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## STATUTES

### OF THE INTERNATIONAL NATURIST FEDERATION (INF-FNI)

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#### **ART. 1. SEAT OF THE INF-FNI**

The International Naturist Federation (INF-FNI) is a registered association and has its seat in Bonn/Germany.

#### **ART. 2. PURPOSE**

1. Naturism/nudism is a way of living in harmony with nature. It is expressed by communal nudity, associated with self-respect, respect for the opinions of others and care for the environment.
2. The purpose of naturism/nudism is the promotion of the physical and mental health of humanity in open air or on the occasion of sporting activities. The INF-FNI supports all initiatives that contribute to the development of the body, the heart and the soul, and opposes everything detrimental to it, in particular the abuse of nicotine, alcohol, and drugs. It encourages the protection of nature and the environment.
3. The INF-FNI supports the international co-operation of all naturists/nudists in order to further this common cause.
4. The INF-FNI works for the worldwide recognition of naturism/nudism and encourages its development. The INF-FNI works together with national and international institutions.
5. The INF-FNI favours the harmonious coexistence of all peoples; the INF-FNI adopts a neutral attitude as far as party politics, religion and philosophy of life are concerned. The INF-FNI rejects every form of discrimination.

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6. The INF-FNI tries to achieve these goals by :
  - a. promoting the establishment of national federations of naturist and nudist organisations,
  - b. promoting co-operation among its members,
  - c. representing its members,
  - d. promoting the organisation of sporting activities and activities for the young,
  - e. the publication of materials about naturism/nudism,
  - f. the performance of all activities of a nature likely to promote naturism/nudism.

### **ART. 3. MEMBERSHIP : ACCESSION AND RESIGNATION**

1. Ordinary membership of the INF-FNI may be acquired by the federations of national naturist organisations. These federations must be validly incorporated in law in accordance with the law and usage of their country of origin. Only one federation from any given country can be recognised as an ordinary member.
2. As extraordinary members without the right to vote the following can be accepted:
  - a. physical persons from countries that have no national federation  
and
  - b. with the consent of the national federations mentioned in the first paragraph of this article, those organisations and companies, having their seat in the country concerned and which promote or support naturism or who are concerned with naturism in one way or another.  
The Central Committee decides on the admission of members either as ordinary or extraordinary members.
3. Membership of the INF-FNI can be terminated at the end of each calendar year subject to a period of notice of three months.
4. The Central Committee has the authority to exclude ordinary and extraordinary members of their membership with immediate effect if it should appear that they no longer represent their country in a representative way, or should they no longer fulfil the purpose of the INF-FNI or for other grave reasons. A statement of the reasons for the exclusion of membership is not required. Excluded members can assert no rights to the property of the INF-FNI and cannot seek the repayment of any contributions already paid.
5. Members can only be excluded after the decision to exclude them has been communicated to them. They have a right to present their defence on condition that this defence is communicated to the INF-FNI at the address of the registered office within one month of the adoption of the decision to exclude them.

### **ART. 4. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS**

1. Ordinary and extraordinary members may take part in all events of the INF-FNI.
2. Only ordinary members have voting rights.
3. Ordinary and extraordinary members are required to encourage the activities of the INF-FNI and to pay their contributions promptly.

## **ART. 5.                    ORGANS**

The organs of the INF-FNI are :

1. the General Assembly (GA)
2. the Central Committee (CC)
3. (New) The European Nativist meeting (EUNat)
4. (New) The European Nativist commission (EUNatCom)
5. the Legal Committee (LC)
6. the financial auditors (A)

