



Statutes of

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Chapter 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of SWE3 – The Swedish Federation of American Football, Flag Football and Hockey – hereinafter referred to in these Statutes as the Federation – is to promote and administer these sports in Sweden, represent these sports internationally, and strive to ensure that the sports of American Football, Flag Football and Hockey are available to everyone.

The Federation's activities shall be consistent with the objectives and values of the Swedish sports movement in accordance with chapter 1 of the statutes of the Swedish Sports Confederation (RF, Sveriges Riksidrottsförbund).

The Federation and its associations, as well as the Swedish Specialised Sports Districts Federation (SDF, Specialidrottsdistriktsförbund), shall also actively work to achieve a doping-free sporting environment by following the Swedish Sports Anti-Doping Regulations (IDR, Idrottens Antidopingreglemente).

1.2 Composition

The Federation is comprised of the associations that have been duly admitted as members of the Federation.

1.3 Affiliation

The Federation is a member of the Swedish Sports Confederation (RF) and is affiliated with the following organisations:

- International Federation of American Football (IFAF)
- IFAF Europe
- Federation International de Hockey (FIH)
- European Hockey Federation (EHF)
- Swedish Olympic Committee (SOK).

1.4 Decision-making bodies

The Federation's decision-making bodies are the Federation Meeting, Extraordinary Federation Meeting and the Federation Board.

1.5 District bodies

The Federation's regional bodies (district bodies) are the bodies within the Swedish Specialised Sports Districts Federation (SDF). The district bodies are responsible for administration of the area described in chapter 7 of these Statutes.

1.6 Membership of the Federation

Any non-profit association which meets the conditions specified in chapter 6, article 1 of these Statutes may be admitted as a member of the Federation by way of decision made by the Federation Board, or the body or person to whom the Board has transferred its decision-making authority.

Provisions regarding withdrawal and expulsion from the Federation are set out in chapter 6, article 3 of these Statutes.

1.7 Operational and financial year

The operational and financial year for the Federation and SDF shall be the calendar year (1 January – 31 December). The working year for the Federation Board and the SDF Board shall be the period from the Federation Meeting or SDF Meeting until the next regular Federation Meeting or SDF Meeting.

1.8 Interpretation of these Statutes and dispute resolution

If uncertainty or doubt arises regarding the correct interpretation of these Statutes, or if a situation arises which has not been foreseen in these Statutes, the matter in question shall be referred to the next Federation Meeting or, if it is of a more urgent nature, shall be settled by the Federation Board.

Through their membership of the Federation, member associations and individual members have undertaken not to bring an action before a general court of law in relation to issues concerning the application of these Statutes. Any disputes concerning the application of these Statutes shall instead be settled in accordance with the rules set out in RF's statutes.

1.9 Amendments to these Statutes

Proposed amendments to these Statutes may – in addition to the Federation Board – be submitted in writing by a district body or a member association.

Approval of a proposed amendment to these Statutes requires a decision by the Federation Meeting with a majority of at least 2/3 of the number of votes cast.

1.10 Dissolution of the Federation

Dissolution of the Federation requires a decision to this effect with a majority of at least 2/3 of the number of votes cast at two consecutive Federation Meetings held at least 90 days apart.

1.11 Decisions, voting

With the exception of the matters specified in articles 1.9 and 1.10 above, all matters up for decision shall be decided by way of voting with simple majority. A simple majority may be either absolute or relative.

Elections are decided by way of relative majority. In this context the term relative majority means that the person(s) receiving the highest number of votes is/are elected irrespective of how these votes relate to the number of votes cast.

An absolute majority is required for decisions concerning matters other than elections, which means that more than half of the number of votes cast must be cast in favour of the decision.

Voting shall take place openly, although voting in elections shall take place by way of secret ballot if an eligible voter so requests.

For voting on matters other than elections, a tied vote shall be decided in favour of the proposal approved by the Chairman, provided the Chairman is eligible to vote on the matter in question. If this is not the case, such a tied vote shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

For elections, a tied vote shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

1.12 Honorary Member, etc.

The Federation Meeting and SDF Meeting may, at the proposal of the Board, appoint an individual person as Honorary Chairman, Honorary Member or permanent member of the Federation Board or the SDF Board.

