

EUROPEAN AQUATICS CONSTITUTIONAL RULES

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C 1 NAME

- 1.1 “EUROPEAN AQUATICS” is the European body for the sport of Aquatics. It is a self-governing, independent, and non-profit-making organisation.

C 2 LEGAL STATUS AND HEADQUARTERS

- 2.1 European Aquatics is an association established for an indefinite period with legal status as an association in accordance with article 60ff of the Swiss Civil Code. European Aquatics has its headquarters in the Canton of Vaud, Switzerland and is recognised as a Continental Organisation by World Aquatics, the world governing body for the sport of Aquatics.

C 3 DEFINITIONS

Aquatics – means Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Diving, High Diving, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming and Masters programmes/activities.

Auditors – means external certified professional auditors appointed by the Bureau.

Bureau – means all Bureau Members elected or serving in accordance with C 11.

Bureau Executive – means the Executive consisting of the President, the First Vice President, the Vice Presidents, the General Secretary and the Treasurer.

Calendar– means the Annual calendar of Events according to C 18.

CAS – means the Court of Arbitration for Sport, based in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Commission – means commissions (ad hoc or permanent) appointed by the Bureau with the purpose of achieving a determined task and composed by members of the Bureau and/or by other people.

Committee – means the European Aquatics Committees including all members therein appointed by the Bureau in accordance with C 13.

Competitions – includes European Championships, European Cups, European Water Polo Club Competitions, events and tournaments sanctioned by European Aquatics members and international events within Europe in any of the Aquatics disciplines.

Competitor – means a person who is taking part in competitions.
Congress – means the Congress and the Extraordinary Congress provided for in C 10.

Continental Organisation – means organisations formed by the World Aquatics Member Federations from the same geographical Continent and specified in the World Aquatics Rules.

Executive Director – means the Executive Director of European Aquatics appointed pursuant to C 11.3.1.4.

World Aquatics is the sole and exclusive world governing body for the Aquatics.

World Aquatics Rules – means the World Aquatics Constitution, Code of Ethics, General Rules, By-laws, Technical Rules, Facilities Rules, Medical Rules, Doping Control Rules and any other rules and regulations adopted by World Aquatics.

European Aquatics Audit Committee – means the internal auditors of European Aquatics as specified in C 19.2.

European Aquatics Delegate - means the person appointed by (1) a specific technical committee to oversee the relevant technical aspects of the event or by (2) the European Aquatics Bureau to oversee the institutional aspects of the event.

European Aquatics Events – means European Championships in Aquatics in different age categories and qualifications thereto, European Aquatics Cups in Aquatics, European Aquatics Water Polo Club Competitions and any other event as determined by the Bureau.

European Aquatics Logo – means the graphic representation or symbol which is used to identify European Aquatics on all manner of visual supports including advertisements and which may only be used with the approval of the Bureau.

European Aquatics Office – means the permanent office and headquarters where the European Aquatics Executive Director and the European Aquatics Staff deal with administrative work.

European Aquatics Rules and Regulations – means the European Aquatics Constitutional Rules, European Aquatics Integrity Code, Congress Regulations ("CoR"), Financial Regulations, General Event Rules, Code of Conduct, Guidelines for Safety and Security at European Aquatics Events, all Event Regulations, Advertising Regulations, Awards Regulations and any other rules and regulations adopted by European Aquatics (including all decisions of the Congress and the Bureau respectively).

Member Federation – means a federation affiliated to European Aquatics in accordance with C 7.

Officers – Officers shall be the President, the First Vice President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer.

Officials – means any person elected or appointed to any position within World Aquatics, European Aquatics, the Continental Organisations, and/or the Member Federations.

Regional Aquatics Events – means events held by and gathering Federations belonging to the same geographical region.

Registered Federation – means a federation registered and included in the administration of European Aquatics in accordance with C 7.1.4.

Sport Country – means a geographical territory or region which, though not recognized as a country, has certain aspects of self-government at least to the extent of being autonomous in the control of its sports, and is recognised as such by World Aquatics.

Sportsmanship – means the behaviour and attitudes that show respect and fairness for the rules and regulations established in sport and for everybody else.

To give effect to the European Aquatics Constitutional Rules and Regulations, words in the singular shall include the plural, words in the plural shall include the singular; words of the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall include any gender, except in the specification of a competition being for male or female competitors. Correction of any manifestly evident clerical errors shall be made.

C 4 COMMITMENT STATEMENT

4.1 For the good of Aquatics and all Athletes, European Aquatics shall ensure that all Aquatics in Europe are governed, organised, developed and managed in accordance with the principles of democracy, right to equality, and no discrimination between any race, skin colour, gender, religion, sexual orientation, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, disability or any other reason, neutrality, transparency, accountability, fair play, inclusion, sportsmanship and clean sport.

4.1.1 Above all, Athletes are the central focus of European Aquatics' commitment.

C 5 OBJECTIVES

5.1 The objectives of European Aquatics are:

5.1.1 to promote and develop Aquatics in Europe and be the governing body for Aquatics in Europe;

5.1.2 promote and provide fair and clean sport and protect the integrity of Aquatics;

5.1.3 to promote safe Aquatics and the protection of Athletes from all forms of harassment and abuse;

5.1.4 to encourage participation in Aquatics at all levels in Europe throughout the world, regardless of age, gender or race, and support activities aiming at ensuring that Aquatics and swimming skills in general are promoted in all countries and are accessible to individuals from all ages, gender, different backgrounds and capacities;

5.1.5 to approve competitions and events organised by European Aquatics;

5.1.6 to recognise European Records;

- 5.1.7** to adopt rules and regulations for competitions and events organised by European Aquatics;
- 5.1.8** to promote and organize European Championships and other competitions and events;
- 5.1.9** to promote the development of facilities for Aquatics in Europe;
- 5.1.10** to develop and encourage activities and programmes promoting the sustainability of Aquatics in all possible forms;
- 5.1.11** to develop and encourage the education of Athletes, Coaches, Officials and other persons involved in Aquatics;
- 5.1.12** to carry out any other activity to promote Aquatics; and
- 5.1.13** to promote and encourage the development of international sporting relationships and to foster cooperation with World Aquatics, including:
 - 5.1.13.1** to work closely with World Aquatics to achieve the objectives stated in the World Aquatics Constitution;
 - 5.1.13.2** to engage in consultative meetings to resolve matters relating to the interests of European Aquatics, Continental Organisations and World Aquatics; and
 - 5.1.13.3** to coordinate with World Aquatics for the promotion of Aquatics by arranging for development programmes, courses, clinics, and conferences.
- 5.2** European Aquatics shall not allow any discrimination against national federations or individuals (competitors, officials, judges, delegates, etc.) on the grounds of race, gender, religion, political affiliation, or languages. European Aquatics is politically neutral. Political activity or demonstrations are prohibited at European Aquatics Events.
- 5.3** European Aquatics may issue Regulations in any area related to its objectives. These Regulations are binding for its members, as well as for the organisations involved or affiliated to its members.

