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CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN WUSHU FEDERATION

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CHAPTER 1

NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Article 1 - Name

The name of the federation shall be the South African Wushu Federation, hereinafter referred to as the SAWF.

Article 2 - Objectives

The objectives of the SAWF shall be:

2.1 to promote and encourage the development of Wushu in all possible manifestations throughout South Africa.

2.2 to organize the South African Wushu National Trials / Championships,

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to attend IWuF activities and championships and to organize other activities of the SAWF.

2.3 to promote and encourage the development of national and international exchanges.

2.4 to promote cooperation, friendly relations and mutual understanding among its members.

2.5 to improve the health of the people in the South Africa through Wushu competitions and exercises.

2.6 to observe the Olympic Charter as the IWuF is granted recognition from the International Olympic Committee.

Article 3 - Languages

3.1 The official language of the SAWF shall be English. Any other language may be used at meetings provided that adequate translation is provided.

CHAPTER 2

MEMBERSHIP

Article 4 - Membership Eligibility

Federation Executive Committee: Mr Ashley Branford (President) . Mr. Byron Jacobs (Secretary-General) .
Mr. Patrick Qolosha (Executive Member) . Mr. Phakade Khanyile (Development Officer) , Mr. Charl Swarts (Treasurer)

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4.1 Subject to the provisions of sub-articles 4.4, 4.5.1 and 4.5.2 below, membership within the SAWF shall be open to all legitimate Wushu organizations / schools in South Africa who satisfy the requirements for membership referred to below.

4.2 Those schools and/or institutions which are not eligible for membership but which, notwithstanding this, wish to participate in the activities of the SAWF, may apply to join the SAWF as Non-Member Associates.

4.3 All applications for SAWF membership shall be subject to the approval of the SAWF Executive Committee who may require an evaluation to be undertaken by the Technical Committee, which evaluation may include an assessment of the qualifications and experience of such member's chief instructor/instructors etc. All applications for recognition as non-member associates shall be subject to the approval of the SAWF Executive Committee.

4.4 The constitution and rules of a member must not be in conflict with those of the SAWF.

4.5.1 Every member must acknowledge the IWUF as the only organization in the world that governs Wushu internationally. Members must not join or support any other conflicting international / national Wushu organization or participate in its activities.

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4.5.2 Every member must acknowledge that the SAWF is the only organization in South Africa that governs Wushu. Members must not join or support any other conflicting national Wushu organization or participate in its activities.

4.6 Membership eligibility shall be periodically examined. All SAWF members have the duty to unite other organizations in South Africa. Any member found not trying to extend its organization or to include and unify all interested individuals and groups, will risk the termination of its SAWF membership until the time when unification is reached with other groups.

Article 5 - Rights and Duties of Members and Non-Member Associates

5.1 All members are entitled:-

5.1.1 to participate in the SAWF Trials / Championships and other activities organized by the SAWF;

5.1.2 to use the services of the SAWF;

5.1.3 to attend Congress, to vote in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and to elect and be elected in respect of the Executive Committee.

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5.2 All Members are obliged:

5.2.1 to respect the Olympic Charter of the International Olympic Committee and to display the lofty spirit of the Olympism;

5.2.2 to support the SAWF in its efforts to achieve its objectives;

5.2.3 to observe the SAWF Constitution and Rules and ensure that its own constitution and rules do not conflict with those of the SAWF.

5.2.4 to implement and abide by the resolutions of the SAWF Executive Committee and Congress.

5.2.5 to implement and abide by the resolutions of the International Olympic Committee and the World Anti-Doping Agency.

5.2.6 to receive the SAWF regular inspection on membership qualification.

5.2.7 to pay the annual membership fee on time.

5.3 All non-member associates are entitled:-

5.3.1 to participate in the SAWF Trials / Championships and other activities organized by the SAWF;

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5.3.2 to use the services of the SAWF

5.3.3 to attend Congress as observers. Non-member associates shall have no voting rights within the SAWF.

5.4 All non-member associates are obliged:-

5.4.1 to respect the Olympic Charter of the International Olympic Committee and to display the lofty spirit of the Olympism;

5.4.2 to observe the SAWF Constitution and Rules;

5.4.3 to implement and abide by the resolutions of the SAWF Executive Committee and Congress.