The Federation Board and the SDF Board may appoint an individual person as a co-opted member of each respective board. The person thus appointed as co-opted board member has the right to express opinions and make proposals, but does not have the right to vote on matters up for decision by the board. The person in question may be appointed to a position within the board.

1.13 Eligibility of employees

Individuals who are employed by the Federation Board or SDF may not be elected as members of the Federation Board, the Sport Management Group, the SDF Federation Board, the Federation's Nomination Committee or SDF's Nomination Committee, or as the Federation's auditor or SDF's auditor.

1.14 Access to competitions or exhibitions

Members of the Federation Board, Management Groups and SDF boards, as well as the Federation's auditors, have free access to all competitions and exhibitions within the Federation.

Valid ID cards are issued by the Federation Board.

1.15 Championships

The right to participate and compete in RF's Swedish championships – SM, JSM, DM and JDM

– is set out in the Federation's competition rules.

1.16 Composition of Board etc.

The Federation Board, the Nomination Committee and other committees shall consist of women and men.

Chapter 2 FEDERATION MEETING

2.1 Composition

The Federation Meeting is comprised of designated representatives of the district bodies and associations. However, a designated representative may only represent one association or one SDF district body and may not be a member of the Federation Board. Associations and SDF district bodies may send one designated representative for each vote, but may allow a designated representative to represent more than one vote. In order to be able to exercise the right to vote, a designated representative must submit a power of attorney signed by the Chairman or Secretary of the association or SDF district body that the designated representative is representing. Attendance of the Federation Meeting shall occur physically (in person) or digitally.

2.2 Quorum, right to express opinions, right to make proposals

The Federation Meeting constitutes a quorum on the basis of the number of designated representatives of associations and district bodies who, after receiving due notice of the Meeting, attend the Meeting and participate in the decisions to be decided at the Meeting. The right to express opinions and make proposals at the Federation Meeting applies – in addition to the designated representatives of associations and district bodies – to the members of the Federation Board, the Federation’s auditors and representatives of the Sport Management Group, as well as the submitter of a motion in relation to their own motion.

The right to express opinions also applies to RF’s representatives, the Federation’s employees and other persons present at the consent of the Meeting.

Other representatives of the Federation’s member associations may also attend the Federation Meeting.

2.3 Voting rights

Votes at the Federation Meeting and Extraordinary Federation Meeting are allocated as follows:

- Each SDF district body is allocated one (1) vote,
- Each member association is allocated one (1) vote.

In order for a member association to be allocated and be able to exercise its right to vote, the member association must have fulfilled its statutory obligations, according to article 6.2, no later than 31 January.

In order for an SDF district body to be allocated and be able to exercise its right to vote, the district body must have submitted, no later than 31 January, its Administration Report and Annual Report for the latest operational and financial year.

It is the responsibility of the Federation Board to draw up the voting list for the Federation Meeting, with a period of validity from 1 February – 31 January. This must be done no later than one week prior to the date of the Federation Meeting.

2.4 Timing and notice of the Federation Meeting

The Federation Meeting is held every other year, in evenly numbered years, prior to

the end of the month of April, on a date or dates and at a location determined by the Federation Board.

Notice of the Federation Meeting shall be issued no later than three months prior to the date of the Meeting, by way of announcement in the Federation's official publication for announcements.

Proposals regarding the agenda for the Meeting, the Administration Report and Annual Report for the past operational and financial year, and the Business Plan and Status Report (Income and Expenses) for the current operational and financial year, as well as the Federation Board's proposals (propositions) and any motions submitted to the Federation Meeting – which must be accompanied by a statement from the Board and, if the motion has been received from an association, a statement from the SDF Board – shall be sent to the district bodies and the associations no later than three weeks prior to the date of the Meeting.

