registration Certificate is a document confirming its registration in the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

15.3. The Amateur Athlete Registration Certificate contains the following:

- i.surname, given name;
- ii.sex;
- iii.date of birth;
- iv.registration number;
- v.date of assignment of registration number;
- vi.type of sport;
- vii.information on awarding sports categories, classes and sports ranks;
- viii.information on medical examinations;
- ix.results achieved in sports competitions;
- x.information on disqualification;
- xi.information on cases of doping (including medical indicators);
- xii.information on state awards and other forms of encouragement;
- xiii.surname, given name of the coach;

- xiv. other information related to the specifics of the selected sports;
- xv. photo.

15.4. The procedure for issuing and replacing the Amateur Athlete Registration Certificate, the submission of information by authorized organizations on the registration of an amateur athlete, and the form of the certificate of registration of an amateur athlete are approved by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

16. The procedure for the recognition of amateur sports, sports disciplines and their inclusion in the Worldwide Register of Amateur Sports, as well as the procedure for its conduct

16.1. Amateur Sports and sports disciplines recognized by the International Council of Amateur Sports in the prescribed manner, are included in the Worldwide Register of Amateur Sports. The procedure for the recognition of amateur sports, sports disciplines and their inclusion in the Worldwide Register of Amateur Sports, the procedure for its management are determined by the International Council of Amateur Sports secretariat.

16.2. Recognition of the amateur sports is carried out in order to classify a separate sphere of social relations with amateur sports, the appropriate rules, the environment of activities, the use of sport outfits (without protective equipment) and equipment, and is then included in the Worldwide Register of Amateur Sports.

16.3. The Worldwide Register of Amateur Sports is an information system containing information on amateur sports and sports disciplines recorded on physical and electronic media, which have been developed in national territories (administrative-territorial entities).

16.4. The Worldwide Register of Amateur Sports is placed on the official website of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

16.5. The type of amateur sport and sport discipline should correspond to the goals of physical culture and sports (including high performance in sport), in particular to promote the physical and intellectual development of a person's abilities, improvement of their motor activity and the formation of a healthy lifestyle.

16.6. The grounds for recognizing the nature of amateur sports and sports discipline is the presence of distinctive features of sports, which include the rules of sports (basic principles), the environment of activities, the sports outfit and equipment used (without protective equipment), regular amateur sports competitions.

16.7. The type of amateur sport and sport discipline *cannot* be recognized if competitions in the declared amateur sport and sport discipline are not sporting (there is no human participation, there is no competitiveness), rules do not create equal conditions for participants in sports competitions, cruelty towards the rival is allowed, disrespect is allowed to the spectators, any other manifestations that humiliate the honor and dignity of the person, propaganda of violence and cruelty is allowed toward social, racial, national, religious and other exclusivity groups, or intolerance and all other

forms of discrimination are present. The conditions of training and competition rules should not endanger the life and health of those involved.

16.8. The content of the rules of the declared amateur sport (basic principles), the environment of activities, the sports outfit and equipment used (without protective equipment) should differ significantly from the content of the rules (basic principles), the environment of activities, the sports equipment and outfit used of other declared amateur sports.

16.9. The procedure for the recognition of an amateur sport, sports discipline is carried out on the basis of the Regulations approved by the International Council of Amateur Sports secretariat.

17. The International Amateur Sporting Movement

17.1. The International Amateur Sporting Movement, which is under the supreme authority and leadership of the International Council of Amateur Sports, includes subjects of amateur sports, amateur athletes and others who agree to be guided by this Charter.

17.2. The goal of the International Amateur Sporting Movement is to help build a peaceful and more harmonious world through the education of young people by means of sports in accordance with this charter, the ideals of amateur sports and its values.

18. Mission of the International Council of Amateur Sports

18.1. The mission of the International Council of Amateur Sports is the distribution of sport in the world and the management of the International Amateur Sporting Movement on a voluntary basis, through the accession of interested parties to this Charter in order to:

- a. bring about the education of youth through sport, the spirit of fair play and the prohibition of violence;
- b. coordinate sports and sports (amateur) competitions;
- c. ensure the regular holding of Amateur Games;
- d. work toward peace through sport;
- e. strengthen the unity of the International Amateur Sporting Movement, protecting its independence and maintaining the autonomy of sports;
- f. counter any form of discrimination that is detrimental to the International Amateur Sporting Movement;
- g. promote and support the advancement of women in amateur sports at all levels and in all structures for the implementation of the principle of equality between men and women;
- h. ensure the protection of amateur athletes who do not engage in doping, and the principles of fair sports rivalry by combating the use of doping;
- i. fight against any form of fraud on competitions and corruption in all its forms;
- j. encourage and support measures related to the medical care and health of amateur athletes;
- k. oppose any political or commercial use of amateur athletes and abuses in amateur sports;

- l. support the efforts of sports organizations and public authorities aimed at ensuring the social and possible professional future of amateur athletes;
- m. support the development of mass sports;
- n. support a responsible approach to the problems of environmental protection and the environmental sustainability of sports development;
- o. promote positive legacies from Amateur Games by cities and countries that organize Amateur Games;
- p. support initiatives that integrate sport with culture and education;
- q. support the activities of educational organizations in the field of sports and other institutions whose activities are devoted to sport education.

19. Recognition of the International Council of Amateur Sports

19.1. Either the International Council of Amateur Sports secretariat or an authorized legal entity vested with the powers and functions of the secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports may provide patronage to the International Council of Amateur Sports for international complex sports competitions - regional, national, continental or international - on conditions that the International Council of Amateur Sports considers it adequate, provided that they are held in Accordance with this Charter and will be organized under the supervision of the National Amateur Sports Councils or Associations recognized by the International Council of Amateur Sports, with the assistance of the relevant International Federations and in compliance with the technical regulations of the International Federations.