5.4.5 to implement and abide by the resolutions of the International Olympic Committee and the World Anti-Doping Agency.

5.4.6 to pay the annual fee payable by non-member associates on time.

Article 6 - Induction Formalities

6.1 Organizations / schools, which are eligible for membership in South Africa may apply for SAWF membership.

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6.2 Each eligible organization / school shall submit to the SAWF the following documents when applying for membership:-

-Application in written form;

-Letter of recommendation or certificate endorsed by international instructor / organization, certificates of level; courses; recognition; personal resumes etc.

6.3 The application shall be examined by the SAWF Executive Committee and either approved or rejected.

6.4 If its application is approved by the Executive Committee, the organization will be immediately eligible to pay its membership fee & enjoy the rights and perform the duties of SAWF members. However, no member shall be eligible to cast any votes whatsoever during its first year of membership.

Article 7 - Dismissal, Withdrawal and Suspension of Membership

7.1 If a member refuses to comply with the SAWF / IWUF Constitution or severely jeopardizes the fame and interest of the SAWF, the SAWF Executive Committee may propose to expel the member concerned. Such member's membership shall be expelled upon the approval of a two-thirds majority vote of the members at the next SAWF Congress.

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7.2 The following circumstances shall be considered a voluntary withdrawal from SAWF membership:

7.2.1 if the member no longer exists.

7.2.2 if the member fails to pay its membership fee for one year from the due date. A member's rights and privileges shall be suspended with immediate effect by its failure to pay the membership fee on time. Such suspension shall endure until payment of all amounts outstanding has been made.

7.2.3 Any member who desires to withdraw its membership from the SAWF shall furnish written notice to that effect to the Secretary General. Its membership shall end immediately, but no refunds of membership fees will be made.

7.3 The Executive Committee shall have the power to expel a member for any serious violation of the Constitution or Rules of the SAWF / IWUF.

Article 8 - Membership Fee

8.1 The annual membership fee of each member is R 250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Rand).

8.2 The annual membership fee for each Non-Member Associate is R150.00 (One Hundred and Fifty Rand).

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8.3 The membership fees referred to in sub-articles 8.1 and 8.2 above apply in respect of each individual training location belonging to a school / body.

8.4 It is obligatory for members to pay the membership fee to the SAWF treasurer by no later than the 31st day of December each year. Any existing member failing to pay its membership fee by due date shall, in addition to its standard annual membership fee, be liable to pay a penalty fee or R100.00 (One Hundred Rand) prior to becoming eligible to enjoy the benefits and privileges of membership.

8.5 The Executive Committee may decide to suspend the membership of a member for not paying to the SAWF the membership fee when it is due.

CHAPTER 3

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS (FOR ATTENDING THE WORLD WUSHU CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER IWUF EVENTS)

Article 9 - National Championships and IWUF Activities

9.1 The South African National Team Trials (Taolu and Sanshou) shall be held every two years.

9.2 The South African Traditional Wushu Competition and Trials for selection of a team to participate in the Iwuf Traditional World Wushu

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Festival may be held, in principle, once every two years.

9.3 Any other national Wushu competition and activity may be held from time to time in accordance with the decisions of the SAWF Executive Committee acting in the interests of the general promotion of Wushu in South Africa.

9.4 The competition rules of the IWUF, as amended from time to time, shall be adopted in competition as approved by the Congress.

9.5 The SAWF owns the advertisement and television rights of the South African National Trials and all other SAWF activities.

9.6 Every contestant participating in the South African National Trials shall, in order to be eligible for selection, be a citizen of South Africa, having resided in South Africa for at least two years prior to the opening day of the National Trials.

9.7 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for dealing with all disputes relating to an athlete's eligibility for participation.

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Article 10 - Organizational Structure

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The following entities are established to govern and administer the SAWF:

- Congress
- Executive Committee
- Technical Committee
- Traditional Wushu Committee
- Sanshou Committee

10.1 Congress

10.1.1 The Congress is the highest authority of the SAWF and shall have the power to decide upon any matters concerning the SAWF.

