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EUROPEAN SPORT CHANBARA FEDERATION

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Chanbara is a modern sport that includes sporting events, with and without weapons. Chanbara sport is a sport open to all those who want to practice it, regardless of age, sex, religion, nationality, citizenship or other ways of separating between human beings. Chanbara sport is also called **SpoChan**, the abbreviated form of the name Spo (rts) Chan (bar). The use of the name **SPOCHAN** (or SpoChan) is synonymous with the sport chanbara and is used in parallel with the names **CHANBARA, SPORT CHANBARA, SPORTS CHANBARA, or CHAN BARA** representing one and the same branch of sport. EUROPEAN SPORT CHANBARA FEDERATION is the only European authority that has all the rights to decide on issues related to the activity carried out in the Chanbara Sports Branch, being the only structure that has the right to organize or approve the organization of international competitions at European level, for the Branch of Sport Chanbara.

EUROPEAN SPORT CHANBARA FEDERATION establishes the annual and multiannual international sports calendar for the sporting activity that takes place under the name of Chanbara, in correlation with the programs of the national federations that are affiliated. EUROPEAN SPORT CHANBARA FEDERATION promotes measures to prevent and control the use of banned substances and irregular methods designed to artificially increase the physical capacity of athletes or change the results of organized competitions, in accordance with the regulations of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Subscriptions:

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I. Italy by: FEDERCHANBARA I ITALY with registered office in

II. Switzerland by: GOSHINDOKAN LIESTAL GmbH,

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III. Romania through: ROMANIAN CHANBARA FEDERATION, based in

IV. Austria by: JIU JITSU GOSHINDO - TOTAL DEFENSE BLUMAU with its registered office at

V. United Kingdom by: UNITED KINGDOM CHANBARA FEDERATION / Active Department of WORLD MARTIAL ARTS AND SPORT FEDERATION U.K. LTD,

VI. France by: BODY MARTIAL VILLERS- SEMEUSE, with headquarters in

VII. Belgium by: IKIJI RYU with headquarters in ANSELMOSTRAAT 68, 2018 ANTWERPEN, Belgium, phone 0032 475919126, e-mail: administratie@ikijiryu.be, www.ikijiryu.be, tax code 898.401.528, represented by Mr. Janick Lodewijk E Dams - Belgium. Resident at Belgium, born 26 November 1971 in Merksem, C.I. Nr. 591-9585841-15, issued by Antwerp, on 06.062014, identification number in the National Register 71.11.26-421.76.

Taking note of our will, we decided to become members of the European Sports Federation Chanbara, in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 26/2000 with subsequent amendments and completions.

The name of the organization is **FEDERAȚIA EUROPEANĂ DE SPORT CHANBARA**, and the alternative name can be used, in English: **EUROPEAN SPORT CHANBARA FEDERATION (ESCF)**.

In accordance with the provisions of art. 35-37 of the Government Ordinance no. 26/2000 on associations and foundations, approved with subsequent amendments and completions, EUROPEAN SPORT CHANBARA FEDERATION is constituted as a legal person under private law, without patrimonial purpose.

PART I

EUROPEAN SPORT CHANBARA FEDERATION

ARTICLE 1: NAME, HEADQUARTERS, LOGO AND COLORS, DURATION

1.1. EUROPEAN SPORT CHANBARA FEDERATION, hereinafter referred to as "ESCF", is a permanent organization that governs all chanbara systems, with and without weapons, in ALL

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THEIR FORMS, (from ancient to modern forms KoRyu - Gendai Ryu) and is composed of from the National Federations of Chanbara (or associations representing a nation) affiliated at EUROPEAN level.

EUROPEAN SPORT CHANBARA FEDERATION is not involved in politics, religion or race and is a non-profit organization.

1.2. ESCF's headquarters are located in Calea Ferentari 122-124, sector 5, Bucharest, Romania.

The administrative seat of the ESCF shall be in the country of residence of the President-elect, unless the Governing Board decides otherwise.

1.3. The ESCF shall be governed by these Statutes and the rules enacted below, as well as its regulations.

1.4. The ESCF has and is the sole owner of the ESCF logo and its use. All rights to use the ESCF logo or name (or European Sport Chanbara Federation) for the purpose of manufacturing or selling items bearing the ESCF name or logo (such as flags, medals, diplomas, badges, ties, gadgets and similar items) belong exclusively to ESCF.

1.5. The colors of the federation and the flag are blue, white, black and red.

1.6. The service life of the ESCF is indefinite.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

2.1. THE GOAL:

2.1.1. The ESCF must respect the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and the Paralympic Charter.

EUROPEAN SPORT CHANBARA FEDERATION aims to promote, organize, regulate and popularize the sport of chanbara worldwide, to protect the physical and mental health of athletes, to contribute to the development of friendly relations between National Federations and the defense of chanbara interests in Europe. and also:

a) promoting, expanding and improving the practice of chanbara throughout the world, in the light of its educational, cultural, humanitarian and sporting values;

b) promoting fair play, youth development and education;

c) encouraging peace and cooperation by participating in sports;

d) promoting and organizing the chanbara competitions that will take place in Europe, regulating them;

e) to deal with all matters relating to the sport of chanbara in Europe, engaging in all other activities in support of the above-mentioned objectives, such as the operation of educational facilities and the organization of educational and training programs.

2.2. To achieve these goals, the ESCF must promote, develop and promote the practice and spirit of chanbara and related martial arts through seminars, classification exams, seminar judging, championships, etc. throughout Europe. It will help to promote contacts between sports organizations, to coordinate sports activities related to chanbara, to organize sports events and competitions worldwide.

2.3. In accordance with the Olympic Charter, the ESCF maintains its independence and autonomy in the administration of the sport of chanbara in relation to its member associations.

2.4. ESCF is an amateur sports organization and will encourage friendship and mutual understanding among members. It will not discriminate on the basis of politics, race or religion and will reject any illegal practice in sport.