19.2. The Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports may grant the patronage of the International Council of Amateur Sports to other events, provided they comply with the objectives hereof.

19.3. The International Council of Amateur Sports can provide official recognition to the subjects of the International Amateur Sporting Movement.

19.4. The International Council of Amateur Sports may recognize as the National Amateur Sports Council the relevant national sports organizations whose activities are seamlessly related to the mission and role of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

19.5. The International Council of Amateur Sports can also recognize associations of the National Amateur Sports Council, formed at the national, continental or international level.

19.6. All National Amateur Sports Councils, and associations so authorized, should have, where possible, the status of a legal entity. They should be guided by this Charter. Their statutes should be submitted to the International Council of Amateur Sports Secretariat for approval.

19.7. The International Council of Amateur Sports may be recognized by the International Federations and Associations of International Federations.

19.8. Recognition of associations of International Federations or National Amateur Sports Councils in no way affects the right of every International Federation of each National Amateur Sports Council to cooperate directly with the International Council of Amateur Sports, and vice versa.

19.9. The International Council of Amateur Sports may be recognized by non-governmental organizations related to sports (amateur sports) and acting internationally, whose charters and activities are consistent herewith.

19.10. The Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports determines the consequences of recognition in each case separately.

19.11. Recognition by the International Council of Amateur Sports may be temporary or permanent.

19.12. The decision to grant admission or revocation is made by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports for a specific or indefinite period.

19.13. The Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports can determine the conditions under which the term of temporary recognition ends. Details of the procedure for recognition are determined by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

20. World Sports Congress

20.1. The World Sports Congress is an international, consultative, advisory, non-governmental body aimed at generating solutions in the area of physical culture and sports for the purpose of human development, preserving and strengthening citizen's health, raising the younger generation, and forming a healthy and safe lifestyle.

20.2. The provision of organizational, methodological, informational, analytical and technical support of the Congress activities is entrusted to the Directorate of the World Sports Congress.

20.3. The Directorate of the World Sports Congress may either be an independent legal entity or may have the status of a structural unit of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

20.4. The regularity of Congresses and other events held within the framework of the Congress is established by the Directorate of the World Sports Congress. The Congress is convened by the Directorate of the International World Sports Congress.

20.5. The International Council of Amateur Sports may entrust the Directorate of the World Sports Congress with other tasks and functions in accordance with this charter.

20.6. The President of the World Sports Congress is an official of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports and a regular member of the International Council of Amateur Sports, who ensures the implementation of tasks and functions assigned to the Directorate of the World Sports Congress.

20.7. The President of the World Sports Congress organizes the work of the Congress and governs the Directorate of the Congress, and in accordance with their tasks and functions, establishes working bodies, permanent interdepartmental commissions, committees and working groups, and approves the organizational structure and the internal regulations.

21. World Amateur Games

21.1. The World Amateur Games are competitions in individual or team amateur sports among amateur athletes.

21.2. States and administrative-territorial entities do not participate in the World Amateur Games. Amateur athletes compete under the technical guidance of the relevant International Sports Federations.

21.3. World Amateur Games can be held both in the summer and in the winter season.

21.4. The numbering of the World Amateur Games is carried out in the order in which they are held.

22. Rights to the World Amateur Games

22.1. The International Council of Amateur Sports has the exclusive right to use its own name and official name "World Amateur Games".

22.2. The use by third parties for commercial and advertising purposes of the indicated names and the words and phrases formed on their basis is carried out on the basis of agreements concluded in writing with the International Council of Amateur Sports, except for cases when these names are used and the words and phrases formed on their basis for the purpose of information or in connection with the exercise of this right by third parties who are purchasers of the right to media coverage of the World Amateur Games and other international sports events held by the International Council of Amateur Sports, continental associations of National Amateur Sports Councils.

22.3. The International Council of Amateur Sports, in accordance herewith, implements measures to protect the rights to use the symbol, motto, flag and anthem, and the names "World Amateur Games" and "Amateur Games" belonging to the International Council of Amateur Sports.

22.4. The National Amateur Sports Council may use the symbol, motto, flag and anthem, the words "Amateur Games" and "World Amateur Games" for the development of the International Amateur Sports Movement and has exclusive rights to the emblem of the National Amateur Sports Council, motto, flag and other symbols.

22.5. The International Council of Amateur Sports is the owner of all rights to the World Amateur Games, and possession of the rights to generate potential revenues when used for these purposes.

22.6. The protection of rights and possession by all relevant parties is in the interests of the International Amateur Sporting Movement and amateur sport actors who benefit from such revenues.

22.7. World Amateur Games and Amateur Games are the exclusive property of the International Council of Amateur Sports, which owns all the rights associated with them without any restrictions:

- a. all rights to organize, use, promote on the Amateur Games market;
- b. permission to capture still and moving images of Amateur Games for use by the media;
- c. registration of audiovisual records of the Amateur Games and broadcasting, transmission, retransmission, reproduction, display, distribution, as a result of which the general public, with the help of existing means or means that will appear in the future, gets access to works or signals that are audiovisual recordings or other recordings of the Amateur Games.

22.8. The symbol, flag, motto, anthem, designations (including, among other things, the words "World Amateur Games" and "Amateur Games"), signs, emblems, any other musical works, audio-visual works or other products of creative activity or artifacts, which were made in connection with the conduction of the Amateur Games commissioned by the International Council of Amateur Sports or the National Amateur Sports Council, all collectively and for convenience can be referred to as "property".