10.1.2 The Congress shall be convened every two years, generally in the same year as the World Wushu Championships. The Secretary General shall inform the members and Non-Member Associates not later than three months before the Congress concerned.

10.1.3 Each member shall be entitled send two delegates from its membership to attend the Congress. Each member shall be entitled to cast one vote, regardless of the number of registered branches it has, in respect of all matters to be decided upon by Congress.

10.1.4 Non-Member Associates shall have no voting rights within the

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10.1.5 The proposals submitted to the Congress shall be sent to the Secretary-General two months in advance. The Secretary-General shall make those proposals available to all the members one month prior to the convening of the Congress.

10.1.6 The President of the SAWF shall preside over the Congress. In the absence of the President, the Secretary-General shall preside over the Congress.

10.1.7.1 The quorum required for a Congress shall be half of the total number of members of the SAWF, plus one. A resolution shall be approved by a simple majority of the members present. Important issues, such as revision of the Constitution shall be carried over by a two-third majority.

10.1.7.2 Voting proxies may be submitted to the SAWF in the event that a member is unable to attend the congress.

10.1.7 The President, and in his absence, the Secretary-General, shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal vote.

10.1.8 The documents of the Congress shall be prepared by the Secretary-General. The agenda of the Congress shall include the following items:

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10.1.8.1 Roll call and announcement of the quorum.

10.1.8.2 Approval of the minutes of the last Congress;

10.1.8.3 Report on the work of the SAWF by the Secretary General on behalf of the Executive Committee;

10.1.8.4 Financial statement by the treasurer;

10.1.8.5 Admission, withdrawal and expulsion of membership;

10.1.8.6 Revision of the Constitution and competition Rules;

10.1.8.7 Election of the leading organs and office bearers;

10.1.8.8 Examination of proposals of the SAWF members;

10.1.8.9 Decisions regarding the venue and date of the next National Championships/Trials and Congress;

10.1.8.10 Other matters.

10.2 Executive Committee

10.2.1 The Executive Committee shall be comprised of: the SAWF President, the SAWF Secretary General, the SAWF Treasurer and four

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Executive Committee Members without portfolio. The Executive Committee, in the form it deems most appropriate, shall ensure the proper implementation of the SAWF Constitution and organization of national Wushu competitions and activities.

10.2.2 The Executive Committee members shall be elected at the Congress for a term of four years and are eligible for re-election.

10.2.3 The Executive Committee shall be the administrative organ of the SAWF. It has the power to deal with and decide all the matters of the SAWF in accordance with the Constitution during the closing period of the Congress.

10.2.4 The Executive Committee has the power to approve the establishment of permanent or *ad hoc* commissions and working groups, and appoints and removes their members.

10.2.6 A meeting of the Executive Committee meeting shall be convened every year and shall only be valid when at least half of its members are present. A resolution shall be adopted with the approval of a simple majority. The President shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal vote.

10.2.7 The SAWF Treasurer shall be responsible for the administrative and financial work of the Executive Committee and the SAWF.

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10.2.8 The Secretary-General shall be the executive and liaison organ of the SAWF. The Secretary-General is responsible for the daily work of the SAWF and may represent it. The treasurer is responsible for collection of membership fees, compiling financial statements etc. In a case where there is no treasurer, the secretary-general shall take on the responsibility of the treasurer.

10.3 Honorary Titles

The SAWF may award honorary titles to individuals who have provided outstanding service or contributions to the promotion of Wushu. A benefit package may be developed by the Executive Committee to the qualified individuals.

10.4 Special Committees

The Executive Committee may establish various special committees and working committees as and when it deems such necessary. Various special committees and working committees shall be affiliated to the Executive Committee and work directly under its leadership. The Executive committee may authorize the Secretary General to carry out management.

10.4.1 Traditional Wushu Committee

10.4.1.1 The Traditional Wushu Committee shall comprise of 4 (four) persons and shall include 1 (one) Chairman.

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10.4.1.2 The patronage of the members of the Traditional Wushu Committee belongs to the SAWF Executive Committee.

10.4.1.3 The Traditional Wushu Committee shall be responsible for the promotion and encouragement of Traditional Wushu and the organization of competitions and other activities, as well as researching and developing competition methods and criteria, under the supervision of the SAWF Executive Committee.

