



SPORTS ASSOCIATION

BVAW

BEACH VOLLEYBALL AROUND THE WORLD

STATUTE

TITLE I

Name of the Association - Headquarters

ART. 1

The name of the Association is Beach Volley Around the World - hereinafter called BVAW. It is an association pursuant to Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code (CCS). The Association is independent and constituted for an indefinite duration.

ART. 2

Only the Association's assets may be used for obligations contracted in its name. This excludes any personal liability of members that is not directly attributable to actions against the law.

ART. 3

The Association's headquarters are located in Lugano, Via Clemente Maraini 5, at FINDING SA Trust Company. The Association may establish other offices abroad and at the active president's domicile.

TITLE II

Aims - Objectives

ART. 4

BVAW promotes the practice of non-professional Beach Volleyball as a fair sport activity beneficial to health and complying with the principles of the Code of Ethics Charter drawn up by the Swiss Olympic Association which is an integral part of this Statute.

BVAW itself is a centre of international gathering and means for spreading the values of solidarity and brotherhood among people regardless of nationality, age, gender, sexual orientation, social group, political and religious affiliation.

In particular to achieve its institutional goals only by way of example and non-exhaustive list, the BVAW will:

- organize events and amateur sporting events around the world
 - establish agreements and conventions with other federations, associations, public or private entities that pursue similar purposes
 - manage facilities, owned by the Association or third parties, used as gyms, fields and sports facilities of various kinds
 - hold courses of introduction to sports, physical activity and keeping fit, training and qualification courses for sports operators
 - carry out initiatives to promote culture, tourism and recreation
 - publish periodicals or news bulletins regarding the Association's activities;
- Create websites in order to advertise the Association's activities
- organize trips and accommodation for the Association members and accompanying persons, stipulating special conventions and agreements with qualified tour operators towards destinations housing sporting events
 - initiate relations and sign agreements with public and private entities to manage sport areas and facilities to conduct sporting events

- act as a representative for the defence of the interests of the members towards institutions and national and international organizations
- carry out any other activity that is linked directly to the achievement of the Association's goals and also by recourse of gainful activities

TITLE III

Members

ART.5

Association members can be physical persons, associations and organizations that share the goals of the Association and are committed to achieving them. The Association comprises:

- **Founding members.** Are the persons, physical persons, who founded the BVAW Association. They have the right to vote and hold office for life. They are holders of the registered trademark and the name of the Association. They are permanent members of the Steering Committee by right.
- **Ordinary members.** Are physical persons who join the association in a personal capacity, that are of legal age, and with the right to vote. They are the ones who participate on an ongoing basis in the organizational life, contributing to the proper functioning. They are required to pay the annual membership fee.
 - In particular, among other functions provided by the Ordinary Assembly, the ordinary members can express themselves and put forward the following specific issues:
 1. Propose to the Technical Committee the creation of events and sport activities, within the time frame and procedure prescribed by this Statute, so that they can be part of the BVAW official annual calendar.
 2. Propose to the Innovation Committee, within the time frame and procedure prescribed by this Statute, new ideas and solutions for the improvement and progress of the Association's life, for the development of activities, for the quantitative and qualitative growth of the Association in accordance to the principles and the Association's goals.
 3. Nominate themselves for the Assembly as members of the Steering Committee, the Technical Committee, and the Innovation Committee according to the limitations and procedures provided in this Statute.
- **Ordinary Gold members:** Are physical persons who join the association in a personal capacity, that are of legal age, and with the right to vote. They are the ones who participate on an ongoing basis in the organizational life, contributing to the proper functioning of the Association. They have equal rights and duties as the ordinary members but are not required to pay the annual membership fee having contributed in a special way with their commitment and special support to the development of the Association.
- **Inactive members.** Are individuals who join the association in a personal capacity, that are of legal age, without voting rights. They are the ones who

participate from time to time in the life of the Association and / or events and sports competitions as athletes or companions.

