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# STATUTES OF THE UEG

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## ABBREVIATIONS

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FIG	Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (International Federation of Gymnastics)
UEG	Union Européenne de Gymnastique (European Union of Gymnastics)
NF	National Federation
GA	General Assembly
EC	Executive Committee
PB	President's Board
TC	Technical Committee
CA	Control Authority
AA	Appeal Authority
WG	Workgroup
MTC	Men's Technical Committee
WTC	Women's Technical Committee
TC-RG	Technical Committee for Rhythmic Gymnastics
TC-TRA	Technical Committee for Trampoline Gymnastics
TC-GfA	Technical Committee for Gymnastics for All
TC-AER	Technical Committee for Aerobic Gymnastics
TC-ACRO	Technical Committee for Acrobatic Gymnastics
TC-TG	Technical Committee TeamGym

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# **I. TITLE, STATUS, OFFICIAL SEAT, AIMS, ORGANISATION**

## **Art. 1 Title, constitution and official seat**

The Union has the title of European Union of Gymnastics (Union Européenne de Gymnastique), in abbreviation UEG. It is exclusively composed of national federations. A National Federation of a country not belonging to the European Continent but being geographically near can be admitted as a member federation of the UEG, provided that the conditions according to the FIG Statutes are observed.

As a Continental Union it is affiliated to the FIG whose Statutes are recognised but shall retain its entire autonomy within the limits of those Statutes. In the event that FIG Statutes are modified by Congress those of the UEG shall be adapted accordingly at the time of the next Congress. The Statutes of the UEG shall be congruent and not in conflict with those of the FIG as shall its development activities.

The UEG is a non profit association according to Swiss Law. Its official seat is in Lausanne, Switzerland. It cannot be transferred to another country unless this is decided by at least three quarters of all affiliated federations. The organisation is regulated by the laws of that country and is controlled by the provisions of these Statutes adopted by the General Assembly of the Union.

## **Art. 2 Aims**

The UEG unites the federations of the European Continent in which gymnastics is practised according to Art. 6. It represents and defends the interests of gymnastics in Europe and of its member federations.

The aims of the UEG are among others:

- the promotion, development and support of gymnastics on the whole European Continent and in all affiliated countries according to Art.6;
- the support of exemplary initiatives undertaken by member federations;
- the co-operation with international institutions and organisations in particular the FIG;
- the planning, organisation and realisation of events;
- the fight against all forms of doping and violence associated to sport.

## **Art. 3 Bodies of the UEG**

The bodies of the UEG are:

- a) The General Assembly (GA)
- b) The Executive Committee (EC)
- c) The President's Board (PB)
- d) The Technical Committees (TC)
- e) The Control Authority (CA)
- f) The Appeal Authority (AA)
- g) The Medical Commission (MC).

The bodies mentioned under b) to g) are referred to as "UEG Authorities".  
All material benefits ensuing from the activities of the members of the UEG Authorities are excluded in accordance with the FIG Code of Ethics.

UEG employees are not authorised to be elected to a body of the UEG.

#### **Art. 4 Neutrality and Discrimination**

The UEG does not permit any kind of discrimination amongst its members. In amongst themselves, or within their own activities, federations and their members must conform to the requirements of mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair-play.

#### **Art. 5 Financial viability**

The financial viability of the UEG is a guarantee of its engagements.  
Elected members are not personally liable for the debts and other obligations of the UEG when accomplishing their mandate.

## **II. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Art. 6 Admission**

**6.1** Only a member federation of the FIG can become a member federation of the UEG.

Only one member federation per country is admitted. It represents all gymnastics disciplines in its country.

It has to be recognised by the National Authority of Physical Education and Sport (National Olympic Committee, National Committee of Sports, National Association of Sports Federations, Governmental Authorities).

**6.2** Federations, which practice one or more of the following recognised gymnastics disciplines, can be admitted as member federation of the UEG:

- Men's Artistic Gymnastics
- Women's Artistic Gymnastics
- Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Trampoline Gymnastics
- Aerobic Gymnastics
- Acrobatic Gymnastics
- Gymnastics for All
- TeamGym

Other sports activities close to gymnastics can be admitted following a decision taken by the General Assembly of the UEG.

- 6.3** A national gymnastics federation wishing to become a member of the UEG has to submit a written application to the UEG Secretariat. The following documents must be enclosed and written in one of the official UEG languages:
- two copies of the Statutes or a similar document of the applicant's federation
  - a certification of recognition signed by a competent authority (see Art. 6.1)
  - a detailed report on the structures and the activities of the applicant federation.
- 6.4** The General Assembly decides on admission and requires a two thirds majority of the votes cast. The admissions come into effect at the close of the General Assembly.
- 6.5** A federation making an application for affiliation may be supported by its representatives at the General Assembly. These representatives have to leave the room during the consideration of the application and the voting. If the application is accepted, the delegates of the federation concerned may take part in the proceedings of the General Assembly but without voting rights.
- 6.6** Every admission requires an undertaking to comply with the Statutes, the Regulations and the decisions of the bodies of the UEG, and the payment of all fees.