10.5 Technical Committee

10.5.1 The Technical Committee shall be composed of SAWF members who have adequate experience and qualifications in the field of Wushu. The Technical Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the SAWF.

10.5.2 The SAWF member may recommend candidates for membership in the Technical Committee but the final right of appointment and removal is vested with the Executive Committee.

10.5.3 The Technical Committee member must be the holder of an International Judges Certificate of the present or of the past issued by the IWUF, alternatively, shall be the holder of an adequate certificate of competence and qualification issued and / or endorsed by the IWUF. They are eligible for re-election.

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10.5.4 The Technical Committee shall be responsible for technical matters of the SAWF, organizing the formulation, revision of the rules for competition and officiating method and monitoring their implementation, examining and handling the technical proposals submitted by the SAWF members, formulation of National Judges Courses and for the certification and appointment of Judges participating in the South African National Trials and other SAWF activities and giving technical instructions to the organizers. The Technical Committee shall be responsible for the evaluation of all applying members as well as existing members, as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

CHAPTER 5

DETAILED RULES OF MANAGEMENT

Article 11 - Judges

11.1 Rights of judges

11.1.1 to express opinions and make suggestions on the officiating work in the Wushu competition;

11.1.2 to put forward proposals regarding the revision of the Wushu competition rules and the officiating method;

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11.1.3 to have precedence in getting relevant technical material, taking part in relevant activities and watching Wushu competitions.

11.2 Duties of judges

11.2.1 to comply with the Constitution of the SAWF and the relevant regulations;

11.2.2 to study hard the Wushu theory and skills, master and implement the competition rules and officiating method, comply with the arrangement, and ensure seriousness, earnestness, fairness and accuracy;

11.2.3 to take an active part in national, international and continental Wushu competition and do a good job of officiating;

11.2.4 to actively participate in the training of judges and experience sharing.

11.3 Requirements for international judges qualification

11.3.1 He/she shall be a top-class judge of the SAWF member and be knowledgeable about international competitions and activities and has good judging style;

11.3.2 He/she must be proficient in Chinese and /or English;

11.3.3 He/she must be under 55 years old (including 55 years old).

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11.4 Judges training

Any SAWF member wishing to apply to be a judge shall submit its application to the Executive Committee of the SAWF and the candidate shall sit the exam on the approval of the SAWF Executive Committee.

11.5 Subjects to be examined

11.5.1 Wushu theory

11.5.2 Rules for International Wushu Competition and officiating method

11.5.3 Skills

Taolu judge: to demonstrate a set of bare-handed exercise and a set of exercise with apparatus; Sanshou judge: to demonstrate a set of bare-handed exercise (or exercise with apparatus); to demonstrate offensive and defensive movements; to practice in actual combat.

11.5.4 Chinese & English competition jargon

11.5.5 Real officiating capability

11.6. Exam method

Oral and written tests, scoring of a match (or a videotaped match). As regards Sanshou events, analysis of technical movements and actual combat.

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Judges taking part and passing the exam shall be given on the approval of the Executive Committee the SAWF certificates of Wushu Judge.

11.8. Training and assessment

The SAWF will revise its roles of competitions according to the need for upgrading the level of Wushu competitions. In order to enable all the judges to keep update with and master the changes of the rules thereby upgrading their working capability, the SAWF shall run training courses for the national judges and subject them to sit exam again.

11.8.1 Judges holding the valid certificates shall be able to be selected on a priority basis as judges in the South African National Trials and other Wushu activities organized by the SAWF.

11.9. Rules and penalties

11.9.1 On the occasion of a national competition, judges shall report themselves on time to the competition committee at the competition area in accordance with regulations of competition and strictly abide by various rules of the competition. Those showing no respect for leadership of the SAWF or its Technical Committee thus violating these rules shall be warned or disqualified as judges of the contest depending on the nature.

11.9.2 In order to show the fair play, judges shall not be allowed to rank the contestants prior to the competition, to receive costly gifts, cash or

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entertainment from participating teams. Anyone found to break the rules should be severely dealt with by the Technical Committee of the SAWF.