- **Support members.** Are individuals, natural or legal persons who, even though do not pursue a sport activity, support the BVAW by means of a financial contribution or otherwise co-operate in social life. They have no voting rights.
- **Honorary members.** Are individuals, natural or legal persons, without voting rights, who have distinguished themselves in supporting the interests of BVAW and are proclaimed as such by the Members' Assembly.

BVAW Partner

External partners. Are individuals, natural or legal persons, without voting rights who have distinguished themselves in supporting the interests of BVAW or have added value to the Association or whose presence can promote the image and prestige of the path towards achieving the BVAW goals. They can be public entities, sport federations, associations or companies.

ART.6

Joining the Association will take place only following a formal written request to the Steering Committee. Such request must include an undertaking to abide by the present Statute, the payment of the established membership fee and to observe scrupulously all potential regulations and resolutions adopted by the Bodies of the Association.

Furthermore, one becomes an ordinary member by participating in a sport event organized by BVAW. In this case, the annual membership fee increases only if the new member has not already paid it in another form or time of the year.

Companies, associations, and organizations wishing to become members of the Association must submit the association application form signed by its legal representative.

On acceptance of the application by the Association, the applicant will acquire for all purposes the status of member only after having paid the membership fee. If the member does not comply with the payment of the membership fee he/she will automatically lose this status, in which case the temporary participation in the life of the Association is excluded.

ART. 7

Members are required:

- To comply with the Statute, the regulations and the resolutions adopted by the Bodies of the Association;
- To pay the membership fee.

ART. 8

The membership fee is an integral part of the assets and means of the Association therefore can never be returned. The status of member and the membership fees paid are non-transferable and cannot be revalued and may not be subject of other legal transactions.

TITLE IV

Withdrawal - Exclusion

ART. 9

The status of member ceases due to non-payment of fees, by resignation, by exclusion or by death.

ART. 10

The resignation of the member must be submitted in writing to the Steering Committee.

The exclusion will be ordered by the Steering Committee to the member:

- a) who does not comply with the Statute, the regulations and the resolutions adopted by the Bodies of the Association;
- b) who is in default of the payment of the annual fee
- c) who carries out or attempts to carry out opposing or incompatible activities with the interests of the Association;
- d) who, in any way would cause serious damage to the Association, including moral damage or damage to its image.

ART.11

The decisions taken in regard to exclusion must be notified to the recipient member and the Association members, in the form of a letter, fax or e-mail except in the case included in point b) of Article 10.

TITLE V

Finances

ART.12

The Association draws economic resources for its operation to carry out its activities from:

- ✓ Member fees and contributions;
- ✓ Fees and contributions for the participation and organization of sporting events;
- ✓ Inheritance, donations, and legacies;
- ✓ Contributions from entities or public institutions, also aimed at supporting specific programs implemented and documented as part of its statutory objectives;
- ✓ EU contributions and international organizations;
- ✓ Revenues generated from agreed offered services;
- ✓ Proceeds from sales of goods and services to members and third parties, also through the development of economical activities such as commercial, handicraft or agricultural activities in an auxiliary and subsidiary way and not aimed at achieving the institutional objectives;
- ✓ Donations by members and third parties;
- ✓ Income from promotional initiatives aimed at self-financing events such as sporting events, parties and subscriptions, and also awards;
- ✓ Other income compatible with social purposes of the creation of associations also those with commercial purposes.

- ✓ The benefits in favour of third parties and the surplus from events;
 - ✓ Any possible revenue from the Association's assets;
 - ✓ Other revenue related to the development of institutional activities.
- The Association's expenditures are:
- ✓ General administrative expenses;
 - ✓ Annual membership fees to other entities;
 - ✓ Event expenses;
 - ✓ Contributions made to other associations pursuing goals considered worthy of financial support that are compatible with this statutory objectives;
 - ✓ Other expenses related to the development of institutional activities.