## **Art. 7 Resignation**

A member federation wishing to resign has to inform the UEG secretariat by registered mail. The resignation will be confirmed by the EC/UEG under the condition that all financial obligations of this federation towards the UEG have been fulfilled. After confirmation by the EC/UEG, the UEG secretariat will inform all UEG member federations as well as the FIG.

## **Art. 8 Suspension and Expulsion**

A member federation may be suspended or expelled for any of the following reasons by the proposal of the EC/UEG or at the direction and in accordance with the Statutes of the FIG:

- a) serious breach of the Statutes or Regulations of the UEG;
- b) serious prejudice (action or acts) against the UEG or a member federation;
- c) failure to honour its agreements and fulfil its financial or contractual obligations to the UEG or a member federation in relation to a UEG activity;
- d) involvement in illegal activities, in particular the violation of anti-doping policies and rules;

The EC/UEG may take any necessary action to suspend or expel a member federation for non-payment of rights or breach of other obligations. This decision will take immediate effect but must be confirmed by a two-third majority of the next General Assembly.

If suspended the federation may neither make a proposal to the General Assembly nor nominate candidates for election.

The member federation concerned will not be permitted to vote at the General Assembly nor can it participate in any event or activity organised by the UEG.

Any re-admission has to comply with the requirements of Art. 6 and the decisions of the EC/UEG.

#### **Art. 9 Right to be heard**

Any suspended or expelled member federation has to be immediately informed in writing. It may submit and present its defence to the EC and request a hearing before the Appeal Authority within 30 days of the date of the official information about the suspension or expulsion.

#### **Art. 10 Readmission of a suspended or expelled federation**

**10.1** A readmission has to comply with the requirements of Art. 6.

**10.2** A federation having been suspended or expelled for financial reasons can only be readmitted after payment of the amount due.  
As soon as the federation concerned has regularised its situation, the lifting of the suspension / expulsion is within the competence of the Executive Committee. The UEG member federations and the FIG will be officially informed.

**10.3** A federation having been suspended or expelled for other reasons than financial ones can only be readmitted on decisions of the Executive Committee. The UEG member federations and the FIG will be officially informed.

### **III. CONGRESS, GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ELECTIONS**

#### **Art. 11 Frequency and composition**

The Congress is generally organised every two years, in the odd year and is awarded by the Executive Committee, who shall determine the date. Other meetings and conferences can also be organised in the framework of the Congress.

The Congress is organised in conformity with the UEG contract signed between the UEG and the hosting federation, in particular with regard to its specification and financial obligations.

#### **Art.12 Organisation of the Congress**

The dates and the place as well as all necessary information have to be communicated in writing to the member federations, the members of the UEG Authorities and to the honorary members no later than 6 months before the Congress. The invitation can be sent by E-Mail.



### **Art. 13 Notification of the Agenda, Reports and Proposals**

After approval by the EC, the following documents have to be sent, at least six weeks prior to the opening of Congress, to the member federations, the members of the Authorities and the honorary members of the UEG.

- agenda
- report of the UEG president
- reports of the TC and of the medical commission
- the annual accounts and the balance
- the financial report of the Control Authority
- the budgets
- the proposals of the EC
- the proposals of the member federations
- the candidatures for affiliation and elections.

### **Art. 14 Cancellation of a Congress**

In case of cancellation, for any reason and at any time (in particular in case of force majeure), no reimbursement whatsoever can be requested from the UEG.

### **Art. 15 Quorum of the General Assembly**

For valid deliberations, the General Assembly must be composed of at least 40% of the member federations.

Only member federations having settled all financial obligations towards the UEG are entitled to vote.

### **Art. 16 Presentation and treatment of proposals and candidatures**

**16.1** All proposals (except those concerning a revision of the Statutes), including candidatures for affiliation, as well as any comments concerning the General Assembly, have to be addressed to the UEG secretariat three months before the beginning of the Assembly.

**16.2** Validation is date of receipt at the Secretariat of the UEG.

**16.3** If a letter is to take more than three days, the proposals must be communicated by fax or e-mail and then confirmed by an official letter of the federation bearing the official stamp of the federation and signed by the president and the secretary general.

**16.4** The Executive Committee may, in agreement with the member federations concerned, formulate into a single proposal those proposals relating to the same subject and having the same objective. The delegates will be advised about such modifications.

**16.5** All proposals which are on the agenda must be voted on, unless they are withdrawn.

**16.6** The General Assembly may examine proposals presented after the above-mentioned deadline, except those concerning the Statutes, if the voters approve by an absolute majority.