2.5 Matters to be dealt with at the Federation Meeting

The following matters shall be dealt with at the Federation Meeting:

1. Roll call of attendees and checking of powers of attorney, and approval of the applicable voting list for the Meeting based on the voting list drawn up by the Federation Board.
2. Approval of the agenda for the Meeting.
3. Examination of whether the Meeting has been duly convened.
4. Election of Chairman of the Meeting.
5. Election of Secretary of the Meeting.
6. Election of two persons to check the minutes of the Meeting together with the Chairman, and election of two vote counters.
7. Presentation of the Administration Report and Annual Report for the past operational and financial year.
8. Presentation of the Auditor's Report for the same period.
9. Resolution in respect to discharge from liability for the members of the Federation Board.
10. Presentation of the Federation Board's propositions.
11. Presentation of any motions duly submitted in accordance with article 2.7 of these Statutes.
12. Review of the Business Plan for the current financial year.
13. Review of the Status Report (Income and Expenses) for the current financial year.
14. Determination of the annual membership fee to be paid to the Federation by the member associations.
15. Adoption of the Federation's official publication for announcements.
16. Election of Chairman of the Federation, who will also hold the role of Chairman of the Federation Board, for a term of two (2) years.
17. Election of three Board members for a term of four (4) years.
18. Election of one auditor or one audit firm, for a period of two (2) years, with the assignment of reviewing and auditing the operations, accounts, financial statements and administration of the Federation for the next operational and financial year.
19. Decision on the appointment of designated representatives at the annual meeting of the Swedish Sports Confederation.
20. Election of Chairman and four other members for the Nomination Committee for a term of two (2) years.
21. Election of Chairman and four other members of the Disciplinary Committee for a term of two (2) years.

2.6 Eligibility

Any person who turns 18 or older during the year in which the Meeting is held, and who is registered as a permanent resident of Sweden, is eligible for election in relation to items 16–17 and 20–21 in article 2.5 above. Members of the Federation Board are not eligible for election as auditor or deputy auditor.

Neither members of the Federation Board nor the Federation's auditors may hold a position on the Nomination Committee. Members of the Nomination Committee may not hold a position in a Sport Management Group. Members of the Federation Board may not hold a position in a Management Group. The Federation's auditor must be an authorised public accountant or must be certified with a degree in auditing.

Employees of RF's organisations may not be elected as an auditor or deputy auditor in the Federation.

Provisions on the eligibility of employees are set out in chapter 1, article 13 of these Statutes.

2.7 Proposals for matters to be dealt with at the Federation Meeting

Proposals for matters to be dealt with at the Federation Meeting must be received by the Federation Board no later than 1 January. Member associations and district bodies have the right to submit proposals.

2.8 Appointment of designated representatives at the annual meeting of the Swedish Sports Confederation

Designated representatives at the annual meeting of the Swedish Sports Confederation, as well as the requisite number of deputies, shall be appointed in accordance with chapter 4, article 2 of RF's statutes. These designated representatives shall be appointed by the Federation Meeting or, if so resolved by the Meeting, by the Federation Board. Notification of the identity of the appointed designated representatives shall be sent as soon as possible to the National Sports Board (RS, Riksidrottsstyrelsen) as well as to the individuals appointed.

2.9 Extraordinary Federation Meeting

An Extraordinary Federation Meeting may be convened by the Federation Board when the Board finds it necessary to do so. Furthermore, the Federation Board is obligated to issue notice of an Extraordinary Federation Meeting when so requested by the auditors, with submission of a written explanation of the reasons for such request, or when an Extraordinary Federation Meeting is requested by at least 1/10 of the Federation's member associations and SDF district bodies with eligibility to vote. Such a request must be submitted in writing and must include the reasons for the request.

When the Board has received a duly submitted request for an Extraordinary Federation Meeting, the Board shall, within 14 days of receipt of the request, issue notice of such meeting, which shall be held within two months of the date of the notice. If the Federation Board fails to issue notice of an Extraordinary Federation Meeting within 14 days of receipt of a duly submitted request, the person or persons who have requested the meeting may themselves issue notice of such meeting. Notice of and an agenda for the meeting must be sent to the designated

representatives of associations and district bodies no later than seven days prior to the date of the meeting. At an Extraordinary Federation Meeting, only matters listed on the agenda for the meeting may be dealt with at the meeting. An Extraordinary Federation Meeting may not be held on the same day as a meeting of the Swedish Sports Confederation.

Chapter 3 NOMINATION COMMITTEE AND ELECTION COMMITTEE

3.1 Composition

The Nomination Committee is comprised of a Chairman and two or four other members. The Nomination Committee shall consist of an equal number of women and men with regard to its members other than the Chairman.

