



**STATUTES OF THE CROATIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
(REVISED VERSION)**

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Based on Article 25 of the Croatian Olympic Committee Statutes and in conformity with Articles 50 paragraph 2 and 96 paragraph 2 of the Sports Act (Official Gazette No. 71/06 and 150/08, 124/10, 124/11, 86/12, 94/13 and 85/15) and Article 13 and 50 paragraph 2 of the Associations Law (Official Gazette No. 74/14), at its 41st session held on 6 November 2015, the Croatian Olympic Committee General Assembly adopted the Statutes of the Croatian Olympic Committee. At the 43rd Croatian Olympic Committee General Assembly held on 29 February 2016, the modifications and amendments to the Statutes have been adopted.

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I BEGINNINGS

The Olympic movement in Croatia began to be promoted by Franjo Bučar as far back as 1894, but the idea of acceptance into the international Olympic family could only be realized with the establishment of an independent Republic of Croatia.

Expressing the century-old desire by Croatian athletes and sports officials for Croatia to be a recognized member of the International Olympic Committee, the Croatian Olympic Committee was founded and the Croatian Olympic Committee Statutes adopted at the meeting of the Committee held on 10 September 1991. The Croatian Olympic Committee was founded by the national sports federations of 29 Olympic sports and three associations.

A decision on the temporary recognition of the Croatian Olympic Committee was passed on 17 January 1992 in Lausanne on the part of the President and four vice-presidents of the International Olympic Committee, and in harmony with the powers entrusted to them by the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee at the meeting on 4, 5, 6 December 1991 in Lausanne. With the aforementioned decision, the International Olympic Committee invited the Croatian Olympic Committee to participate at the XVI Olympic Winter Games in Albertville and at the Games of the XXV Olympiad in Barcelona. The final recognition of the Croatian Olympic Committee followed at the 101th Session of the International Olympic Committee in Monaco, 24 September 1993.

II FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Article 1

The Croatian Olympic Committee Statutes (hereafter referred to as the Statutes) regulate the title, seat, representation, stamp form, aims and activities by which aims are achieved, composition and mode of activity, membership and the way in which the members achieve their rights and obligations, the use and protection of the IOC and the COC symbols and designations, the mode of ensurance of publicity of work, mode of property acquisition and management, cessation of existence, procedure with the property in case of cessation of

existence and other matters related to the sphere of activity and tasks of the Croatian Olympic Committee.

Article 2

(1) The Croatian Olympic Committee (hereafter referred to as the NOC of Croatia) is the highest non-governmental national sports association. National sports federations, sports associations in counties and in the City of Zagreb and other associations whose activity is of particular significance for the development of sport and the Olympic Movement in the Republic of Croatia affiliate to the NOC of Croatia.

(2) The NOC of Croatia is obliged to respect the provisions of the Olympic Charter and to abide by the decisions of the IOC as the supreme authority of the Olympic Movement.

(3) The NOC of Croatia undertakes, in accordance with its mission and role at national level, to participate in actions to promote peace and to promote women in sport. It also undertakes to support and encourage the promotion of sports ethics, to fight against doping and to demonstrate a responsible concern for environmental issues.

(4) In order to fulfil its mission, the NOC of Croatia may cooperate with governmental bodies in the Republic of Croatia, with which it shall achieve harmonious relations. However, it shall not associate itself with any activity which would be in contradiction with the Olympic Charter. The NOC of Croatia also cooperates with non-governmental bodies which operate and are associated with the activity of the NOC of Croatia.

(5) The NOC of Croatia must preserve its autonomy and resist all pressures of any kind, including but not limited to political, legal, religious or economic pressures which may prevent it from complying with the Olympic Charter.

(6) The NOC of Croatia is a member of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), European Olympic Committees (EOC), International Committee for Mediterranean Games (ICMG), European Non-Governmental Sports Organization (ENGSO), International Fair Play Committee (IFPC) and the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM).

Article 3

(1) The NOC of Croatia is independent in its activities.

(2) The NOC of Croatia is composed and operates in conformity with the provisions of the Olympic Charter, the Sports Act and the Associations Law.

(3) The NOC of Croatia is a non-profit body corporate.

(4) The NOC of Croatia is registered in the Registry of Organizations of the Republic of Croatia at the competent authority of the government administration of the Republic of

Croatia and the Register of non-profit organisations at the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Croatia.

Article 4

- (1) The full name of the association is: Hrvatski olimpijski odbor.
- (2) The abbreviation is: HOO.
- (3) Apart the full and abbreviated name in Croatian, the full name in English may be used.
- (4) The full name in English is: Croatian Olympic Committee.
- (5) The name in English may be used only if the name in Croatian is simultaneously stated and it is stated in the first place.
- (6) The abbreviated name in English is: NOC of Croatia.
- (7) The NOC of Croatia officially uses Croatian and Latin alphabet while in the correspondence with abroad English or French are used.
- (8) The full name in French is: Comité Olympique Croate.
- (9) The abbreviated name in French is: CNO Croate.

Article 5

- (1) The NOC of Croatia operates on the territory of the Republic of Croatia.
- (2) Its headquarters are in Zagreb, Trg Krešimira Čosića 11.

Article 6

The NOC of Croatia does not allow any discrimination on grounds of race, ethnics, nationality, religion, politics or sex as well as the violation of freedom and human rights.

Article 7

The NOC of Croatia is held responsible for its obligations by its property, in conformity with the law.

Article 8

- (1) The NOC of Croatia has its flag approved by the IOC Executive Board and emblem.

(2) The NOC of Croatia emblem is composed of three elements: five Olympic rings above the word Hrvatska (or Croatia) and six red squares forming a reversed trapezium below the word.

(3) The NOC of Croatia flag is composed of a white background, the ratio between its width and length being 1:2. The NOC of Croatia emblem is located in its centre so that the central point of the emblem overlaps with the intersection of the flag's diagonals.

(4) The flag, the emblem and the anthem adopted by the NOC of Croatia for use in relation to its activities, including the Olympic Games, shall be subject to the approval of the IOC Executive Board.

Article 9

(1) The NOC of Croatia has its seal and stamp.

