



Association of the Balkan Athletic Federations STATUTES

I. AIMS

The main aims of the Association of the Balkan Athletic Federations are:

- the organisation of the Balkan Athletic Championships in the spirit of the sport of athletics
- the improvement of health and physical condition of the youth of the Balkan Countries.
- the promotion of sports and cultural activities, the promotion of the relationships between the Balkan countries, the mutual understanding, the exchanging of ideas and finally the preservation of Peace and Stability in the area.

II. GENERAL RULES

Article 1.

Representatives of the Balkan Countries who acknowledge the present Statutes, set up an International Athletic Organisation called “**Association of the Balkan Athletic Federations**” herein called **ABAF**.

Article 2.

The ABAF is a non-political organisation decisively rejecting all forms of racial, religious or political discrimination within its members.

This is a Balkan non-governmental, non-profit organisation of unlimited duration in the form of Area Association, registered within European Athletics.

Article 3.

The National Balkan Athletic Federations, members of the International Association of the Athletics Federations (IAAF) are eligible to become ABAF members. Any new affiliations must be approved by the ABAF Congress.

The members may depart from the Association following a decision of their Federation’s General Assembly, which must be brought to the ABAF’s knowledge. As to the expulsion of a member, the relevant decision must be based on very serious reasons and can be taken only by the ABAF Congress, with a majority of at least 50% + 1 vote (6 members).

Article 4.

The ABAF shall apply, where relevant, the current version of constitutional and technical rules of the European Athletics and the IAAF, including any amendments thereto and the present Statutes.



Article 5.

The Headquarters of the ABAF is located in the country of residence of the ABAF President in duty.

Article 6.

The official language of the ABAF is English and all written materials must be edited in English.

III. STRUCTURE OF THE ABAF

Article 7.

The ABAF managing bodies are:

a. Congress

b. Presidents' Council

The Presidents Council consists of the Presidents of the Member Federations, or another person, specifically nominated by the President for each Meeting

c. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be elected, during the annual Ordinary Congress for a period of four (4) years and shall consist of the following members:

President:

- He/she shall be proposed by the Member Federations
- He/she must be approved by the Congress.
- He/she shall have a voting right.

Two (2) Vice Presidents:

- They shall be proposed by the Member Federations
- They must be approved by the Congress.
- They shall have a voting right.

One (1) Finance and Marketing Director

- He/she shall be approved by the Congress for a period of four (4) years.

The General Secretary:

- He/she shall be of the same Nationality as the President.
- He/she must be approved by the Congress.
- He/she does not have a voting right.

d. Commissions or Working Groups:

The Congress has the right to appoint various Commissions or Working Groups according to the current needs.



- e. All representatives of Balkan Federations who are currently members of European Athletics Council or IAAF Council shall be ABAF ex-officio members unless otherwise elected in ABAF structures.

IV. THE CONGRESS

Article 8.

The Congress is the supreme managing body of the ABAF. The Ordinary Congress shall take place every year during European Athletics Convention. Draft minutes of the Congress shall be sent within two weeks to the Members for approval and comments. Minutes shall be approved during the next Congress.

Article 9.

The Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses may be attended by a maximum of two delegates per Member Federation plus the Executive Board Members. The presence of delegates from at least half the Member Federations is required so as to have quorum. In case of a voting procedure, only one delegate per country is allowed to vote, while the decisions are taken by simple majority. Member Federations shall confirm the names of their Delegates to the ABAF Headquarters at least two weeks before the Congress.

Article 10.

Observers are allowed to be present at the Congresses, after having applied and received an invitation.

V. THE PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

Article 11.

The ABAF Presidents' Council:

- a. meets minimum two times a year, normally during the Balkan Indoor and Senior Championships;
- b. discusses current matters and reports to the Executive Board;
- c. decides on current matters that do not require the authority of the Executive Board or the Congress;

VI. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 12.

The ABAF Executive Board:

- a. meets minimum four times a year, normally during the Balkan Indoor and Senior Championships, the Balkan Congress and the Balkan Athletics Gala;
- b. prepares and coordinates the organisation of the Balkan Championships;
- c. prepares the agenda of the forthcoming Congress;
- d. organises other activities (such as seminars, training camps etc.);



- e. prepares the year-end financial report and submits it to the Congress for approval;
- f. nominated Commissions and Working Groups when needed;
- g. appoints ABAF Delegates for the Balkan events.

VII. CONVOCAION OF CONGRESS

Article 13.

An Ordinary Congress shall be held once every year, normally in the end of September, and shall be hosted by one of the Member Federations. The Ordinary Congress shall be convoked by the President. An Extraordinary Congress may be convoked at any time either by the President or by a minimum number of 5 Federations.