Financial Year

ARTICLE 13

The financial year shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December of each year.

The Steering Committee shall prepare the economic and financial statement to be presented to the Assembly of Members. The economic and financial statement must be approved by the Assembly of Members within four months from the end of the financial year unless justified by objective reasons; in the latter case the approval of the budget can be made by the end of the sixth month from the end of the financial year.

TITLE VI

Organs

ART.14

The organs of the association are:

- a) the Assembly of Members;
- b) the Steering Committee;
- c) the President;
- d) the Review Committee
- e) the Technical Committee
- f) the Innovation Committee

Assemblies

ART.15

The Assemblies are ordinary and extraordinary.

The notice to convene is sent to Members in writing, via fax or email through the Association's website, at least 20 days prior to the Assembly.

ART. 16

Decisions may not be made if the issues are not included on the agenda of the day.

ART.17

The Ordinary General Assembly:

- a) approves the economic and financial statement;
- c) decides on all other subjects relevant to the management of the Association within their right by this Statute or submitted by the Steering Committee;
- d) approves any regulations.
- e) elects within their right, the two members of the Steering Committee, the two members of the Technical Committee and four members of the Innovation Committee.
- f) votes on the sporting events proposed by members and approved by the Technical Committee to be included in the next calendar year,
- g) votes on the proposals presented by the Innovation Committee

It is held at least once a year within four months of the financial year.

The Assembly shall, in addition convene as many times as the Steering Committee deems necessary or when a request is made in writing with the issues to be dealt with by at least one tenth of the members.

ART. 18

The Assembly may effectively deliberate regardless of the number of members present. Decisions shall be taken by a majority vote of the members present. However, decisions concerning the amendment of the Statute must be approved by an absolute majority of the members present. Amendments to the Statute concerning the rules of the Steering Committee formation and the prerogatives of the founding members are explicitly excluded.

ART. 18

The Assembly is presided by the President and in his absence by the Vice President or the person appointed by the Steering Committee.

Steering Committee

ART. 19

The Steering Committee is composed of at least 4 (founding members) to a maximum of 7 members. The four founding members are entitled to be permanent members of the Steering Committee who are called to form the first Steering Committee.

One other member is appointed by the founding members.

Two other members shall be elected in Assembly of Members by the Ordinary and Ordinary Gold members, of age and in good standing with the payment of the fees. In case of failure to pay the annual membership fee, the member incurs in expulsion from the membership and relinquishment of all office functions filled or performed at that moment.

In case of lack of applicants, renouncement or resignation, all the Steering Committee functions are assured by the four founding members.

The Committee may appoint additional members, even external from the Association, to entrust an individual and specific activity such as marketing, media, etc.

The Committee constitutes itself independently.

The Committee is responsible for all activities that are not explicitly restricted by law or by the Statute of another body.

The Committee directs the activities, according to the Statute regulations, and the responsibilities of the General Assembly. It may assign tasks to individuals, committees or commissions that have been specifically set up. To this end, relevant regulations are issued.

The Committee meetings shall be convened by the President or at the request of two-thirds of Committee members. The committee can deliberate if at least half of the members are present. Decisions are taken by simple majority. In case of deadlock, the President shall have the casting vote.

The members of the Committee shall remain in office for 3 years and may be reappointed. The Committee elects the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Decisions are made by a majority of the present members.