2.5. The ESCF will work to strengthen friendships between its members and, in addition, will promote Chanbara sport in countries where it is not yet practiced, helping to set up national federations.

2.6. The objectives of the ESCF are:

a) promotion of championships, tournaments and other events;

b) scientific research for the improvement and development of techniques in chanbara;

c) publishing materials related to chanbara;

d) promoting principles and developing techniques, including strengthening all forms of instructors, trainers, referees, judges, competition officials and promoting Dan and Kyu certification;

e) supporting and recognizing organizations designed to support the development of chanbara at European level;

f) development of educational and training programs for ESCF members;

g) supporting the improvement of the scientific and medical understanding of sport in Chanbara;

h) organization of competitions, sports festivals and other sporting and social events, with special emphasis on the needs of young athletes;

i) supporting women's participation in the sport of chanbara;

j) supporting the participation of people with disabilities in the sport of Chanbara;

k) other activities authorized by the Board of Directors in order to fulfill the mission and objectives, defined in article 2.1 above.

2.7. The ESCF aims to achieve the above objectives by implementing the measures it deems appropriate, such as setting rules, concluding agreements or conventions, taking decisions or adopting programs.

2.8. The ESCF will organize the European Chanbara Championship in collaboration with member national associations, federations or organizations. The right to organize European Championships and other official events of the ESCF is granted only to associations, federations or national organizations that can receive on their territory all eligible participants and eligible delegations, in full compliance with the anti-doping and safety regulations of the ESCF, as well as World Anti-Doping Code ("WADA Code") and industry standards.

ARTICLE 3: RELATIONS WITH OTHER LEGAL ENTITIES

3.1. The ESCF is the European federation that develops the sport of Chanbara in Europe and maintains its independence and autonomy from other legal entities, being able to join any international federation it deems appropriate and beneficial for its members.

It will define, if necessary, its relations and jurisdictions with other legal entities by contract.

3.2. The ESCF may recognize the curriculum and grading criteria established by other legal entities and, in addition, may recognize the related certifications issued by them.

3.3. The ESCF aims to adopt and implement the WADA Code, as well as to ensure compliance by member national associations, federations or organizations.

3.4.1. The ESCF aims to adopt and implement all the rules of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and will make every effort to ensure that the sport of chanbara is accepted in the

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International Olympic Committee and participates in the Olympic Games and all other Olympic Games and to remains in the program of events mentioned once included as an Olympic sport.

3.4.2. ESCF aims to become a member of GAISF (Global Association of International Sports Federations) and will make every effort to do so.

3.5. All ESCF activities will be conducted in accordance with international law.

ARTICLE 4: Members

4.1 a. The members of the ESCF are the national chanbara federations recognized by the ESCF and its affiliates.

b. The national federations affiliated to the ESCF undertake to comply with the Statutes, Norms, Rules, Regulations and Standards of the ESCF, as well as all provisions issued by the Board of Directors.

4.2 National federations can also be members of regional and international federations.

4.3 The ESCF may recognize such regional federations or associations. Such recognition will in no way affect the ESCF's right to deal directly with each National Federation and vice versa.

4.4 The ESCF recognizes in principle the full membership of the ESCF in the nationally recognized Chanbara Sport organizations in European countries, as defined by Europe geographically. Europe is bordered on the north by the Arctic Ocean, on the west by the Atlantic Ocean, on the south by the Mediterranean Sea, on the southeast by the Caucasus Mountains and the Black Sea and the straits that connect the Black Sea to the Mediterranean Sea. To the east, Europe is separated from Asia by the Ural Mountains, the Ural River and the Caspian Sea.

Until the formation of continental federations with at least 5 members, the ESCF can accept as provisional members and countries outside Europe. Provisional members may participate in competitions organized by the ESCF until their own continental federations are formed, but may not become full members and have no voting rights in the ESCF.

4.5. National federations will work with the ESCF in their areas of jurisdiction as much as possible, respecting ESCF regulations and standards, recognizing the ESCF's supreme authority in all matters relating to the sport of chanbara. They will also submit to the ESCF a full annual report on the competitive, organizational and promotional activities undertaken.

4.6. Affiliate members have the following rights:

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a. To elect and nominate persons to run for office in the governing and control bodies of the federation;

b. To express, by vote, the option towards the documents subject to debate and the draft Decisions of the General Assembly;

c. To benefit from an organized framework for the training and professional development of the specialists from the chanbara sports branch;

4.7. The main responsibilities and obligations of the affiliated members:

a. Knowledge, observance and application of the provisions of this Statute, of the Regulations given in its application, of the Norms and Decisions of the General Assembly and of the Board of Directors, commissions and colleges.

b. To act continuously and to contribute effectively to the realization of the plans and programs for the development and affirmation of chanbara sport in Europe, in order to achieve the aim and objectives of the federation;

c. Not to associate and firmly reject any attempt to corrupt or dishonestly influence sports results;

d. To act perseveringly, to prevent and combat acts of brutality and violence, to promote the spirit of sportsmanship and civilized behavior;

e. Not to admit, combat and strongly militate against the use of prohibited substances, the practice of doping and irregular methods designed to artificially increase the physical capacity of athletes practicing chanbara;

f. To act to respect and defend the image and prestige of the federation, its bodies and officials;

g. To contribute, through the activity carried out, for the preservation of the purpose and achievement of the federation's objectives, as well as of the own ones of the sports structure for which the affiliation and the quality of member were approved;

h. To pay the fees established for the FN, no later than March 30 of each year. Failure to comply with the financial obligations entails the sanction of the affiliated member under the conditions established according to the present Statute.

i. To ensure optimal training conditions for its members, chanbara practitioners;

j. To respect the Olympic Charter of the International Olympic Committee and to display the noble Olympic spirit;

k. To ensure the takeover by the FN of the obligations for their individual members (athletes, coaches, referees) towards the ESCF;

l. To allow the control ordered by the federation;

m. To guarantee the appointment of their governing bodies through free elections.

ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATION AND DIS-AFFILIATION OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

5.1 Affiliation of a national federation to the ESCF shall be in accordance with this Statute. Affiliation is open to national associations, federations or organizations located in a country and which are responsible for the organization and implementation of chanbara sport in that territory.

5.2 The national federation wishing to be recognized and subsequently affiliated to the ESCF must be an independent organization in its own country. The president and the other members of the Board of Directors of a National Federation must be democratically elected and hold the citizenship of their own country (corresponding to the National Federation). Governments or other public or private authorities will not appoint members of a national federation. However, a national federation may decide, at its discretion, to elect as representative members of these authorities.

5.3 A country is defined as an independent state recognized by the International Community.

5.4 Only one national federation per country will be affiliated to the ESCF.

5.5 The area of jurisdiction of a national federation must coincide with the boundaries of the country in which it is established and established. It is forbidden for a national federation to engage in activities related to the sport of chanbara in the territory of another country without the consent of that national federation, the sanction for breach of this rule being exclusion from the ESCF.

5.6 The right of temporary affiliation / suspension of national federations or associations rests with the Board of Directors of the ESCF, while the GA decides on the permanent affiliation / exclusion of a national federation or association.

5.7 National federations wishing to be affiliated to the ESCF must send to the Secretary-General the following documents in the library with the name of the applicant written on it:

a. Application for affiliation

b. Copy of the proof of legal personality

c. Decision of the General Assembly of the NF approving the Affiliation to the ESCF translated and legalized in Romanian.

d. Proof of payment of the affiliation fee if a fee is established by the Board of Directors in this regard.

e. FN status in English / Romanian.

f. Copy of the passport / identity card of the representative.

5.8 The affiliation will be decided after the examination of the Statutes of the National Federation and their compatibility with those of the ESCF. For affiliation it is necessary to approve the Statute of a requesting National Federation by the Board of Directors of ESCF. If there is any doubt about the meaning or interpretation of the Statute of a National Federation or if there is a contradiction between this Statute and the State and the ESCF Regulations, the latter have priority.

5.9 The rules and regulations of the members of the national federations must also comply with the rules, regulations and standards of the ESCF. The ESCF only recognizes official national titles won in competitions in which the ESCF competition rules are fully applied, including official modalities and categories.

5.10 If more than one National Federation applies for affiliation to the ESCF, the Board of Directors will decide on the provisional affiliation of a National Federation, and the Congress will finally decide on its permanent affiliation. Provisional and permanent affiliation is granted, at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly, respectively, taking into account the capacity of the National Federation to provide the best guarantees for the representation and development of chanbara sport in its country.

5.11 The affiliation will be considered "provisional" when it has been accepted by the Board of Directors. Once accepted and only then, the Board of Directors will decide on the submission of the application to the Ordinary General Assembly. The temporary affiliation will automatically expire 3 (three) years after the grant by the Board of Directors. Only the Board of Directors is empowered to grant any kind of extension to any provisional affiliation that has thus expired. Temporarily affiliated national federations shall enjoy all rights except voting rights. Once ratified by the General Assembly, the affiliation will be considered permanent and confers the right to vote 3 (three) years after the General Assembly at which it was ratified.

5.12.1 The temporary affiliate member who wishes to become a permanent affiliate member must attend 3 (three) years in a row in all the main events defined by the Board of Directors in the calendar of activities for that year. It is a mandatory and eliminatory condition on the way to becoming a full member.

5.12.2 The Board of Directors may, when the interests of the federation so request, eliminate this condition, exceptionally and propose to the General Assembly the final affiliation of a federation that does not meet the requirements of art. 5.12.1 and the General Assembly may decide on the permanent affiliation of the national federation concerned.

5.13 A national federation may request the termination of its affiliation by notifying the ESCF in writing and by registered mail at least 6 months before the end of the calendar year. The membership fee for the year in question is due to the ESCF, termination is without prejudice to the ESCF's right to claim compensation for any damages resulting therefrom.

5.14 The Board of Directors of the ESCF may take any appropriate decision for the protection of the sport of chanbara, the image and reputation of the ESCF in the country of an NF, including the temporary suspension or exclusion of such an NF in the event of the latter ceasing its affiliation or in which the constitution, law or other regulations in force in the country in question or any act of any governmental or other body determines that the activity of the NF, the realization or expression of its will is hindered.

5.15 An appeal may be lodged with the Board of Directors within 10 (ten) days from the notification of the provisional decision of affiliation by the Board of Directors of an NF.

5.16. Founders.

The founders are defined as the private persons who initiated the EUROPEAN SPORT CHANBARA FEDERATION:

- a) Gaby Oancea
- b) Giovanni Desiderio
- c) Alain Sailly

The founders are ex-officio members of the Board of Directors and have a right of veto. If the founders are part of the governing bodies, their function is assimilated to the right to be part of the CD.

ARTICLE 6: OFFICIAL LANGUAGES USED IN ESCF

6.1. The official working languages will be Romanian and English.

6.2. The technical terms can be used in English or Japanese using the Hepburn romanization system.

6.3. English is the working language of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Secretariat. English is the official language for minutes, correspondence, seminars, trainings announcements.

The documents regarding the relations with the Romanian state will be written in Romanian.

Also, the documents drafted by the National Federations, documents that are intended for the administration and relationship of the ESCF with the Romanian authorities will be legally translated into Romanian by those who send them to the European federation.

Members are responsible for translating the above into the language of their country.

Any member, association, federation or national organization (hereinafter also called FN) has the right to speak or write in their native language, but the content must be translated into English by the national association, federations or member organizations (FN).

6.4. The official language of the official international ESCF competitions will be English.

6.5. In the event of a discrepancy, the English version is authorized.

PART II - ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE 7: BODIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES

7.1. The main bodies exercising ESCF authority are the following:

- General Assembly (hereinafter referred to as "GA");
- Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as "BD");
- Executive committee
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary General

7.2. In addition, the ESCF includes other commissions and bodies that have been authorized or recognized by the BD and the GA and that operate under the auspices of the ESCF.