- 5.4** All European Aquatics Events belong exclusively to European Aquatics. European Aquatics alone shall have the right to organise European Championships and European Aquatics Events for Aquatics. The words "Europe", "European" or "European Aquatics" shall not be used in connection with any Swimming, Diving, High Diving, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming, Open Water Swimming, or Masters Event without the consent of European Aquatics.

C 6 ACTIVITIES

- 6.1** The activities of European Aquatics and its Member Federations shall be governed by the European Aquatics Rules and Regulations.
- 6.2** The rules for the Competitions or Championships authorised by European Aquatics will be the established European Aquatics Regulations and the Rules of World Aquatics in effect when the competition is held.
- 6.3** Where European Aquatics Rules and Regulations do not provide for or where there is conflict with the rules of World Aquatics, the rules of World Aquatics shall apply and prevail.

C 7 MEMBERSHIP

7.1 Member Federations

- 7.1.1** The national federation governing Aquatics in any European country or Sport Country, acknowledged as a Member of World Aquatics shall be eligible for membership of European Aquatics.
- 7.1.2** In exceptional cases, the national federation of a country outside Europe which is acknowledged as a Member of World Aquatics may be accepted to membership of European Aquatics. Such acceptance will only be possible in cases where World Aquatics has authorised European Aquatics to grant such membership to a federation that belongs geographically to another continent and is not affiliated to the Continental Organisation on that continent.

7.1.3 Only one federation per country shall be affiliated as a Member Federation of European Aquatics and such a Member Federation shall be recognised by World Aquatics as the only national governing body for Aquatics in that country or Sport Country. The jurisdiction of a Member Federation shall be limited to the political boundaries of the country or Sport Country that it represents.

7.1.4 In cases where separate Federations for Swimming, Diving, High Diving, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming, Open Water Swimming and/or Masters exist in the same country, only one Federation shall be a Member Federation of European Aquatics. On application by the Member Federation, the other Federations may be registered and included in the administration of European Aquatics. The Registered Federations are subject to the same obligations and duties as the Member Federations. The Member Federations shall be responsible for the fulfilment of such obligations and duties of the Registered Federation(s) in relation to European Aquatics, except where the Registered Federations are directly subject to European Aquatics's jurisdiction.

7.2 Rights and duties of Member Federations

7.2.1 Unless subject to a suspension imposed by World Aquatics and/or European Aquatics, each Member Federation shall have the right:

7.2.1.1 to be part of the Congress and vote according to C 10.1.1;

7.2.1.2 to take part in European Aquatics Events;

7.2.1.3 to use the services of European Aquatics;

7.2.1.4 to exercise all rights of Member Federations set forth in the European Aquatics Rules;

7.2.1.5 to make proposals to change the European Aquatics Constitution and to propose candidates for the positions in the Bureau and Committees and for one (1) World Aquatics Vice President and three (3) World Aquatics Bureau Members.

- 7.2.2** It shall be the duty of each Member Federation, including the Registered Federations, all clubs and individuals affiliated (where applicable):
- 7.2.2.1** to follow the principles of Sportsmanship;
 - 7.2.2.2** to support European Aquatics to achieve its objectives;
 - 7.2.2.3** to act in accordance with the European Aquatics Rules and Regulations;
 - 7.2.2.4** to meet responsibility for the conduct of its:
 - 7.2.2.4.1** athletes, officials, members and supporters;
 - 7.2.2.4.2** other persons exercising a function at a European Aquatics Event at the request of the Member Federation;
 - 7.2.2.4.3** Registered Federation or club.
 - 7.2.2.5** to meet responsibility of a host federation or a host club for order and security both inside and around the venue before, during and after the European Aquatics Event. The host federation or host club shall be liable for incidents of any kind, and shall be rendered subject to disciplinary measures and bound to observe directives;
 - 7.2.2.6** to meet its and all their financial liabilities to European Aquatics and/or Member Federations;
 - 7.2.2.7** to include Rules within its constitution which allows doping control at a European Aquatics Event according to World Aquatics Rules and European Aquatics Rules;
 - 7.2.2.8** not to make use of the names “European”, “Europe” or “European Aquatics” for any Aquatics competition, event, activity or club under the jurisdiction of the Member Federation nor in any other way, unless approved in advance by European Aquatics;

7.2.2.9 not to compete in any Aquatics competition with the names “European”, “Europe” or “European Aquatics”, unless organised or approved in advance by European Aquatics. Exceptions may be decided by the Bureau.

7.2.3 Regional Aquatic events may be held by Member Federations; however such events will be subject to European Aquatics previous approval in order to avoid conflicts of interest and officials’ availability.

7.2.4 Any sanction imposed by European Aquatics and any decision made by European Aquatics, or the CAS shall be recognised and complied with by all Member Federations and Registered Federations, including the affiliated clubs and individuals.

7.2.5 The annual subscription fee shall be as decided by the Congress and shall be a maximum of 1.000€.

7.2.6 The subscription fee shall be payable by April 1st each year.

7.2.7 A Member Federation not having paid the subscription fee before May 1st may be regarded as unaffiliated until the payment has been made in full.

7.2.8 If a Member Federation does not fulfil any other liability it is responsible for, either to European Aquatics or to a Member Federation organising a European Aquatics Event, the Bureau may decide that it shall be regarded as suspended from participation in all European Aquatics Events or any European Aquatics Event in that discipline in which the liability has arisen until the payment has been made in full.