22.9. The International Council of Amateur Sports may license all or part of its rights on terms established by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

22.10. The designation of the Amateur Games - any visual or audio reproduction of any association or in connection with the Amateur Games, the International Amateur Sporting Movement or any of its constituent parts.

22.11. The International Council of Amateur Sports can take all the necessary steps to obtain legal protection, both nationally and internationally, of its rights to the Amateur Games and to any property related to the Amateur Games.

22.12. The National Amateur Sports Council should take all measures to prohibit the use of any kind of property that could violate these rules and official explanations to them.

22.13. The National Amateur Sports Council should also make every effort to ensure the protection of the property of the International Council of Amateur Sports in favor of the Council.

22.14. In a state where the national legislation, the registration procedure of a trademark or other legal instrument gives the right to legal protection for the symbol of amateur sports or any other property of a National Amateur Sports Council, this National Amateur Sports Council can enjoy such rights only in accordance with this charter and through instructions received from the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

22.15. The International Council of Amateur Sports can develop and approve one or more emblems, which it is entitled to use at its discretion.

22.16. The National Amateur Sports Council or the Organizing Committee of the Amateur Games can create its own emblem, which is subject to approval by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

22.17. The symbol of the Amateur Games used in the emblem must be depicted in full, without any changes and be clearly identified as belonging to the country of the corresponding National Amateur Sports Council.

22.18. The distinctive element of the emblem should not contain mottos, notations or other generalized expressions that give the impression of its universality or international character.

22.19. The design of the emblem should be clearly identified with the Amateur Games organized by the relevant organizing committee.

22.20. All emblems are subject to registration with the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

22.21. Use of the amateur sports symbol, flag, motto and anthem, the creation, use of the amateur sports emblem, the symbols of the Amateur Games, the design of the emblem, musical works associated with the Amateur Games are developed and approved in accordance with the Regulations approved by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

23. International Council of Amateur Sports

23.1. The International Council of Amateur Sports is an international, non-governmental, non-profit, non-political organization, with an unlimited term of office.

23.2. The headquarters of the International Council of Amateur Sports is determined by the decision of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

23.3. The task of the International Council of Amateur Sports is to fulfill the mission, the role and the responsibilities set for it herein.

23.4. To fulfill its mission and its role, the International Council of Amateur Sports can create, acquire or otherwise monitor other legal organizations.

23.5. The International Council of Amateur Sports can acquire the status of a legal entity or not acquire it, while remaining an advisory and coordinating body of the International Sports Cooperation.

23.6. The functions of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports may be imposed by the decision of the International Council of Amateur Sports on an independent legal entity that has signed this Charter.

23.7. Members of the International Council of Amateur Sports are physical persons. The total number of members of the International Council of Amateur Sports should not exceed 149 persons.

23.8. The procedure for the formation and activities of the International Council of Amateur Sports is approved in accordance with the Regulation "On the Procedure for the Formation and Activity of the International Council of Amateur Sports" adopted at the session of the Council.

23.9. Members of the International Council of Amateur Sports cannot receive from governments, organizations or other parties any missions or instructions that could interfere with their freedom of action and independence in voting.

23.10. Members of the International Council of Amateur Sports do not bear personal responsibility for the debts and obligations of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

- 23.11. Each member of the International Council of Amateur Sports is obliged to:
- a. comply with the present Charter, the Code of ethics and other rules of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
 - b. participate in the sessions of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
 - c. participate in the work of the committees and commissions of the International Council of Amateur Sports, to which it is appointed;
 - d. promote the development and dissemination of the International Amateur Sporting Movement;
 - e. inform the President and the Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports without delay of all events that might impede the implementation hereof or otherwise adversely affect the International Amateur Sporting Movement.
 - f. perform other tasks assigned to it by the President and Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

23.12. Any member of the International Council of Amateur Sports may be excluded from the International Council of Amateur Sports by a decision of the Session if they have violated an oath, if the Board of Session considers that they neglected or deliberately endangered the interests of the Council or acted in a way unworthy of a council member.

23.13. The decision to exclude a member of the Board is made by the Session on the proposal of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports. The

adoption of such a decision requires a two-thirds majority of those who voted. An excluded member of the International Council of Amateur Sports has the right to be heard, this right includes the right to familiarize themselves with the charges and the right to speak in person or to provide a written explanation in their defense.

23.14. Prior to the adoption of a decision by the Session on the proposal for exclusion, the Council Secretariat may temporarily terminate its status as a member of the International Council of Amateur Sports and deprive it of all or part of the rights, prerogatives or functions resulting from its membership.

23.15. The excluded member of the International Council of Amateur Sports is not entitled to be a member of the National Amateur Sports Council, the Association of National Amateur Sports Councils or organizing committees for the Amateur Games.

23.16. At the suggestion of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports, the session may elect, as an honorary president, a member of the International Council of Amateur Sports, who made an invaluable contribution to the presidency of the Council. The Honorary President has the right to offer his recommendations.

23.17. Any member of the International Council of Amateur Sports who resigns after (at least) 10 years of service on the council, and who has exceptional merits before it, may, at the recommendation of the Council Secretariat, be elected as an honorary member of the council by the Session.

24. Session of the International Council of Amateur Sports

24.1. The general meeting is a supreme body of the International Council of Amateur Sports and is held in the form of Sessions.