### **Art. 17 Agenda of the General Assembly**

The agenda of the General Assembly comprises, in particular, the following items:

- a) verification of credentials
- b) formation and confirmation of a voting office
- c) approval of the minutes of the previous General Assembly
- d) approval of the reports of the President, the TC Presidents, the Control Authority and the Medical Commission
- e) granting the UEG Authorities a release
- f) admission, resignation, suspension and expulsion of member federations
- g) confirming the amount of annual membership fee and of the admission fee
- h) approval of the budgets
- i) examination of and voting on the proposals of the EC and the member federations
- j) elections
- k) appointment of honorary members.

### **Art. 18 Presiding the General Assembly**

The General Assembly is presided over by the UEG president, or in his absence by one of the Vice-presidents designated by the Executive Committee. In the event of this provision not being operable, one of the EC members, designated by the EC, shall preside.

### **Art. 19 Composition and voting**

**19.1** The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the UEG. It is formed by the delegates of the member federations and the members of the UEG Authorities.

**19.2** Each member federation is entitled to one vote which shall be cast by its accredited representative.

**19.3** The Federations are entitled to participate with up to 3 delegates maximum (including a translator if needed). They appoint an official head of delegation among them. Only duly accredited delegates have the right to occupy the places reserved for their NF.

Delegates must belong to the Federation they represent. No proxy for a person or another Federation is permitted.

**19.4** Additional delegates may attend as guests and will be accredited accordingly. Seats will be provided in the room.

**19.5** Members of the UEG authorities may represent their federation only in exceptional cases and with the agreement of the General Assembly by a simple majority.

**19.6** No later than two months prior to the commencement of the General Assembly, the member federations must send to the UEG Secretariat the names of the delegates who will represent them and who are authorised to vote on their behalf. Any subsequent substitutes must produce an authorisation from his federation.

Any persons authorised by the Executive Committee may attend the General Assembly.

**19.7** The voting office at the congress will be composed of the Control Authority and up to 3 delegates proposed by the Executive Committee and confirmed by the General Assembly. The President or one of the members of the CA will act as chair.

## **Art. 20 Candidatures for the UEG Authorities - Choice and eligibility**

**20.1** Candidatures for the different posts of the UEG have to be submitted to the Secretariat no later than three months before the opening of the General Assembly on the agenda of which this item appears.

The candidates must be proposed by the federation to whom they belong and, of which they have nationality (citizenship). Candidates for the UEG Presidency must present with their candidature a quadrennial plan of the activities he or she intends to realise during the four subsequent years.

The candidatures must include a brief curriculum vitae and a copy of the passport.

Any person who is subject of a sanction cannot be a candidate for election. The candidature of a person who is subsequently sanctioned at the time of the Congress will not be taken into consideration.

Each candidate for the EC, the TC, the CA and the AA may present his candidature for no more than a maximum of two posts and for one of the organs only.

The Executive Committee may not include more than one member belonging to the same country. This limitation is not valid for the presidents of the Technical Committees.

Each Technical Committee as well as the CA/AA may not include more than one member belonging to the same federation.

The members of the Medical Commission are appointed by the EC.

**20.2** If during the mandate a post on the Executive Committee becomes vacant, the position will be taken by the next person in precedence following the election of Executive members at the Congress. If more than one person has an equal vote than an election shall take place limited to those candidates at the next Congress. No new nominations will be sought unless no reserve candidates existed following the Congress vote

**20.3** If during the mandate the post of president becomes vacant within a Technical Committee, the vice-president will replace him/her until the next congress. The vice-president will be replaced by a TC member.

If during the mandate the post of member becomes vacant within a Technical Committee, the first reserve from the elections shall be appointed until the end of the election cycle. The member federation shall assume full responsibility for the elected person.

**20.4** With the exception of the UEG President, in case of an election to a FIG Authority during his/her mandate to the UEG, the newly elected member will terminate his/her UEG function after the FIG election.

**20.5** The retiring members are eligible.

## **Art. 21 Requirements for eligibility**

**21.1** With the exception of the TC-GfA candidates, all candidates for the Technical Committees are required to hold a current FIG Brevet for their speciality or the UEG TeamGym Judges' Brevet.

**21.2** The number of mandates of the elected members is limited to three (3 i.e. complete mandates and in the same function). After 3 mandates, a member may be a candidate for another function (e. g. an EC member may be a candidate for the function of Vice-president or President).  
These rules came into effect with the 2009 Congress and are not retrospective.

**21.3** In exceptional cases, the candidature for a 4<sup>th</sup> (max.) mandate for the same function may be submitted, provided the GA accepts it (prior to the elections) by simple majority.

## **Art. 22 Engagement of the member federations**

The letter of nomination of a candidate must include:

- a) the agreement of the member federation to bear all expenses according to the UEG Financial Regulations to undertake the mandate of the elected candidate (including the costs for an interpreter if required).
- b) the member federation must provide all facilities to the candidate in order to participate in the meetings during the period of his/her mandate, even if, following internal changes, this candidate no longer assumes a function within his/her federation.

