

# **The Statutes of Yemeni Olympic Committee**

## **Chapter One: Naming and Definitions:**

**Article (1):** The stated regulations and rules shall be called the Statutes of Yemen Olympic Committee.

**Article (2):** The following terms and expressions are given in the statutes with the meanings indicated in front of each of them, unless the context indicates otherwise:

**Committee:** Yemen Olympic Committee.

**General Assembly:** The General Assembly of the Olympic Committee, which is the highest authority.

**Board of Directors:** This is the executive body of the Committee.

**President:** The President of Yemen Olympic Committee.

**Article (3):** The geographical scope of work: Republic of Yemen.

## **Chapter Two: Definition, Establishment & Composition of the Committee**

### **Article (4): Yemen Olympic Committee:**

It is a National sports body of public benefit and has a legal identity and works according to the Olympic Charter. It has the right to own money and movable or immovable properties in order to achieve its goals and tasks. Two National Committees were established in the north and the south of Yemen in 1981. After the Unification of the two parts of Yemen, during the joint meeting of the General Assembly on 8 of Feb, 1990 in Aden city, the two committees were merged into one Yemen Olympic Committee and its headquarters is located in the capital, Sana'a.

### **Article (5) The Composition of Yemen Olympic Committee:**

**5.1** The Olympic Committee consists of all the National sports federations that are members of the international federations, which supervise the sports included in the program of the Olympic Games, and other non-Olympic sports federations may be accepted.

**5.2** The representatives of the Olympic federations, including the fixed percentage of women, shall constitute the majority of votes (two thirds of the votes) in the general assembly and the board of directors.

**5.3** It is not permissible to recognize more than one national federation for each sport.

**5.4** Only the votes of the members of the Board of Directors and the representatives of the Sports federations, included in the program of the Olympic Games, shall be taken into consideration, when dealing with issues and matters related to the Olympic Games.

**Article (6) Flag and Anthem:**

**6.1** The flag of the Republic of Yemen: It is the flag of Yemen Olympic Committee and it consists of the three colors: red, white & black.  
The Yemen National Anthem: It is the anthem of Yemen Olympic Committee.

**Chapter Three: Objectives and tasks of the Committee:**

**Article (7): Objectives of the Olympic Committee:**

**7.1** Working to advance Yemen Olympic movement.

**7.2** Disseminating the basic principles of Olympism at the national level within the framework of sports activities and contribute to the dissemination of the Olympism through educational programs for physical education.

**7.3** Developing the spirit of tolerance, peace, love and brotherhood among the sports youth, based on the objectives of the Olympic movement.

**7.4** Establishing Olympic academies and museums and following up their activities.

**7.5** Developing cultural programs related to the Olympic movement.

**7.6** Assisting in training and qualifying officials in the field of sports work by organizing training courses for them and spreading the Olympism within the programs of these courses.

**7.7** Taking strict measures against discrimination and violence in the sports field.

**7.8** Fighting the use of materials prohibited by the International Olympic Committee and the International federations in coordination with the competent medical authorities to ensure medical supervision in the best possible circumstances.

**7.9** Strengthening the role of women in sports work.

**7.10** Paying attention to the environmental issues in sports milieus.

**7.11** Urging the experienced sports leadership to the membership in the International, Continental and Arab sports organizations, as well as sports bodies and committees.

**7.12** Working on attracting institutions and bodies to support the Olympic movement.

**Article (8): Tasks of the Olympic Committee:**

**8.1** Supervising the preparation programs for athletes participating in the International Olympic Games.

**8.2** Choosing the games and the national teams for representing the Republic of Yemen in the Olympic, Continental, Islamic, Arab and Regional Games.

**8.3** Organizing International, Continental, Islamic, Arab and Regional Olympic Games as well as meetings, if they are decided to be held in the Republic of Yemen, in accordance with the International Olympic rules and regulations.

**8.4** Approving the programs of internal and external qualifying, training and academic courses related to the Olympic work.

**8.5** Allowing the use of the name and logo of Yemen Olympic Committee in accordance with the terms and conditions that determine this.

**8.6** Providing financial subsidy to various federations and organizations according to the available capabilities.

**8.7** Coordinating with federations when planning for their strategies and programs.

**8.8** Holding accountable federations that fail to carry out their tasks, misuse their funds, or abuse the Yemen sports movement.