ARTICLE 8: AUTHORITIES

8.1. The following authorities run the ESCF:

- A. The President
- B. General Assembly
- C. Board of Directors
- D. Executive Committee
- E. Vice President
- F. Secretary General

8.2. The authorities are elected or appointed as natural persons and not as representatives of the NF. The following rules apply to the replacement of the authorities:

- a. if a member resigns or is otherwise unable to continue as an authority, the role is not necessarily held by another individual of the same nationality;
- b. if an elected authority is to be replaced, unless otherwise provided, the replacement shall be appointed by the chairperson and approved by the CD;
- c. the term of office for a replaced authority shall be the remaining term of his predecessor.

8.3. The elected and designated authorities shall exercise their authority as follows:

- a. The elected term of office of elected officials is five years.
- b. The term of office of the designated authority shall be five years or at the end of the term of office of the Chairperson, whichever comes first.
- c. If for various reasons elections cannot be held, elected or appointed positions shall be maintained until such time as elections can be held.

8.4. The BD is composed of 5 (five) members:

- a. The President
- b. Vice President
- c. The Secretary General

d. Honorary President - without the right to vote

e. 2 members - elected

8.5. The elected authorities are eligible for reinstatement in their current position without undertaking the further application procedures provided.

8.6. Candidates for management positions may:

a. The members of the Board of Directors of the NF (or, in the absence of an executive board, of a corresponding authority determined by the ad hoc elections) may be appointed as candidates of the elected authorities of the NF, including the presidency, on the recommendation of the NF .

A candidate wishing to chair the ESCF must have at least four years of experience as a member of the FN's board of directors (or equivalent).

b. The President shall establish an electoral committee composed of five or fewer members, at the request of the Secretary-General, not later than six months before the date of the scheduled elections. The Electoral Committee establishes the requirements for applying. These requirements will be communicated to all members no later than five months before the election date.

c. Candidate documents completed for the candidature must reach the ESCF Secretariat at least 90 days before the election date. The Electoral Committee will examine the applications and establish the list of qualified candidates. The final list of candidates for elections, verified by the ad-hoc electoral committee, will be sent to all NFs no later than 60 days before the General Assembly.

d. All candidates are expected to act with the utmost integrity and responsibility and to reflect the values and ethics of the ESCF.

e. Electoral status containing additional procedural and campaign requirements is provided separately.

8.8. When an official commits an act that undermines and dishonors the ESCF, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw his appointment. If an official elected to the AG commits acts that undermine and dishonor the ESCF, the chair may refer the matter to the Sports Discipline and Ethics Commission.

ARTICLE 9: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9.1. The General Assembly is the general assembly of the Board of Directors and of the NF

representatives within the ESCF. The General Assembly will thus include all members of the Board of Directors plus one voting member for each affiliated National Federation, with the right to vote.

The AG is the supreme body of the ESCF, with deliberative powers.

It shall decide on the items on the official agenda.

His decisions are final.

9.2 General Assemblies.

a. The election AG will meet every 5 (five) years.

b. Ordinary meetings of the GA will take place once a year, usually in the same place where the European ESCF Championship will take place.

c. Extraordinary meetings of the GA are organized whenever necessary.

9.3. The convocation of the GA is made by mail, fax or e-mail, signed by the president, vice-president or general secretary.

9.4. The AG can only consider the issues that are included in the agenda. At least 6 (six) months before the date set for the AG, the Secretary General will invite the FN to send by mail, fax or e-mail the articles of the General Secretariat that they wish to include on the agenda, with the agreement of the Board of Directors. Proposals must be submitted at least 4 (four) months before the date of approval.

9.5. At least 3 (three) months before the date set for the GA, the Secretary General will send to the FN the draft agenda formulated by the Board of Directors.

9.6. The competencies of the GA are the following:

- a. election of other ESCF authorities;
- b. approving the wording and amendment of the Statute,
- c. approval of the financial budget and the financial report;
- d. approval of operational reports and operational projects;
- e. other important aspects;

9.7. Questions not included in the GA's agenda may be discussed and decided with the agreement of a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority of the members present, unless the chairman, due to time constraints or their examination of importance decides to address the question to the Governing

Board or, if it is considered sufficiently important by the President, it decides to address the question to the next GA. above.

9.8. The president of the ESCF is the president of the GA.

a. The chair may conclude the debate of the GA if he deems it necessary for the proper conduct of the meeting.

b. If the President is unable to attend, he shall delegate the responsibility of a Vice-President.

c. An ad hoc chairperson may be appointed to chair the election of the authorities.

9.9. NFs eligible to vote will delegate a single representative to participate in the GA. He has the right to speak and vote ("Voter's Representative"). Temporarily affiliated NFs may participate with a representative but he does not have the right to vote.

a. It is expected that the NF representative will be its president. If the president is unable to attend or if the president is eligible to vote in another role (ie as a member of the ESCF Board of Directors), he / she may grant the right to vote to another FN member. Such delegation must be made by a letter of representation submitted to the ESCF.

b. The representative must submit to the ESCF Secretariat the representation document signed by the NF President he represents, in accordance with the procedure and deadline announced by the Secretariat.

9.10. For extraordinary GA meetings, the following rules apply:

a) Extraordinary meetings may be convened whenever the President considers it necessary or:

A. within 3 months of the request of more than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the ESCF Board with clear reasons for the summons; or

B. within 3 months of the request of more than two thirds (2/3) of the national member associations with clear reasons for the summons.

b) The President shall designate the date, place and agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly.

9.11 Unless otherwise specified, the authorities (except auditors) and voting representatives of those NFs that have met the necessary eligibility requirements have the right to vote.