## **Art. 23 Structure of Authorities and Election procedure**

**23.1** The UEG Authorities are elected for four years and shall comprise:

The President's Board	- the president and 3 vice-presidents
The Executive Committee	- the PB, 7 elected members, the technical presidents
The Technical Committees	- the technical presidents, 6 elected members, i.e. 4 elected members for the TC-TeamGym

- The Control Authority - the president and 2 elected members  
The Appeal Authority - the elected members of the AA (5)

The Medical Commission is appointed by the Executive Committee.

- 23.2** The elections take place during the first Ordinary General Assembly organised in the year after the summer Olympic Games.
- 23.3** The election of the President will take place first. If the President in office is a candidate, he will vacate the chair during the election and it will be assumed by one of the Vice-Presidents, who is not candidate for the Presidency and who is appointed by the EC.
- 23.4** The election of the president will be done by multiple vote (yes - no - abstention).
- 23.5** Following the president's election, the president resumes the chair and presides over the election of:
- the three vice-presidents
  - the seven members of the EC
  - the presidents of the Technical Committees
  - the president of the Control Authority
  - the two members of the Control Authority
  - the five members of the Appeal Authority.

The following majorities are required for these elections:

- first ballot: absolute majority
- following ballots: simple majority.

- 23.6** Voting for election is by secret ballot. Each member federation has a single vote.
- 23.7** The members of each Technical Committee are elected by the new EC. They are elected by a simple majority.
- 23.8** The elected members take up their post at the end of the General Assembly.
- 23.9** Any elected member of the UEG Authorities who is absent without good reason during three consecutive or five non-consecutive meetings within the mandate of four years shall cease to be a member.
- 23.10** In the case of a proven serious misdemeanour or unworthiness confirmed by the Control Authority, a member of the UEG Authority may be suspended until the following Congress and have his/her mandate removed.
- 23.11** The EC may establish other posts or work groups, temporary or permanent.

## **Art. 24 Voting, decisions and coming into effect**

- 24.1** A simple majority of the valid votes is required except when the Statutes specify otherwise. If votes are equal, the proposal is rejected.
- 24.2** All voting taking place shall be open by showing the voting cards. At the request of a Head of delegation a secret ballot may take place. This requires a majority of the General Assembly of 20%. (A secret ballot can be done by an electronic system.)
- 24.3** Decisions taken at the General Assembly are recorded and come into force at the end of the General Assembly.

## **Art. 25 Minutes of the General Assembly**

After verification by the President of the Control Authority, the minutes are distributed to the member federations and the members of the UEG Authorities.

## **IV. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **Art. 26 Convocation**

The requirements for convening an Extraordinary General Assembly are:

- a) at the request of the Executive Committee;
- b) at the written request, sent to the UEG secretariat, of one third of the eligible member federations (adjusted to the nearest whole number), completed with a seal or stamp of the federation as well as signed by the authorised persons;
- c) the federations requesting the organisation of an EGA must sign a contract with the UEG stipulating that they will meet all organisations costs before the EGA can be confirmed ;
- d) only items on the agenda can be discussed;
- e) the date of the EAG as well as the invitation will be sent to the member federations no later than forty-five days before the EAG.

The EC must organise an extraordinary General Assembly within the six months following the receipt of the request.

## **V. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE AUTHORITIES**

### **Art. 27 The President**

- 27.1** The President assumes the general management of the UEG. He chairs the meetings of the Congress, of the Executive Committee and of the President's Board.

- 27.2** The President takes all appropriate measures in order to ensure the smooth running of the affairs of the UEG. His decisions are, however, subject to approval by the PB and the EC or by the General Assembly.
- 27.3** The President is the representative of the UEG in all circumstances, including legal matters, in the role of plaintiff or defendant.
- 27.4** In case of necessity, he can delegate his powers or decide on the attribution of special tasks to the vice-presidents or to members of the EC.
- 27.5** The President presents a written report to the General Assembly.
- 27.6** The President and a Vice-president or the UEG Administrative Director engage the UEG validly by their double signature.
- 27.7** If the President resigns or can no longer assume his functions for any reason, he will be replaced by the first Vice-President until the end of the legislative period or until the election of a new President at the next Congress.

**Art. 28 The Vice-presidents**

- 28.1** The vice-presidents assist the President and can be charged with specific tasks.
- 28.2** Their order of precedence depends on the number of votes obtained during their election.
- 28.3** In order to accomplish their mandates, the vice-presidents can be assisted by members of the EC.

**Art. 29 The President's Board**

- 29.1** Under the authority and responsibility of the EC, the President's Board is charged with the management of the current affairs of the UEG.
- 29.2** The decisions of the PB are taken by a simple majority.  
In case of a tie, the president has a casting vote.
- 29.3** The EC has to be informed about all decisions which will be confirmed during the next meeting. Decisions taken in case of urgency can be executed immediately. The EC has to be informed.
- 29.4** At the President's convocation, the President's Board will meet whenever it is necessary for the correct running of the UEG affairs. In case of necessity other persons can be invited by the President.
- 29.5** Normally, all matters have to be treated at meetings specially convened for this purpose.