7.3 Application for membership

7.3.1 Application for membership shall be submitted to the European Aquatics Bureau with:

7.3.1.1 The Member Federation’s official address and contact details;

7.3.1.2 7.3.1.2 A copy of the Member Federation’s current constitution and rules and regulations translated to English;

- 7.3.1.3** A list of the Member Federation's main officers;
- 7.3.1.4** A list of the Member Federation's active membership (i.e. number of clubs, athletes, coaches, officials);
- 7.3.1.5** A formal undertaking by the Member Federation to observe and abide by the World Aquatics and European Aquatics Rules, the World Anti-Doping Code as well as the jurisdiction and decisions of CAS;
- 7.3.1.6** The appropriate membership fee; and
- 7.3.1.7** Proof of membership of World Aquatics.

7.3.2 Every application for membership shall be decided by the Bureau. The Statutes, Rules and Regulations are automatically accepted if the membership is granted. If membership is not granted, the applicant may appeal to the Congress, which shall then make the final decision.

7.3.3 Each Member Federation shall be named in accordance with the decision of World Aquatics. Its name shall be stated in the European Aquatics List of Nations. At meetings, at events and in official documents only this name and/or the abbreviation decided by World Aquatics shall be used.

7.4 Termination of membership

7.4.1 The membership shall end if:

- 7.4.1.1** the Member Federation no longer exists;
- 7.4.1.2** the Member Federation is no longer recognised by or affiliated to World Aquatics;
- 7.4.1.3** the Member Federation withdraws its affiliation;
- 7.4.1.4** the Member Federation is excluded in accordance with C 7.4.3 below.

7.4.2 Any Member Federation wishing to withdraw its affiliation shall give written notice to European Aquatics. The affiliation shall end immediately, but no refund of fees will be made.

- 7.4.3** The Bureau shall have the power to exclude a Member Federation in cases of significant violation of the European Aquatics Rules and Regulations or where the Member Federation no longer has sufficient representation of Aquatics in its country. The excluded Member Federation may submit an appeal to the European Aquatics Integrity Unit.

C 8 LANGUAGES

- 8.1** The official languages of European Aquatics shall be English and French. In cases of doubt, the English language shall prevail. If this Constitution needs to be registered in the country of the headquarters of European Aquatics in another language than English, then that language would prevail for the sole purpose of the registration.
- 8.2** The working language shall be English. In the Congress simultaneous translation may be organised.

C 9 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF EUROPEAN AQUATICS

- 9.1** The following entities are established to govern and administer European Aquatics:
- 9.1.1** The Congress;
 - 9.1.2** The Bureau;
 - 9.1.3** The Bureau Executive;
 - 9.1.4** The Technical Committees and Specialised Committees;
 - 9.1.5** The European Aquatics Integrity Unit;
 - 9.1.6** The Athletes Committee;
 - 9.1.7** The Commissions;
 - 9.1.8** The Audit Committee

C 10 CONGRESS

10.1 Composition

- 10.1.1** The Congress of European Aquatics is the highest authority of European Aquatics and shall have the power to decide upon any matters arising in European Aquatics. It shall consist of:
- 10.1.1.1** a maximum of two (2) delegates of each Member Federation, with two votes per Federation;
 - 10.1.1.2** the members of the Bureau, without vote;
 - 10.1.1.3** the Athletes Committee, with two votes;
 - 10.1.1.4** Honorary Life Presidents, without vote;
 - 10.1.1.5** Honorary members, without vote;
 - 10.1.1.6** the Chairpersons of the Committees or their substitutes, without vote.
- 10.1.2** Each delegate of a Member Federation (which must not be subject to a current suspension by World Aquatics and/or European Aquatics) shall be a resident and/or a citizen of the country where the Member Federation is located and shall be a member of the Member Federation he/she is representing. Notice of the appointment of delegates, certified in writing by the Member Federation they represent, must be lodged with the European Aquatics General Secretary prior to the commencement of the Congress. A Member Federation's written certification of appointment of its delegates may be amended or withdrawn, in accordance with the Member Federation's Constitution, and notice in writing must be lodged with the European Aquatics General Secretary at least 5 days prior to commencement of the Congress.
- 10.1.3** The Congress shall be presided over by the European Aquatics President. In his absence, the First Vice President and in his absence the present Vice President senior in age shall open the Congress and the General Secretary shall conduct the Congress. In case no Bureau member is available to open and conduct the Congress, the Congress is entitled to elect a person to conduct the meeting.

- 10.1.4** A valid decision of the Congress cannot be taken unless the representatives of 50% of the Member Federations with voting rights are present (quorum).
- 10.1.5** If a quorum is not present at the previously announced opening time of the Congress, the meeting shall open one (1) hour later at which time quorum shall be no fewer than [30%] of the Member Federations with voting rights present.
- 10.1.6** Where the Congress is dealing with the proposed dissolution of European Aquatics, Rule C 23 shall apply.

10.2 Conduct and Agenda

- 10.2.1** The Congress shall be held every calendar year.
- 10.2.2** A Congress may be held in person, by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication.
- 10.2.3** The exact date and place of the Congress shall be decided upon and announced by the Bureau at least four (4) months beforehand and communicated to Member Federations.
- 10.2.4** The invitation to the Congress shall include the Agenda, the financial report of the past financial year and the budget for the following financial year, the activity reports of the Bureau, and of the European Aquatics Audit Committee, as well as any documents related to items on the Agenda. An invitation to the Extraordinary Congress shall include the Agenda and the documentation relating thereto.
- 10.2.5** The Agenda shall be decided upon and announced by the Bureau one month prior to the Congress and sent to the Member Federations.
- 10.2.6** The following items shall be included in the Agenda of the Congress:
 - 10.2.6.1** Opening of Congress;
 - 10.2.6.2** Confirmation of the register of delegates and votes;
 - 10.2.6.3** Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Congress;
 - 10.2.6.4** Report by the Bureau about the activities during the time since the last Congress;

- 10.2.6.5** Financial Report and Report of External and Internal Auditors;
 - 10.2.6.6** Budget for the following calendar year and financial projections for the next two calendar years;
 - 10.2.6.7** Release of responsibility and liability of the President, the other Bureau members and the Executive Director;
 - 10.2.6.8** Proposals;
 - 10.2.6.9** Election of the President who shall also automatically be appointed as candidate for World Aquatics Vice President (if applicable);
 - 10.2.6.10** Election of the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the First Vice President, up to six (6) Vice Presidents and up to nine (9) Bureau Members (if applicable);
 - 10.2.6.11** Election of four (4) further candidates to the World Aquatics Bureau (if applicable);
 - 10.2.6.12** Election of Hon. Life President(s) and Hon. Member(s) (if applicable);
 - 10.2.6.13** Election of European Aquatics Audit Committee (if applicable);
 - 10.2.6.14** Election of European Aquatics Integrity Unit (if applicable);
 - 10.2.6.15** Update of the list of European Aquatics Events;
 - 10.2.6.16** Information about General Event Rules and Regulations for European Aquatics Events;
 - 10.2.6.17** Closing of Congress.
- 10.2.7** The Bureau may add further items to the Agenda.
- 10.2.8** Except the amendment of Constitutional Rules the Congress may deal with any other matter in cases of a motion of urgency approved by not less than a two-thirds majority of the votes registered.