(2) The seal is round, 30 mm in diameter, with the text on its edge: "Hrvatski olimpijski odbor – Croatian Olympic Committee", with the NOC of Croatia emblem in the middle.

(3) The stamp is rectangular, 50 mm long and 20 mm wide, with the text: "Hrvatski olimpijski odbor – Croatian Olympic Committee", Trg Krešimira Čosića 11, HR-10000 Zagreb".

(4) The Secretary General prescribes the use of the seal and stamp.

Article 10

(1) The NOC of Croatia is represented by its President (hereafter referred to as the President) or in his absence or inability, one of the vice-presidents or other Council member appointed by the President, the NOC of Croatia Council respectively (hereafter referred to as the Council) if the President is not able to decide.

(2) All the activities of the NOC of Croatia are represented by the President (hereafter referred to as President) and Secretary General (hereafter referred to as Secretary General).

(3) The President, Secretary General respectively may transfer some agency business to third parties, based on the written power of attorney, that stipulates the authorities and extent of representation.

Article 11

(1) The NOC of Croatia activity is public.

(2) The public quality is provided in the way regulated by this Statute.

III. AIMS, SPHERE OF ACTIVITY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE AIMS AND ACTIVITY

Article 12

(1) The aims of the NOC of Croatia are:

- promotion of the Olympic principles, ethic and moral norms in sports

- to encourage, promote the entire Croatian sport and its representation before the International Olympic Committee and corresponding international sports organizations and associations
- to harmonize and encourage the activities of national sports federations
- to develop and promote sport nationally and to encourage the organization and harmonization of sport in counties, cities and municipalities

(2) In conformity with the aims, the NOC of Croatia acts in the field of sport.

(3) The activity of the NOC of Croatia is:

- to develop, promote and protect the Olympic Movement in accordance with the Olympic Charter
- to promote the fundamental principles and values of Olympism in the Republic of Croatia, in particular, in the fields of sport and education, by promoting Olympic educational programmes in all levels of schools, sports and physical education institutions, as well as by encouraging the creation of institutions dedicated to Olympic education, such as the Croatian Olympic Academy, Olympic Museum and other programmes, including cultural, related to the Olympic Movement
- to maintain good relations with the corresponding governmental and non-governmental bodies
- to participate in the activity of the National Council for Sport
- to participate in the implementation of the National Sports Programme, that is, annual projection of implementation of the National Sports Programme
- to propose developmental strategies for Croatian sport
- to participate in the proposal and implementation of the sports programme covering public needs on the national level
- to foster friendships, mutual understanding and equality and building a better and peaceful world
- to take action against any form of discrimination and violence in sport
- to commit to provide gender equality in sport
- to encourage children and the youth to take part in sport
- to promote sport through the media
- to support the development of sport for all
- to encourage sport for the disabled
- to harmonize the activities of national sports federations, sports associations in counties and the City of Zagreb with the view of implementation of the entire sports programme
- to promote Croatian athletes' top sports achievements and their participation as national team members in the Olympic and Mediterranean Games, world and European championships and other major events
- to encourage and support measures relating to the medical care of athletes
- to fight against doping and use of substances and methods prohibited by the IOC and the IFs
- to protect and preserve the environment
- to protect sports grounds and facilities
- to fight against all forms of political and commercial abuse of sport and athletes
- to participate in the launching and promotion of scientific and development projects in sport

- to establish the principles and basics of the competition system in the Republic of Croatia and participation conditions of Croatian athletes and sports clubs at international competitions
- to take part in the organization of the Olympic Games and other important international sports competitions and events
- to encourage and implement the activities for the promotion of technical work in sport, professional training of sports officials and training of sports administrators with the view of promoting fundamental principles of Olympism through the NOC of Croatia and the Croatian Olympic Academy
- to implement the activities for the application of international sports regulations and to issue documents relating to their application
- to try to associate the Republic of Croatia through sport with other democratic countries with the view of bringing together nations, athletes and other participants in sport
- to preserve the independence and autonomy of the NOC of Croatia and sport resisting to all pressures of any kind, including legal, religious, economic and other pressures contrary to the Olympic Charter
- to perform other duties determined by this law, by other rules and regulations of the Croatian Olympic Committee.

Article 13

(1) The NOC of Croatia has the exclusive authority to represent Croatian sport at the Olympic Games, world, European and regional multisports competitions that take place under the IOC or the EOC patronage.

(2) The NOC of Croatia is obliged to send its athletes and to participate in the competitions mentioned in the previous paragraph of this Article in conformity with the Olympic Charter.

(3) The NOC of Croatia has the exclusive authority to select and designate the city which may apply to organise Olympic Games in Croatia.

(4) The NOC of Croatia adopts and implements the World Anti-Doping Code, thereby ensuring that the NOC of Croatia anti-doping policies and rules, membership and/or funding requirements and results management procedures conform with the World Anti Doping Code and respect all the roles and responsibilities for NOCs that are listed within the World Anti Doping Code.

(5) The NOC of Croatia constitutes, organises and leads its delegations at the Olympic Games and at the world, European and regional multi-sports competitions patronised by the IOC or EOC and is responsible for the behaviour of the members of its delegations.

(6) The NOC of Croatia decides upon the entry of athletes proposed by its national sports federations. Such selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country. The NOC of Croatia must ensure that the entries proposed by the national federations comply in all respects with the provisions of the Olympic Charter.

(7) The NOC of Croatia keeps records on the Olympic medallists (Games of the Olympiad and Olympic Winter Games) and the winners of medals at world championships in Olympic sports and disciplines.

(8) At the request of the winners of medals at the Olympic Games and the Olympic Winter Games and world championships in Olympic sports and disciplines the NOC of Croatia issues an excerpt from the records so that the winners could receive a permanent monthly pecuniary compensation in conformity with the Sports Act provisions.

(9) The NOC's of Croatia task is to protect the Olympic properties and is responsible to the International Olympic Committee for the observance of rules and bye-laws to the rules of the Olympic Charter related to the care for protection of rights related to the Olympic Games and Olympic properties comprising the Olympic symbol, flag, motto, emblems, anthem, flame and torch as well as the Olympic designations on the territory of the Republic of Croatia. It is authorized to take measures for the ban of use of the Olympic properties if this use is contrary to the rules and bye-laws of the Olympic Charter.