## **Art. 30 The Executive Committee**

- 30.1** The EC is the executive authority of the UEG and is responsible for the control and execution of all decisions.
- 30.2** The decisions of the EC are taken by a simple majority.  
In case of a tie, the president has a casting vote.
- 30.3** The EC decides on the structure and administration of the organisation.
- 30.4** In the absence of Regulations, it takes appropriate measures until the next Congress.
- 30.5** The EC is required to take all decisions in the range of administration, finance, marketing and communication and to make all proposals in the interest of the UEG, excluding those proposals which are within the province of the General Assembly.
- 30.6** At the President's convocation, the EC will meet whenever it is necessary for the correct running of the UEG affairs. The date, place and agenda of the meeting have to be communicated to the EC generally at least one month in advance.
- 30.7** The EC approves the agenda of the General Assembly and examines the proposals submitted by the member federations.
- 30.8** At the electoral Congress, the new elected EC elects the members of each Technical Committee.
- 30.9** The EC approves the Technical Regulations.
- 30.10** The EC decides on the allotment of UEG events.
- 30.11** During the electoral period the EC entrusts additional responsibilities to the Vice-presidents.
- 30.12** Each Federation has only two votes if it is represented in the EC by several members due to the election of TC Presidents. Entitlement to vote shall be based on the order of precedence, President, Vice-president, EC Member, TC President.
- At the beginning of the cycle the Federation having several members represented in the EC will nominate who of the TC-Presidents will hold the mandate.
- 30.13** Commissions / work groups, permanent or temporary, can be appointed by the EC to assist its members in the accomplishment of their functions.  
The EC can also entrust special tasks to persons not belonging to the UEG.



## **Art. 31 The Technical Committees**

The Technical Committees must observe the Code of Points of the FIG and UEG, as well as the Technical Regulations, in particular the FIG Licence Rules.

**31.1** The MTC, WTC, TC-RG, TC-TRA, TC-AER, TC-ACRO and TC-GfA are composed of seven members:

- a) one president
- b) one vice-president
- c) one secretary
- d) four members

**31.2** The TC-TG is composed of five members:

- a) one president
- b) one vice-president
- c) one secretary
- d) two members.

**31.3** New Technical Committees (cf. Art. 6.2 of the Statutes) will be constituted by analogy to Art. 31.2 unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly.

**31.4** At the invitation of its TC-President and with the consent of the UEG President, each Technical Committee will meet in order to deal with the specific tasks of its discipline, whenever the interest of the UEG so requires or if one third of the members of the Technical Committee so request.

**31.5** The Technical Committee can deliberate only if the majority of members are present. In the event that the President and the Vice-president of the TC are absent, the TC cannot validly deliberate.

**31.6 The tasks of the Technical Committees are:**

- a) To take care of the technical organisation and to control the perfect running of European Championships or other events;
- b) to make projects and organise courses and training camps for gymnasts and coaches as well as judges' courses for TeamGym;
- c) present a written report to the General Assembly.

**31.7 Allocation of tasks within the Technical Committees**

The Technical Committees deal with tasks and activities which are specific to their discipline and allocate the tasks to their members. Each TC appoints a vice-president and a secretary from among their members.

**31.8 Competences**

The Technical Committees are subordinate to the EC. Their decisions (technical or general matters) are subject to the approval of the EC.

The Technical Committees are authorised to present proposals to the EC who may transmit them to the Congress.

### **31.9 Official missions**

Members of the Technical Committees may be entrusted with special tasks which are in the interest of the UEG and which have been ordered by their presidents and approved by the president of the UEG.

## **Art. 32 The Control Authority**

**32.1** The Control Authority is in the first place responsible for the verification of the financial management of the UEG.

**32.2** The CA shall comprise experienced specialists in the provinces finances and management of a federation.

**32.3** The tasks of the Control Authority are as follows:

- a) verification of the financial management of the UEG;
- b) verification of the accounts and the budget;
- c) to present a written report to the General Assembly;
- d) to present a detailed annual report, including any suggestions to the EC;
- e) to act as scrutineers at the Congress (not including the elections of the president and/or members of the Control Authority);
- f) to verify the minutes of the General Assembly;
- g) to supervise the elections and establish related reports;
- h) to ensure the respect of the Statutes;
- i) to accomplish special tasks entrusted to the CA by the EC.

## **Art. 33 The Appeal Authority**

**33.1** The Appeal Authority is composed of five members who may not be members of another UEG organ.

**33.2** Two of the members should be qualified legal advisers (jurists, lawyers) or professional arbitrators. The other three members should have experience in the province of law and/or arbitration.