10.3 Powers of the Congress

10.3.1 The Congress shall have the following duties and powers:

- 10.3.1.1** to approve the general policies of European Aquatics;
- 10.3.1.2** to approve the minutes of the preceding or Extraordinary Congress;
- 10.3.1.3** to approve the reports of the President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer;
- 10.3.1.4** to approve the accounts of the previous financial year and the report of the Auditors;
- 10.3.1.5** to elect every four (4) years the members of the Bureau for a four-year term of office, including the President, the First Vice President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and up to six (6) Vice Presidents in accordance with C 11.2;
- 10.3.1.6** to elect five (5) European candidates as continental representative in the World Aquatic Bureau with no more than 3 representatives of a single gender; (*)
- 10.3.1.7** to elect Honorary Life President and Honorary Member;
- 10.3.1.8** to approve the Constitutional Rules and make all necessary amendments thereto;
- 10.3.1.9** to decide on all issues relating to the objectives of European Aquatics;
- 10.3.1.10** to consider proposals submitted by Member Federations;
- 10.3.1.11** to consider any other issue included in the Agenda;
- 10.3.1.12** to decide on appeal against not granted membership by the Bureau (C 7.3.2);
- 10.3.1.13** to elect the European Aquatics Audit Committee.

10.4 Proposals

- 10.4.1** Proposals for the Congress may be submitted only by a Member Federation or the Bureau.
- 10.4.2** Proposals by a Member Federation shall be submitted to the European Aquatics Office no later than three (3) months before the date of the Congress.
- 10.4.3** All proposals submitted in time shall be communicated to Member Federations and Registered Federations together with the recommendations of the European Aquatics Bureau no later than one (1) month before the date of the Congress.
- 10.4.4** In voting, a proposal shall be regarded as rejected if there is equality in the votes.

10.5 Honorary Life Presidents and Honorary Members

- 10.5.1** In order to reward exceptional service in the advancement of European Aquatics, the Congress, on the recommendation of the Bureau, shall be entitled to elect:
 - 10.5.1.1** Honorary Life President;
 - 10.5.1.2** Honorary Members.

10.6 Extraordinary Congress

- 10.6.1** An Extraordinary Congress may be summoned by decision of the Bureau or at the written and signed request of at least 20 % (twenty percent) of the Member Federations.
- 10.6.2** Notice shall be circulated by the General Secretary to the Member Federations and Registered Federations no later than one (1) month before the date of the Extraordinary Congress and shall state the reason(s), date, location, and requisition for the meeting. No subject shall be discussed at the Extraordinary Congress other than the matters stated in the request.

- 10.6.3** Decisions by the Extraordinary Congress cannot be taken unless the majority of the Member Federations with voting rights are present. Should there be no majority present the motion shall be deemed to have been rejected and shall not be raised again until the next ordinary meeting of the General Congress, unless a new Extraordinary Congress is summoned as per C 10.6.1.

10.7 Decisions of the Congress

- 10.7.1** The decision processes of the Congress are provided in the European Aquatics Congress Regulations. The Congress shall decide by a simple majority of the votes cast unless otherwise stated in this Constitution. Abstentions and invalid ballots will not be counted.

C 11 BUREAU

11.1 Composition

- 11.1.1** The Bureau shall consist of:
- 11.1.1.1** the President;
 - 11.1.1.2** the First Vice President;
 - 11.1.1.3** up to six (6) Vice Presidents, preferably from different areas in Europe; the Bureau may allocate special duties to each of the Vice Presidents;
 - 11.1.1.4** the General Secretary;
 - 11.1.1.5** the Treasurer;
 - 11.1.1.6** the Honorary Life President(s), without vote, and;
 - 11.1.1.7** up to nine (9) further members;
 - 11.1.1.8** World Aquatics Bureau Members elected to the World Aquatics Bureau in accordance with World Aquatics Constitution 14.3 d, 14.4 d or 14.10 who are not yet a member of the Bureau will automatically become a member of the Bureau with vote.

11.1.1.9 the President, the First Vice President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer of the outgoing Bureau, if not re-elected, remain Bureau members as immediate Past President, immediate Past First Vice President, immediate Past General Secretary and immediate Past Treasurer, without vote, for the period of an additional mandate.

11.1.1.10 The Chairperson of the Athletes Committee, with vote

11.1.2 It is the objective of European Aquatics to achieve a gender balanced composition of the Bureau.

11.1.3 All Bureau members shall be from different Member Federations, except the members appointed in accordance with 11.1.1.6, the Chair of the Athletes Committee and the immediate Past President, First Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer if not re-elected.

11.1.4 Any Bureau member shall be resident and/or a citizen of the country where the Member Federation is located and shall be under the jurisdiction and shall have the full support (confirmed in writing to the European Aquatics General Secretary) of that Member Federation which shall be free of suspension by World Aquatics and/or European Aquatics.

11.1.5 Any Bureau Member ceases to be a member at the end of his/her term of office during which he/she reaches the ages of seventy-five (75).

11.2 Election of Bureau Members

11.2.1 The members of the Bureau shall be elected by the Congress held in the year of the Summer Olympic Games for a period of four (4) years. They shall remain in office to the end of the Congress electing the next Bureau.

11.2.2 The members of the Bureau can be elected for a maximum of three (3) full terms with any period of time served before 2022 to be disregarded in calculating the number of full terms that a person has served as a Bureau Member. The President can be elected for a maximum of three (3) full terms as President irrespective of terms served before as member of the Bureau.

