



## Statutes

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**FAI STATUTES and FAI BY-LAWS combined make up the FAI Constitution**

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## 2 MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN FAI

### 2.1 CLASSES OF FAI MEMBERSHIP

2.1.1. There are six classes of FAI membership:

2.1.1.1. *Founder Members*

2.1.1.2. *Active Members*

2.1.1.3. *Associate Members*

2.1.1.4. *International Affiliate Members*

2.1.1.5. *Temporary Members*

2.1.1.6. *Historic Members*

### 2.2 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

2.2.1. Rules and procedures governing applications for membership are set forth in Chapter 2 of the By-Laws. Applications for membership may be provisionally approved by the Executive Board, subject to ratification at the next General Conference. Dues for provisional membership will be assessed on a pro-rata basis according to the class of membership sought and the number of months remaining in the year (one-twelfth of the annual fee payable for each month or portion thereof).

#### 2.2.2. ACCEPTANCE OF ACTIVE MEMBER APPLICANTS

2.2.2.1. Acceptance of these applications shall be decided by the General Conference by a two thirds majority vote of Members present or represented.

#### 2.2.3. VOTING RIGHTS OF ACTIVE MEMBERS

2.2.3.1. Subject to Sections 2.6, 3.4.1.5 and 5.2.3.3. of the Statutes, only Active Members shall be entitled to vote at a General Conference in accordance with paragraph 3.6.1.2.2.

2.2.3.2. Active Members shall have voting rights in the FAI Commissions as prescribed in Section 3.3. of the By-Laws.

#### 2.2.4. ACCEPTANCE OF ASSOCIATE MEMBER APPLICANTS

2.2.4.1. Acceptances of these applications shall be voted on by the General Conference under the same conditions as those prescribed for an Active Member in paragraph 2.2.2.1.

#### 2.2.5. VOTING RIGHTS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

2.2.5.1. An Associate Member shall be entitled to vote at meetings of that Commission having jurisdiction over the discipline it represents.

#### 2.2.6. ACCEPTANCE OF TEMPORARY MEMBER APPLICANTS

2.2.6.1. Applications shall be voted on by the General Conference under the same conditions as those prescribed for an Active Member in paragraph 2.2.2.1.

**2.2.6.2.** Continuation in membership is subject to annual approval by General Conference, by a two-third majority vote of Members present or represented.

## **2.2.7. SUBSTANTIATION OF AERONAUTICAL ACTIVITIES**

**2.2.7.1.** Under Statute 2.4.2.2.8, Active Members are required to represent all air sport activities practised in their respective countries. Should the need arise, FAI may request any Member to substantiate the information previously provided to FAI on the number of aeronautical and astronautical activities which that Active Member represents. Should the response seem inadequate, FAI shall review that Active Member's status in FAI.

## **2.2.8. ACCEPTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE MEMBERS**

**2.2.8.1.** Acceptance of International Affiliate Members shall be voted on by the General Conference under the same conditions as those prescribed for an Active Member in paragraph 2.2.2.1.

## **2.3 FOUNDER MEMBERS**

### **2.3.1. NATURE OF REPRESENTATION**

**2.3.1.1.** Each of the national organisations that took part, in 1905, in the founding act of the FAI belongs to this class of membership.

### **2.3.2. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF FOUNDER MEMBERS**

**2.3.2.1.** Founder Members may also be Active Members, under paragraph 2.4.1.1.

**2.3.2.2.** If a Founder Member ceases to be an Active Member of FAI, its President, or his duly appointed representative, shall enjoy all the privileges of a FAI Companion of Honour, as set out in FAI By Laws, Paragraph 9.2. In particular, he shall have the right to attend FAI General Conferences as an Observer.

## **2.4 ACTIVE MEMBERS**

### **2.4.1. NATURE OF REPRESENTATION**

**2.4.1.1.** A national organisation representing as completely and as effectively as possible the greatest number of branches of air sports and astronautics in its Country, may be elected as an Active Member of FAI. Only one Active Member shall be admitted for each Country.

### **2.4.2. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF ACTIVE MEMBERS**

**2.4.2.1.** Active Members shall be entitled to administer Sporting Powers delegated by FAI, to organise FAI international competitions, to assist in the homologation of aeronautic and space records in their respective Countries, to participate in FAI sporting events and the work of the specialised FAI Air Sport Commissions and Technical Commissions, to attend FAI meetings, to nominate a Vice-President to represent the Active Member, a Regional Vice-President, if required, and delegates to other FAI bodies as provided for in FAI By-Laws, to represent their respective Countries in FAI matters and to exercise such voting rights as prescribed by the Statutes, the FAI By-Laws and the Sporting Code.