11.9.3 In the course of a competition, any judge, head judge or chief referee group found to be unfair shall be given penalties such as warning, replaced or suspended from certain number of contests in accordance with the nature of their acts of breaking rules after seeking the approval of chief referee group step by step and reporting to the Technical Committee of the SAWF. (The head judge shall be responsible for the carrying out of the penalty of the judge, whereas carrying out of the penalty of a head judge shall be within the purview of the chief referee group. And the carrying out of the penalty of chief referee group shall be carried out by the Technical Committee.) Those found to have made serious mistakes should be either disqualified by the Technical Committee as judges of the contest or deprived of the title of judges on approval by the Executive Committee of the SAWF.

11.9.4 During the contest judges who stay away from their posts without permission or refrain from doing their officiating work shall be disqualified by the Technical Committee as judges of that contest and their cases shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the SAWF for approval of the deprivation of their titles of the judges, and they shall not be eligible for application for that title within four years from the date of their disqualification.

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Article 12 - Coaches

12.1 Coaches shall comply with the IWUF Rules and Regulations for competition.

12.2 Coaches shall take part in various training activities organized by the IWUF, knowledgeable about their job requirements and do their best to upgrade their coaching and training standard.

12.3 Coaches are strictly forbidden to induce or force the contestants to use illegal drugs. Those found to do so shall be penalized in accordance with the relevant regulations of the IOC.

12.4 Coaches shall abide by various regulations at the competition area in the course of the competition. In the event of such behaviors as making disturbance, yelling or disobedience to judges, they shall be given penalties by the Technical Committee ranging from warning, disqualification as coaches of the contest to the suspension from participating in two successive South African National Trials / competitions as coaches.

12.5 Should coaches have different opinions on the judge's officiating, they shall make appeal following the procedure and the scope laid down by the Rules.

12.6 Coaches shall stay in designated places. They shall not be allowed to

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shout and make noise. Those found to have such behaviors should be expelled from the competition area.

12.7 In the course of the competition and prior to it, coaches shall not be allowed to visit the living quarters of the judges and use communication equipment of any kind to molest the normal work and life of the judges.

Article 13 - Contestants

13.1 A contestant shall be able to represent an SAWF member to take part in the South African National Trials / competition only if he/she resides in South Africa for two years, and holds a valid South African Passport.

13.2 Contestants shall comply with the SAWF Rules and regulations.

13.3 Contestants shall abide by the IOC regulations regarding its ban on the use of steroid. Once they are found to do so they shall be penalized pursuant to the relevant regulation of the IOC.

13.4 Contestants shall without any condition agree to undergo the doping test conducted by the Medical Committee of the SAWF.

13.5 During the contest, contestants shall abide by various rules of the competition, respect and comply with the officiating, respect their adversaries, respect the viewers, and display Wushu virtue. In the event of

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such undesirable behaviors as making disturbance, yelling or disobeying the judges, they shall be liable to penalties given by the Technical Committee depending on nature, including warning, non-recognition of competition result or suspension from participating in the next South African National Trials or national contests.

13.6 Contestants shall show respect for the instruction of the coaches, undergo strict training, face the challenges courageously and upgrade their technical level.

CHAPTER 6

OTHER MATTERS

Article 14 - Change of Headquarters and Disbandment

In case the SAWF moves its headquarters, its properties shall be transferred to the new headquarters. In the event of its disbandment, the properties shall be disposed of in conformity with the Congress resolution.

Article 15 - Revision and Interpretation of the Constitution

15.1 Revision of any article in the Constitution shall be passed by a majority of two-thirds of the votes of the members eligible to vote at the Congress.

The right of interpretation of the Constitution is vested in the Executive

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Committee. Any matter not covered in the Constitution shall be resolved by the Executive Committee and reported to the Congress.

15.2 The Constitution is written in English being authentic.

15.3 This Constitution, as amended, was adopted on 22 April 2006 and shall be of full force and effect from that date (as amended by two thirds majority vote of Congress on 1 March 2009).

DATED ON THIS THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH 2009

SAWF PRESIDENT

ADV ASHLEY BRANFORD

SAWF SECRETARY-GENERAL

BYRON JACOBS