The panel shall comprise three members and shall elect its own President (chairman). The panel shall whenever possible be nominated in rotation. Conflicts of interest have to be taken into account. The panel shall be nominated by the Appeal Authority, with the coordination of the UEG Secretariat.

- 33.3** The tasks of the Appeal Authority are as follows:
- a) hears and determines the appeals lodged by an affiliated federation, gymnast, judge or another person directly affected by the decision taken against it/him or her by the Executive Committee or General Assembly.
  - b) hears and determines the appeals lodged related to sanctions taken within the framework of a competition, this only in so far as the UEG Regulations expressly envisage such a possibility of appeal.
  - c) the decisions of the AA can be exclusively disputed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport "CAS" in Lausanne.
- 33.4** If the UEG does not receive enough candidatures to create its Appeal Authority, it is authorised to use the FIG Appeal Tribunal.

**Art. 34 Invitations, Quorum, minutes and decisions**

- 34.1** The date, place and agenda of the PB, EC and TC meetings have to be communicated to the respective members generally at least one month in advance.
- 34.2** Unless determined otherwise the decisions of the PB/EC are only valid if the majority of its members are present. They take immediate effect.
- 34.3** The minutes of the PB and EC meetings are drawn up in French and English. They have to be sent to the members of the EC and the President of the CA within thirty days following the meeting.
- The minutes of the TC are drawn up in French and English. They have to be sent to the members of the EC and the respective TC within thirty days following the meeting.
- 34.4** If, within 30 days after dispatch, no remarks have been received in the UEG Secretariat with regard to these minutes, the minutes are considered as adopted.
- 34.5** A decision is also possible by e-mail but is only valid if the majority of members respond.
- 34.6** The decisions of the EC are taken by a simple majority. In the case of a tie the President has a casting vote.
- 34.7** The decisions of the EC will be transmitted by the Secretariat by letter or e-mail to the Member Federations and Member of the UEG Authorities.

## **VI. FINANCES**

### **Art. 35 Financial year**

The financial year of the UEG starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> January and expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the same year.

### **Art. 36 Contribution of the member federations**

The contributions to be paid by the federations to the UEG in Euros are the following:

- a) an admission fee for new federations, to be paid with the first annual membership fee;
- b) an annual membership fee, which has to be paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The annual membership fee has to be paid by all member federations, even those which, within the course of the year, resign from membership;
- c) participation in the events is subject to the payment, within the fixed deadlines, of the participation fees;
- d) the amounts for sanctions in case of late entries, participation without judges at the championships etc. are stipulated in the Technical Regulations of the UEG.

### **Art. 37 Admission and membership fees of the member federations**

**37.1** The amount of the admission fee to be paid by each new member federation shall be confirmed by the General Assembly upon the proposal of the EC.

**37.2** The amount of the annual membership fee to be paid by each member federation for the financial year shall be confirmed by the General Assembly upon the proposal of the EC.

### **Art. 38 Financial responsibility of the member federations**

**38.1** If a federation fails to fulfil its financial obligations to the UEG or to any other federation in relation to UEG activities it may be suspended or expelled upon proposal of the EC. This decision will take immediate effect but must be confirmed by a two-third majority of the next General Assembly (Art. 8).

**38.2** Obligations remaining at the end of the electoral period shall remain and be the responsibility of the national federation.

### **Art. 39 Financial responsibility of the UEG**

The financial responsibility with regard to the payment of an indemnity and for the refunding of expenses in respect of meetings of the UEG Authorities, courses and training camps, including the EC, PB, Technical Presidents and Members of Committees and Commissions, are detailed in the Financial Regulations of the UEG.

## **VII. LEGAL AND OFFICIAL PROVISIONS**

### **Art. 40 Sanctions**

The member federations are bound to observe the Statutes, Regulations and Prescriptions of the UEG and can be sanctioned in the case of any failure to comply with them or with the decisions taken by the competent organs.

### **Art. 41 Decisions of the Executive Committee**

The EC will determine the appropriate sanctions or disciplinary measures.

### **Art. 42 Right to be heard**

No sanction can be taken without the EC having first informed the interested party/parties and given them time to respond.

The response may be verbal or in writing. A request to be heard must be made within 30 days of being notified of the sanction of the EC.

### **Art. 43 Litigations**

**43.1** In case of litigation between the UEG and a member federation, the parties concerned try to find an amicable solution.

**43.2** If no agreement is reached, the litigation may be submitted to the Appeal Authority; if still no agreement is reached, the litigation is submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne. Its decision is binding.

**43.3** For each dispute or appeal involving the EC or the President's Board, the parties concerned have to be convened. They are, however, not obliged to be present but must send a written report to the Secretariat.

**43.4** In the case of controversy among the members concerning problems outside the province of the UEG, the EC can act in a mediatory or conciliatory manner, if the parties concerned so wish.