- 11.2.3** Nominations of candidates for election as President, First Vice President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and Bureau members may only be made by the Member Federation where the candidate is under the jurisdiction and with the full support (confirmed in writing to the European Aquatics General Secretary) of the Member Federation. Nominations must be received in writing, by the European Aquatics General Secretary at least ninety (90) days before the date of the Congress where the elections are to be made.
- 11.2.4** Information about candidates for office shall be communicated to Member Federations together with the proposals and/or the Agenda submitted in time (see Rule 10.4.3), at least one (1) month prior to the Congress.
- 11.2.5** When a Bureau member has been absent from two consecutive meetings without reasons acceptable to the Bureau, the Bureau shall have the right to declare that such a member has forfeited his membership.
- 11.2.6** Any vacancy among the Bureau membership may be filled by the Bureau until the next Congress.

11.3 Rights and duties of the Bureau

- 11.3.1** The Bureau shall have the rights and duties, inter alia:
- 11.3.1.1** to establish and publish a Strategic Plan for the term of its office and to report to the Congress on the progress;
 - 11.3.1.2** to execute all matters assigned to it by the Congress;
 - 11.3.1.3** to decide and to take action in any matter concerning European Aquatics;
 - 11.3.1.4** to establish a headquarters (European Aquatics Office) and appoint the European Aquatics Executive Director upon proposal of the European Aquatics President;
 - 11.3.1.5** to appoint, to exclude and to replace the members of the Committees;

- 11.3.1.6** to appoint permanent and ad hoc Commissions and nominate their members;
- 11.3.1.7** to allocate and to determine the dates of European Aquatics Events;
- 11.3.1.8** to decide upon the place and the date of the European Aquatics Congress;
- 11.3.1.9** to decide on and to circulate General Event Rules, Regulations for each European Aquatics Event and other Regulations (inter alia for European Aquatics Records, Advertising, Procedures at Congress and other meetings, Reimbursement of expenses, European Aquatics Awards, etc.);
- 11.3.1.10** to control the conduct of European Aquatics Events (in cooperation with the Committees);
- 11.3.1.11** to decide on European Aquatics Awards except election of Honorary Life President(s) and Honorary Members;
- 11.3.1.12** to ensure there is an effective anti-doping strategy in force at European Aquatics Events in compliance with the WADA and World Aquatics Anti-Doping policy;
- 11.3.1.13** to annually establish and monitor a budget;
- 11.3.1.14** to appoint external certified auditors who shall assist the European Aquatics Audit Committee and the Treasurer;
- 11.3.1.15** to reduce or waive fines and/or fees if there is reason;
- 11.3.1.16** to decide provisionally on any matter pertaining to the Congress' competence or jurisdiction in case of urgency; such decisions shall remain in force until their ratification or annulment to be made by the following Congress;
- 11.3.1.17** to decide on any issue not provided for in this Constitution or subject to no other body of European Aquatics.

11.3.2 In cases of acts of terrorism, riots, civil unrest, strike, nuclear or chemical contamination, epidemic and other similar circumstances as well as in the event of involvement of a Member's government in a war or other similar situations, the Bureau shall have the power to take appropriate measures, aiming at preserving the safe, peaceful, and regular conduct of European Aquatics competitions and events. The measures may include the suspension or expulsion of a Member, other sanctions as well as appropriate protective measures.

11.4 The European Aquatics Executive Director

11.4.1 The European Aquatics Executive Director shall attend the meetings of the Bureau and the Bureau Executive as an "ex officio" member without vote.

11.4.2 He shall manage the European Aquatics Office in coordination with the President and the General Secretary.

11.4.3 He shall also be responsible for the employment of the European Aquatics Staff, subject to the approval of the Officers.

11.4.4 He shall, under the guidance of the Treasurer, manage the accounts and financial statements. He or she is responsible for operating within the annual budget approved by the Bureau.

11.5 Meetings and attendance

11.5.1 The Bureau shall meet minimum once in a calendar year and whenever there is business to be transacted.

11.5.2 The quorum for a meeting of the Bureau shall be the majority of members with power to vote.

11.5.3 The meeting shall be presided over by the European Aquatics President. In his absence, the First Vice President and in his absence the present Vice President senior in age shall open the meeting and the General Secretary shall conduct the meeting.

11.5.4 The Chairpersons of the European Aquatics Committees may be invited to attend the Bureau meetings. They may be substituted by the Vice Chairman or the Secretary of the respective Committee.

11.5.5 The European Aquatics Audit Committee Members and/or the Professional Audit Company shall be invited to attend the Bureau meetings for the material financial items.

C 12 BUREAU EXECUTIVE

12.1 Composition, Rights and Duties

12.1.1 The Bureau Executive shall consist of the President, the First Vice President, the Vice Presidents, the General Secretary and the Treasurer.

12.1.2 The rights and the duties of the Bureau Executive shall be:

12.1.2.1 to supervise the activities of the European Aquatics Office;

12.1.2.2 to make decisions on matters transferred to it by the Bureau;

12.1.2.3 to make decisions on urgent matters between the meetings of the Bureau;

12.1.2.4 any other mandate attributed by the Congress or stated in the Rules and Regulations.

12.1.3 The Bureau Executive shall report their decisions and actions in writing to the next Bureau meeting and they shall in turn be recorded in the Bureau minutes.

12.2 Rights and Duties of the Officers

12.2.1 The President, the First Vice President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer shall be entitled to jointly with one other Officer represent and legally bind European Aquatics whenever required.