9.12. Voting in the GA is generally by open vote. However, in the event of one or more requests for a secret ballot, the AG shall vote on the matter and decide by a simple majority. The secret ballot is also used for elections and when this status provides otherwise.

9.13. The following rules apply to the GA vote:

a. The meetings of all the General Assembly are legally held with the participation of half plus one of the number of voting members, and the decisions are taken with the vote of half plus one of the number of those present. If half plus one of the voting members is not present at the first convocation, a new meeting shall be convened one hour after the date of the beginning of the first meeting. At the second call, one hour later, it will be decided by a simple majority of those present, regardless of the number of members who can vote.

b. A simple majority of the members present and voting is required for the approval of decisions and other decisions. Abstentions and blank or lapsed votes shall not be taken into account in calculating the required majority.

c. The President shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie or may also decide to resume the vote.

9.14. Any decision of the GA will enter into force immediately, unless the AG decides otherwise. Matters not included in the written agenda of the meeting will not be deliberated without the consent of two-thirds of the eligible voters.

9.15 Procedural matters relating to elections to the GA, which are not covered by this Statute, shall be determined by the ad hoc electoral committee.

9.16 A resolution may be put to a vote by correspondence, including by fax or e-mail, by the chairman of the Board of Directors and / or the AG. Voting eligibility requirements remain the same. A simple majority decides. The results will be announced on the ESCF website and will be reported to the GA at the next meeting.

9.17 The minutes of all meetings and other proceedings of the GA shall be drawn up under the authority of the Secretary-General. The minutes shall be distributed to each member no later than two (2) months from the date of adoption.

9.18. A General Assembly may be held in whole or in part by electronic means of communication (online on specialized platforms or by voting by email.) The manner of holding such a meeting and the concrete manner of voting shall be established by Regulations and approved by the Board of Directors.

9.19. Candidates must ethically comply with the principles of the ESCF and not try to get votes by offering incentives to ESCF members. Any candidate found who provides incentives to obtain votes will lose his or her eligibility for the position.

9.20 It is forbidden for a National Federation to give a power of attorney to another National Federation or a delegate who has a nationality other than that of the country of the National Federation, even if he is a member of the respective National Federation.

ARTICLE 10: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

10.1. The Council is composed of the President, the Honorary President, the Secretary General, the Vice-President and 2 (two) members elected by the General Assembly.

10.2. Within the Council, equal opportunities for women and men must be guaranteed.

10.3. The council has a term of office of 5 (five) years. All can be re-elected indefinitely.

10.4. The newly elected President and the members of the Council shall take office immediately after the election.

10.5 All participation and accreditation rights of the members of the Council in office will be retained until the day following the conclusion of the Championships where the corresponding elective GA took place.

10.6. At its first meeting, which shall be held as soon as possible after the general election, the Governing Board, on a proposal from the President, shall reconfirm or appoint from among its members the Vice-President, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer-General.

The Board of Directors, on a proposal from the Chairperson, may revoke and subsequently reinstate any of these positions.

10.7. The members of the BD participate in the meetings of the board and of the GA and respect their responsibilities set out in this document.

The Council shall decide on the following matters:

- a. Convening the GA, establishing the agenda;
- b. Planning and management of the organization and operations of the federation;
- c. Drafting and approving the technical and financial report on the activity of the previous year;

- d. Drafting and approving the provisional budget for the following year;
- e. Formulation, amendments and repeals of the ESCF Statute, or of all documents, actions and activities to be submitted to the GA for approval;
- f. Jurisdiction over the championships promoted by the ESCF and the selection of the host countries of the championships;
- g. Creation, restructuring and elimination of committees and appointment of the chairman and their members;
- h. Decision on the provisional affiliation of an NF or the suspension of the European activities of an NF for any reason, in particular in the event of non-payment of annual fees, to be subject to ratification by the GA;
- i. Administration of available funds;
- j. Monitoring compliance with the Statute, Regulations and Norms issued;
- k. Develop provisions for the implementation of the recognition, affiliation and membership of the NF;
- l. Decision on the amount of fees and charges;
- m. Matters submitted to the board by the General Assembly or the president;
- n. Other matters within its jurisdiction or responsibility, as provided in this Statute.
- o. Approval of the Competition Rules, the Event Operating Rules, the Sports Discipline and Ethics Regulations and the ESCF Qualification and Promotion Code.

10.8. The CD shall be convened by the Chair as required, but at least once a year in ordinary session or, at the written and justified request of a majority of its members, in extraordinary session.

10.9. An elected or appointed member of the Board of Directors who does not attend two consecutive meetings without the approval of the Board may be suspended or his / her term in the Board of Directors may cease to be excluded.

10.10. The following rules shall apply to voting at Council meetings:

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a. The meetings of the CD are held legally with the participation of half plus one of the number of voting members, and the decisions are taken with the vote of half plus one of the number of those present.

b. The meeting shall be chaired by the President or, in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents or the Secretary-General, who shall act as President;

c. In the event of a tie, the chairman or, in his absence, the acting chairman, shall have the casting vote;

d. BD meetings may take place in whole or in part by electronic means of communication (online on specialized platforms or by voting by email.). The manner of holding such a meeting and the concrete way of expressing the vote shall be established by a Regulation elaborated and approved by the Board of Directors.

10.11. Board members participate in GA meetings as members of the CD.

10.12. If, for any reason, a seat on the BD becomes vacant, the Council may co-opt a member. The co-opted members shall remain in office until the next election period, in the event of regular elections for the co-opted position (s).

10.13. Travel, accommodation and other expenses, as well as the relative allowances of the members of the Board of Directors, shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of these statutes.

10.14. At the request of the Governing Board, the chairs of the committees for matters directly concerning them shall also attend the meetings.

10.15. The minutes of all meetings and other proceedings of the Council shall be drawn up under the authority of the President and shall be forwarded to the NF by the Secretariat within one (1) month of the meeting of the Council.

