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## **INTERNAL REGULATIONS**



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## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 1 – Name and Headquarters**

1. The World Grappling Committee (WGC) is an auxiliary body of FILA that was constituted within the framework of FILA's policy and directives.
2. The WGC headquarters are located within the FILA headquarters in Corsier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland.

### **Article 2 – Mission Statement**

WGC was created under the authority of FILA to foster the physical and mental well being of individuals engaging in the discipline of grappling. The goal of WGC is to make grappling an exciting and spectator friendly sport and to rule its practice on a worldwide level in order to ultimately gain Olympic status.

### **Article 3 – Objectives**

The objectives of WGC are:

- a) To encourage the development of friendly relations between the National Federations managing grappling, the National Grappling Committees, the officials, and the athletes.
- b) To supervise the organisation of the international grappling competitions entered in the FILA calendar.
- c) To draw up the International Grappling Regulations and ensure their enforcement during the WGC/FILA events.
- d) To check on the constant application of the values of sportsmanship and fair-play that are at the roots of the grappling philosophy.
- e) To train and control the international grappling referees.
- f) To fight any kind of discrimination against a country, a private person or a group of people on the account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics or any other reason.

### **Article 4 – Official languages**

1. The official languages of WGC are French and English. Correspondence, minutes and announcements will be exclusively written in these two languages. Similarly, all debates will be conducted in French and English.
2. On the occasion of the General Assembly, delegates may speak in their mother tongue if they insure interpretation into one of the official WGC languages by a qualified interpreter.
3. In case of divergence in the wording, the French text is authoritative.

### **Article 5 – Name, emblem and information**

The name, the emblem and the information published on the WGC website or in any other official publication are FILA's exclusive property and cannot be subject to any private or commercial use without FILA's prior written approval.



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## **II. MEMBERS**

### **Article 1 – General principles**

1. In accordance with its Constitution, FILA can only recognize one National Federation per country. The latter is responsible for controlling, managing and developing all wrestling styles recognized by it in harmony with the FILA Constitution and Regulations. The affiliated National Federation is entitled to take part in the FILA Congress, vote, and represent its country on the international level.
2. Some affiliated National Federations do not wish, for some reason or other, manage the non-Olympic styles recognized by FILA. Even if this situation is not optimum, the FILA Constitution provides for the recognition of specific National Committees to prevent the development of these disciplines from being penalized. The National Grappling Committees are affiliated to FILA as associated members and they can attend the FILA Congress as observers, but they are not entitled to vote.
3. In the event of a dispute between the National Federation and the national grappling governing body, FILA will inquire and make the appropriate decision to ensure the healthy development of the discipline in the country concerned.

### **Article 2 – National Federations managing grappling**

The National Federations managing grappling have the obligation to submit to FILA the names, addresses and functions of the members of their grappling commission as well as the list of international grappling competition that they intend to organise each year.

### **Article 3 – Recognition of a National Grappling Committee**

1. In order to be recognized by FILA, a National Grappling Committee must obtain written approval from the affiliated National Federation that accepts to delegate the authority of managing the style in question.
2. Once the written approval obtained, the National Grappling Committee must submit to FILA an application file composed of the following documents:
  - Discharge letter signed by the National Federation's President
  - Attestation of compliance with the FILA/WGC Constitution and Regulations
  - Attestation of compliance with the World Anti-doping Code
  - Statutes of the National Committee
  - Filled in information form
  - Composition of the board with the function and details of each member
  - List of the affiliated clubs
  - Calendar of the national and international competitions
  - Activity report of the previous year
  - Payment of the first membership subscription of CHF 500.-
3. The affiliation of the National Grappling Committee will be confirmed to it by WGC upon approval of FILA.
4. FILA is the governing body of the National Grappling Committees and it can delegate some of its prerogatives to WGC to ensure a more efficient functioning.



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#### **Articles 4 – Members’ rights**

The National Federations managing grappling and the National Grappling Committees affiliated independently have the following rights:

- a) To take part in the WGC General Assembly
- b) To draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly.
- c) To take part in the competitions organised by WGC/FILA.
- d) To take part in FILA’s assistance and development programmes.

#### **Article 5 – Members’ obligations**

The National Federations managing grappling and the National Grappling Committees affiliated independently have the following obligations:

- a) To pay their membership subscriptions (it is specified that the National Federations managing grappling are exempt from additional subscription).
- b) To provide their members who wish to participate in international competitions entered in the FILA calendar with a FILA licence.
- c) To appoint some coaches and referees to the various international courses organised by FILA/WGC.
- d) To comply fully with the FILA Constitution and Regulations as well as with the WGC Internal Regulations.
- e) To make sure that their members comply with the FILA Constitution and Regulations and apply the directives and decisions made by FILA/WGC.
- f) To recognize the Arbitral Court for Sport in Lausanne as the only appellate body.
- g) To comply with the World Anti-doping Code and with the FILA Anti-doping Regulations.
- h) To submit every year on the occasion of the calendar meeting the list of international competitions to be entered in the FILA calendar.
- i) To comply with the FILA Requirements when organising grappling international competitions or championships.
- j) To train the grappling coaches and referees on the national level.