Article 14.

The appropriate invitation, preliminary agenda and all documents shall be sent to the Member Federations one month before the date of the Congress.

Article 15.

The Congress is chaired by the President. In case of his absence it is chaired by one of the Vice Presidents.

VIII. VOTING AND ELECTIONS

Article 16.

Each Balkan Federation shall have the same voting rights as at European Athletics Congress, i.e. 1 Federation = 1 vote.

Article 17.

In case of a tie occurring in any election, the procedure shall be repeated for a maximum of three times to decide between the persons so tying. If a tie occurs also in the third ballot, the President's vote shall count double in order to decide the tie.

Article 18.

The Congress approves the decisions for changes in the Statutes and the Technical Regulations made by a majority of at least 50% plus one vote of the present members federations.

IX. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Article 19.

The Ordinary Congress:

- a. Supervises the fulfilment of the aims given by the present Statutes;



- b. Approves, amends or changes the ABAF Statutes and the Technical Regulations of the competitions according to the rules of the IAAF;
- c. Approves the dates and venues for the next year's Balkan events;
- d. Elects President and Vice Presidents, approves the Executive Board Members and the General Secretary and appoint Members of Commissions and/or Working Groups when needed.

Article 20

The President:

- a. Represents and manages the ABAF according to the Statutes and the decisions of the Congress and the Executive Board.
- b. Is responsible for managing the Association, elaborating strategies and long term planning of the ABAF activities and representing the ABAF at all official events in public. Also signs all correspondence and all the legal and financial documents of the ABAF.
- c. Is responsible for the implementation of the budget, decisions of the Congress and Executive Board.

Article 21

The Vice Presidents:

- a. Are responsible, in the absence of the President, for the President's duties.
- b. In case the President is not able to fulfil his/her duties, one of the Vice Presidents, as appointed by the Executive Board, becomes Acting President until the next elections or the closest Congress.

Article 22

The Secretary General:

- a. is the executive of the Executive Board, responsible for the ABAF office;
- b. manages the ABAF activities in the period between the Executive Board and Presidents' Council Meetings and coordinates all activities;
- c. keeps the whole information of the Balkan competitions;
- d. sends the Congress reports and the results of Balkan competitions to European Athletics and IAAF
- e. publishes the official records of the Balkan competitions through the ABAF website.

Note: The ABAF Member Federations are encouraged to send to the General Secretary any material useful for the website.

X. PROPERTIES

Article 23.

The ABAF may acquire or own properties for the realisation of its aims, including facilities and equipment according to the laws of the country in which the offices are located.



XI. MEMBERSHIP FEE

Article 24.

Each Member shall pay an annual membership fee of 50 EUR, payable during the Ordinary Congress.

XII. FINANCES

Article 25.

The income of the ABAF is formed by marketing and sponsorships, subsidies, donations, membership fee and other sources allowed by law. A bank account will be provided for this purpose. The President and the Secretary General have to manage the above bank account both and together.

XIII. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 26.

All matters not settled by the present Statutes will be arranged by the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress.

Article 27.

The ABAF has a stamp, logo, letter form, flag and other symbol, approved by the Congress.

Article 28.

The present Statutes were approved by the ABAF Congress held in Vrsac, Serbia on 24 September 2015.



MEMBER FEDERATIONS*

#	Abbreviation	Country	Full name of the member
1.	ALB	Albania	Federata Shqiptare e Atletikes
2.	ARM	Armenia	Athletic Federation of the Republic of Armenia
3.	BIH	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Athletic Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
4.	BUL	Bulgaria	Bulgarian Athletic Federation
5.	CRO	Croatia	Hrvatski Atletski Savez
6.	CYP	Cyprus	Amateur Athletic Association of Cyprus
7.	GEO	Georgia	Athletic Federation of Georgia
8.	GRE	Greece	Association Hellénique d'Athlétisme Amateur
9.	ISR	Israel	Israeli Athletic Association
10.	KOS	Kosovo	Kosovo Athletic Federation
11.	MKD	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Atletska Federacija na Makedonija
12.	MDA	Moldova	Federatia de Atletism din Republica Moldova
13.	MNE	Montenegro	Athletics Federation of Montenegro
14.	ROU	Romania	Romanian Athletic Federation
15.	SLO	Slovenia	Slovenian Athletic Federation
16.	SRB	Serbia	Athletics Federation of Serbia
17.	TUR	Turkey	Türkiye Atletizm Federasyonu

* as of July 2016