24.2. Decisions of the session are final. Regular sessions are held once a year. An extraordinary session of the International Council of Amateur Sports may be convened by the President or Secretary General at the written request of at least one third of the members of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

24.3. The Session has the following powers:

- a. to accept or amend this Charter;
- b. to elect members of the International Council of Amateur Sports, an Honorary President, honorary members and members of honor;
- c. to elect the President, Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General and all other members of the International Council of Amateur Sports, approves the regulations thereof;
- d. to choose the city-organizer of the World Amateur Games and Amateur Games;
- e. to choose the city where the next session will be held;
- f. to approve the annual report and budget of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- g. to appoint the auditors of the International Council of Amateur Sports;

- h. upon the recommendations of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports, to make final decisions on recognizing or denying recognition by the International Council of Amateur Sports of the National Amateur Sports Councils, associations of the National Amateur Sports Councils, International Federations, associations of International Federations and other organizations;
- i. to exclude the members of the International Council of Amateur Sports, deprive them of the status of an Honorary President, honorary members and members of honor.
- j. to make decisions and resolve all other issues that the Council is entitled to decide on in accordance with the present Charter.

24.4. The required quorum for the Session is half of all members of the International Council of Amateur Sports plus one member of the Council.

24.5. Each member of the International Council of Amateur Sports has one vote. When counting votes, the abstained as well as empty or spoiled ballots are not counted. A secret ballot shall be held by a decision of the council. In the case of an equal amount of votes, the President shall cast the decisive vote.

24.6. The Session can delegate some powers to the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

24.7. The Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports is responsible for the organization and preparation of all Sessions, including all related financial issues.

24.8. Either the President of the International Council of Amateur Sports or the Secretary General presides at the session. In their absence or inability to perform their duties, the oldest Vice-President present shall preside, or, in case of the absence of the latter or their inability to perform their duties, the oldest member of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports shall preside at the session.

24.9. Any decision taken by the session, including decisions on amending this Charter, shall enter into force immediately, unless the session decides otherwise.

24.10. Any question that has not been included in the agenda may be discussed at the session in the event that at least one third of the participants demand it, if such a decision is taken either by the President or by the Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

24.11. A member of the International Council of Amateur Sports should refrain from voting when the decision at hand concerns any issue related to the country or the National Amateur Sports Council of the country of which they are a citizen.

24.12. In case of doubt on whether this member of the International Council of Amateur Sports can participate in the voting, such a decision is taken through a vote.

24.13. The President establishes rules for all elections, with the exception of presidential elections, the rules of which are established by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

24.14. Any procedural question related to the session or voting, but not provided for herein, shall be decided through a vote.

25. Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports

25.1. The Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports consists of the Secretary General, the First deputy Secretary General, deputy Secretaries General, the President of the World Sports Congress and ten other members. The members of the Secretariat are elected, for a period of four (4) years, by secret ballot at the session of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

25.2. The Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports is a member of the Secretariat and is elected for a term of eight (8) years with the right of extension.

25.3. Concerning the officials of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports, the procedure for their approval is carried out in accordance with the Regulations adopted at the session of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

25.4. Based on this charter and in pursuance of the decisions of the International Council of Amateur Sports, the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports exercises the following powers:

- a. submits, to the International Council of Amateur Sports, drafts of regulations from the President of the International Council of Amateur Sports and other documents, which require the decision of the International Council of Amateur Sports on matters within the competence of the Secretariat, as well as the draft work plan and the estimated performance indicators of the Secretariat;
- b. provides a list of recognized amateur sports, which have been developed due to the establishment and performance of sports committees, sports federations with possible membership of sports clubs and their associations;
- c. presents development programs for the corresponding kinds of amateur sports;
- d. develops the general requirements for the regulations on interregional, national and continental official amateur sports activities and amateur sports games, considering the peculiarities of certain types of amateur sports;
- e. develops the procedure for maintaining the register of the accredited sports organizations and for providing the data from this register;
- f. works out the recognition procedure for certain types of amateur sports, sports disciplines by the International Council of Amateur Sports and their inclusion into the Worldwide Register of Amateur Sports, and the procedure for its conduct;

- g. develops the procedure for inclusion of amateur sports activities into the World Sports Calendar, including all interregional, national, continental and international physical training and amateur sports activities;
- h. develops the rules for amateur sports;
- i. develops the regulations on the amateur sportsman's passport and provides an example of an amateur sportsman's passport;
- j. coordinates with the national (local) state authorities, in accordance with the established procedures, on relevant decisions for holding the international amateur sports competitions (games) on their territory;
- k. determines the basic trends in physical training, sports and healthy lifestyle promotion;
- l. arranges congresses, conferences, workshops and other events;
- m. cooperates with the state governmental bodies of many countries and international organizations in compliance with the established procedures;
- n. participates in the arrangement and holding of interregional, national, continental and international official physical training activities;
- o. arranges the amateur sports games, championships, cups, and the other international sports competitions, considering the requirements established by the corresponding bodies;
- p. executes the provision of scientific and methodological materials in the field of physical training and amateur sports, as well as organization for the publication of scientific, educational and popular science literature on physical culture and amateur sports;
- q. arranges scientific research in the field of physical training and amateur sports;
- r. conducts the economic analysis of subordinate enterprise (organization) activity and determines the economic indicators for their performance; and reviews the financial and business operations, and the use of property complexes in the subordinate enterprises (organizations);
- s. performs other functions within the established scope of work of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports, if such functions are enlisted in this Charter.