#### **Article 6 – Suspension**

The suspension of a National Federation managing grappling or a National Grappling Committee can only be pronounced by FILA. However, a member that seriously and repeatedly violates its obligations may be suspended with immediate effect by WGC provided that the FILA Executive Committee agrees. If not lifted in the meantime, the suspension remains in force until the next General Assembly.

### **III. BOARD**

1. WGC is run by a Board appointed by the FILA Bureau upon proposal of the FILA President for a period of four years renewable.
2. The persons eligible are those presented by their National Federation managing grappling or by their National Grappling Committee provided that the latter are duly affiliated, have satisfied to their financial obligations and are not subject to any measure of suspension.



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## **IV. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **Article 1 – Composition**

1. The General Assembly gathers together the representatives of the National Federations managing grappling, the representatives of the National Grappling Committees, the WGC Board members, the FILA President, and the FILA Bureau members appointed by him.
2. Three representatives (maximum number) per affiliated National Federation or per National Grappling Committee are authorized to attend the General Assembly, but only one of them is entitled to vote and speak. The latter must have an authorization from his Federation/Committee (proxy).

### **Article 2 – Voting power**

1. The National Federation managing grappling and the National Grappling Committees are entitled to one vote provided that they are up to date with the payment of their dues to FILA and are present at the General Assembly. This vote may not be delegated.
2. The WGC Board members are entitled to one vote which may not be delegated.
3. The FILA President and the FILA Bureau members appointed by him are entitled to one vote which may not be delegated.

### **Article 3 – Operation**

1. The General Assembly is held every two years on the occasion of the grappling World Championship.
2. It is convened by the FILA President and by the WGC President who directs it.
3. It deliberates on the moral and financial reports for the past two-year period and on the items placed on the agenda, details of which will have been submitted to the National Federations managing grappling and to the National Grappling Committees two months prior to the date of the General Assembly.
4. The motions which the National Federations managing grappling and the National Grappling Committees request to be placed on the agenda must reach the FILA secretariat three months before the date of the General Assembly.
5. Only the items placed on the agenda can be examined. However, the General Assembly may decide, with a majority of two-thirds of the votes, to examine a question which is not placed on the agenda.
6. Within the two months following the General Assembly, the minutes of the proceedings, signed by the FILA President and by the WGC President, will be forwarded to the National Federations managing grappling and to the National Grappling Committees and submitted for approval at the following General Assembly.
7. The General Assembly follows the same procedures as the FILA Congress.



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## **V. ROLES AND COMPETENCES**

Whenever they are exercised within the regulatory framework established by FILA, the competences of WGC are as follows:

1. To supervise the organisation of the grappling Continental and World Championships entered in the FILA calendar and to make sure that the FILA Requirements are enforced.
2. To convene, every year, on the occasion of the World Championship, a calendar meeting during which the National Federations managing grappling and the National Grappling Committees will announce the dates and places of the international competitions that they intend to organise the following year. After approval, these competitions will be included in FILA's general calendar.
3. To submit to FILA for decision, all issues of general interest concerning the promotion of grappling and the conditions of implementation of the official FILA Regulations.
4. To propose to FILA the measures considered appropriate for the development and consolidation of grappling throughout the world.
5. To determine, establish and propose means of promotion likely to have the most impact.
6. To organise international grappling coaches' and referees' courses, the technical part of which may only be executed by qualified instructors appointed by FILA.
7. To carry out statistical work or research, both on its own initiative and at FILA's request, in order to determine the level of development of grappling or to support all proposals of general interest to be submitted to FILA.
8. To co-ordinate the initiatives of the National Federations managing grappling and of the National Grappling Committees.

The various fields of competence aforementioned are not restrictive. WGC may carry out its activities in other fields providing it has previously obtained FILA's approval in this regard.

## **VI. FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

1. FILA finances the development of grappling based on its annual budget and on a budget established by WGC.
2. This budget and WGC's annual activity report will be presented by the WGC President on the occasion of the FILA Executive Committee's annual meeting.
3. WGC must also seek advertising and sponsoring contracts to help finance the development of grappling. All contracts will be countersigned by the FILA President.
4. All advertising and sponsoring receipts will be reallocated to the development of grappling.



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## **VII. COMPLIANCE WITH FILA CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS**

1. Under no circumstances may any decision from WGC regarding a National Federation be taken and be considered enforceable, since only FILA has the administrative, technical and disciplinary authority over its members.
2. WGC must refrain from issuing or applying any measure which is contradictory to the FILA Constitution and Regulations.
3. WGC must refrain from promoting any competition whose characteristics do not conform to the general technical Regulations of FILA.
4. WGC must refrain from pursuing aims which are different or contrary to those established in Article 2 of the FILA Constitution.
5. WGC does not have the authority to confer upon any member of a National Federation managing grappling or of a National Grappling Committee the title of international referee.
6. WGC does not have the authority to confer upon any of its members the title of FILA representative.
7. WGC must refrain from considering that any National Federation or Committee is subordinated to it regarding the application of any FILA Regulations, even if it must control their compliance.

## **VIII. FINAL PROVISIONS**

1. WGC being an auxiliary body of FILA, its activities are governed exclusively by the FILA Constitution and by the present Regulations. Under no circumstances may WGC stand in for FILA in its relations with its affiliated National Federations.
2. The present Regulations may be modified or completed by decision of the FILA Executive Committee.