**Article (9): Membership of National Federations in the Olympic Committee:**

Any National Federation that requests to join the Committee must fulfill all the legal requirements and conditions for forming and declaring their National sports federations. Applications for joining the Committee are submitted to the Secretary General and the following documents must be attached along with the applications:

- 9.1** A statement of the headquarters of the Federation and the date of its establishment.
- 9.2** The declaration document.
- 9.3** Names of the chairperson and members of the Board of Directors.
- 9.4** Statements from the clubs affiliated to the National Federation's membership.
- 9.5** A document of recognition from the International Federation of the game.
- 9.6** A Copy of the National Federation's statutes.

**Article (10): Conditions for accepting federations' membership in the Olympic Committee:**

- 10.1** It should be declared according to the statutes of the National Sports Federations.
- 10.2** The game run by the federation must be one of the games included in the Olympic programme, and it is permissible to accept federations of the games that are not included in the Olympic programme.
- 10.3** A national Sports Federation is considered a member of Yemen Olympic Committee after a decision was issued by the Committee's Board of Directors to accept its membership.

## **Chapter Four: The General Assembly**

### **Article (11): The General Assembly consists of the following:**

- 11.1** Members of the International Olympic Committee, if any.
- 11.2** Representatives of the National Sports Federations that are members of the International Federations supervising the Olympic Games's programs.
- 11.3** The representation of women's sports, with no less than 30%.
- 11.4** President and Secretary General of the NOC's Athletes Committee.
- 11.5** Representatives of the National Sports Federations that are members of the International Federations recognized by the International Olympic Committee and whose games are not included in the Olympic Games program.
- 11.6** Representatives of sports federations working in the field of multi-sports.
- 11.7** Sports personalities who have rendered outstanding services for the sport and Olympism, are selected by the Board of Directors.
- 11.8** Prominent athletes who have participated in the Olympic Games, provided that three Olympic Games have passed since their last participation.

**Article (12):** The General Assembly holds an ordinary meeting once a year, the date of which is determined by the Board of Directors during the three months following the end of the fiscal year of the Committee. The invitation for the meeting is sent at least half a month before the meeting, in a letter indicating the date and place of the meeting and the following documents are attached to it:

- 12.1** meeting agenda.
- 12.2** Report of the Board of Directors on the various activities.
- 12.3** The final account for the ended fiscal year and the auditor's report.
- 12.4** A work plan of the committee and budget project for the new year.
- 12.5** Proposals submitted by the members of the General Assembly.

## **Tasks of the General Assembly:**

### **Article (13): The Ordinary General Assembly is entitled to consider the following issues:**

**13.1** Ratifying the minutes of the previous meeting.

**13.2** Discussing and approving the Board of Directors' report on its work in the past year, the various activities that have been implemented, and the work plan for the new year.

**13.3** Discussing the auditor's report and approving the final account.

**13.4** Discussing and approving the committee's budget for the next fiscal year.

**13.5** Electing the committee's board of directors and filling the vacant positions.

**13.6** Considering the proposals submitted by the national sports federations to members or members of the Board of Directors or members of the General Assembly, provided that they are submitted to the General Secretariat two weeks before the date of the meeting.

**13.7** Selecting an auditor.

**13.8** Approving the regulations that govern the works of the Standing and the Assistant Commissions of the Committee.

**13.9** Adopting of the committee's logo based on the proposal of the Board of Directors.

**13.10** Taking note of the membership of the new sports federations that have been accepted into the committee's membership by the Board of Directors.

**Article (14):** The meeting of the General Assembly is valid if attended by two-thirds of the members. If the number is not complete, it will be postponed to another session to be held the next day. The second meeting will be valid if attended by the absolute majority. If the number is not complete, the session will be held on the third day with the presence of one third of the members.

**Article (15):** Voting shall be public in relation to decision-making, and with secret ballot in relation to elections only.

**Article (16):** The General Assembly, after approving the agenda, may not consider issues not included in it unless new facts arise.

**Article (17):** If a force majeure prevents holding a meeting of the General Assembly on a specific date, the Board of Directors must reschedule the meeting and inform the members of the new date.

**Article (18):** If the general assembly meets and reasons prevent the completion of the agenda, the meeting is considered valid and the session is extended to another date set by the general assembly or the board of directors, provided that the members are notified of the new date, and the decisions taken in this meeting are considered valid and effective.