10.17. At the date of adoption of this Statute, the nominal component of the Board of Directors is the one designated by the meeting organized and held on 07.08.2021, respectively:

1. Honorary President, without the right to vote - Alain Saily - France -

2. President, with the right to vote - Giovanni Desiderio - Italy.

3. Vice-President, with the right to vote - Janick Dams - Belgium. Resident in Belgium

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4. Secretary General, with the right to vote - Gaby Oancea - Romania.

5. *Member with voting rights - Willi Zimmermann - Switzerland -* .

6. *Member, with the right to vote — Mihaela-Elena Baboi - Great Britain -*

ARTICLE 11: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

11.1. The Executive Committee is proposed by the Chair and approved by the Board of Directors. It consists of a maximum of 3 members. The Secretary General, who will also chair this committee, will be a mandatory member of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 12: THE PRESIDENT

12.1. The General Assembly elects, by vote, a president for a term of five years. A simple majority is required to elect the president.

12.2. The President may appoint special advisers or assistants to seek advice on matters of importance and may form an executive body to make recommendations and draft resolutions on matters relating to the general development of the federation or special matters.

12.3. If the President resigns, is unable to perform his duties or whenever he deems it necessary and appropriate, he shall transfer his duties to the Vice-President who shall hold the office of Executive Chairman. The Executive Chairperson shall have a limited term of office for delegation by the Chairperson-in-Office. If the President-in-Office becomes unable to hold office, the Executive President shall be required to request that interim presidential elections be held in accordance with these Statutes at the next scheduled General Assembly.

The winner of these interim elections will hold office for the remainder of the term of the previous President.

- a. The Vice President is appointed by the President.
- b. The Secretary-General shall be appointed by the President.
- a. The treasurer is appointed by the president.

ARTICLE 13: THE VICE-PRESIDENT

13.1. In the ESCF, the President-in-Office shall appoint a Vice-President

13.2. The duties of the Vice-President shall include the following:

- a. Assisting the President and carrying out the tasks delegated by the President;

- b. He is an ex-officio member of the BD as vice-president;
- c. They take over the tasks of the president when he delegates them or when the president is unable to lead the federation.

ARTICLE 14: SECRETARY-GENERAL

14.1. The President shall appoint the Secretary-General.

14.2. Secretary General:

- a. Plans, conducts and manages secretarial matters in relation to ESCF organizations and operations and other general matters related to the ESCF Secretariat;
- b. Report to the Council and the GA on the activities of the Secretariat;
- c. Negotiates and signs all contracts between ESCF and other organizations or companies;
- d. Represents the ESCF in the negotiations concluded on its behalf;
- e. Executes the decisions taken by the Council;
- f. Maintains relations with the Regional Federations, with affiliated NFs and with other parties;
- g. Elaborates and deals with the minutes of the Board of Directors and of the meetings of the GA;
- h. Executively manages the federation, having the right to represent the federation in any situation, before all Romanian authorities, including courts, as well as before third parties, makes payments and manages in all forms the budget of the federation.

ARTICLE 15: MEMBERS, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, TREASURER AND AUDITORS

15.1. The treasurer is appointed by the president. He will keep the accounting records and will prepare the budget and the annual balance sheet that will be presented to the Board of Directors and the GA. At each meeting of the BD that will take place immediately before or after a GA, the treasurer must present an updated report on the financial situation of the ESCF.

15.2. Control

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a. The BD will appoint a qualified independent accountant or a qualified accounting firm, which will be responsible for auditing and reporting on the ESCF's accounts annually. For each ordinary GA, the appointed accountant will also present a brief report on the audit of the ESCF accounts. This report will also indicate whether the accounts have been kept regularly and in accordance with the ESCF Statute. The auditors perform audits on the balance sheets and the ESCF budget prepared by the Treasurer and present audit statements to the meetings of the Board of Directors and the GA when necessary.

b. If the number of full members exceeds 15 (fifteen) organizations, then a Censor, or a Censors Commission, will be elected by the GA.

15.3. The two members of the BD will be elected by the GA.

15.4. All candidacies for elective positions must be submitted exclusively by the National Federation proposing the candidate.

15.5. If a designated member loses the support of his National Federation, the appointment will be canceled immediately. He may appeal to the Sports Discipline and Ethics Commission for the application of its rules. If the decision is unfavorable to him, he can go as a last form of defense to the Appeal Commission, his decision being final and enforceable.

15.6 - HONORARY PRESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBERS

a. On the basis of a proposal from the CBD, the GA will elect the honorary presidents and honorary members. They will be chosen from members who, with an altruistic commitment, have made a significant contribution to the spread of chanbara in the world and have earned special merits within the European federation. The honorary president and honorary members are elected without time limit. Their appointment may be reconsidered by the GA at the proposal of the BD or the Sports Discipline and Ethics Commission, with a majority vote of 2/3 (two thirds).

b. No more than 1 (one) Honorary President may be appointed at the same time, unless a President who has completed his term of office is elected Honorary President.

c. The honorary president is a member of the BD, without the right to vote, at GA congresses, and at BD meetings.

15.7 The Honorary President and Honorary Members form the ESCF Honorary Council.

ARTICLE 16: SECRETARIAT

16.1. The ESCF will install the Secretariat at the ESCF headquarters to carry out the tasks of the secretariat and the duties of the President and Secretary-General. The Secretariat shall be responsible for day-to-day business and shall consist of the Vice-President, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer and, if necessary, the Executive Committee, the composition of which shall be determined by the Governing Board at the suggestion of the President. The minimum composition shall include the Secretary-General and a Vice-President. The secretariat runs the federation and its decisions are enforceable. The secretariat represents the federation in relation to all Romanian authorities and represents the federation in any situation, including before the courts.

16.2. Staff working on the Executive Committee shall be appointed and dismissed by the Chairperson on the recommendation of the Secretary-General. The Chairperson may also entrust the Secretariat (the Secretary-General and a Vice-Chairperson) with the power to appoint and dismiss staff. The President may appoint a Director-General for each ESCF office to manage the general operations of the Office.