**43.5** Members of the EC or of a Technical Committee can be neither present at a meeting nor take part in the decisions if the organ concerned is dealing with a controversial matter in which his/her national federation is involved.

### **Art. 44 Official languages**

**44.1** The official languages of the UEG are French, English and German.

**44.2** With regard to the UEG Statutes, Regulations and Directives, the French text is valid in the event of different interpretations.

- 44.3** A speaker who speaks in another language and who is not able to translate his own words, has to have this done at his own expense by a translator.
- 44.4** The interpreters will provide translation in the official languages of the deliberations of the UEG. In case of a litigation, the version of the speaker will be decisive.
- 44.5** With regard to all other correspondence, the original text written in one of the official languages of the UEG is valid in the event of different interpretations.
- 44.6** All documents sent to the member federations, such as the minutes of the General Assembly, the decisions of the EC and the communications of the Secretariat, are drawn up in French, English and German.

#### **Art. 45 Official Correspondence**

Each member federation has to inform the UEG of its official address. For the case where deadlines have to be respected mail sent to the UEG can be by Fax or e-mail.

#### **Art. 46 Statutes of the member federations**

Every member federation has to send to the UEG any modification of its Statutes.

### **VIII. REVISION OF THE STATUTES AND THE REGULATIONS**

#### **Art. 47 Competent bodies. Quorum**

- 47.1** Only the General Assembly can modify the Statutes. Regulations can be modified by the EC.
- 47.2** To debate validly upon a modification of the Statutes, at least half of the member federations with the right to vote have to be present at the General Assembly.

#### **Art. 48 Revision of the Statutes**

- 48.1** The EC and the member federations can propose modifications to the Statutes.
- 48.2** The proposals have to be received by the Secretariat of the UEG no later than 5 months before the beginning of the Congress.
- 48.3** All proposals have to be explained. The new article has to be written in the form proposed by the initiators.
- 48.4** The EC can make a counterproposal.

## **Art. 49 Majority for a modification of the Statutes**

In order to be adopted, the proposed modifications of the Statutes require a two-thirds majority of the delegates present with the right to vote.

## **IX. HONORARY TITLES AND DISTINCTIONS**

### **Art. 50 Honorary President and Members, Awards**

**50.1** The Award shall be in accordance with the Regulations relating to Honorary Members and medals,

**50.2** The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation of the EC, may elevate a former UEG President to the rank of Honorary President and may confer the title of Honorary Member to persons who have rendered outstanding services to the UEG.

**50.3** The honorary members are entitled to free admittance to the events of the UEG and to take part in official receptions.

**50.4** The honorary members can participate in the Congress of the UEG, but do not have a vote.

**50.5** Awards for special merits can be granted by the EC, on behalf of the UEG.

## **X. DISSOLUTION OF THE UEG**

### **Art. 51 Dissolution**

**51.1** The dissolution of the UEG can only be decided by an Extraordinary General Assembly, convened to that effect and having only this point on the agenda.

**51.2** The UEG can only be dissolved if a four-fifths majority of all member federations so decide.

### **Art. 52 Financial situation**

**52.1** In the case of dissolution, all financial obligations have to be met.

**52.2** Any remaining property has to be transferred to the International Federation of Gymnastics (FIG). The FIG is charged to pursue the aims of the UEG in Europe. The creation of a foundation can also be considered.

## **XI. FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Art. 53 Unforeseen Cases**

All cases not foreseen by these Statutes are resolved analogous to the FIG Statutes or by the EC/UEG, subject to ratification by the General Assembly which follows the date of their resolution.

### **Art. 54 Observance of the Statutes and Regulations**

Each activity of the organs and the committees is subject to the strict observance of these Statutes and of the Regulations of the UEG.

### **Art. 55 Autonomy**

In accordance with these Statutes, the member federations maintain their total autonomy and independence of action.

### **Art. 56 Approval of the Statutes**

The present Statutes were approved by the General Assembly of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013. They cancel and replace the foregoing Statutes.

They come into effect at the close of the General Assembly.

## **UNION EUROPEENNE DE GYMNASTIQUE**

The President:  
Georges Guelzec

The Vice-President in charge of the Statutes:  
Paul Garber



## Regulations for the elections (UEG Statutes 2013, Appendix 1)

### 1. Elections

#### a) Valid Ballot papers:

##### **Ballot paper for electing the UEG President**

The UEG President will be elected by multiple vote (yes, no, abstention).

If there are several candidates, only one vote per candidate is possible (either yes, no or abstention). Otherwise, the ballot paper is spoilt.

##### **Ballot paper for electing the other members of the UEG Authorities**

Ballot papers with no more chosen candidates than the maximum number of candidates to be elected.

Example: 7 candidates to be elected. Ballot papers indicating 1 to 7 names are valid.

#### b) Invalid Ballot papers (spoilt and blank papers):

- papers indicating no inscription
- papers containing recognizable marks other than the cross beside the name (signature, etc.)
- papers containing messages
- papers indicating more names than the number of candidates to be elected.