12.3 The President

12.3.1 The principal elected Officer of European Aquatics shall be the President.

12.3.2 The President shall, inter alia, have the following roles and duties;

- 12.3.2.1** to preside at all meetings of the Congress, the Bureau and the Bureau Executive;
- 12.3.2.2** to represent European Aquatics in all dealings with World Aquatics and any other relevant national or international organisations;
- 12.3.2.3** to negotiate or to oversee the negotiation of all major contracts on behalf of European Aquatics in consultation with the members of the Bureau Executive and the European Aquatics Executive Director;
- 12.3.2.4** to be an ex officio member of all European Aquatics Committees and Commissions;
- 12.3.2.5** to create any task force or working group he/she may deem necessary or advisable to address any urgent situation;
- 12.3.2.6** to be responsible, as the principal elected Officer of European Aquatics, for the oversight of the operations of the European Aquatics Office and, where appropriate, to take such measures as he/she may deem necessary for the proper administration of European Aquatics. He or she shall periodically report to the Bureau in this regard;
- 12.3.2.7** to maintain relations with World Aquatics and European Aquatics Member Federations;
- 12.3.2.8** to propose a candidate for European Aquatics Executive Director which is then to be considered for appointment by the European Aquatics Bureau;
- 12.3.2.9** to evaluate the performance of the European Aquatics Executive Director;

12.4 The First Vice President

12.4.1 The duties of the First Vice President shall, inter alia, be as follows;

- 12.4.1.1** in the absence of the President, chair the Congress, Bureau and Bureau Executive meetings;
- 12.4.1.2** in the absence of the President, to represent European Aquatics at European Aquatics Competitions, ceremonies or other activities requiring the presence of the highest European Aquatics authority;
- 12.4.1.3** generally, to act as substitute when the President cannot act or be present

12.5 The General Secretary

- 12.5.1** The duties of the General Secretary shall, inter alia, be as follows:
 - 12.5.1.1** to manage the administration of Secretarial functions together with the Executive Director;
 - 12.5.1.2** to monitor the relations between European Aquatics and Member Federations;
 - 12.5.1.3** to supervise the organisation of the Congress and the Bureau meetings and agenda, together with the Executive Director;
 - 12.5.1.4** to collect candidacies for the European Aquatics Bureau, the Bureau Executive and the World Aquatics Bureau and World Aquatics Vice President;
 - 12.5.1.5** to jointly with the President evaluate the performance of the European Aquatics Executive Director.

12.6 The Treasurer

- 12.6.1** The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:
 - 12.6.1.1** to supervise European Aquatics's finances;
 - 12.6.1.2** to advise on the annual finance plans;
 - 12.6.1.3** to administer European Aquatics's capital;
 - 12.6.1.4** to settle all financial obligations;

- 12.6.1.5** to participate in the negotiations with official suppliers and in relation to TV and broadcasting rights;
- 12.6.1.6** to manage all intellectual properties of European Aquatics;
- 12.6.1.7** to provide at each Bureau meeting an up-to-date report on European Aquatics's financial position against budget and where possible provide a financial forecast.

12.6.2 The Treasurer shall be mandatorily consulted on all financial matters.

C 13 COMMITTEES

13.1 The Committees of European Aquatics shall be appointed by the Bureau and shall be the following:

13.1.1 Technical Committees:

- 13.1.1.1** Swimming Committee (TSC);
- 13.1.1.2** Water Polo Committee (TWPC);
- 13.1.1.3** Diving Committee (TDC);
- 13.1.1.4** Artistic Swimming Committee (TASC);
- 13.1.1.5** Open Water Swimming Committee (TOWSC);
- 13.1.1.6** High Diving Committee (HDTC);
- 13.1.1.7** Masters Committee (MaC);
- 13.1.1.8** Medical Committee (MedC)

13.1.2 Special Committees:

- 13.1.2.1** the Marketing Committee;
- 13.1.2.2** the Awards' Committee;
- 13.1.2.3** the Legal Committee;
- 13.1.2.4** the Media Committee;
- 13.1.2.5** the Athletes Committee;

13.1.2.6 the Facilities Committee**13.2 Composition**

- 13.2.1** Each Committee shall consist of up to seventeen (17) members each one from a different Member Federation.
- 13.2.2** The officers of the committees shall be the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson and the Secretary.
- 13.2.3** For each Committee the Bureau may appoint ex officio one or more Bureau members without vote who shall ensure necessary communication between the Bureau and the Committee (Bureau Liaison/s).

13.3 Appointment of the Committee Members

- 13.3.1** Candidates for Committee Membership may be proposed by a Bureau Member or by the Member Federation.
- 13.3.2** Any candidate shall be a resident and/or a citizen of the country where the Member Federation is located and shall be under the jurisdiction of that Member Federation.
- 13.3.3** The appointment of a Committee Member is only valid after the Member Federation he/she belongs to has confirmed in writing that it will cover the expenses of the Committee Member for the full term of appointment.
- 13.3.4** The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Secretary and the other members of the Committees shall be appointed by the Bureau at its first meeting after its election and shall remain in office for the same period as the Bureau.
- 13.3.5** Only those persons may be appointed members of a Technical Committee who are recognised experts in the respective sport, possess comprehensive experience as an athlete, judge, official, trainer or teacher, and are capable of and interested in actively and regularly attending meetings of the Committee and cooperating with it.

- 13.3.6** Only those persons may be appointed members of a Special Committee who are knowledgeable and skilled in the area for which the Committee has been established and are capable of and interested in actively and regularly attending meetings of the Committee and co-operating with it.

13.4 Rights and duties

- 13.4.1** The rights and duties of the Committees and Special Committees shall, inter alia, include the following:

- 13.4.1.1** to discuss and to take decisions on all matters assigned to them by the Bureau or the Bureau Executive;
- 13.4.1.2** to promote their discipline in any possible way e.g. by collecting experiences, conducting clinics, circulating technical expertise to affiliated Member Federations, etc.;
- 13.4.1.3** to exchange continuously expertise and opinions with Member Federations in regard to technical matters;
- 13.4.1.4** to consider and decide on all technical matters in their discipline;
- 13.4.1.5** to evaluate, promote and maintain the quality of referees, judges and officials and to establish annually a list of European Aquatics recognised officials in their discipline;
- 13.4.1.6** to control the technical preparation and technical conducting of the competitions in their discipline at the European Championships and the other European Aquatics Events;
- 13.4.1.7** to investigate standard equipment and specifications of venues and facilities for European Aquatics Events;
- 13.4.1.8** to consider and take decisions on applications for European Records;

13.4.1.9 to appoint sub-committees, consisting of Committee Members, to investigate, study and make recommendations to the Committee on any matter referred to them;

13.4.1.10 to establish and recommend for the approval of the Bureau binding regulations for the conduct of European Aquatics Events.

13.4.2 The rights and duties of the Special Committees shall, inter alia, include the following:

13.4.2.1 the composition specific duties and powers of the individual committees shall be stipulated in special organisation regulations;

13.4.2.2 each Committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the European Aquatics Bureau;

13.4.2.3 to appoint sub-committees, consisting of Committee members, to investigate, study and make recommendations to the Committee on any matter referred to them.