16.3. Staff may be employed on the Executive Committee, regardless of race, religion, nationality, creed, etc., as deemed appropriate by the President and Secretary-General.

ARTICLE 17: - ECONOMIC RESOURCES

17.1 The ESCF pursues its objectives and purpose through income from members and other annual fees, competition fees, courses and exams, the organization of official competitions, the issuance of licenses and diplomas, fines, donations, sponsorships, radio, television, video, Internet and photography rights, royalties and any other form of income provided that it is approved by the Board of Directors. All rights regarding: radio, television, video, Internet and photography of the ESCF Championships and other international events organized by the ESCF will be the exclusive property of the ESCF. These rights may not be sold or traded without the agreement of the Steering Committee, which may delegate its authority to negotiate the sale or use of these rights, but which will bear sole responsibility for the final decision and for the use of the proceeds from the sale of the rights.

17.2 Each member federation must pay each year before 31 March of the year an annual membership fee, established by the Executive Committee. Federations that have not paid their annual fees and any other amounts due to the ESCF by the requested date may be suspended by the Steering Committee as full members and from all international activities until full payment of all amounts due.

Only the CD will be able to authorize exceptions.

If members have not paid the amounts due by 31 March, but pay later in the current financial year, a surcharge set by the BD shall apply. If payment is not made in the current financial year, an additional surcharge set by the BD shall apply. Moreover, if a country has not paid its membership fees in full and wishes to be actively involved in an ESCF Championship, then with the permission of the President a payment commitment form must be signed, as specified by the President.

It is the responsibility of the country to ensure that such a form is duly signed by a responsible person in their country and it is also the responsibility of the country to ensure that payment is made by the date specified in the form. If this payment is not made by that date as specified in the form, then this will eliminate the possibility for future promissory notes to be considered for the country concerned. It will also result in the suspension of that country from all ESCF activities until the necessary payment, including the related amounts, which have been compensated.

National federations whose payments are not made in full on the date set by the CD may be authorized by the CD to participate in the Congress, but will not have the right to intervene or vote.

ARTICLE 18: ESCF COMMISSIONS

18. The commissions that function within the federation are:

01. Central Competition Commission;
02. Sports Discipline and Ethics Commission;
03. Board of Appeal
04. Central Coaches Commission;
05. Central Commission of Arbitrators;
06. Central Commission of Athletes;
07. Economic-Financial and Business Commission;
08. Medical Commission;
09. Anti-Doping Commission;
10. International Commission;

11. Press and Public Relations Commission.
12. University and Pre-University Sports Commission
13. National Chamber Commission of Persons with Special Needs;
14. National Commission for Approval and Award of Degrees in Chanbara and Associated Disciplines and Classifications;
15. Military Sports Commission
16. Chanbara commission on the beach
17. CHANBARA Olympic Integration and Recognition Commission for Sport
18. Censors Commission

ARTICLE 19: PRIZES AND REWARDS

19.1 The medal for sporting merit will be the distinction offered to honor national federations and individuals who have distinguished themselves by carrying out the activity of popularizing and improving the sport of chanbara.

19.2 There are 3 (three) types of medals for sports merit:

a) **Gold:** For honorary presidents and honorary members, for national federations and people who have worked for the chanbara in all its forms for at least 20 (twenty) years.

b) **Silver:** For national federations and persons who have worked for the chanbara in all its forms for at least 15 (fifteen) years.

c) **Bronze:** for national federations and people who have worked for chanbara in all its forms for at least 10 (ten) years.

19.3 Medals for sporting merit are accompanied by the corresponding diploma and, for individuals, by a special badge.

19.4 Rewards in various forms for those who worked for chanbara development:

- offering honorary diplomas;
- offering specialized books;
- badges, medals, plaques;
- training courses in a framework organized by the federation;
- equipment specific to the chanbara sports activity;
- prizes consisting of sums of money or objects;
- other distinctions, according to the law.

ARTICLE 20: GRADUATIONS DAN

20.1 The ESCF will recognize and award KYU and DAN degrees in accordance with its regulations.

20.2. Participation in competitions will not be conditioned by holding KYU or DAN degrees.

20.3 An “ESCF Graduation Register” shall be kept by the Secretary General. All examination results will be communicated to him.

20.4. Prior to any examination, each member will check his / her own Register or ESCF Graduation Register and confirm that the applicant's previous gradations have been entered and that the normal time intervals between graduations have been observed.

20.5. Each member will recognize the gradations won by the other members.

20.6. When a natural person wishes to change the nationality of his registration as a member, the federation of the Member State where he would join will have to consult with the nationality of that person in order to overcome any objections.

ARTICLE 21: SPORTS Competitions

I. Tatami Saiko (tatami competition)

Self Defense

- b) Goshinjutsu
- c) Saiko Shiai
- d. Kosen
- e. Shin Shiai
- f. Shai Light
- g. Shai Kick
- h Shujutsu Shiai
- i. Bunkai
- j. Dento Kata (traditional)
- k. Musical Kihon Dosa
- l. Tameshiwari (shuto, tetsui, empy, etc.)

II. Dentō-tekina buki (traditional weapon)

- a. Weapon Kihon Dosa (on arms and mixed)

- b) Bunkai
- c) Battodo

III. Ring Sports

- a. Siam Box
- b) Tsunami (full contact)
- c. Breeze (low contact)

IV. Soft weapon

- 1. Datotsu chanbara
 - a. Tanto
 - b. Kodachi
 - c. Tate kodachi
 - d. Choken katate
 - e. Choken ryote
 - f. Tate choken
 - g. Nito
 - h. Bo
 - i. Yari
 - j. Naginata
 - k. Nunchaku
- II Kihon Dosa
- 2. Team sports
 - a) Datotsu Team
 - b) Kihon Dosa Team
 - c) Club team

V. Shinobi

- a Ninja stars
- b) Kyujutsu

VI. Medieval

The Board of Directors may approve other sporting events, which are integrated into all ESCF competition events without any other formality.