The Federation Meeting shall strive to elect a Nomination Committee with good diversity and representation based on several grounds of discrimination.

3.2 Obligations

Prior to its own and the districts' nomination work, the Nomination Committee shall compile documentation which describes the Federation's Business Plan and the Federation Board's work and work methods. This documentation shall highlight, in particular, the areas that are deemed to function well, as well as the areas in which the Federation Board's work and work methods need reinforcement.

No later than 15 November in every odd-numbered year, the Nomination Committee shall send a written enquiry to those individuals whose mandate period expires at the end of the next Federation Meeting, as to whether they wish to be considered as candidates for the next mandate period.

No later than 1 December in every odd-numbered year, the Nomination Committee shall send its documentation regarding the Federation's Business Plan and the Federation Board's work and work methods to the organisations (SDF district bodies and member associations) with eligibility to vote, and shall notify the district bodies and the Federation's member associations of the identity of those individuals whose mandate period is about to come to an end, as well as the names of those who have declined to stand for re-election.

In the nominations of candidates for the Federation Board, the Nomination Committee shall strive to achieve a broad geographical representation and an even gender distribution between women and men. The Nomination Committee shall also strive to achieve increased diversity and representation based on all grounds of discrimination.

After receipt of nominations from member associations within each sport, the Nomination Committee shall propose candidates for each Sport Management Group, for final decision by the Federation Board.

The Nomination Committee shall propose candidates for Chairman, Secretary, checkers of the minutes and vote counters for an upcoming Federation Meeting or Extraordinary Federation Meeting, as well as candidates for Chairman and other members of the Federation's Disciplinary Committee.

3.3 Right to make proposals

No later than 31 December in every odd-numbered year, organisations with the right to vote may propose individuals as candidates for the elections listed under items 16–21 in article 2.5 above. No later than 15 February in every evenly numbered year, the Nomination Committee shall provide organisations with eligibility to vote with details of the Committee's proposal, along with details of all persons who have been nominated to the Nomination Committee.

3.4 Nomination of candidates

Prior to commencement of the nomination of candidates at the Federation Meeting, the Nomination Committee shall present the Committee's proposal regarding the elections that are to be held according to items 16–19 and 21 in article 2.5 above.

3.5 Meetings

Nomination Committee meetings shall be convened by the Chairman. The Nomination Committee constitutes a quorum when notice of a meeting has been issued to all members of the Committee at least one week prior to the date of the meeting, and at least two members are present at the meeting.

3.6 Election Committee

The Election Committee shall be comprised of four members. Each SDF body shall appoint one member to the Election Committee.

Notification of the identity of such members shall be submitted to the Federation Board no later than 1 February in every evenly numbered year, whereupon the Federation Board shall present this proposal to the Federation Meeting. The Election Committee shall appoint a Chairman and a Secretary from within its members. Members of the Federation Board, or members of some other body for which the members are elected by the Federation Meeting, are not eligible for election as members of the Election Committee. Election Committee meetings shall be convened by the Chairman. The Election Committee constitutes a quorum when notice of a meeting has been issued to all members of the Committee at least three days prior to the date of the meeting, and at least three members are present at the meeting. The Election Committee's assignment is to present a proposal to the Federation Meeting regarding candidates for Chairman plus two to four other members of the Nomination Committee. The Election Committee's proposal must be submitted to the Federation Board prior to 1 February. Negotiations undertaken by members of the Election Committee are confidential. Minutes shall be recorded of the Committee's decisions.

Chapter 4 AUDIT AND AUDITORS

4.1 Audit and auditors

The Federation's operations, administration and accounts shall be audited by an auditor who is an authorised public accountant or a certified auditor with a degree in auditing.

The Federation Board's accounts and other documents shall be handed over to the auditor each year after the end of the financial year. No later than after completion of the audit, these documents shall be returned to the Federation Board together with the auditor's report, no later than 21 days prior to the date of the Federation Meeting.

Chapter 5 FEDERATION BOARD

5.1 Composition

The Federation Board, which is the Federation's decision-making body when the Federation Meeting is not convened, is comprised of a Chairman and six other members. The Board shall be comprised of women and men, with an equal gender distribution among the members of the Board. At the first meeting of each newly elected Board, the Board shall appoint a deputy chairman, secretary and treasurer from among its members, and shall thereafter appoint other functions as necessary.