25.5. The staff of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports consists of:

- a. the Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- b. Deputies of the Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- c. Personnel of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

25.6. The staff of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports is responsible for administrative management and management of the International Council of Amateur Sports:

- a. controls compliance herewith;
- b. develops the internal organizational rules and regulations;
- c. draws up an annual report, including financial statements, and submit it to the Session together with the report of the auditors;

- d. submits a session report on any proposed amendment of the rules or on official explanations;
- e. presents to the Sessions the names of persons recommended by it for election to the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- f. establishes the procedure for the admission and election of candidates for the organization of the Amateur Games and monitors this process;
- g. prepares the agenda of the International Council of Amateur Sports Session;
- h. maintains documentation and records management;
- i. publishes normative documents (orders, decisions, recommendations and other documents) of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- j. organizes meetings, conferences and other events;
- k. determines the procedure and prepares regulations on accreditation of sports organizations in the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- l. conducts the Amateur Sports Register;
- m. holds the register of the accredited sports organizations;
- n. provides the procedure and regulations for different certifications and independent qualification testing;
- o. prepares the procedure for the award of honor titles, rewards, bonus payments, and other kinds of encouragement;
- p. exercises other powers and performs all duties that, according to this Charter are out of scope of powers of the Session, the President or the Secretary General.

25.7. The Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports is an official who ensures the implementation of the tasks and functions the International Council of Amateur Sports is empowered with.

25.8. The Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports shall be elected for the position, and is later released from the position by a decision of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

The Secretary General reports directly to the International Council of Amateur Sports. The Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports arranges the work of the Council and controls the staff of the Secretariat.

- 25.9. The Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports shall:
- a. report to the International Council of Amateur Sports on the work progress of the Secretariat of the Council;
 - b. develop the work plans of the International Council of Amateur Sports and submits them to the Council for approval;
 - c. prepare the agendas of the meetings and daily briefings of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports, strategic planning meetings, and offsite meetings;
 - d. prepare and submit for approval of the International Council of Amateur Sports the draft minutes of the meetings and daily briefings of the Council, and of the strategic planning meetings;
 - e. arrange and coordinate the activities of the work bodies of the International Council of Amateur Sports and joint committees of the International Council of Amateur Sports, sports committees and commissions, including the

- introduction of the offers for their establishment, reorganization, removal, tasks, functions and staff to the International Council of Amateur Sports, and, if necessary, hold meetings with the heads of the joint committees, sport committees and commissions;
- f. coordinate the activity of the joint committees, sport committees and commissions in terms of preparation of the materials for the meetings and daily briefings of the International Council of Amateur Sports, meetings on strategic planning, and offsite meetings;
 - g. control the execution of decisions taken by the International Council of Amateur Sports;
 - h. submit an annual report on the current situation in amateur sports to the International Council of Amateur Sports;
 - i. arrange strategic planning activities in terms of amateur sports development, working out and specifying the amateur sports development strategy, and other conceptual and doctrinal documents related to amateur sports development and strategic priorities;
 - j. hold events for strengthening international cooperation in the field of amateur sports development on the instructions from the International Council of Amateur Sports;
 - k. submit offers on sport committee coordination and commission activity to the International Council of Amateur Sports;
 - l. coordinate scientific and research activity, preparation of target programs in the field of amateur sports development and control their execution, engage scientists, creative professionals and specialists for certain types of activities, on a contractual basis as well;
 - m. participate in the meetings of sports committees and commissions, and other sports organizations;
 - n. arrange expert review of the documents on strategic planning, amateur sports development, and preparation of the corresponding reports to be considered at sessions of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
 - o. request and receive the materials required for the activities of the International Council of Amateur Sports and the staff of the Council Secretariat from the governmental authorities, local authorities, organizations and officials, in compliance with the established procedures;
 - p. coordinate with staff members and arrange the performance and operation of sports committees and commissions;
 - q. provide explanations for the decisions taken by the International Council of Amateur Sports;
 - r. distribute the duties between his/her Deputies;
 - s. appoint the Deputy Secretary-Generals;
 - t. state the provisions on structural subdivisions of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
 - u. appoint and release staff to and from the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports in accordance with the established procedures;
 - v. approve the structure and the staff schedule of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
 - w. introduce the staff budget offers for the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports to the International Council of Amateur Sports;

- x. provide the draft regulations and other documents to the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- y. introduce offers on the establishment, reorganization and liquidation of organizations, subordinate to the International Council of Amateur Sports, to the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- z. appoint the heads of the subordinate organizations to their positions and release them from it, conclude labor contracts with these managers, change or annul such agreements and establish the statutes of the subordinate organizations according to the established procedures;
- aa. according to the established procedure of the staff of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports, single out the other persons working in the determined field for an honor title or reward, letters of merit from the International Council of Amateur Sports, for encouragement in the form of a declaration of gratitude by the President of the International Council of Amateur Sports;

25.10. The Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports is a legal entity, it has a stamp with the image of the International Council of Amateur Sports coat of arms and its name, and other stamps, seals and standard forms, as well as accounts in financial institutions, opened in compliance with the national legislation of the country where the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports is located.

25.11. The location of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports is determined by the International Council of Amateur Sports.

25.12. The Secretary General is responsible for the control and execution of decisions of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

25.13. The offers suggesting solutions to some problems of amateur sports development may require the formation of temporary working groups, commissions of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

25.14. The Statements on the committees and commissions of the International Council of Amateur Sports and its staff composition shall be approved by the Secretary General.

25.15. The staff of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports shall carry out the informational, analytical, organizational and technical provisions of activity of the committees and commissions.

25.16. The Statement on the staff of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports, its structure and personnel, shall be approved by the Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

25.17. Deputy Secretary Generals, members of the Secretariat staff of the International Council of Amateur Sports, can perform their duties on a voluntary basis.

25.18. The number of Deputy Secretary Generals is approved by the Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

25.19. The Secretary General acts on behalf of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports and chairs all the events of the Secretariat.