Article 14

(1) The Sports Act authorizes the NOC of Croatia to establish the categories of athletes and to make the records on the categorization of athletes.

(2) The NOC of Croatia establishes and keeps the register of categorized athletes.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

Article 15

(1) The members of the NOC of Croatia are:

- national sports federations
- sports associations in counties and the City of Zagreb
- other associations whose activity is significant for the entire development of Croatian sport in compliance with these Statutes.

(2) The decision on the affiliation to the NOC of Croatia is taken by the NOC of Croatia Assembly (hereafter referred to as the Assembly).

(3) The list of the NOC of Croatia members exists in an electronic form and must contain the following information:

- name of the member
- personal identification number
- date of affiliation into the NOC of Croatia
- membership category

- date of membership cessation (for those members who are no more the NOC of Croatia members)

(4) The list of the NOC of Croatia members is made available to all the members and competent bodies, at their request.

Article 16

(1) The NOC of Croatia members are independent, autonomous associations having legal personal quality and certain rights, obligations and responsibilities in the NOC of Croatia that are demonstrated by:

- their composition, programme and activity
- providing funds and other conditions for their activity
- the right to decide in the sphere of their activity.

(2) The members of the COC can be full, associate, temporary and honorary members.

Full members

Article 17

(1) The NOC of Croatia full members can be: national sports federation, sports association in counties and the City of Zagreb, if they satisfy the following criteria:

1. National sports federation:
 - that the IOC recognizes the International Federation or that it is affiliated to the association of international sports federations - SportAccord
 - that it is founded in conformity with the Sports Act and the Associations Law and registered at the authorized administrative body
 - that it is founded to further the development, promotion of sport in the Republic of Croatia in conformity with the principles of sport and Olympism
 - that the federation bodies are elected and registered in conformity with the statutes, the Sports Act and the Associations Law and that it has by-laws in compliance with the mentioned laws and adopted by the competent federation bodies
 - that the working conditions in terms of staff, finances, premises are provided
 - that some other national federation of the same sport is not affiliated to the NOC of Croatia
 - that it accepts the NOC of Croatia Statutes.
2. Sports association in counties and the City of Zagreb (hereafter referred to as county association)
 - that it is founded in conformity with the Sports Act and the Associations Law and registered at the authorized administrative body
 - that it is founded to further the development, promotion of sport on the territory of its activity in conformity with the principles of sport and Olympism

- that it has bodies elected and registered in conformity with the statutes, the Sports Act and the Associations Law
 - that it accepts the NOC of Croatia Statutes.
- (2) The Croatian Olympians Club is a full COC member if it meets the following conditions:
- that it is founded in conformity with the Sports Act and the Associations Law and registered at the authorized administrative body
 - that the purpose of its foundation and activity is development and promotion of sport and Olympism
 - that it has bodies elected and registered in conformity with the statutes, the Sports Act and the Associations Law
 - that it accepts the NOC of Croatia Statutes.

Associate members

Article 18

The NOC of Croatia associate members can be:

1. National federation that does not meet the criteria set out in Article 17 paragraph 1 in indented lines 1 and 4 if the Assembly decides that its affiliation is of interest for Croatian sport as a whole.
2. Association and institution whose activity is significant for Croatian sport (hereafter referred to as the association) if they satisfy the following criteria:
 - that the IOC recognizes the International Federation or that it is affiliated to the association of international sports federations - Sport Accord
 - that it is founded in conformity with the law and registered at the authorized administrative body
 - that it is founded to further the development, promotion of sport in the Republic of Croatia in conformity with the principles of sport and Olympism
 - that the working conditions in terms of staff, finances, premises are provided
 - that it accepts the NOC of Croatia Statutes.

Article 19

(1) National sports federation, county association attach to their application for affiliation the proof that they meet the criteria set out in Articles 17 and 18 of these Statutes, in particular:

- the Statute
- decision on the registration in the authorized body
- information of the National Bureau of Statistics on economic subject classification
- the list of members
- information on the persons authorized for representation

- description of basic features of sport, the activity of federation or association to date and by-law on the system, conditions and organisation of competitions of this sport when the demand for affiliation is submitted by national sports federation.

(2) If a particular sport is governed by an international federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee or that is affiliated to the association of international sports federations - SportAccord and in the Republic of Croatia there is another or more federations governing such sport, the NOC of Croatia will not grant the affiliation to the newly founded federations or associations.

Temporary members

Article 20

(1) The Assembly may grant a temporary recognition to a new national sports federation for a period of one year during which the NOC of Croatia will supervise the activity of the affiliation applicant and following this period, in the event that the decision about affiliation into the NOC of Croatia has not been taken, the temporary membership automatically ceases. During the temporary membership, the corresponding national sports federation has the same rights and obligations as the NOC of Croatia associate members.

(2) The provisions from the preceding paragraph of this Article are not applied if the request for affiliation is submitted by a national sports federation whose International Federation is included in the programme of the Olympic Games.

Article 21

(1) In the realization of the common interests, performing tasks and duties, determined by the law, these Statutes and the Olympic Charter, the NOC of Croatia members have the following rights and obligations:

- to take part in the activity of the NOC of Croatia and its bodies and to put forward proposals with the view of achieving aims and performing the NOC of Croatia tasks
- to elect representatives to the Assembly in conformity with the provisions of these Statutes
- to carry out activities by which the aims and tasks of these Statutes are achieved
- to take part in the determination and implementation of the programme of public needs of sport at national level and by their proper participation in the programme to be entitled to financing programmes from the NOC of Croatia funds in compliance with the criteria set by the NOC of Croatia or at the NOC of Croatia's request, to deliver reports on the part of programme of public needs of sport at national level in which the NOC of Croatia member takes part
- to send the Statutes and any amendment to the Statutes to the NOC of Croatia for verification whether the Statutes of a member of the NOC of Croatia conforms to the Statutes of the NOC of Croatia prior to the registration at the competent body of

- government administration of the Republic of Croatia and send the activity report and the report on holding the assemblies
- to harmonize the by-law on the system, conditions and organisation of sports competitions in particular sport with the by-law of the NOC of Croatia on the principles and basics of the sports competitions system in the Republic of Croatia
 - to carry out the decisions and conclusions of the NOC of Croatia and its bodies and to be responsible for their implementation
 - to have other rights and fulfil other obligations in compliance with the law and these Statutes.