5.2 Meetings, notice, quorum

Board meetings are convened by the Chairman or are otherwise held when the Board has decided to meet or when a meeting is requested in writing by at least three members of the Board.

Notice of Board meetings must be issued at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

At least four members of the Federation Board must be present at duly convened Board meetings in order for the Board to constitute a quorum. In order to be valid, all decisions made by the Board require the agreement of at least four members of the Board. Voting may not occur by way of power of attorney.

If the Chairman deems it necessary, urgent matters may be decided by way of written voting or a digital meeting. Any decisions made in this manner shall be reported at the next Board meeting.

The Board may transfer its decision-making authority in relation to certain groups of matters to an executive committee (which is appointed within the Board), a Sport Management Group, a committee (which has been established for a particular assignment), or an individual Board member or employee.

The person or body that has made a decision with support of authorisation as described in the preceding paragraph, must immediately notify the Board of the decision that has been made.

5.3 The Federation Board's obligations

The Board is obligated, inter alia, to

1. conduct its activities in accordance with these Statutes and the Federation Meeting's decisions and resolutions; work to promote the development and spread of American Football within Sweden and represent this sport; safeguard the interests of the Federation and thereby monitor developments within the sport in other countries; participate in the international collaboration in relation to this sport;
2. monitor compliance with the Federation's Statutes, and issue rules as appropriate or necessary;
3. cooperate with government agencies and organisations that support the Federation's activities, and promote the Federation's sports in relation to government agencies, mass media and the general public;
4. monitor and support the activities within the districts and associations;
5. issue due reports and statements;
6. prepare an Administration Report, Business Plan and Status Report (Income and Expenses), and otherwise develop and prepare proposals, plans, etc. for presentation to the Federation Meeting, and ensure that decisions resolved by the Federation Meeting are executed as soon as possible;
7. manage and take responsibility for the Federation's funds and materials, and undertake appropriate measures to strengthen the Federation's financial position;
8. appoint organisers of the Federation's competitions and take responsibility for the performance of these competitions in accordance with applicable competition rules, approve international competitions and sanction Swedish participation in competitions or exhibitions outside the Nordic region;
9. make decisions on the awarding of the Federation's prizes and awards;
10. draw up the voting list for the Federation and SDF meetings, with a period of validity from 1 February – 31 January;
11. employ the Federation's employees and determine the organisation of the Federation's office functions (within the financial frameworks resolved by the Federation Meeting);
12. examine and decide on the issue of admission of an association as a member of the Federation, and the issue of expulsion of an association from the Federation, in accordance with the instructions issued by the National Sports Board (RS);
13. submit details to RS of decisions regarding amendments to SF's statutes and competition rules;
14. report details of removed associations to the Swedish Sports Confederation on an ongoing basis;
15. submit, at the request of RS, the information that is required according to RS's statutory rules, and submit, at the request of the National Sports Committee (RIN, Riksidrottsnämnden), statements to the Committee;
16. manage ongoing matters otherwise;
17. record and maintain minutes and requisite records; and
18. work in accordance with the Swedish sports movement's values ("Idrotten Vill").

5.4 Right of examination and determination of sanctions

The Federation Board exercises a right of examination in accordance with chapters 14 and 15 of RF's statutes. With the support of the first and fourth paragraph of chapter 14, article 8 of RF's statutes, the Federation Board reserves the right to determine sanctions in relation to matters concerning offences committed during or in connection with the Federation's championships, other competitions arranged by the Federation, or other activities and international competitions as well as courses and training camps in other countries.

In accordance with the fourth paragraph of chapter 14, article 8 of RF's statutes, the Federation Board may transfer its right of determination of sanctions to another decision-making body within the Federation.

Fines imposed as a sanction in accordance with chapter 14 of RF's statutes may be imposed on an association or individual person up to a maximum of SEK 50,000.