The Steering Committee is vested with full powers for the management of the Association. It is for the Committee to:

- a) supervise the execution of the Assembly decisions;
- b) draw up the budget and the economic and financial statement;
- c) draft the internal regulations;
- d) sign all documents and contracts regarding the Association;
- e) decide on the admission and exclusion of members;
- f) appoint the members and leaders of the Technical Committee, the Innovation Committee, jobs and activities which make up the life of the Association;
- g) execute all acts and operations for the proper administration of the Association.
- h) to entrust, by resolution, special tasks to its members.
- i) enter into, by binding resolution, conventions or agreements, even exclusively, with third parties, organizations or companies to obtain, in return for payment or free of charge, services of interest or need for the Association. The services to be acquired are specified as follows: planning, implementation, and staging of events and sporting activities; design and conduct promotional campaigns; design, plan and organize exhibitions and fairs in the tourism and sports sector; agreements with travel agencies and tour operators for the best accommodation and travel of the participants to the events and activities promoted by BVAW; agreements with agencies or individuals for the procurement of sponsorship and funding for the BVAW events and activities;
- l) decide on, without prior approval of the Assembly of Members or of the Technical Committee, sporting events or promotional activities of any type, size and duration. Such activities represent guarantee of continuity and effectiveness

of BVAW to preserve the goals of the Association, to improve and increase the size of the Association and to ensure the achievement and maintenance of the institutional goals. These events and activities are entitled to be on the official calendar of each year.

m) issue regulations of urgent nature in order to effectively manage specific problems or circumstances of convenience and importance for the life of the Association. These regulations are approved and enforced in accordance with the principles of the Association's goals. Such regulations that due to their urgent nature cannot be issued by the Assembly in the required time.

President

Art.21

The President has the representation and the signature of the Association.

The President is given independent power of ordinary administration and subject to the decision of the Steering Committee, the power of extraordinary administration.

In case of absence or impediment, his duties are performed by the Vice President.

In the event of resignation, it is up to the Vice-President to coordinate the routine activities pending the new president's appointed by the Steering Committee.

The President remains in office until removed by the Executive Council and can be re-elected.

Review Committee

ART. 22

The review office consists of two auditors and one substitute, appointed by the General Assembly for a three-year period and can be re-elected. They control the Association's accounts and draft a written report for the General Assembly.

The Association, in the exclusive case of exercising commercial activities, is required to register in the commercial registry and is required to have an auditor, other than the Review Committee to who submit its accounts for verification.

The members of the Review Committee and the office can also be external to the Association.

Technical Committee

ART. 23

Is the elected body which is entrusted with the task of stimulating and collecting proposals for the creation of amateur sporting events by the ordinary members.

The Technical Committee is composed of 5 members, 3 of which are appointed by the Steering Committee and 2 elected in the Assembly by a simple majority vote.

They hold office for three years and members may be re-elected.

The appointment of the Director of the Technical Committee is up to the Steering Committee.

The Technical Committee's task is to evaluate and validate the feasibility and the

technical and economic viability of the events proposed by the members, in accordance with the principles of the Association's goals.

Sporting events can be formally proposed to the Technical Committee from January 1 to June 30 of each year.

The proposals must reach the mailbox at technical.committee@bvaw.org and are published on the official website bvaw.org.

The Committee must consider an application of a member or group of members (only ordinary members) that have complied with the minimum requirements indicated in the "event application form", in which case, the Committee shall meet within one month of receipt of the form and must approve the outcome within 45 days.

The resolution of the Committee may be suspended (also suspending the evaluation period) in the event that supporting data or further explanations are required to support the request for the event. In which case the applicant has until 1 month to meet the demand or loses the application.

If the proposal exceeds the scrutiny of the Technical Committee, the proposal is placed before a vote to the Assembly of Members by the active method possible (physical, e-mail, fax or a special online voting system).

The voting is valid whatever the number of present members and the resolution is valid by simple majority.

In case of a positive outcome the sporting event goes on the official calendar of the next year with the specific wording "to be confirmed."

From this moment the Technical Committee appoints a technical contact in charge of the direct relationship with the applicant-member. The technical contact has the task of facilitating communication and carrying out inspections to ensure compliance with procedures and specified time frame to reach the definitive confirmation of the event.

The final confirmation of the event should take place by November 30 of each year having assured and satisfied all the requirements.

The official calendar is published on December 1 of each year.