(2) The NOC of Croatia associate members have all the rights, obligations and responsibilities set by the preceding paragraph of this Article, except:

- the right to make decisions in the Assembly
- the right to finance the programmes from the NOC of Croatia funds drawn from the national budget.

(3) At the proposal of the NOC of Croatia Council, the Assembly may take a decision to suspend the rights and obligations of the NOC of Croatia member in bankruptcy, excluding the rights on financing of particular sports programme, on whose extent and purpose decides the NOC of Croatia Council, within the adopted budget.

(4) When ratifying the modifications and amendments to the Statutes of a member of the NOC of Croatia, in conformity with the provisions from paragraph 1 indented line 5 of this Article, the NOC of Croatia will observe specific quality of particular sport, national sports federation or local sports association that has been registered in the Statutes.

Honorary members

Article 22

(1) For honorary members of the NOC of Croatia, the Assembly appoints the persons who deserve the credit for a long-standing contribution to its successful operation, the development of sport and Olympism, based on the special document at the Council's proposal.

(2) The honorary members may participate in the work of the Assembly, without the right to vote.

Cessation of membership

Article 23

(1) Membership in the NOC of Croatia ceases:

- upon the request of the member with a written explanation
- by deletion from the register of authorized state administration body

- when a member no longer meets the basic criteria from Articles 16 and 17 of these Statutes
- by starting bankruptcy proceedings
- if the authorized state administration body established that a member ceased to act
- exclusion from the NOC of Croatia.

(2) In the event of taking decision on the cessation of membership of a national sports federation in the NOC of Croatia due to starting bankruptcy proceedings, the NOC of Croatia may by a special decision define the right as well as the period of financial monitoring of a national selection of that sport in order to protect the interests of athletes and vested right of this sport on the international level.

Article 24

When a member of the NOC of Croatia by their activity does not:

- achieve the aims and perform the tasks for which it was founded
 - respect or infringe the principles and rules of the Olympic Charter and these Statutes
 - carry out the decisions and conclusions of the bodies of the NOC of Croatia
 - act in conformity with the Sports Act and the Associations Law, does not have bodies elected and registered in conformity with the mentioned laws and/or does not have by-laws stipulated by the law and adopted by competent bodies
- they are liable to the measures and sanctions determined by these Statutes.

Article 25

(1) For activities from Article 24 of these Statutes, the members of the NOC of Croatia are subject to:

a) measures

- warning
- reprimand

b) sanctions

- suspension
- exclusion from the membership of the NOC of Croatia.

(2) The measures or sanctions set out in paragraph 1 of this Article depend on the nature, severity and degree of the infringement or breach from Article 24 of these Statutes and are applied:

- for a minor breach: warning or reprimand
- for a major breach: suspension or expulsion from the membership in the NOC of Croatia

(3) The Council takes a decision on issuing a warning or reprimand.

At the first following session of the Assembly, the Council informs about the measure issued from the previous paragraph.

(4) The Assembly takes a decision on the suspension or exclusion from the membership.

(5) In case of an urgency, the Council may issue the suspension while the final decision is taken by the Assembly at the first following session that should be held within 60 days at the latest.

(6) The special document of the NOC of Croatia regulates the issues related to the procedure of determining breaches from Article 24 and issuing the appropriate measures and sanctions set out in paragraph 1 of this Article.

V COMPOSITION

Article 26

(1) The bodies of the NOC of Croatia are:

1. the Assembly
2. the President
3. the Council
4. the Supervisory Board
5. the Ethical Committee
6. the Athletes' Commission

(2) The independent bodies for sports arbitration and resolution of sports-related disputes are:

1. Council for Sports Arbitration
2. Sports Arbitration Tribunal
3. Disciplinary Commission

(3) Members of the Croatian Olympic Committee bodies, based on their membership in these bodies, except the bodies from paragraph 2 item 1 and 2 of this Article, may not be remunerated.

1) Assembly

a) Competences of the Assembly

Article 27

The Assembly is the highest administrative body of the NOC of Croatia having the following tasks:

- to adopt the Statute and by-laws of the NOC of Croatia and their modifications and amendments
- to adopt the strategy and policy of development of Croatian sport within the NOC of Croatia competence
- to take decisions on the affiliation to international sports and non-governmental associations of interest to the NOC of Croatia and Croatian sport
- to ratify the establishment of relations with other NOCs

- to take decision on submitting the bid for the organization of the Olympic Games, Mediterranean Games and other multisports competitions
- to take decision on verification of its members, election of the president and four vice-presidents, Council members, Supervisory Board members, members of the Council for Sports Arbitration, Disciplinary Commission members, external auditor and liquidator and on their dismissal
- to take decision on the status of its members – membership, sanctions and cessation of membership
- to set the principles and basic conditions of the system of sports competitions in the Republic of Croatia
- to nominate the Ethical Committee and create the Croatian Olympic Academy
- to set up special ad hoc commissions
- to adopt annual and multi-year plans and programmes of public sports needs at national level within the NOC of Croatia competence, the NOC of Croatia annual financial plan, that is the programme of public needs of sport at national level within the NOC of Croatia competence and the NOC of Croatia financial plan for the following year, as well as their modifications and amendments, exceptionally in case of need, temporary financial plan of the NOC of Croatia and to deliver reports on the programme and financial report for the previous year.
- to adopt the project of preparations and participation in the Olympic and Mediterranean Games
- to set the affiliation criteria of local sports associations into the Committee of local sports associations
- to take decision on the change of aims and activities, cessation of activity and distribution of the remaining property
- to perform other tasks defined by the law and is in charge of all issues for which the competence of other NOC of Croatia bodies has not been determined, when we are dealing with issues that by their importance fall within the competence of the highest management body of the NOC of Croatia.

b) Composition of the Assembly

Article 28

(1) The Assembly is composed of:

- one representative per national sports federation, county association, associations and institutions
- three representatives of the Athletes' Commission
- three representatives of the Croatian Olympians Club, competitors at the Olympic Games
- all IOC members in Croatia, members by virtue of their office
- IOC honorary members in Croatia by virtue of their office

(2) All the representatives of national sports federations from Article 16 of this Statute, county associations, all three representatives of the Athletes' Commission and the Croatian Olympians Club and IOC members in Croatia have the right to vote in the Assembly.