13.5 Meetings and attendance

13.5.1 All Committee meetings shall be subject to Bureau approval. Each Committee shall normally meet once a year and at such other time as the Bureau shall agree.

13.5.2 The Chairman of the Committee shall compose the agenda.

13.5.3 The quorum for a meeting shall be the majority of the members.

13.5.4 The meeting shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Committee or, in his absence, the Vice Chairman. If neither is present, the member shall appoint from amongst themselves a person to act as the meeting chairman.

13.5.5 The Secretary shall keep minutes and submit reports to the Bureau.

- 13.5.6** Where a member of any Committee has been absent from two consecutive meetings without reasons acceptable to the Bureau, the Bureau shall have the right to declare that such a member has forfeited his membership. The Bureau according to C 11.3.1.5 shall then fill the vacancy

C 14 VOTING BY THE BUREAU AND THE COMMITTEES

- 14.1** Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of votes.
- 14.2** In cases of equal votes, the Chairperson or the chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- 14.3** The Bureau Executive and the officers of the Committees may call for a decision by mail (including fax and email) vote.
- 14.4** Where a mail vote is called, the Secretary in charge shall:
- 14.4.1** send each member entitled to vote a clear statement of the question to be voted;
 - 14.4.2** request that each member shall send his/her vote thereon to the mentioned address;
 - 14.4.3** state on what date the voting shall be closed.
- 14.5** After the closing of the vote the Secretary in charge shall inform all those entitled to vote of the result.
- 14.6** The ballots cast shall be kept in the files until the end of the next meeting of the respective body where the decision will be recorded.

C 15 REPRESENTATION TOWARDS THIRD PARTIES

- 15.1** The Bureau represents European Aquatics toward third parties and is validly engaged by two of the signatures of its President, First Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer.
- 15.2** The Bureau may delegate to any of its members or a third party, under its responsibility, the power to represent European Aquatics and sign on its behalf.

C 16 EUROPEAN AQUATICS INTEGRITY UNIT (EAIU)

16.1 Objectives

16.1.1 The objectives of the EAIU are:

16.1.1.1 to maintain confidence in the integrity of Aquatics, and in the commitment of European Aquatics to take all steps necessary to protect that integrity;

16.1.1.2 to combat all forms of corruption and ethical misconduct, investigate fraudulent behaviour and detect all forms of misconduct and of non-compliance with this Constitution and/or the European Aquatics Rules and Regulations to ensure the confidence of all Athletes in Europe who dedicate their lives to reach their sporting goals; and

16.1.1.3 to ensure that European Aquatics, all its Member Federations, Officials, Athletes, Coaches, Agents and all people subject to this Constitution, act in compliance with this Constitution and the European Aquatics Rules and Regulations.

16.2 Responsibilities

16.2.1 The responsibilities of the EAIU include:

16.2.1.1 to handle all integrity matters related with European Aquatics Events or matter related specifically to European Aquatics, including disciplinary, ethics, various forms of harassment, competition manipulation, fraud, illicit betting and other event interference offenses, in accordance with the applicable European Aquatics Rules and Regulations;

16.2.1.2 to educate all Officials, European Aquatics Member Federations, European Aquatics staff, Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, and others who are bound by the Constitution and the European Aquatics Rules and Regulations about their obligations thereunder, and to monitor their compliance with those obligations;

- 16.2.1.3** to investigate and prosecute potential violations of the Constitution and/or the European Aquatics Rules and Regulations;
- 16.2.1.4** to report, on an annual basis, to the Bureau and to the Congress; and
- 16.2.1.5** to deal with any other task attributed to the EAIU by this Constitution, a decision of the Bureau, the Bureau Executive or the European Aquatics Rules and Regulations.

16.3 Independence

- 16.3.1** The EAIU shall operate neutrally and independently, in accordance with this Constitution, the European Aquatics Rules and Regulations and the European Aquatics Integrity Code.

16.4 Resources

- 16.4.1** The EAIU shall be provided by European Aquatics with all the necessary organisational and budget resources to be able to operate efficiently and independently.

16.5 Composition of the EAIU

- 16.5.1** The European Aquatics Integrity Unity shall be comprised of:
 - 16.5.1.1** the European Aquatics Integrity Council;
 - 16.5.1.2** the European Aquatics Ethics Officer;
 - 16.5.1.3** the Investigatory Body; and
 - 16.5.1.4** the Adjudicatory Body.

16.6 The European Aquatics Integrity Council

- 16.6.1** The European Aquatics Integrity Council is composed as follows:
 - 16.6.1.1** a chairperson, proposed by Member Federations or Bureau Members, nominated by the Bureau and elected by the Congress; and

- 16.6.1.2** two (2) members, proposed by Member Federations or Bureau Members, nominated by the Bureau and elected by the Congress.
- 16.6.2** The responsibilities of the European Aquatics Integrity Council include:
 - 16.6.2.1** developing the strategy, policies and plans for the EAIU;
 - 16.6.2.2** to appoint an appropriate panel of investigators or investigations service provider as an Investigatory Body to run an investigation when needed;
 - 16.6.2.3** to provide any investigation report submitted by the Investigatory Body to the Adjudicatory Panel;
 - 16.6.2.4** monitoring the performance of the EAIU, including the various units therein;
 - 16.6.2.5** overseeing the budget of the EAIU;
 - 16.6.2.6** to make proposals and suggestions to the Congress for additions or amendments to European Aquatics Integrity Code; and
 - 16.6.2.7** any other task attributed to the Integrity Council by this Constitution, a decision of the Bureau or the Bureau Executive or the European Aquatics Rules and Regulations.

16.7 The European Aquatics Ethics Officer

- 16.7.1** The European Aquatics Ethics Officer is appointed by the European Aquatics Integrity Council.
- 16.7.2** The responsibility of the European Aquatics Ethics Officer is to operate an independent integrity reporting hotline and assess complaints, allocate them to responsible parties and coordinate investigations into wrongdoing when within scope.

16.8 The Investigatory Body

- 16.8.1** The Investigatory Body is an expert panel or organisation appointed by the European Aquatics Integrity Council on a case-by-case basis to investigate potential Integrity Code Violations.
- 16.8.2** The Investigatory Body shall report, as a result of an investigation, to the Integrity Council.