Chapter 6 ASSOCIATIONS

6.1 Membership of the Federation

After submission of a written application, a non-profit association may be admitted as a member of the Federation if the following conditions are met:

1. The application for membership has been prepared in accordance with RF's instructions and is accompanied by the association's statutes, which should be drawn up on the basis of RF's standard statutes for a sports association.
2. The association conducts the type of sporting activities that are administered by the Federation.
3. The association has undertaken, within the framework of its sporting activities, to comply with RF's and the Federation's statutes and competition rules, as well as any other rules, regulations and decisions issued by a superior sports body.
4. The association's name is not inappropriate and cannot be confused with the name of another association that is a member of or affiliated with RF.
5. The association has paid the fees that have been duly determined.

If the association's application is rejected, the association may appeal the decision in accordance with the rules set out in chapter 15 of RF's statutes.

6.2 Membership fee

An association is obligated to pay an annual membership fee for the operational year as determined by the Federation Meeting. The Federation Meeting determines the membership fee for the coming year in advance. The membership fee must be paid no later than 31 January in the operational year to which the fee relates.

6.3 Withdrawal and expulsion of an association

An association that wishes to withdraw from the Federation must submit written notification to this effect. If the association has unpaid prescribed fees, the Federation Board shall decide whether or not the association must pay these fees.

An association that has failed to pay its annual membership fee in two consecutive years may be deemed to have requested withdrawal from the Federation. Without requirement of prior notification of the risk of expulsion, an association may be expelled from the Federation if – despite reminders – the association fails to comply with the provisions stipulated in these Statutes or in RF’s statutes.

An association may also be expelled if it has failed to abide by a decision that has been duly made by the Federation, SDF or RF, or if it has otherwise clearly acted in a manner that is contradictory to the interests of the Federation.

An issue of expulsion may not be finally determined until the association in question has been given an opportunity to express its opinion on the matter within a certain timeframe as specified by the Federation Board. Any decision regarding expulsion of an association must include the reasons for the expulsion as well as information about how the expelled association can appeal the decision.

A decision regarding expulsion of an association may be appealed in accordance with the rules set out in chapter 15 of RF’s statutes.

6.4 District affiliation

An association belongs to the SDF district in whose area of operation the association’s registered office is located, as well as the RF-SISU District in which the association’s registered office is located.

6.5 Voting rights

The rules concerning an association’s right to vote at an SDF Meeting are specified in SDF’s statutes.

6.6 Obligations

An association shall

1. comply with RF’s statutes and the Federation’s Statutes and competition rules as well as any other rules, regulations and decisions issued by a superior sports body;
2. pay the annual membership fee for the current year no later than 31 January, and settle all outstanding membership-related debts to the Federation and SDF no later than 31 December in the preceding year. Failure to meet this obligation means that the association will not be included in the voting list at a Federation Meeting or Extraordinary Federation Meeting during the period from 1 February in the current year until 31 January in the following year, as specified in article 17;
3. submit to RS the information that is requested by RS regarding the association’s activities, and submit, at the request of the National Sports Committee (RIN, Riksidrottsnämnden), statements to the Committee;
4. maintain accounts and prepare an Annual Report with an income statement and balance sheet, record minutes of annual meetings, other association meetings and board meetings, and maintain a list of the association’s members;
5. hold an annual meeting and pass a resolution at such meeting, after completed audit, with regard to the issue of discharge from liability for the administration of the members of the board; and
6. at the request of RS, the Federation Board or a competent SDF board or RF-SISU District board, make the association’s documents available, and provide the information requested by these bodies.

6.7 Membership of an association

After submission of an application, a natural person may be admitted as a member of an association.

Application for membership of an association may only be rejected if there are grounds to assume that the applicant will act in a manner that is contradictory to the purpose or interests of the association.

A member may not be expelled from an association for any reason other than that the member has failed to pay fees determined by the association, has acted in a manner that is contradictory to the activities or purpose of the association, has violated the association's statutes or has clearly acted in a manner that has damaged the interests of the association.

A decision regarding expulsion of a member may be limited to a certain period of time. Such expulsion for a limited period of time may not apply to a period of more than six months from the date of the decision.

If there are insufficient grounds for expulsion, the association may instead issue a warning to the member. A decision regarding expulsion or a warning may not be finally made until the member in question has been given an opportunity to express his or her opinion on the matter within a certain timeframe (at least 14 days) as specified by the association's board. Any such decision must include the reasons for the expulsion or warning as well as information about how the member can appeal the decision. Such a decision must be notified to the member within three days of the date of the decision.