25.20. In case the President or Secretary General cannot perform his/her duties, the older council member shall perform his/her duties until the President or Secretary General is ready to proceed with their duties, until an election of a new President occurs at the next Session.

A new President shall be elected for the period determined at the Session, but not exceeding 4 years, and can be once prolonged for another 4 years.

25.21. If the President of the International Council of Amateur Sports is absent, the Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports is authorized to perform the functions of the President.

26. Committees of the International Council of Amateur Sports

26.1. Committees of the International Council of Amateur Sports are set up to advise the Council, the Session, the Secretariat or the President of the International Council of Amateur Sports, as appropriate.

26.2. Sports related activities of the committees of the International Council of Amateur Sports, and the procedure for their creation, is carried out in accordance with the provisions approved by the Secretary General of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

26.3. The President, as necessary, creates permanent or temporary commissions and working groups, and approves their duties and powers.

26.4. The President and the Secretary General are members of all commissions and working groups by virtue of their positions and have priority rights at the meetings they attend.

26.5. Meetings of commissions, committees and working groups can be held remotely by means of information and telecommunication technologies.

27. Official languages of the International Council of Amateur Sports

27.1. The official languages of the International Council of Amateur Sports are English, Spanish, Chinese and Russian.

27.2. Simultaneous translation into English, Arabic, Chinese, German, Spanish, Russian and French should be provided during all Sessions.

28. Resources of the International Council of Amateur Sports

28.1. The International Council of Amateur Sports can accept gifts and bequests, and may also find any other resources that enable it to carry out its tasks. It receives income from the use of any of its rights, including but not limited to television rights, sponsorship, licenses and property, as well as the income from the Amateur Games.

28.2. In order to contribute to the development of the Sporting Movement, the International Council of Amateur Sports may give part of its income to the International Federations, the National Amateur Sports Council, World Sports Congress, and to the Organizing Committees for the Amateur Games.

29. International Sports Federations

29.1. In order to develop and popularize the Sporting Movement, the International Council of Amateur Sports may recognize international non-governmental organizations that govern one or more sports globally, which include organizations that govern these sports nationwide as international sports federations.

29.2. The charter, practice and activities of such federations within the Sporting Movement must comply with this charter. Each International Sports Federation retains its independence and autonomy in the management of its sport.

29.3. International Sports Federations, under this Charter:

- a. establish the rules for the exercise of their sport and make sure they are applied;
- b. ensure the development of their sport throughout the world;
- c. contribute to the promotion of this charter;
- d. exercise control and take responsibility for regulating their sport in the Amateur Games;
- e. provide technical assistance in the implementation of sports solidarity programs;
- f. encourage and support measures related to the medical care and health of amateur athletes;
- g. submit proposals to the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- h. participate in the work of committees, commissions, working groups of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- i. organize events under the patronage of the International Council of Amateur Sports;

30. National Amateur Sports Councils

30.1. The main task of the National Amateur Sports Council is the development, promotion and protection of amateur sports in their respective countries, in accordance with this charter.

30.2. The goals and objectives of the National Amateur Sports Council:

- a. the development, promotion and protection of amateur sports in their countries;
- b. the development and contribution to sports education, sports tourism, physical education;
- c. the contribution to the promotion of the ideas of the present charter in their countries;
- d. to take measures against discrimination and violence in sports;
- e. to fight against doping in sport;
- f. the development of sports medicine and the support of amateur athlete's health.

30.3. The National Amateur Sports Council operates on the basis of the Regulations approved by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

30.4. Each National Amateur Sports Council is obliged to participate in regional, national, continental and international complex competitions, the World Amateur Games held under the patronage of the International Council of Amateur Sports and to provide amateur athletes for participation.

30.5. The National Amateur Sports Council has exclusive powers in the selection and recommendation of a city that can submit its candidature for the organization of the Amateur Games and the World Amateur Games in its respective countries.

30.6. The National Amateur Sports Council can cooperate with government bodies and non-governmental organizations with which it develops harmonious relations.

30.7. The National Amateur Sports Council must maintain its autonomy and oppose all kinds of pressure, including, among other things, political, legal, religious or economic, which could prevent it from implementing the present charter.

30.8. The National Amateur Sports Council is entitled to:

- a. direct amateur athletes, officials and other team personnel to the Amateur Games in accordance with this charter;
- b. use the help of sports solidarity;
- c. be a part of the associations of the National Amateur Sports Council, recognized by the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- d. develop proposals for the International Council of Amateur Sports regarding the current charter and sports movement, including the organization of the Amateur Games;
- e. express their opinions about the candidates for the organization of the Amateur Games;
- f. participate in the work of commissions, committees and working groups of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- g. cooperate in the preparation of sports congresses;
- h. use other rights granted to them by this charter and by the International Council of Amateur Sports.

30.9. The Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports can make any decisions necessary to protect the Sporting Movement in the National Amateur Sports Council location country, in particular, suspend or deny recognition of such National Amateur Sports Council if the constitution, legislation or other regulations in force in that country, or any act of a governmental or other body impedes the activities of the National Amateur Sports Council or the formation and expression of its will.

30.10. The National Amateur Sports Council includes:

- a. all members of the International Council of Amateur Sports in their country, if any;
- b. all national federations that are members of the International Federation who govern the sports included in the program of the Amateur Games, or their representatives;
- c. elected representatives of amateur athletes;
- d. national federations that are members recognized by the International Council of Amateur Sports, the International Federation, whose sports are not included in the Amateur Games program
- e. complex sports groups and other sports organizations or their representatives, as well as individuals with the nationality of a given country that can improve the effectiveness of the National Amateur Sports Council and who have shown outstanding merit in amateur sport.