(3) The representatives of the Athletes' Commission must retire from their posts in the Assembly at the latest by the end of the third Olympiad after the last Olympic Games in which they took part.

(4) The state and its bodies as well as the other public administration and non-governmental institutions bodies, in conformity with the Olympic Charter, cannot nominate their representatives to the Assembly.

Article 29

(1) The representatives of national sports federations affiliated to the International Federations of Olympic sports must have the majority of votes in the Assembly.

(2) The representatives of national sports federations affiliated to the International Federations of Olympic sports must have two votes in the Assembly so that the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article are applied.

Article 30

(1) The person nominated for the Assembly must meet the following criteria and comply with the following conditions:

- must be a citizen of the Republic of Croatia
- must be an established athlete or sports official
- must respect and promote the principles and rules of the Olympic Charter, the IOC Ethics and Medical Code, the World Anti-Doping Code (WADA) and these Statutes
- should not have infringed the ethical principles of the Olympic Movement
- must not have been charged with a disciplinary charge by the National Sports Federation, except the charge made to the athletes in the competition system
- must not have been sentenced (Article 13 of the Sports Act)
- that he/she is not bound by temporary work contract or other corresponding contract in the NOC of Croatia or its members, burdening the COC budget.

(2) The Assembly members are obliged to sign a special declaration that they will respect the Olympic Charter and these Statutes.

(3) If a member refuses to sign the declaration from the previous paragraph of this Article, it implies that he resigns and the NOC of Croatia member who has elected him/her must put forward a new representative.

(4) One person, including his/her deputy, may represent only one national sports federation, affiliated to the NOC of Croatia.

c) Mandate of the Assembly

Article 31

(1) The term of office of the Assembly lasts four years and it begins on the day of taking place of the Assembly electoral meeting at which the majority of mandates of representatives of the NOC of Croatia members for a new Assembly session is verified.

(2) The same person can be re-elected in the Assembly for a new four-year period. The mandate of a subsequently elected Assembly member lasts until the expiry of the period for which he/she was elected.

(3) If the Assembly member is unable to attend the Assembly session, the competent body of a national sports federation, county association can, based on the written decision, nominate a deputy for this session.

(4) The mandate of the deputy for this session is subject to the verification of the Assembly.

Article 32

(1) The elections of the representatives in the Assembly are made known sixty days prior to the electoral session of the Assembly.

(2) The electoral session of the Assembly is convened by the President based on the Council's decision.

Article 33

(1) The Assembly members take part in the work and decision-making taking their attitude, first of all, on:

- the requirements of the implementation of the set strategy of development of sport in the Republic of Croatia
- joint obligations and responsibilities for carrying out the programmes of sports public needs in the Republic of Croatia
- the aspirations to achieve the values contributing to the development, establishment and reputation of Croatian sport and the Republic of Croatia
- joint interests with all affiliated members and the obligation to achieve the aims and perform the tasks of the NOC of Croatia determined by the law, these Statutes and the Olympic Charter.

(2) The Assembly members are obliged to represent and protect the interests of the NOC of Croatia, Croatian sport and Olympism and the interests of the association they represent.

(3) Prior to each Assembly or Committee session, the Assembly members are obliged to hold consultations with the association they represent regarding the materials for items on the agenda of the sessions.

Article 34

The Assembly member's mandate can cease:

- upon the expiry of the mandate for which he/she was elected
- by the loss of Croatian citizenship
- by submission of an irrevocable resignation
- by a recall on the part of the National Sports Federation, county sports association or association of which he/she is a member
- in circumstances under which he/she is unable to perform his/her duties
- when conditions of a (conflict of interest) incompatibility of particular functions and duties in the NOC of Croatia, its service staff and its members are established (Article 90 of the Statute)
- if an Assembly member represents a federation or some other association over which bankruptcy proceedings started
- dismissal.

Article 35

(1) In the cases from Article 34 indented lines 1 to 6 of these Statutes, the membership ceases automatically, without the enforcing of any procedure, by verification of the situation at the Assembly session.

(2) In case of a dismissal from Article 34 indented line 8 of these Statutes, the mandate of the Assembly member may cease:

- if he/she does not accept, promote, respect or infringe the principles and rules of the Olympic Charter, the IOC Ethics or Medical Code, the World Anti-Doping Code (WADA) and these Statutes
- if his/her improper behaviour is harmful for the interests and tarnishes the reputation of the IOC and its members, Croatian sport and the Olympic Movement in Croatian public or at an international level
- if during two years he/she is absent from the Assembly sessions without good reason or performs the tasks resulting from these Statutes and the decisions of the Assembly and its bodies as well as from the undertaken obligations and tasks

(3) A recall or dismissal of the Assembly member, due to one or more reasons from paragraph 2, can be required by a national sports federation, county association and the Assembly members.

(4) A dismissal of the Assembly member, due to the reasons mentioned in Article 34 indented line 7 of these Statutes, is proposed by the NOC of Croatia Council to the Assembly.

(5) When a recall or dismissal of the Assembly member is required by the Assembly member, such a request is considered if supported by at least fifteen voting members of the Assembly.

Article 36

(1) The decision on the cessation of membership in the Assembly, due to one or more established reasons from Article 35 paragraph 2 of these Statutes, is taken by the Assembly based on the written request of the authorized body or person from Article 35 paragraph 3 of these Statutes, by a majority of two-thirds of the voting members present at the Assembly session.