- c) In case of a tie in the 1<sup>st</sup> ballot, a 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot and, if necessary, a 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot is carried out. If the tie remains after the 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot, the election will be determined and limited to the candidates having obtained the same number of votes.

### 2. Determination of the absolute majority:

Examples:

Ballot papers issued	39
Blank papers	2
Spoilt papers	1
Papers taken into account	36

Absolute majority:  $36:2=18+1 = \underline{19 \text{ votes}}$

Ballot papers issued	37
Blank papers	1
Spoilt papers	1
Papers taken into account	35

Absolute majority:  $35:2=17.5 = \underline{18 \text{ votes}}$

**3. Determination of the 2/3 majority:**

Examples:

Number of votes (valid) 34  
2/3 majority:  $34 : 3 = 11.33 \times 2 = 22.66 = \underline{23 \text{ votes}}$

Number of votes (valid) 39  
2/3 majority:  $39 : 3 = 13 \times 2 = \underline{26 \text{ votes}}$

**4. Determination of simple majority:**

Example:

Number of votes (valid) 46  
Simple majority Highest number of votes for one candidate

**5. "One fifth" adjustment**

Example:

43 Federations  
One fifth = 8.6 votes adjusted to 9

## Recapitulation of requested majorities (UEG Statutes 2013, Appendix 2)

Article	Object	Majority
1	Transfer of the official seat of the UEG	3/4 of the member federations
6.4	Admission of a federation	2/3 of the votes
8	Suspension, expulsion of a federation	2/3 of the votes
15	Quorum of the GA	40% of the member federations must be present
16.6	Proposals presented after the deadline	Absolute majority
19.5	Members of UEG Authorities represent their federation	Simple majority
23.5	Election of the president, 1 <sup>st</sup> ballot	Absolute majority
23.5	Election of the president, 2 <sup>nd</sup> ballot	Simple majority
23.5	Election of the vice-presidents, EC members, TC presidents, CA president and members of the CA and AA, 1 <sup>st</sup> ballot	Absolute majority
23.5	Election of the vice-presidents, EC members, TC presidents, CA president and members of the CA and AA, 2 <sup>nd</sup> ballot	Simple majority
23.7	Election of the TC members	Simple majority
24.1	Voting	Simple majority
24.2	Confirmation of a secret ballot	20% of the votes
26	Convocation of an extraordinary GA	1/3 of the member federations
29.2	Decisions of the PB	Simple majority
30.2	Decisions of the EC	Simple majority
31.4	Meeting of TCs	If requested by 1/3 of its members or in the interest of UEG
31.5	Quorum of TC meetings	Majority of members present
34.2	Quorum of PB/EC meetings	Majority of members present
34.6	Validity of EC decisions	Simple majority
34.6	Casting vote of the president	Tie
47.2	Validity of the decisions regarding the modifications of the Statutes	50% of the member federations must be present
49	Approval of the modifications of the Statutes	2/3 of the votes
51	Dissolution of the UEG	4/5 of the member federations

## Recapitulation of deadlines and measures (UEG Statutes 2013, Appendix 3)

Article	Object	Deadline/Measure
6.4	Admission of a new federation	Immediately
8	Information of the member federation concerned by a suspension/expulsion	Immediately
9 / 42	Request for hearing before the Appeals Authority	30 days
10.2	Readmission of a suspended or expelled federation	After payment of the amount due and confirmation of the EC
11	Organisation of the UEG Congress	Every two years (odd years)
12	Communication of date, place of the Congress and necessary information	No later than 6 months before the Congress
13	Notification of agenda, reports and proposals	No later than 6 weeks before the congress
16.1	All proposals (except re Statutes) must be sent to the UEG	No later than 3 months before the Congress
19.6	Communication of the names of the delegates	No later than 2 months before the GA
20.1	Submission of candidatures for elections	No later than 3 months before the GA
20.4	Termination of function in case of election to FIG Authority	After FIG transmission of authority
23.8	Elected members take up their posts	At the end of the GA
24.3	Implementation of decisions taken by the GA	At the end of the GA
26	Organisation of the EGA	Within 6 months following receipt of request
26	Convocation of an EGA, with venue, dates and agenda	45 days before the EGA
29.3	Communication of decisions taken by the PB to the EC	Next EC meeting
29.3	Urgent decisions of the PB	Immediately, with information of the EC, ratification at the next EC meeting
34.1	Invitation to PB, EC and TC meetings	1 month before
34.3	Dispatch of the PB, EC and TC minutes	30 days after the meeting
34.4	Remarks to be sent to the UEG office	Within 30 days after dispatch of the minutes
36	Payment of admission fee	With first annual membership fee
36	Payment of annual membership fee	By 31 <sup>st</sup> March
48.2	Proposals for the revision of the Statutes	No later than 5 months before the GA