## **ART. 6.                    THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the INF-FNI and has the power to:
  - a. determine the contributions of the ordinary and extraordinary members and the price of the INF-FNI stamp,
  - b. approve the annual accounts, the budget and the report of the CC, to grant discharge to the CC.,
  - c. to appoint the President, the Vice-Presidents and other members of the Central Committee, the Legal Committee and the financial auditors,
  - d. to take decisions on the proposals of members concerning the activities of the INF-FNI,
  - e. to take decisions on proposals from the other organs of the INF-FNI relating to their area of authority,
  - f. to determine the regulations for INF-meetings,
  - g. modification of the statutes,
  - h. to wind up the INF-FNI.
2. The General Assembly is constituted of the delegates of the ordinary members.
3. It meets every two years for the purposes set out in these statutes. The invitation is made by the Central Committee.
4. In the years in which no General Assembly is held, the Central Committee has the authority to approve provisionally the Annual Accounts. The Central Committee will submit the provisionally approved accounts to the approval of the next forthcoming General Assembly.
5. The Central Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Assembly or organize a postal vote. The invitations may be sent by ordinary mail or by electronic mail or by fax, on condition that when the invitation is sent by email or fax the member confirms its receipt either electronically or by fax. In the absence of an acknowledgement of receipt, the invitation must be sent by registered post. The Extraordinary General Assembly must be held at the demand of at least one fifth of the ordinary members.
6. At the General Assembly every ordinary member has one vote per country and as many contribution votes as INF-FNI stamps it has paid for in the two years prior to the General Assembly. The contribution votes are calculated by taking the square root of the result of dividing the amount paid for the INF-FNI stamps by one hundred. Every member will have at least one contribution vote.
7. Insofar these statutes do not provide otherwise the General Assembly adopts its decisions by a simple majority of the contribution votes cast, where abstentions are not counted. This also applies to the postal decision-making process. On a request of a member a second vote will be held using the country vote. Should the results of the two votes be conflicting, no resolution will be adopted.

8. Voting rights on the basis of contribution votes and country votes may only be exercised if the set contribution has been paid until the end of the previous financial year.
9. Ordinary members may be represented by another ordinary member. An ordinary member may not represent more than two other ordinary members on any given occasion. A authorisation in writing has to be submitted.

No ordinary member that is representing another ordinary member may carry more than twenty total votes, including those of their own.

10. The General Assembly may adopt legally valid decisions when at least one third of the possible votes to be cast at the Assembly are present or represented.

## **ART. 7. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

1. The Central Committee takes care of the affairs of the INF-FNI in the framework of the statutes and the decisions of the General Assembly. It has all powers with the exception of those reserved to the other organs of the INF-FNI. A secretariat is attached to the Central Committee, which takes care of all internal business.
2. The Central Committee is made up of a President, two Vice-Presidents and committee members whose number is determined by the General Assembly. The number of members of the Central Committee may in no case be less than three. In the event that the number of members of the Central Committee should fall below three an Extraordinary General Assembly must be convened in order to appoint new committee members.
3. The duration of the term in office of the members of the Central Committee is four years. Members may be re-elected.
4. The President represents the INF-FNI both internally and externally. He presides over the GA and the CC. In the event of his absence the President will be represented by one of the two Vice-Presidents. The President may delegate his powers to his Vice-Presidents either wholly or in part.
5. One of the two Vice-Presidents is responsible for the secretariat, the other for finances. The other tasks are allocated by the Central Committee.
6. Jointly the President and the Vice-Presidents constitute the Executive Committee (EC). The EC is responsible for the preparation of the meetings of the Central Committee and with the implementation of its decisions. The EC may take decisions that may be necessary between two meetings of the Central Committee.
7. Should a member of the Central Committee resign, the Central Committee may designate a substitute until the next General Assembly.
8. The Central Committee makes a report on its activities, which will comprise the presentation of the annual accounts and the annual report, and which will be submitted to the approval of the General Assembly.
9. The Central Committee has the right and the duty to relieve a member of the CC of his tasks with a majority of 2/3 on the condition that a minimum of 2/3 of the members of the CC is present for the following reasons:
  - a. a violation of article 2 of the statutes of the INF-FNI (purpose-article),
  - b. when the member fails to perform his duties,
  - c. loss of confidence in the member.

The member concerned must be heard but must abstain from the vote. A record of this vote must be made in the minutes. In a period of two months following the decision of the Central Committee the dismissed member may appeal to the next forthcoming General Assembly, without suspensive effect.

10. The Central Committee will meet at least once a year, and for the rest whenever such is necessary.
11. The CC has no responsibility for Youth, family and sports in Europe.