A decision regarding rejection of a membership application, expulsion or a warning may be appealed in accordance with the rules set out in RF's statutes.

6.8 A member's rights and obligations

A member

- has the right to participate in gatherings and events arranged for members.
- has the right to receive information about the association's affairs.
- shall comply with the association's statutes and decisions that have been made by a decision-making body within the association, and shall comply with the statutes, rules, regulations and decisions issued by the organisations named in chapter 7, articles 1–3 of these Statutes.
- shall pay the fees that have been determined by the association.

6.9 A member's participation in the sporting activities

A member has the right to participate in the association's sporting activities under the conditions that are generally established and accepted within the sport, and on the same terms that apply to other members.

A member may not participate in a competition or exhibition without the consent of

the association's board or, if this has so decided, the consent of the relevant section's board. If a member wishes to participate in a competition or exhibition outside of Sweden, the Federation must also grant its consent to such participation, unless something to the contrary is specified in the Federation's Statutes or in the competition rules.

If the organiser is not a member of or affiliated with the Federation, the member may only participate if the Federation has approved such participation.

Chapter 7 DISTRICT BODIES

7.1 SF district

Within each SF district there shall be an SDF district body, which is the body for SWE3's regional operations. An association belongs to the SF district in whose geographical area the association's registered office is located.

7.2 SDF names and boundaries of the SF districts

The SWE3 Northern District is responsible for administration of the following geographical area: The Swedish counties of Jämtland, Norrbotten, Västerbotten and Västernorrland, and the Swedish municipalities of Ovanåker, Ljusdal, Söderhamn, Bollnäs and Hudiksvall.

The SWE3 Stockholm District is responsible for administration of the following geographical area: The Swedish county of Stockholm.

The SWE3 Central District is responsible for administration of the following geographical area: The Swedish counties of Dalarna, Gotland, Östergötland, Södermanland, Uppsala and Västmanland, and the Swedish municipalities of Ockelbo, Hofors, Gävle and Sandviken. Also the county of Örebro, although not including the municipalities of Degerfors and Karlskoga.

The SWE3 Western District is responsible for administration of the following geographical area: The Swedish counties of Västra Götaland, Värmland and Jönköping, and the Swedish municipalities of Degerfors and Karlskoga.

The SWE3 Southern District is responsible for administration of the following geographical area: The Swedish counties of Blekinge, Halland, Kronoberg, Kalmar and Skåne.

7.3 Specialised Sports Districts Federation (SDF, Specialidrottsdistriktsförbund)

SDF, which is made up of independent non-profit associations, shall, in accordance with these Statutes and SDF's statutes, function as SWE3's regional bodies in accordance with the purpose of the Federation as described in article 1.1 of these Statutes.

7.4 SDF's composition

SDF is comprised of the associations that are members of SWE3 and whose registered office is located in the SF district's geographical area.

7.5 SDF's statutes

SDF's statutes shall comply with the standard statutes for SDF as adopted by SWE3 and approved by RS.

SWE3 shall approve the statutes adopted by the SDF Meeting, and the Federation shall have the right to demand amendment of the statutes if they are in violation of the standard statutes or are deemed to be inappropriate in some other way.

7.6 Auditors and audit

In addition to the auditors elected at the SDF Meeting, the activities, administration and accounts of the SDF Board shall also be audited by an auditor elected by one of the RF-SISU districts.

If an SF district covers several RF-SISU districts, the RF-SISU district in which the SDF district has its registered office shall appoint the auditor to perform this audit.

Chapter 8 SPORT MANAGEMENT GROUP

8.1 Composition

The Sport Management Group is comprised of a Chairman and four to eight other members. The Management Group shall consist of women and men, and RF's gender equality objectives shall be observed. At the first meeting of each newly elected Management Group, the Management Group shall appoint a secretary from among its members, and shall thereafter appoint other functions as necessary.

8.2 Meetings

Management Group meetings are convened by the Chairman or are otherwise held when the Management Group has decided to meet.

If the Chairman deems it necessary, urgent matters may be decided by way of written voting or a digital meeting. Any decisions made in this manner shall be reported at the next Management Group meeting.