**Article (19):** If a meeting of the General Assembly begins according to the quorum. The validity of the issued decisions in this meeting shouldn't be affected by the apology or withdrawal of any number of the members present. Provided that during the voting time, at least one third of the members, that the meeting started with, should be present.

**Article (20): The Extraordinary General Assembly is concerned with the following:**

**20.1** Dropping the membership of all or some of the members of the Board of Directors with the approval of two-thirds of the members of the General Assembly.

**20.2** Electing a new Board of Directors from among its members in case of dropping membership of all members of the Board of Directors for the remaining period of the previous Board of Directors.

**20.3** Filling vacant positions in the Board of Directors in case of dropping membership of some members.

**20.4** Cancelling one or more decisions of the Board of Directors, in case of they violate the regulations of this statute or other approved regulations.

**20.5** Amending regulations, provided that two thirds of the members of the general assembly approve them.

**20.6** Important and urgent matters.

**Article (21):** The same procedures of holding meetings of the extraordinary General Assembly, will be applied to holding meetings of the ordinary general assembly .

**Article (22):** The General Assembly is not allowed to hold extraordinary meetings to consider the topics previously decided upon, except after passing one year from the date of the meeting in which the decision was taken, unless new issues arise for which the Chairman of the Committee decides that they require consideration before the end of the year.

**Article (23):** The General Assembly's meeting is chaired by the Chairman of the Committee, in case of his absence , his deputy chairs the meeting on his behalf, in case of the absence of both of them , then the General Assembly chooses one of its members to carry out the work, and the Secretary General performs secretarial work, and in case of his absence, the General Assembly chooses one of its members to do the work on his behalf.

**Article (24):** The General Assembly may call for extraordinary meetings based on a reasoned request from the Board of Directors, one-third of the members of the General Assembly and / or the President of the Olympic Committee.

**Article (25):** The decisions of the general assembly are taken by an absolute majority of the votes of who are present, and if the votes are equal, the side in which the president is in will prevail. As for the decisions regarding the elections of members of the board of directors, the winner is the one who obtains the most votes. If two or more candidates are equal, the elections are repeated between them to determine the winner. If the number of candidates is equal to the number required for membership of the Board of Directors, the candidates are considered winners by recommendation without the need for a secret ballot by the General Assembly.

**Article (26):** The members of the Board of Directors meet to distribute the positions of the Board of Directors according to the ability of the members and the needs of the positions, in case of disagreement, the Board of Directors elects from among its members, a President, two vice President, Secretary General and financial officer.

**Article (27):** The Ministry of Youth and Sports shall be provided with a copy of the minutes of the general assembly meeting within ten days from the date of the meeting.



## **Chapter Five: The Board of Directors:**

**Article (28):** The Board of Directors consists of twenty-one members who are elected every four years as follows:

**28.1** President of the Olympic Committee.

**28.2** Vice-President of the Olympic Committee.

**28.3** Secretary General.

**28.4** The financial officer.

**28.5** 17 members, one of them is the head of the Athletes Commission.

**28.6** Women's sports leaders must represent at least 30% of the total members.

The Board of Directors handles the affairs of the Olympic Committee, in terms of the technical, administrative and financial aspects, between the periods of sessions of the General Assembly.

**Article (29):** The term of the Committee's Board of Directors is four years, provided that elections for board members take place in the first general assembly meeting, following each Olympic Games, whether or not these Games are held.

**Article (30): The committee's board of directors shall perform the following tasks:**

**30.1** Managing the committee's affairs, in terms of the technical, administrative and financial aspects.

**30.2** Organizing Olympic, international, continental, regional and Arab Games, if it is decided to be held in the Republic of Yemen, according to the International Olympic rules, including the games that the country selects to participate in.

**30.3** Setting plans for preparing national teams that the committee decides to participate with and represent the Republic of Yemen in the International, Continental, Islamic, Regional and Arab Olympic Games and approve the selection of sports teams and officials nominated by the national sports federations according to the rules and levels issued by the board of directors in agreement with the competent national sports federations in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the International Olympic Committee and the organizing committees for the Olympic, Continental, Islamic, Regional and Arab Games.

**30.4** Approving the annual report of various activities of the National Olympic Committee and the work plan for the next year before presenting it to the General Assembly.