(2) The Assembly member whose cessation of membership is under discussion has the right to be heard before the voting and if he/she disputes the submitted request for his/her recall or dismissal, he/she can request the Ethical Commission's opinion that will be reviewed at the Assembly together with the submitted request for recall or dismissal.

(3) The dismissed Assembly member cannot neither be re-elected as the Assembly member nor he can hold any other office in the COC if he/she was recalled or dismissed in accordance with Article 35 paragraph 3 of these Statutes.

(4) A member expelled from the IOC may not be a member of the NOC of Croatia.

d) Assembly sessions

Article 37

(1) At its meetings the Assembly settles matters within its competence.

(2) The Assembly sessions are convened by the president and in his absence or inability to attend them, one of the vice-presidents authorized by him.

(3) The electoral Assembly sessions are convened by the president and chaired by a three-member presidency elected from the voting Assembly members. Candidates for the NOC of Croatia President cannot be elected in the presidency.

(4) The Assembly sessions are convened by the president:

- when he judges it necessary, and at least twice a year
- based on the Council's conclusion
- upon the argued written request of at least one third of the Assembly members
- upon the argued written request of the Supervisory Board.

(5) The Assembly can take valid decisions if the number of the present exceeds for one vote the half of the votes cast by the voting Assembly members.

(6) At the electoral Assembly session, the Assembly member will be deprived of the right to vote if he/she represents the affiliated member to the NOC of Croatia that is not duly registered for valid mandates of management and representation bodies.

Article 38

(1) The General Assembly sessions can be ordinary, extraordinary, thematic, formal and electoral.

(2) The extraordinary and thematic Assembly sessions are convened by the president upon his own initiative or based on the conclusion, request respectively from Article 37 paragraph 4 indented lines 2 to 4 of these Statutes.

(3) The request to convene an extraordinary Assembly session must contain the provisional agenda and the written explanation together with the provisional agenda.

(4) If the competent body of the Assembly authorized for convening an Assembly session, according to the provision from Article 37 paragraph 2 does not convene an extraordinary session of the Assembly within 30 days from the day of the receipt of the conclusion respectively request for convening an extraordinary session placed in harmony with the provisions of these Statutes, the initiator may convene the sought extraordinary session of the Assembly himself.

(5) The thematic Assembly sessions are held especially for the purpose of examining special problems of Olympic sports, non-Olympic sports or sports on the local level.

(6) The formal Assembly sessions can be convened on the occasion of the Great Day for Croatian Sports – 17 January, at some other date set by the NOC of Croatia and the anniversary of the foundation of the NOC of Croatia – 10 September.

(7) The electoral Assembly sessions are held every four years, after the holding of the Olympic Games.

(8) In case of an expiry of term of office in the NOC of Croatia bodies, the NOC of Croatia Assembly is convened by the last authorized person to represent registered in the Registry of associations or at least 1/3 of full members of the NOC of Croatia registered on the list of the NOC of Croatia members prior to the their expiry of term of office in the NOC of Croatia bodies.

Article 39

(1) The Assembly takes decisions by two-thirds majority of the voting members in the following cases:

- when adopting the NOC of Croatia Statutes and its modifications and amendments
- when taking a decision on the cessation of membership in the Assembly in conformity with Article 36 paragraph 1 of these Statutes

(2) The decision on the cessation of the NOC of Croatia activity is taken by two-thirds majority of the voting Assembly members.

(3) The decisions on all other matters, except paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, are taken by the majority of the present voting members at the Assembly session.

(4) In case of the equal number of votes pro and against, the chairman of the Assembly casts the deciding vote.

Article 40

The voting at the Assembly is public except:

- if a two-thirds majority of the voting members decides that the voting on individual issues is secret and
- when the voting relates to the election of the NOC of Croatia bodies, and the number of proposed candidates is greater than the number of persons being elected for the individual body.

Article 41

When it is a question of

- the NOC of Croatia affiliation to the IOC and its member associations
- submitting the bid for the organization of the Olympic Games
- establishing relations with other NOCs
- project of preparations and participation at the Olympic Games

only the votes of the Assembly members, representatives of national sports federations whose IFs govern the sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games and the Council members, representatives of the Athletes' Commission and the Croatian Olympians Club are taken into account.

Article 42

The convocation, programme and proceedings, rights, obligations and responsibilities of the Assembly members related to the session as well as the other issues important for the holding of the sessions are regulated in detail by the rule book of the Assembly.

e) Standing working bodies of the Assembly

Article 43

The standing working bodies of the Assembly are:

- the Summer Olympic Sports Committee
- the Winter Olympic Sports Committee
- the Non-Olympic Sports Committee
- the Local Sports Associations Committee

Article 44

(1) The Summer Olympic Sports Committee is comprised of members of the Assembly who are representatives of national sports federations whose sports are included in the programme of the Games of the Olympiad. Representatives of national sports federations whose sports are included in the Olympic Winter Games programme do not participate in the Summer Olympic Sports Committee.

(2) The Winter Olympic Sports Committee is comprised of members of the Assembly who are representatives of national sports federations whose sports are included in the programme of the Olympic Winter Games.

(3) The Non-Olympic Sports Committee is comprised of members of the Assembly who are representatives of all non-Olympic national sports federations, full and associated members of the NOC of Croatia who are not participating at the Games of the Olympiad and at the Olympic Winter Games.

(4) The Local Sports Associations Committee is comprised of the Assembly members who are representatives of sports associations in counties and representatives of sports associations in individual cities in conformity with the Assembly decision.

(5) All members of the Assembly in standing working bodies have one vote at their disposal during decision-making.

(6) The Assembly standing working bodies are convened, in general, prior to the Assembly sessions or when deemed necessary.

(7) The Committees may, where necessary, work alone or in cooperation with other committees at their sessions.

Article 45

(1) The sessions of the Assembly standing working bodies are convened and chaired by one of the NOC of Croatia Council members represented in the NOC of Croatia Assembly who in conformity with the provision of Article 44 of the Statutes form the corresponding Committee appointed as chairman of this standing working body by the Assembly.

(2) The standing working body of the Assembly adopts its rule book.