The Management Group constitutes a quorum when at least 40% of the members of the Management Group are present at the meeting.

The Management Group may transfer its decision-making authority in relation to certain groups of matters to a committee (which has been established for a particular assignment), or to an individual member or employee.

The person or body that has made a decision with support of authorisation as described in the preceding paragraph, must immediately notify the Management Group of the decision that has been made.

8.3 The Management Group's obligations

The Management Group is obligated, inter alia, to

1. conduct its activities in accordance with these Statutes and the Federation Meeting's and Federation Board's decisions and resolutions; work to promote the development and spread of its sport in SWE3 within Sweden and represent this sport; safeguard the interests of the Federation and the sport and thereby monitor developments within the sport in other countries; participate in the international collaboration in relation to this sport;
2. monitor compliance with the Federation's Statutes, and issue rules as appropriate or necessary;
3. monitor and support the sport's activities within the districts and associations;
4. issue due reports and statements;
5. prepare an annual Administration Report and Business Plan, including applicable financial conditions (i.e. budget);
6. manage and take responsibility for the funds and materials allocated to the sport, and undertake appropriate measures to strengthen the financial position of the sport and the Federation;
7. appoint organisers of the sport's competitions, and take responsibility for the performance of these competitions in accordance with applicable competition rules;
8. submit, at the request of RS, the information that is required according to RS's statutory rules, and submit, at the request of the National Sports Committee (RIN, Riksidrottsnämnden), statements to the Committee;
9. manage ongoing matters in relation to the sport;
10. record and maintain minutes of meetings; and
11. work in accordance with the Swedish sports movement's values ("Idrotten Vill").

8.4 Election of Management Group

The associations that, according to the purpose-related paragraphs in the association's statutes, conduct activities relating to the sport, have the right to nominate candidates for members and Chairman of the Sport Management Group to the Nomination Committee.

These associations determine, through their nominations, which individuals are eligible for election as members of the Sport Management Group.

Based on the nominations submitted by associations, the Nomination Committee presents a proposal to the Federation Board regarding candidates for membership of the Sport Management Group.

In order to be eligible for election as a member of the Management Group, a person must have been nominated by an association to the Nomination Committee.

Nominations for candidates for membership of the Sport Management Group must have been received by the Nomination Committee no later than 31 January in every evenly numbered year.

8.5 Representation Meeting

The Representation Meeting makes decisions regarding the competition rules within American Football and Flag Football.

8.5.1 Composition, voting rights

A separate Representation Meeting is held for American Football and Flag Football respectively, and these meetings are comprised of the associations that have had at least one team that has completed official participation in a competition arranged by the Federation during the current year, as well as the regular members of the Sport Management Group for American Football.

An association that is entitled to participate in this meeting has one vote, and the regular members of the Sport Management Group have one vote each.

Voting rights in relation to matters that primarily concern a specific competition level only have one association that has fulfilled its obligations from the previous year. If there is uncertainty as to whether a matter relating to an amendment concerns a specific competition level or the voting list, the Federation Board shall make a final decision in relation to this issue.

8.5.2 Duties

The Representation Meeting deals with proposals for amendments to competition rules which have been received no later than 20 September. The Sport Management Group is responsible for compiling a complete list of proposals, which must contain the following information:

1. Number of the paragraph to which the proposed amendment relates
2. Current wording in the competition rules
3. Proposed new wording in the competition rules
4. Explanation of why the amendment is being proposed
5. Any impact the proposed amendment will or could have on another paragraph in the competition rules.

Proposals that do not meet the information requirements described in points one to four above will not be dealt with by the committee. If several proposed amendments are submitted in relation to the same paragraph, the committee shall, to the extent this is possible, and in consultation with the persons who have submitted the proposals, prepare a coherent proposed amendment for publication. The proposals received shall be published no later than 20 October in the Federation's official publication for announcements. The meeting shall be held in the month of November or December on a date determined by the Sport Management Group. The location and date of the meeting shall be notified no later than three months prior to the date of the meeting. The meeting shall be led by a person appointed by the Sport Management Group. In order to be valid, a decision regarding an amendment to the competition rules requires a qualified majority.