**2.4.2.2.** They shall also assume the following responsibilities and obligations:

**2.4.2.2.1.** - *To subscribe fully to the FAI Statutes, By-Laws, Sporting Code and FAI Anti-Doping Rules;*

- 2.4.2.2.2. - *To satisfy all their financial obligations to the FAI;*
- 2.4.2.2.3. - *To apply all provisions of the FAI Sporting Code in their respective Countries and ensure that their members comply with them;*
- 2.4.2.2.4. - *To enter into agreements and undertakings with a foreign aeronautical or astronautical organisation only with the approval of the FAI Member of the Country concerned, and to advise the FAI of all such transactions ;*
- 2.4.2.2.5. - *To submit for registration in the FAI International Sporting Calendar all the international aeronautical events to be organised in their respective Countries; and wherever possible to send participants to appropriate FAI Events in other countries.*
- 2.4.2.2.6. - *To inform the FAI Secretariat of any changes in their chief executives or other officers who deal with FAI;*
- 2.4.2.2.7. - *To issue all invitations to international air sporting events in their respective Countries through the appropriate FAI Member ; to forward every accepted invitation and every entry in a foreign international aeronautical event through the appropriate FAI Member.*
- 2.4.2.2.8. - *To continue to represent as completely and as effectively as possible all the branches of air sports and astronautics practised in their respective countries.*
- 2.4.2.2.9. - *To pursue, continuously, the aims and objectives of FAI in their own countries.*
- 2.4.2.2.10. - *To appoint delegates to FAI Air Sport Commissions for all sports practised in their respective countries, in accordance with By Laws 3.1.*
- 2.4.2.2.11. - *To appoint proxies in accordance with Statutes 3.6.1.2.3. and By-Laws 3.1, or to send apologies, if delegates are unable to attend FAI General Conferences or Air Sport Commission meetings.*
- 2.4.2.2.12. - *To apply the FAI Anti-Doping Rules.*

### **2.4.3. EXERCISE OF SPORTING POWERS**

- 2.4.3.1. Subject to the provisions of Section 1.8. and Paragraph 4.2.2.12., FAI Active Members shall exercise Sporting Powers in their respective Countries, including the right to issue FAI Sporting Licences on behalf of FAI or to suspend or cancel any that they have issued.
- 2.4.3.2. An Active Member may delegate to another aeronautical organisation within his Country part of his Sporting Powers. FAI shall be notified promptly. Such delegation shall not diminish the Active Member's responsibilities and obligations listed in Paragraph 2.4.2.2. ; therefore, all parties concerned shall keep the Active Member involved and the FAI Secretariat informed of all significant developments pertaining to any aeronautical sporting event to be held in that Member's Country.
- 2.4.3.3. The delegated powers cited in Paragraph 2.4.3.2. may be withdrawn by the Active Member at any time. FAI shall be notified promptly.

## **2.5 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

### **2.5.1. NATURE OF REPRESENTATION**

- 2.5.1.1. An organisation with national jurisdiction restricted to any single FAI activity may be elected as an Associate Member of FAI. If a country has an Active Member that has been found

by the FAI Executive Board to be in breach of provisions in 2.4.2.2., or that has given written consent to the FAI to delegate its Sporting Powers for particular air sports directly to other organisations, the General Conference may also elect as Associate Members in that country organisations with national jurisdiction restricted to a single FAI activity

**2.5.1.2.** No more than three Members from any one Country may be represented in FAI without forming a single national organisation and applying for Active Membership.

**2.5.1.3.** If an Associate Member should come to represent a second FAI activity, that Member shall immediately inform the FAI Secretariat.

## **2.5.2. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

**2.5.2.1.** Except for the right to nominate FAI Vice-Presidents and vote in General Conferences, duties of Associate Members shall be identical to those of Active Members.

## **2.5.3. EXERCISE OF SPORTING POWERS**

**2.5.3.1.** Subject to the provisions of Section 1.8. and Paragraph 4.2.2.12., an Associate Member may exercise Sporting Powers.

## **2.6. INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE MEMBERS**

### **2.6.1. ELIGIBILITY**

**2.6.1.1.** An international organisation with interests involving any branch of aeronautics or astronautics may be elected as an International Affiliate Member of FAI.

### **2.6.2. RIGHTS AND DUTIES**

**2.6.2.1.** The rights, privileges and responsibilities of each International Affiliate Member shall be established at the time of affiliation. Any alterations in these rights and duties must be approved by the General Conference.

## **2.7. TEMPORARY MEMBERS**

### **2.7.1. ELIGIBILITY**

**2.7.1.1.** A national organisation which intends to become an Active or Associate Member of FAI but is not yet in a position to fulfil all the rights and duties of those Members may be elected as a Temporary Member of FAI.

**2.7.1.2.** Only one Temporary Member from a given country may be admitted to FAI for each FAI activity (see Statute 1.1.4.). No Temporary Members shall be admitted from a country that already has an Active Member. In countries with Associate Members, candidates for Temporary Membership may be admitted, subject to Statute 2.5.1.2., but only if they represent branches of air sports or astronautics other than those represented by the Associate Members.

### **2.7.2. RIGHTS AND DUTIES**

**2.7.2.1.** Temporary Members shall have no voting rights in FAI, nor shall they exercise Sporting Powers in their respective countries, except for the ratification of national aeronautic records. They may participate as Observers in the work of Air Sport and Technical

Commissions, but not at General Conference. They may apply to the FAI Secretariat for the issue of Sporting Licences to their Members, who may be permitted to participate in International Sporting Events under the FAI flag.

- 2.7.2.2.** Temporary Members shall assume responsibilities and obligations described in paragraph 2.4.2.2 above, with the exception of 2.4.2.2.5 and 2.4.2.2.7 (Temporary Members have no right to organise International Sporting Events).

## **2.8** HISTORIC MEMBERS

### **2.8.1** NATURE OF REPRESENTATION

- 2.8.1.1.** Each national organization, other than a Founder Member, that has been affiliated with the FAI for 100 years or more and which has been replaced by another national organization as the Active Member representative, is entitled on request to this class of membership.

### **2.8.2** RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF HISTORIC MEMBERS

- 2.8.2.1.** The President of a Historic Member shall enjoy the privileges of an FAI Companion of Honour, as set out in FAI By-Laws, Paragraph 9.2, in particular the right to attend the FAI General Conference as an Observer.