30.11. Governments or other bodies of state power cannot appoint members of the National Amateur Sports Council. The National Amateur Sports Council may, at its discretion, decide to elect representatives of these authorities as its members.

30.12. The territorial jurisdiction of the National Amateur Sports Council must coincide with the borders of the country (administrative-territorial entity) in which it is located and has its headquarters.

30.13. The tasks of the National Amateur Sports Council:

- a. to form, organize and govern its delegations in the Amateur Games and in complex sports regional, national, continental and international competitions held under the patronage of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- b. to make the decision on the submission of applications for amateur athletes submitted by their respective national federations;
- c. to ensure full compliance of applications proposed by national federations with the provisions of this Charter;
- d. to provide equipment, transportation and accommodation for members of their delegations;
- e. to ensure the conclusion of appropriate insurance contracts in the event of emergency, death, disability, illness, medical and pharmaceutical expenses of members of their delegations, as well as those concerning their liability to third parties;
- f. to bear responsibility for the conduct of members of their delegations;
- g. to prescribe and define clothing items and uniforms, as well as the equipment used by members of its delegation at the Amateur Games and at all competitions and ceremonies related;

- h. to provide assistance to the International Council of Amateur Sports regarding the protection of property in their respective territories;
- i. to seek sources of financing in a manner consistent with the fundamental principles of this Charter;
- j. to participate in sport solidarity programs;
- k. to include in its activities the assistance in the development of culture and art in amateur sports;
- l. to organize a sports day or sports week, intended to contribute to the development of the Sporting Movement.

30.14. These exclusive powers do not apply to specialized equipment used by amateur athletes and their delegations during amateur sporting events.

31. National Federations

31.1. In order to be recognized by the National Amateur Sports Council and be accepted as a member of this National Amateur Sports Council, the national federation must engage in specific long-term sports activities, be a member of the International Federation recognized by the International Council of Amateur Sports, be guided by this charter and adhere to it in all aspects, as well as the rules of its International Federation.

32. Country and name of the National Amateur Sports Council

32.1. In order not to infringe upon the rights and freedoms of men and women residing in a particular territory, in the present charter the word "country" means an independent state recognized by the international community or an administrative-territorial entity so far unrecognized or not fully recognized by the world community.

33. The flag, emblem and anthem of the National Amateur Sports Council

33.1. The flag, emblem and anthem adopted by the National Amateur Sports Council for use in its activities, including the Amateur Games, are subject to approval by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

34. The Amateur Games

34.1. Responsibility for the conduct of the Amateur Games is placed on the city which is elected as the host-city of the Amateur Games by the International Council of Amateur Sports.

34.2. The dates of the Amateur Games are determined by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

34.3. Any additional profit received by the host city, the Organizing Committee of the Amateur Games or the National Amateur Sports Council of the host city as a result of the Amateur Games should be focused toward the development of the International Amateur Sporting Movement and amateur sports as a whole.

34.4. The procedure for electing the host city (the cities, countries, administrative-territorial entities) and the procedure for holding the Amateur Games shall be established by Regulations approved by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

34.5. The election of the host city (the cities, countries, administrative-territorial entities) of the Amateur Games is the prerogative of the Session of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

34.6. The state authorities of any city that has applied to host the Games must submit to the International Council of Amateur Sports a legally binding document containing the obligations and guarantees of this city that the country and its public authorities will adhere to and implement this charter.

34.7. The election for the host city (the cities, countries, administrative-territorial entities) of the Amateur Games is to be held in a country which has no candidate cities for holding the corresponding Amateur Games.

34.8. The application must be approved by the National Amateur Sports Council of the respective country, in which case such a city is considered to be the applicant city.

34.9. An application for hosting the Amateur Games must be submitted to the International Council of Amateur Sports by the governmental authorities of the applicant city. These authorities and the National Amateur Sports Council (if any) must ensure that the Amateur Games will be organized to the satisfaction of the International Council of Amateur Sports and on the conditions required by them.

- 34.10. All cities (administrative-territorial entities) that apply:
- a. must comply with this charter and requirements of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports;
 - b. must comply with all technical standards established by the relevant International Federation for each sport;
 - c. must undergo the procedure for validating the city, which is conducted under the guidance of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports, which defines the details of this procedure.

34.11. The Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports decides which cities will be accepted as candidate cities.

34.12. Evaluation and selection of a candidate-city (cities) for the Amateur Games is carried out in accordance with the Regulations approved by the International Council of Amateur Sports.

35. Organizing Committee

35.1. The International Council of Amateur Sports entrusts the organization of the Amateur Games to the National Amateur Sports Council of the country where the host city is located, and also to the host city itself.

35.2. The National Amateur Sports Council is responsible for the Organizational Committee appointed for these purposes, which from the moment of its establishment becomes accountable directly to the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

35.3. The organizing committee must have the status of a legal entity in its country.

35.4. The executive body of the Organizing Committee may also include representatives of government bodies and other influential persons.

35.5. The National Amateur Sports Council, the Organizing Committee and the host-city bear joint and individual responsibilities for every matter related to the organization and conduction of the Amateur Games.

35.6. The International Council of Amateur Sports does not bear any financial responsibility with respect to the organization and conduction of the Amateur Games.

35.7. In the event of non-compliance with this Charter or other regulations and instructions of the International Council of Amateur Sports, or failure to comply with the obligations assumed by the National Amateur Sports Council, the Organizing Committee or the host-city, the International Council of Amateur Sports has the right to make a decision at any time, with its immediate implementation, on the deprivation of the host-city of the right to host the Amateur Games.

35.8. The International Council of Amateur Sports reserves the right to compensation for damages caused by the cancellation of the Amateur Games.