**30.5** Studying and settling complaints received from the national sports federations.

**30.6** Forming Assistant Commissions, whether from among the members of the Board or from others, to study the various aspects of the activities.

**30.7** Approving the budget project and final account and presenting it to the General Assembly.

**30.8** Choosing the bank in which the funds of the Committee shall be deposited.

**30.9** Inviting the Ordinary General Assembly for a meeting and implementing its decisions.

**30.10** Preparing regulations for the works of the technical, administrative and financial commissions, as well as for coordination between various activities of the national sports federations, in order to be submitted to the first meeting of the General Assembly for approval.

**30.11** Approving contracts and agreements concluded in the name of the Olympic Committee.

**30.12** Studying the applications of the national federations for the membership in the National Olympic Committee.

**30.13** Implementing the decisions of the General Assembly and following-up the implementation process.

**Article (31):** The Committee's Board of Directors may hold an ordinary meeting at least once every three months, and the invitation to the board's meeting is sent by a letter from the Secretary General, at least one week before the meeting date, attached to it the minutes of the previous meeting and documents related to the agenda of the next meeting.

**Article (32):** The Board of Directors of the Committee may call for an extraordinary meeting upon an invitation from the Chairman or the third of the members. The meetings of the Board are not valid unless the absolute majority of the members is met. If the legal number is not completed, the meeting is postponed for 24 hours. The decisions of the Board are issued by

an absolute majority of the votes of who are present. If the votes are equal, the president's side shall prevail.

**Article (33):** The Board of Directors may invite representatives of the national sports federations to a meeting for discussing any topic that the Board may consider to be studied. These meetings are not subject to the procedures of general assemblies.

**Responsibilities of the President/ Vice President/ Secretary General / Financial Officer:**

**Article (34): The President: The President shall perform the following tasks:**

**34.1** Chairing the sessions of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.

**34.2** Representing the Committee before the official bodies and others.

**34.3** Signing contracts and agreements, which are concluded, on behalf of the Olympic Committee, after being approved by the Board of Directors.

**34.4** Signing the cashing permissions and cheques along with the Secretary General and the financial officer, according to the regulations of the statutes.

**Article (35): Vice-President:**

The Vice President performs the duties and the tasks of the President in case of his absence or any other duties and tasks assigned to him by the president.

**Article (36): The Secretary General shall perform the following tasks:**

**36.1** Calling for meetings and make the necessary arrangements for holding the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors of the Committee and signing with the Chair of the meeting.

**36.2** Supervising administrative & technical works, as well as the staff of the Committee.

**36.3** Preparing the annual administrative and financial reports regarding the works of the Olympic Committee and submitting them to the Board of Directors.

**36.4** Managing and signing correspondences and letters.

**36.5** Contributing to the preparation of the Committee's budget plan for the new fiscal year in partnership with the financial officer.

**36.6** Receiving the submitted applications of the new national sports for joining to the Committee and submitting them to the Board of Directors after the conditions of membership are fulfilled.

**36.7** Signing the cashing permissions and cheques along with the president and the financial officer.

**36.8** Following up the works of the Assistant Commissions and receiving their reports in preparation for submitting them to the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

**36.9** Supervising the process of keeping of files, records, contracts and documents.

**36.10** Assuming the tasks of preparing minutes of the meetings for the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.

**36.11** Circulating all technical matters related to the Olympic and sports aspects to the National sports federations and the standing commissions of the Committee.

**Article (37): The Financial Officer shall undertake the following tasks:**

**37.1** Supervising the collection of all the Committee's revenues.

**37.2** Implementing the financial decisions of the Committee's Board of Directors, provided that they conform to the Committee's budget terms.

**37.3** Supervising the accounts of the Committee and maintaining the documents of financial revenues and expenditures, and to be responsible for all the accounting statements that are issued in the records.

**37.4** Supervising the deposit of the Committee's funds in the bank, specified by the Board of Directors.

**37.5** Submitting the financial reports and the annual final accounts to the General Assembly and the Board of Directors, after being audited by the chartered accountant, for approval.