16.9 The European Aquatics Adjudicatory Body

- 16.9.1** The Adjudicatory Body is composed as follows:
- 16.9.1.1** a chairperson, proposed by Member Federations or Bureau Members, nominated by the Bureau and elected by the Congress; and
 - 16.9.1.2** four (4) Members, proposed by Member Federations or Bureau Members, nominated by the Bureau and elected by the Congress.
- 16.9.2** The responsibilities of the Adjudicatory Body include:
- 16.9.2.1** to review any investigation reports of the Investigatory Body submitted by the Integrity Council, when necessary;
 - 16.9.2.2** to take the appropriate decisions, including imposing the appropriate sanctions, in accordance with this Constitution and the European Aquatics Rules and Regulations; and
 - 16.9.2.3** any other task attributed to the Adjudicatory Body by this Constitution, a decision of the Bureau or the Bureau Executive or the European Aquatics Rules and Regulations.
- 16.9.3** The chairperson shall appoint three (3) Members of the Adjudicatory Body to a Panel to adjudicate an alleged Integrity Code Violation.

16.10 EAIU Procedures, Rules and Terms of Office

- 16.10.1** The activities and the procedures of the EAIU shall be set out in detail in the European Aquatics Integrity Code and remain in compliance with this Constitution.
- 16.10.2** The European Aquatics Integrity Code and any amendment to this code shall be decided by the Congress. The Integrity Council, the Bureau or the Member Federations can propose amendments to the European Aquatics Integrity Code to the congress.
- 16.10.3** The term of office for any position in the EAIU shall be of four (4) years; every member of the EAIU may be appointed for such number of successive terms as considered appropriate by European Aquatics, with a maximum of three (3) terms for each position.

C 17 SANCTIONS

- 17.1** Any Member Federation, Registered Federation and/or any club or individual registered with the Member Federation may be sanctioned by European Aquatics as stated in the Rules and Regulations if any:
- 17.1.1** duties to European Aquatics are not fulfilled;
- 17.1.2** European Aquatics has been brought into disrepute;
- 17.1.3** Rules, Regulations and/or decisions of the Congress, of the Bureau or of the European Aquatics Panel are violated or not complied with.
- 17.2 Possible sanctions are:**
- 17.2.1** a warning;
- 17.2.2** a fine;
- 17.2.3** a suspension for a fixed period;
- 17.2.4** a suspension until an imposed obligation will be fulfilled;
- 17.2.5** a suspension until a specified set of circumstances changes or ceases to exist;
- 17.2.6** withholding of grants or subsidies from a Member Federation;

17.2.7 exclusion. One or several of the sanctions may be combined.

17.3 Any sanction shall be recognised and complied with by all Member Federations, Registered Federations and/or any club or individual registered with the Member Federation.

C 18 ANNUAL EUROPEAN AQUATICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

18.1 The European Aquatics calendar shall include:

18.1.1 the European Aquatics Events;

18.1.2 fixtures agreed between Member Federations;

18.1.3 events announced by a Member Federation and accepted for inclusion in the European Aquatics calendar by the European Aquatics General Secretary.

18.2 Events of common interest, including all World Aquatics international events, may be added for information.

C 19 FINANCES

19.1 Funds

19.1.1 All funds or other property of European Aquatics shall be applied to the furtherance of the objectives of European Aquatics.

19.1.2 No funds or other property of European Aquatics shall be paid to, or distributed among, the members of European Aquatics. In the event of dissolution of European Aquatics, the funds remaining shall be transferred to World Aquatics.

19.1.3 Members of the European Aquatics Bureau are not personally liable for the debts and obligations of European Aquatics.

19.1.4 The Congress may decide to use the whole or any part of the funds or other property of European Aquatics to secure and/or to compensate any present or expected liability of European Aquatics due to negligent acts on behalf of European Aquatics by any member of the Bureau Executive.

19.2 Financial Administration and Control

- 19.2.1** The financial year of European Aquatics shall be the calendar year.
- 19.2.2** The Treasurer shall prepare the annual accounts, present them to the Bureau for approval. The Bureau approved accounts shall then be presented to the Congress each year.
- 19.2.3** The annual accounts shall be audited by certified professional auditors approved by the Bureau. The audit process shall be overseen and managed by the European Aquatics Audit Committee.
- 19.2.4** The European Aquatics Audit Committee shall be elected by the Congress for the same period as the Bureau. They shall be from two different Federations, but not from the same Federation as the Treasurer.
- 19.2.5** A person may not serve on the European Aquatics Audit Committee if he/she is a member of the Bureau or a Committee.

19.3 Expenses of Bureau and Committee Members

- 19.3.1** All Bureau and Committee Members are volunteers and shall not receive any kind of remuneration other than such emoluments as the Bureau shall approve from time to time to cover out of pocket expenses.

C 20 ARBITRATION

- 20.1** Final decisions made by the Congress or Bureau that violate the Constitution or mandatory legal provisions may be submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in Lausanne, Switzerland, which shall resolve the dispute finally in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration.
- 20.2** The time limit for filing an appeal shall be 21 days after receipt of the decision against which the appeal is directed. The governing law of the appeal shall be the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations of European Aquatics and complementarily, Swiss law. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in English unless the parties agree otherwise.

C 21 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL RULES

- 21.1** Any amendment to the European Aquatics Constitutional Rules must be:
- 21.1.1** presented by the Bureau or a Member Federation;
 - 21.1.2** approved by a minimum of two thirds of Member Federations present at the Congress;
 - 21.1.3** submitted to World Aquatics for approval in accordance with World Aquatics Rule C 14.2.
- 21.2** Amendments of the Constitutional Rules approved by the Congress shall come into effect immediately unless the Congress deems otherwise.

C 22 PRINTING OF RULES

- 22.1** All Rules of European Aquatics are solely for the benefit of Members and may be reprinted or translated by Members under their responsibility, with the understanding that in all cases where the translated text differs in interpretation, the English version shall be accepted. Any other organisations desiring to publish these Rules shall obtain the permission of European Aquatics.

C 23 DISSOLUTION

- 23.1** The dissolution of European Aquatics may only be decided by an Extraordinary Congress.
- 23.2** A four-fifths majority of Member Federations shall be required to dissolve European Aquatics.
- 23.3** If European Aquatics is dissolved all European Aquatics properties shall be transferred to World Aquatics.