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WKA International

22nd June 2024

Constitution of WKA International

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World Karate Association
World Kickboxing Association
World Kickboxing and Karate Association

Preamble

We, the representatives of national and regional martial arts bodies, in celebration of the WKA’s rich legacy and in preparation for its future, hereby adopt this Constitution to guide **WKA International** into its next era of global leadership, inclusion, and innovation in kickboxing and martial arts.

Founded in 1976, WKA International remains committed to uniting disciplines, empowering athletes, and modernizing the structure of combat sports worldwide.

As we move into our 50th year we face the future including more sports and styles that just Kickboxing and Karate with Boxing, MMA and BJJ included along with hybrid styles.

To include everyone as our association has done very successfully we move into the future as WKA International to include all combat styles.

Article I – Name and Legal Status

1. The organization shall be known as **WKA International**
2. It shall operate as a non-profit, globally recognized governing body headquartered in a designated country approved by the Global Leadership Council.

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Article II – Mission and Objectives

1. To provide global governance, structure, and leadership in kickboxing, karate, and related martial arts disciplines.
2. To set and maintain international standards for rules, rankings, fighter safety, and competition integrity.
3. To promote democratic participation and leadership from all member nations.
4. To facilitate a transparent and merit-based ranking system through **Prestige Combat**, the official digital platform of WKA International.
5. To sanction tournaments, develop athlete pathways, and protect martial arts culture and tradition.

Article III – Membership

1. **Eligibility:**
 - National WKA-affiliated bodies or recognized martial arts federations.
 - Event promoters, gyms/clubs, and technical officials.
 - Individuals (fighters, coaches, referees) as associate members.
2. **Membership Types:**
 - **Full Members:** Nationally recognized WKA bodies with voting rights.
 - **Associate Members:** Individuals and clubs (non-voting).
 - **Honorary Members:** Appointed in recognition of lifelong service to WKA.
 - **International Appointments:** Those holding International Positions.
3. **Admission:**
 - Applications reviewed by the Global Leadership Council and ratified by a majority vote of the General Assembly.

Article IV – Governance Structure

Strategic Council

- Body responsible for sport governance, strategy and leadership.
- One delegate per full member nation.
- All International Positions, not representing a country.
- 1 vote per person in attendance.
- Meets annually or in emergency session.
- Responsible for elections, constitutional changes, and strategic vision.

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Executive Council

- Body responsible for all operations and main event operations
- Composed of:
 - World Chief Executive
 - World Chief Operations
 - Appointed Operations members
 - Two Senior Vice Presidents

Global Leadership Council

- Elected body responsible for oversight and operational leadership.
- Composed of:
 - World Chief Executive
 - World President
 - Two Members from the Strategic Council
 - Two Members from the Executive Council
 - Global Ambassadors (Non-Voting Positions)

World Chief Executive

- The World Chief Executive is the business leader of WKA International to all 3rd parties wishing to engage with any business operation with the association.
- Term: Appointed on merit by Executive Council.
- Appoints World Chief Operations and all operations personnel.
- Responsible for all contracts and business negotiations on behalf of WKA International.
- Recommends Senior Vice Presidents appointments to the senior executive committee

World President

- The President is the public and strategic leader of WKA International to the association's membership.
- Term: 5 years, can be re-elected multiple times.
- Subject to democratic re-election by General Assembly.
- Recommends Senior Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents appointments to the senior executive committee

Senior Vice Presidents

- Term: Appointed on merit by the World President and World Chief Executive in agreement.
- Head sub committees on behalf of the association and/or be involved in.
- Recommends Vice Presidents appointments to the World President and World Chief Executive.

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Global Ambassadors

- Former Senior Vice Presidents who no longer hold a formal International Position
- Term: Honorary Position appointed by World President and World Chief Executive in agreement for Senior Vice Presidents in good standing to continue mentoring and guiding members.
- Can sit on boards and councils however no eligible to vote.
- Global Ambassadors can attend events representing the World President in their absence.

Vice Presidents

- Term: Appointed on merit by the World President.
- Awarded to those who have excelled in International roles.
- Must have held International role for two years before promotion.

Committees overseen by the Strategic Council

- Ethics & Disciplinary Committee
- Referee and Rules Committee
- Rank and Examiners Board
- Training Delivery
- Youth Development
- Para Development
- Additional ad hoc committees may be created as needed.

Article V – Democratic Elections

1. Key leadership roles (not including business team) will be elected by a vote of the General Assembly.
2. Each full member nation holds one vote.
3. Elections are held every five years and supervised by an independent Elections Committee.
4. Voting is conducted via secret ballot. Simple majority wins; ties go to a run-off.

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Article VI – Meetings

1. **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Held every calendar year, typically alongside a major WKA International event.
2. **Extraordinary General Meetings:** Can be called by one-third of members or by the Executive Council in emergencies.
3. **Executive Council Meetings:** Held quarterly, virtually or in person.
4. Quorum for General Assembly is 50% of full member nations.

Article VII – Ethics and Disciplinary Actions

1. All members shall adhere to WKA's **Code of Ethics**.
2. The **Ethics & Disciplinary Committee** may issue warnings, suspensions, or expulsions.
3. Due process shall be ensured, with the right to appeal upheld.

Article VIII – Rankings and Records

1. All sanctioned events must be listed on **Prestige Combat**.
2. Fight results, title defences, and rankings updates are managed through the WKA International database.
3. National reps must verify results and report issues through the Rankings Committee.

Article IX – Amendments to the Constitution

1. Proposed amendments must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the AGM.
2. A two-thirds vote of full member's present is required for approval.

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Article X – Dissolution

1. WKA International may only be dissolved by a three-fourths vote of the General Assembly.
2. Upon dissolution, remaining assets shall be donated to a global martial arts education or youth development charity.

Signed and Ratified

17th October

This Constitution was ratified on ~~July~~ 2025 to guide WKA International as it moves into its next 50 years of excellence, unity, and transformation in martial arts.

Meeting closed 7.15pm.

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