**37.6** Signing the cashing permissions and cheques along with the President and the Secretary General.

**37.7** Supervising the process of keeping of records, documents and everything related to financial aspects.

**Article (38):** If the position of one or more of the elected members of the Board of Directors becomes vacant due to resignation or death, or due to the member's absence for three consecutive meetings or five separate meetings without an acceptable excuse, then the position shall be occupied by the reserve member/s who won in the last held elections with the most votes after the members who elected for the remaining period of their predecessor. If the member refuses, or if he is not present, the Board of Directors may occupy these vacant positions until the date of the first meeting of the General Assembly, provided that the number does not exceed three members. If the numbers exceeds that, the General Assembly meeting shall be called to hold elections for the remaining period, provided that this is done within a month at most from the date of the vacancy. Nominations shall be submitted to fill the vacant positions of the members of the Board of Directors within a week from the date of sending the invitation.

**Article (39): Dropping membership**

The Membership of any member ends or dropped in the following cases:

**First:** By death or by accepting the resignation.

**Second:** If a member loses his legal eligibility, or if a disciplinary decision is issued against him by a government body due to matters related to honor and dignity.

**Third:** If a member commits acts that affect negatively the Olympic Committee or other sports bodies and their reputation, which make him unworthy of membership, after investigation with him and his case is submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with the terms and the regulations of the statutes.

**Fourth:** Withdrawing confidence from one or more members of the Board of Directors at the request of one-fourth of the members who are entitled to attend the extraordinary General Assembly meeting. No confidence is withdrawn except with the approval of the absolute majority.

**Fifth:** If he commits an act that violates the terms of this bylaw or the implemented regulations, provided that he is investigated by a commission

formed by the President. The penalty of dismissal shall not be applied except after his conviction and the approval of two-thirds of the members of the General Assembly present.

**Article (40):** A member whose membership is decided to be revoked according to the second and third terms of Article 39, shall also be dropped from the National sports federations and he is not allowed to be nominated for membership in the Olympic Committee or any affiliated National sports federation unless the reason for which the membership was dropped is removed.

## **Chapter Six: The Finance of the Olympic Committee**

**Article (41): The Olympic Committee's financial resources shall consist of the following:**

**41.1** Subsidies provided by the International Olympic Committee through International Olympic Solidarity or the Olympic Council of Asia.

**41.2** Donations and gifts approved by the Board of Directors in accordance with the laws in force.

**41.3** Revenues of sports activities organized by Yemen Olympic Committee.

**41.4** Any resources approved by the Committee's Board of Directors, provided that they don't contradict with the laws in force.

**Article (42):** The fiscal year of the Olympic Committee begins on 1<sup>st</sup> of January and ends on 31<sup>st</sup> of December per year.

**Article (43):** The General Assembly chooses an auditor, who is required to be a certified accountant who is not a member of the Committee's Board of Directors for a period of four years.

**Article (44): The auditor is responsible for the following tasks:**

**44.1** Regularly auditing the accounts of the Olympic Committee.

**44.2** Monitoring the implementation of the Committee's budget terms and submitting observations to the Committee's Board of Directors.

**44.3** Reviewing the final account of the Committee before submitting it to the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

**44.4** Submitting an annual report to the General Assembly about the financial status of the Committee.

**44.5** The Board of Directors of the Committee has the right to invite the auditor to participate in the discussion of general issues, and the auditor has the right to attend any session to express his opinion related to financial issues without right of voting.

### **Chapter Seven: General Provisions:**

**Article (45):** The members of the Board of Directors are jointly responsible for all the works of the Committee, and each member is responsible for tasks and decisions adopted by him / her within the limits of his / her authority and responsibility.

**Article (46):** The Board of Directors of each National sports federation shall submit the name of its representative for the membership of the General Assembly. The application for membership should be sent in an official letter along with a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the concerned Federation, in which this nomination is approved to the General Secretariat of the Committee two weeks before the date set for the General Assembly.

**Article (47):** Every National Sports Federation, that is not represented in the Board of Directors of Yemen Olympic Committee, has the right to request from the Board of Directors of the committee the presence of its representative in any session of the Board of Directors to express the federation's point of view about any subject related to the federation and presented to the Committee's Board of Directors, provided that the representative has not the right to vote on the decision taken.

**Article (48):** The International Olympic Charter shall be the reference in sports issues that are not mentioned in the statutes of Yemen NOC.

**Article (49):** It is not permissible to delete or amend any of the articles of the statutes, which consists of 50 articles, except by the approval of the General Assembly of the Olympic Committee.

**Article (50):** The statutes shall come into force after being ratified by the General Assembly of the Olympic Committee.

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