ARTICLE 22: DISCIPLINARY REGIME

22.1 The ESCF will have a Sports Disciplinary and Ethics Commission, which will be empowered to impose disciplinary sanctions or take any other decision in accordance with the Disciplinary and Legal Rules.

a. Deviations of ESCF members, officials and other factors with responsibilities in this field, from the Statute, Regulations and Rules of the Federation, will be analyzed, judged and sanctioned in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation of Discipline and Sports Ethics, approved by the Board of Directors.

b. The competence to resolve disciplinary violations belongs in the first instance to the Commission for Discipline and Sports Ethics of the ESCF. The right to defense will be granted.

c. The decisions of the Disciplinary Commission regarding the sanctioning are subject to the appeal to the Appeal Commission of the federation, within 5 days from the notification.

d. The decisions of the Appeal Commission are final.

e. The disciplinary sanctions that can be applied to members of the federation, officials and athletes are the following:

A. For affiliate members:

a. the warning;

b. money penalty (fine);

c. temporary suspension from competitive activity;

d. exclusion (loss of membership);

e. for non-compliance with the financial obligations to the federation, the affiliated members receive a written warning in case of exceeding by 15 days the established deadline.

The following situations may lead to the application of the sanction of exclusion of a member of the federation:

a. committing acts that contravene the ESCF Statute and Regulations;

b. repeated committing disciplinary offenses sanctioned by the Disciplinary Commission and remaining final;

c. committing deeds incompatible with the general interests of the activity in the branch of sports chanbara, with the provisions of the State and public order;

The Board of Directors will submit to the approval of the General Assembly the proposals for the

exclusion of members who have been sanctioned with exclusion.

The conditions for the re-affiliation of the excluded members, depending on the reason for the exclusion, will be specified in the Regulation of Discipline and Sports Ethics.

Members excluded for disciplinary reasons may no longer rejoin the federation.

B. For athletes, coaches, federation officials:

- a. the warning;
- b. money penalty (fine);
- c. temporary suspension from domestic and / or international competitive activity;
- d. definitive exclusion from activity.

22.2 Any dispute relating to the application or interpretation of the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Standards of the ESCF shall be settled exclusively by the Commission for Discipline and Sport Ethics in accordance with its regulations.

22.3 The National Federations are responsible to the ESCF for the actions of the associations, clubs and persons belonging to them, as well as for their component towards the ESCF Statute.

22.4 A National Federation may be permanently excluded from the ESCF for one of the following reasons:

a. By majority decision of the General Assembly, for any serious violation of the Statutes, on the recommendation of the BD, based on the decision of the Sports Discipline and Ethics Commission or the Appeals Commission;

b. In particular, for failing to pay membership fees for 2 (two) years. In this case, the decision may be taken by the Steering Committee and validated by the GA;

22.5 Whether a National Federation leaves the ESCF by exclusion or withdrawal or for any other reason, it will remain liable to the ESCF for all amounts due and must fulfill its obligations and obligations to the ESCF.

22.6 If a National Federation, the members of the National Federation or an individual member of the respective National Federation act contrary to the provisions of the ESCF Statute and Regulations or for any other reason of indiscipline, the ESCF may restrict or suspend the activities of this federation or individual members, in accordance with ESCF statute and regulations. Any disciplinary decision taken by the ESCF must also be applied within the corresponding Continental Federation.

22.7 The Disciplinary and Legal Commission may take disciplinary action against national

federations and individuals.

ARTICLE 23: AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE

23.1 Proposals to amend this Statute may be submitted by BDs or by affiliated national voting federations. In the case of National Federations, proposals must be submitted BD of at least 50% + 1 (half plus one) of all affiliated national federations that have the right to vote.

23.2 Proposals to amend this Statute must be approved by at least 2/3 (two thirds) of the National Federations affiliated with voting rights that are present at the GA.

23.4 The amendments to the Statute enter into force provisionally after approval in the BD and, finally, in full, after ratification by the GA.

23.5 For anything not covered by this Statute, the BD may take steps to take the necessary decisions which shall then be submitted for ratification to the next GA.

ARTICLE 24: DISSOLUTION

24.1 The proposal to dissolve the ESCF must be submitted to the BD by all affiliated National Federations with the right to vote.

24.2 The Executive Committee shall convene an extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with the terms and procedures set forth herein.

24.3 The proposal to dissolve the ESCF must be decided by an extraordinary GA with a majority of 100% of the votes of the affiliated National Federations with the right to vote.

24.4 If the ESCF is to be dissolved, its assets must be divided among the affiliated National Federations which have the right to vote in proportion to the number of years in which each Federation has been affiliated.

ARTICLE 25: The founding members of the federation are: 1) FFJDA / CNK (Federation Francaise de Judo-Jujitsu, Kendo, Disciplines Associes / Kendo, Iaido, Jodo, Naginata, Sport Chanbara and Kyudo National Committee), address: 21-25 avenue de la Porte de Chatillon, 75680 Paris Cedex 14, France. 2) "SPORTSCHANBARA DEUTSCHLAND" Address: Mainzer Str. 25, 55239 Gau-Odemheim Deutschland. 3) "FEDERAZIONE SPORTS CHANBARA ITALIA" Address: Via Fiume 21,84131 Salerno Italia. 4) "POLSKIE STOWARZYSZENIA KARATE" Address: Meczykanska 5 I 1 6, 03 -9 48, Warsaw, Poland. 5) "CHANBARA AND KOBUDO MODERN SPORTS FEDERATION" Address: Calea Ferentari, no. 122-124, sector 5, Bucharest, Romania.

ARTICLE 26: Transitional provisions

25.1 The present statute has been drafted in a number of 6 copies, all with original value.

25.2 This Statute shall enter into force on the date of its adoption, August 7, 2021.