Article 46

(1) The Summer Olympic Sports Committee deals with issues related to participation at the Games of the Olympiad, the European and Mediterranean Games and other multisports events under the IOC patronage for all sports which are included in the programme of the Games of the Olympiad, the European and Mediterranean Games programme as well as with other issues of activities of these national sports federations tied in with the program of public needs in sports on a national level, and in particular:

- considers the criteria for participation proposal at the Games of the Olympiad, Youth Olympic Games, European and Mediterranean Games for all sports
- considers the list of participants proposal for the Games of the Olympiad, Youth Olympic Games, European and Mediterranean Games
- considers the programme of preparations proposal for the Games of the Olympiad, Youth Olympic Games, European and Mediterranean Games
- considers the proposal of a list of potential and registered candidates for participation at the Games of the Olympiad, Youth Olympic Games, European and Mediterranean Games
- participates in the preparation of criteria for the elaboration of a programme of public needs of sports at a national level
- considers the COC financial plan in the section where it relates to the programmes as established by this Article of the Statutes
- considers the proposal of criteria for the categorization of athletes
- considers the proposal of principles for sports competitions in the Republic of Croatia.

(2) When the Summer Olympic Sports Committee studies the issues related to the European respectively Mediterranean Games, voting members of the Assembly who are representatives of national sports federations that are not included in the programme of the Games of the Olympiad, but are included in the programme of the European or the Mediterranean Games, may participate at the session.

Article 47

The Winter Olympic Sports Committee deals with issues related to participation at the Olympic Winter Games and other multisports events under the IOC patronage for all sports which are included in the programme of the Olympic Winter Games, as well as with other issues of activities of these national sports federations tied in with the program of public needs in sports on a national level, and in particular:

- considers the criteria for participation proposal at the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games for all sports
- considers the list of participants proposal for the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games
- considers the programme of preparations proposal for the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games
- considers the proposal of a list of potential and registered candidates for participation at the Olympic Winter Games and the Winter Youth Olympic Games
- participates in the preparation of criteria for the elaboration of a programme of public needs of sports on the national level
- considers the NOC of Croatia financial plan proposal in the section where it relates to the programmes as established by this Article of the Statutes
- considers the proposal of criteria for the categorization of athletes
- participates in the preparation of a system of principles for sports competitions in the Republic of Croatia.

Article 48

The Non-Olympic Sports Committee deals with issues related to the activities of national sports federations of sports that are not included in the programme of the Games of the Olympiad nor of the Olympic Winter Games, and in particular:

- participates in the preparation of criteria for the elaboration of a programme of public needs in sports on the national level
- considers the NOC of Croatia financial plan proposal in the section where it relates to the programs as established by this Article of the Statutes
- considers the proposal of criteria for the categorization of athletes
- participates in the preparation of a system of principles for sports competitions in the Republic of Croatia.

Article 49

The Local Sports Associations Committee deals with sports-related issues at the county, city and municipal level, and in particular:

- considers the issues of organization and activity of sport on the local level
- encourages the cooperation between local sports associations
- considers the NOC of Croatia financial plan proposal in the section where it relates to the programmes promoting the development of sport
- encourages the cooperation of local sports associations, local and regional governmental bodies
- proposes to the Assembly criteria for local sports associations at the city level in relation to membership in the Local Sports Associations Committee.

Article 50

(1) The Assembly standing working bodies can take valid decisions if a majority of all members is present.

(2) The standing working bodies take decisions by a majority of votes of the members present.

(3) The NOC of Croatia staff service representatives obligatorily take part in the Assembly standing working bodies.

Article 51

The mandate of the Assembly standing working bodies lasts as long as the mandate of the Assembly.

2 President

Article 52

(1) The President performs the following duties and tasks:

- presents and represents the NOC of Croatia both at home and abroad
- convenes and presides over the Assembly and the Council sessions
- implements and encourages activities for the promotion of Olympism and application of the Olympic Charter and these Statutes
- encourages the activities aiming at the development and promotion of Croatian sport
- signs protocols, conventions and declarations of international sports and non-governmental associations and institutions of interest for Croatian sport
- signs the NOC of Croatia enactments adopted by the Assembly and the Council
- signs the verified minutes of the Assembly and Council session over which he presides
- proposes candidates for vice-presidents and members of the Council to the Assembly and proposes candidates for the Secretary General to the Council
- initiates the procedure of dismissal of the Council members and vice-presidents
- heads the NOC of Croatia delegation at the Olympic, the European and Mediterranean Games and other multisports events he attends
- implements other activities and obligations in conformity with the decisions and conclusions of the Assembly and Council, provisions of the Olympic Charter and other international sports regulations, NOC of Croatia enactments and these Statutes.

(2) For his work the President is responsible to the Assembly.

(3) If the President is absent or unable to fulfil his duties, one of the Vice-presidents authorized by the President replaces him. If the President is unable to designate his deputy, the decision is taken by the Council.

Article 53

A person who meets the following criteria can be elected as President:

- must be a citizen of the Republic of Croatia
- must be a distinguished sports official
- must speak one of the official IOC languages, English or French
- must not have infringed the ethical norms and moral principles of Olympism
- must accept this Statute and observe the Olympic Charter
- that he is an Assembly member.

Article 54

(1) The President is elected by the Assembly in accordance with the procedure concerning elections as defined by the special decision of the Assembly.

(2) The President's mandate lasts four years, and the same person may be re-elected for a new mandate.

(3) Candidates for President may be put up by national sports federations, full NOC of Croatia members affiliated to the parent IFs governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games from among the voting members of the Assembly.

(4) For putting up a candidate for President at least ten signatures of full NOC of Croatia members supporting his/her candidature are needed.

(5) The decision on the procedure for putting up the candidate for the president for regular elections is taken by the Council together with the decision on convocation of the Assembly session at least sixty days prior to the session and the NOC of Croatia members receive a written notice within eight days.

Honorary President

Article 55

The Assembly may, at the proposal of the Council, select as Honorary President of the NOC of Croatia a person who as President of the NOC of Croatia contributed to the reputation and development of the NOC of Croatia and Olympic movement in Croatia and the world with his/her outstanding work.