No other event can be added to this calendar except those with justified approval of the Steering Committee.

Specific detailed regulations establish the modalities of the event entered on the calendar, the responsibilities and the duties of the applicant-member which, from this moment, assumes the role of member of the Executive Committee of the event.

TYPES OF EVENTS AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY BVAW

Are the kinds of amateur sporting events organized by BVAW and that can be proposed by the members, following the time frames and procedures laid down in ART. 23 and in the "Regulations for the application of an event or sporting activity by the members". The Types of events covered:

- A. MAJOR EVENTS
- B. PREMIUM EVENTS
- C. CHALLENGE EVENTS
- D. AMATEUR CAMP
- E. TRAINING CAMP FOR AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONALS

Innovation Committee

ART. 24

The Innovation Committee is an advisory body with the task of ensuring the widest possible participation in the life and progress of the sports Association.

All members, with and without voting rights, can propose ideas for the improvement of internal associative life and for the development of activities with the aim of increasing the quality and quantity of sports, social activities, promotional, technical and operating that could innovate BVAW.

The Innovation Committee meets on any proposal received from a member or group of members.

The proposals must reach the mailbox innovation.committee@bvaw.org at any time of the year and are published on the official website bvaw.org.

The Committee evaluates the validity and the technical and economic feasibility of the proposal within 60 days and, in case of validation, publishes its non-binding opinion, in order to allow maximum exposure to all members.

The validated proposal is included in the annual meeting agenda to be voted on in accordance with ordinary regulations.

If approved, the proposal enters fully into the BVAW program and all actions are put together for its implementation without representing an enforcement of obligation by the BVAW bodies which, however, take seriously the commitment and dedication resolved by the Assembly.

The Innovation Committee is composed of 5 members elected by the Assembly of Members. They hold office for three years and members may be re-elected.

The coordinator of the Committee is appointed by the Steering Committee.

The coordinator of the Committee has the task of organizing the participation of the Committee members and to ensure the maximum participation of all members.

**TITLE VII
Dissolution**

ART. 25

The dissolution of the Association can only be decided by a specially convened extraordinary general assembly.

The dissolution of the Association requires the approval of 4/5 of those members entitled to vote.

In the event of dissolution, the Association's assets will be donated to other institutions pursuing similar goals or purposes in accordance with the decisions taken by the extraordinary assembly.

In the event of dissolution the trademark and name "BVAW – Beach Volley Around the World" shall remain in total and unconditional availability for the founding members.

Final Provisions

ART. 26

Although not explicitly contemplated by this Statute, where applicable, the rules of the Civil Code and the legal provisions in force.

Lugano, 07/30/2016

SURNAME AND NAME	CHARGE
Vizzino Otello Raffaele Francesco Founding Member	President
ABRANTES SALEMA Jose Luis Founding Member	Vice President
MEO Orietta Founding Member	Secretary
NIEVES SPADA Maria Isabel Founding Member	Treasurer
LEVY Karim	Adviser
Elected Member	Adviser
Elected Member	Adviser

ATTACHEMENT

The seven principles of the Charter for Ethics in Sport of the Swiss Olympic Association

1 Equal treatment for all!

There must be no discrimination on the basis of nationality, age, gender, sexual orientation, and social background, religious or political affiliations.

2 Sport in harmony with the social sphere!

The demands of training and competition must be compatible with education, work and family life.

3 Encouragement of personal and shared responsibility!

Athletes must be actively involved in decisions affecting them.

4 Respectful encouragement, not excessive pressure!

Sporting goals must not be achieved at the expense of the physical or psychological well-being of athletes.

5 Teaching fairness and environmental responsibility!

Athletes must behave with respect for each other and the environment.

6 Against violence, exploitation and sexual assault!

Prevention without misguided taboos: be alert, raise awareness and intervene rigorously.

7 Rejection of drugs and addictive substances!

Provide continuous information and intervene immediately in the event of consumption.