## **ART.8 (NEW) EUROPEAN NATURIST MEETING (EUNAT MEETINGS)**

1. The EUNat is the supreme authority (Oraan) of the European INF-FNI members and in charge for Youth, family and sports in Europe. This means separately:
  - Approval of the annual European budget, provisional budgets and annual report of the EUNatCom as well as discharge of EUNatCom;
  - Confirmation of the Youth Officer;
  - Elections of EUNatCom;
  - Dismissal of EUNatCom members;
  - Taking decisions about member motions concerning the activity of EUNat;
  - Taking decisions about motions coming from other organs of the INF-FNI concerning the tasks of EUNat.
2. These statutes are the legal base of EUNat, as well as their internal, approved rules, needed for executing their task. Internal rules and their modifications are defined and approved by EUNat. The internal rules for Youth are defined by the general assembly of the Youth. These rules are not part of the statutes, but they can not be in contradiction to the statutes.
3. The EUNat consist of the official delegates of the ordinary European members of the INF-FNI.
4. EUNat meets every year to fulfil their tasks prescribed by the statutes. The registration, organization and presidency of the EUNat meeting are done by the organizing federation.
5. EUNatCom is authorized to convoke extraordinary EUNat meetings or to execute postal votes. The invitations or voting's can be done by means of the normal postal mode, electronic mode or Fax mode with the precondition for the member to confirm individually the receipt of invitations received on the electronic or fax mode. An automatic reply mode is not accepted. If no confirmation is received, it must be sent by normal, registered mail. An extraordinary meeting must be convoked, when one fifth of the members are requesting it.
6. In the EUNat, every ordinary member has the same amount of votes as it had on the GA of the INF-FNI.
7. As far as the statutes do not specify something else, the EUNat takes their resolutions with the majority of member votes, abstentions not being considered. This is also valid for votes by postal way. If one of the members requests a vote by country votes, this will be done. If the result is contradictory, no decision is taken.
8. The voting rights by member- or country votes can only be granted when the fixed contributions are paid until the end of the past commercial year to the INF-FNI
9. The ordinary members may be represented by on other ordinary member. An ordinary member can not represent more than two ordinary members at the same time. A written authorization must be submitted.  
No ordinary member representing another ordinary member may collect more than 20 votes, own

federation votes included.

10. The EUNat can take legal decisions when at least one third of the possible votes are present or represented at the meeting.
11. Details are handled in the internal rules of EUNat. These rules can not be in conflict with the INF-FNI statutes.

## **ART. 9 (NEW) EUROPEAN NATURIST COMMISSION (EUNatCom)**

1. The EUNatCom handles, within the scope of INF-FNI statutes and in accordance with the internal rules and decisions, the affairs of the European members of the INF-FNI. Therefore, she has all power that has not been transferred to another organ.
2. The EUNatCom consists of a secretary and a minimum of two officers. One of the officers can be elected by the Youth and approved by EUNat. (Youth Officer).
3. The number of members of EUNatCom can in no case be less than three. If one member resigns from the EUNatCom, the EUNatCom designates a temporary member for the vacancy until the next meeting of EUNat. If the number of the elected members of EUNatCom falls below two, an extraordinary meeting must be convoked by EUNat to elect new commission members.
4. The duration of the mandate of the members of EUNatCom is four years and they can be re-elected. There is a voting every two years. The secretary is voted alternately with the officers. If the mandate duration expires prematurely, a member is designed by EUNat for the remaining time.
5. The secretary is special delegate for the INF-FNI in accordance with §30 BGB (**German civil laws book, for info**) for Youth, family and sports in Europe. The officers are accomplishing their tasks with his approval for Youth, family and sports in Europe respecting the budgetary limits. He checks the amount of cost of the officers and forwards them to the INF-FNI treasurer for payment.
6. The secretary represents the EUNat internally and externally, exception made for those tasks reserved to the elected officers. The secretary leads the meetings of EUNatCom. If he can not be present, he will be represented by one of the two officers. The secretary may delegate all or partial power to the officers.
7. EUNatCom presents a report about their activities including the closed budget of the previous year as well as the annual activity report, to be approved by EUNat.
8. EUNatCom meets at least once a year to prepare the annual EUNat meeting. This may be done preferably by electronic ways to save costs.