35.9. In this case, the National Amateur Sports Council, the Organizing Committee, the host city and country where the host city is located, all state and other authorities or any other party - at the city, local, regional or other national level - have no right to demand any compensation from the International Council of Amateur Sports.

35.10. The Organizing Committee should organize a cultural program that should cover at least the entire functioning period of the Amateur Games. Such program must be submitted for approval in advance to the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

36. Participation in the Amateur Games

36.1. Taking part in the Amateur Games, an amateur athlete, a team official or other team personnel must:

- a. respect and adhere to the present charter;
- b. adhere to the conditions of participation established by the International Council of Amateur Sports;
- c. comply with the rules of the relevant International Federation, approved by the International Council of Amateur Sports.

36.2. An amateur athlete, a team official or other team personnel must be declared by their National Amateur Sports Council.

36.3. The criteria for official participation are outlined by the Regulations approved by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

37. Age Restrictions

37.1. At the Amateur Games there can be no age restrictions for participants, except those stipulated in the rules of the competitions of the corresponding International Federation approved by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

38. The Program of the Amateur Games

38.1. The Amateur Games program is a program of all sports competitions of the Amateur Games approved by the International Council of Amateur Sports for each specific Amateur Games in accordance with the Rules approved by the International Council of Amateur Sports.

38.2. The types of competitions in the program must contain the types of competitions for each amateur sport included in the sports program.

39. Youth Camp

39.1. With the permission of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports, the Organizing Committee may, under its own responsibility, organize an international youth camp on the occasion of the Amateur Games.

40. Coverage of the Amateur Games by the Media

401.1. The International Council of Amateur Sports takes all necessary measures to ensure the broadest coverage of the Amateur Games by various media sources, and to provide information for the widest audience of the Games worldwide.

40.2. All decision-making regarding the coverage of the Amateur Games by the media is the responsibility of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

40.3. The Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports sets out all technical standards and requirements for the coverage of the Amateur Games by the media in the Technical Manual for the Media, which is an integral part of the contract with the host city of the Games.

40.4. The contents of the Technical Manual for the Media and all other instructions of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports are mandatory for all individuals involved in the coverage of the Amateur Games by the media.

40.5. Only individuals accredited as media representatives can act as journalists, reporters or in any other media capacity

40.6. Under no circumstances shall any amateur athlete, trainer, official, press attaché or any other accredited participant be able during the Amateur Games to act as a journalist or in any other media capacity

40.7. All publications relating to the Amateur Games and required by the International Council of Amateur Sports must be prepared and distributed at the expense of the Organizing Committee in a format that meets the requirements of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

40.8. Any demonstrations or propaganda of a political, religious or racial nature are prohibited at sports venues, competition venues and other sports zones.

40.9. The procedure for distribution of advertising during the Amateur Games and other competitions held under the patronage of the International Council of Amateur Sports is established by the relevant Regulations approved by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

41. Identification and Accreditation

41.1. The accreditation card is a document that establishes the identity of the owner and gives them the right to take part in the Amateur Games.

41.2. Along with a passport or other official document, the accreditation card gives the holder the right to participate in the Amateur Games.

41.3. It allows the owner to stay there and perform their functions during the period of the Amateur Games, as well as in a period not exceeding one month before the beginning and one month after the end of the Amateur Games.

41.4. The accreditation card is provided under the supervision of the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports to individuals eligible for accreditation.

41.5. The accreditation card gives the right of access (within certain limits and with an indication of the degree of access) to facilities, venues and events that are under the responsibility of the Organizing Committee.

41.6. The Organizing committee for coordination with the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports determines the individuals who are entitled to receive such cards, and the conditions for their provision.

42. Use of the International Council of Amateur Sports Flag

42.1. At the main stadium, as well as at all other facilities for which the Organizing Committee is responsible, there must be a flagpole placed in an openly visible area with the International Council of Amateur Sports flag waving, throughout the Amateur Games. The flag should have a sizable dimension and be larger than any other flag present. Such flags are raised at the opening ceremony and are lowered at the closing ceremony of the Amateur Games.

42.2. The place of residence of amateur athletes and attendants, as well as the venues for competitions and training, the host city and all other places and facilities under the responsibility of the Organizing Committee, must be decorated with a large number of International Council of Amateur Sports flags.

43. Opening and closing ceremonies of the Amateur Games

43.1. Opening and closing ceremonies must be conducted in strict accordance with the Protocol Regulations of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

43.2. The content and details of all scenarios, schedules and programs of all ceremonies must be preliminarily submitted for approval to the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

44. Awards, Medals and Ceremonial Diplomas

44.1. Awards, medals and ceremonial diplomas must be conducted in strict accordance with the Protocol Regulations of the International Council of Amateur Sports. Draft versions of medals and diplomas must be preliminarily submitted for approval to the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

45. The International Council of Amateur Sports as the ultimate authority

45.1. The International Council of Amateur Sports is the ultimate authority for any matter relating to the Amateur Games and to this Charter.

45.2. Measures and sanctions, disciplinary procedures and dispute resolution are established by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports.

45.3. The Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports may delegate its authority to a disciplinary commission or to other bodies of the Secretariat.

46. Dispute settlement

46.1. The decisions of the International Council of Amateur Sports are definitive. Any dispute arising from their application or interpretation may be resolved only by the Secretariat of the International Council of Amateur Sports and, in some cases, through mediation procedures or through arbitration.

46.2. All disputes arising on the occasion or in connection with the Amateur Games must be submitted exclusively to the Arbitration Court in accordance with this Charter and with the Code of Sport Arbitration.