## **ART. 10 (NEW) EUROPEAN NATURIST YOUTH (ENY)**

1. The European Naturist Youth (ENY) is the autonomic youth organization of the EUNat.
2. The ENY consists of the same member federations than the EUNat.
3. The ENY consists of and represents all people under 27 years of age of the EUNat members. In federations with an own youth group, the representation is limited to their members.
4. The ENY has two Organs:
  1. The Youth Assembly.
  2. The Youth Committee.
5. The ENY is represented in the EUNat and the EUNatCom by the president of the youth committee. (Youth Officer)
6. If the youth is not able to elect a youth committee and therefore no Youth Officer for the EUNat meeting, the polling is done by the EUNat meeting. The gap between youth polling and EUNat meeting can not exceed 18 months.
7. The ENY fulfils their tasks in accordance with the INF-FNI statutes and the internal rules of the Youth. The internal rules of the youth must not conflict with the INF-FNI statutes or internal rules.

**ALL DETAILS ARE GOVERNED BY EUNAT AND THE INTERNAL RULES OF THE YOUTH.**

## **ART. 11. FINANCES**

1. The INF-FNI finances its activities in the first instance by the sale of INF-FNI stamps which serve as proof that the person concerned is directly or indirectly connected to the INF-FNI.
2. Every year ordinary members are required to take and pay for as many stamps as they have members over the age of 18. The reference date is December 31 of the previous year. Persons under the age of 18 receive the stamps free of charge.
3. The capital of the organisation is devoted solely to the responsibilities of the INF-FNI. Members of the INF-FNI are only liable for the amount of their contribution. Members cannot be required to bear any additional expenses other than those provided for in the statutes and in the decision of the General Assembly.
4. The financial year starts on January 1 and ends on December 31.
5. The Central Committee prepares the Annual Accounts for the previous two years and which must be approved by the General Assembly.
6. The Central Committee prepares the budget for the two years following the General Assembly and which must be approved by the General Assembly.
7. The Central Committee provisionally approves the annual accounts for the year in which no General Assembly is held.

## **ART. 12. NATURIST/NUDIST MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

1. INF-FNI makes an international naturist/nudist membership card available to its ordinary members.
2. To be valid this card must bear the INF-FNI stamp for the current year.

### **ART. 13. INTERNAL AND OTHER REGULATIONS**

1. The General Assembly draws up regulations that contains provisions relating to :
  - a. the procedure for calling the General Assembly,
  - b. the procedure for decisions and elections.
2. Insofar the statutes and the regulations do not provide otherwise the organs of the INF-FNI determine their own working procedures.
3. Other regulations are determined by the Central Committee.

### **ART. 14. MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES**

1. Decision about modification of the statutes may only be adopted by two thirds of the attending contribution votes and by a simple majority of the votes of the attending countries.
2. Proposals for modification of the statutes are submitted to the secretariat at least six months prior to the General Assembly and from the secretariat to the ordinary members at least three months prior to the General Assembly.
3. (New) The CC allocates a fixed budget to the EUNat for their tasks in accordance with the decisions of the GA. Within the first month of each year, the provisional amount must be at the disposal of EUNat in accordance to the decisions of the GA. At the end of the third month, a definite budget must be fixed and made at disposal.  
The balance at the end of the year of the EUNat Budget has to be reported to the next year.

### **ART. 15. WINDING UP**

1. A resolution to wind up the INF-FNI must be taken by written ballot in which at least four fifths of the ordinary members take part.
2. The resolution to wind up is adopted when four fifths of the ordinary members taking part in the voting support the resolution (country votes).
3. A decision to wind up is only valid if the disposal of the results of the liquidation is according to the purpose of the INF-FNI.
4. When the decision to wind up does not provide otherwise, the winding up will be carried out by the executive committee.

### **ART. 16. LANGUAGE**

The statutes are drafted in English, French and German. All three versions must be consulted for the interpretation of their provisions.

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