3 Council

Article 56

(1) The Council is the executive body of the NOC of Croatia that performs the following tasks and duties:

- proposes the NOC of Croatia Statutes and general acts and their amendments and modifications
- proposes the strategy and policy of development of Croatian sport
- appoints and dismisses the Secretary General on the basis of the conducted vacancy announcement
- names persons with special competences in staff services at the proposal of the Secretary General
- proposes membership into international sports and non-governmental associations of interest for the NOC of Croatia
- initiates the establishment and maintaining of relations with other NOCs
- proposes the submitting of a bid for organization of the Olympic Games and other multisports competitions decided by the Assembly
- proposes annual and multi-year programmes of public sports needs at national level within the NOC of Croatia competence, the NOC of Croatia annual financial plan, that is the programme of public needs of sport at national level and the NOC of Croatia financial plan for the following year, exceptionally in case of need, temporary financial plan of the NOC of Croatia and delivers the reports on the programme and financial report for the previous year.
- establishes the criteria for submitting the bid and holding major international sports competitions and events of particular sports in the Republic of Croatia and approves and recommends the organization of major international sports competitions and events in the Republic of Croatia
- approves NOC of Croatia patronages under set conditions

- proposes the enrolling of new members into the NOC of Croatia and sets the regulations for the enrolling of new members
- gives recommendations for the affiliation of national federations into International Federations
- proposes the NOC of Croatia honorary members
- puts up candidates and approves their memberships in the IOC bodies and other associations to which the NOC of Croatia is affiliated
- appoints and recalls the NOC of Croatia representatives in other organizations, institutions and bodies
- defines the project proposal of preparations and participation of Croatian athletes at the Games of the Olympiad and the Olympic Winter Games, and in case of urgency, it is authorized to determine the modifications and amendments to the project, including the modifications and amendments of the Criteria for categorization of Olympic candidates that are submitted for verification at the following Assembly session and defines the project of preparations and participation of Croatian athletes at the European and Mediterranean Games and other multisports competitions
- confirms the participants of the Olympic, the Youth Olympic Games, the European and Mediterranean Games and other multisports competitions under the competence of the NOC of Croatia
- appoints presidents and members of the Council's standing and ad hoc working bodies, as well as members of the NOC of Croatia publications editorial board
- appoints the NOC of Croatia representatives who will take part in foreign or home meetings
- decides on ways to make and use money within the adopted programme and the NOC of Croatia financial plan
- considers auditing reports
- finalizes draft decision on the change of aims and activities, cessation of activity and distribution of the NOC of Croatia property
- manages and disposes of capital assets belonging to the NOC of Croatia
- determines measures and sanctions in conformity with Article 24 and 25 of these Statutes
- appoints jury members for the presentation of the " Matija Ljubek and Dražen Petrović Awards of the NOC of Croatia" and publishes an announcement for presentation of this Awards
- establishes the nomenclature of sports and sports events in the Republic of Croatia
- decides on the composition of the NOC of Croatia staff service, and passes general acts about their work
- passes general acts which regulate the question of competences of the NOC of Croatia Council
- passes the rule book of its activity
- performs other tasks and duties entrusted to it by the Assembly or resulting from these Statutes and other NOC of Croatia documents.

(2) The Council is responsible to the Assembly for its work.

Article 57

(1) The Council is composed of seventeen members including:

- the President
- four Vice-Presidents
- an IOC member in Croatia
- Athletes' Commission representative

(2) The four Vice-Presidents and other members of the Council are selected by the Assembly, upon the proposal of the President, from the Assembly's composition. During putting forward and election of Vice-Presidents and Council members, the equivalent representation of the NOC of Croatia voting members in the NOC of Croatia Assembly should be taken into account (Olympic sports, non-Olympic sports, sports associations), in conformity with Rule 28 item 3 (1.2) of the Olympic Charter by which the national sports federations' representatives affiliated to the International Federations of Olympic sports have the majority in the Council.

(3) If Croatia does not have its IOC member who is a member of the NOC of Croatia Council by ex officio, the Assembly elects a Council member to fill up position available observing the provision of paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 58

Just a person who meets the criteria and conditions from Article 28 paragraph 1 of these Statutes can be elected as the Council member.

Article 59

In conformity with the provisions of the Olympic Charter:

- the majority of the total number of Council members are members from national sports federations affiliated to International Federations of Olympic sports and
- there are at least three women members.

Article 60

(1) The mandate of the Council lasts for four years, as long as the mandate of the Assembly, and the same person may be re-elected for a new mandate.

(2) In case of dismissal of the Council members, the provisions of Article 32 and 33 of these Statutes are applied.

(3) The Council member's mandate expires even in the event when the person who is the Council member is no longer the Assembly member.

(4) The Council members' mandate expires even in the event of the NOC of Croatia President's resignation or his dismissal.

Article 61

- (1) The Council operates at meetings.
- (2) The decisions of the Council are valid if the majority of its members are present.
- (3) The Council makes decisions by an absolute majority of the votes of the present, by open ballot.
- (4) As an exception to the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Article, decisions concerning the suspension of a General Assembly member and of the rule book on the work of the Council are taken by a two-thirds majority.
- (5) In case of a tie, the President has a casting vote.

Article 62

- (1) The Council sessions are presided over by the President and in case of his absence or inability to attend, one of the Vice-Presidents authorized by him.
- (2) The rule book on the work of the Council regulates in detail the issues related to the holding of the sessions.

Article 63

- (1) The Council sessions are convened by the President, when necessary, and at least six times per year.
- (2) The President is obliged to convene the Council session when requested and argued in writing by at least one third of the Council members.
- (3) The Council sessions can be working or formal.
- (4) The Council sessions can be open or closed-door meetings depending on the agenda and importance of the issues discussed. The Council decides on the nature of the sessions.

Article 64

- (1) In order to perform particular tasks, the Council founds standing and ad hoc working bodies, commissions respectively.
- (2) The Council standing working bodies are:
 - the Medical Commission
 - the Gender Equality in Sport Commission
 - the Sports Architecture and Environment Commission
 - the International Relations Commission

- the Commission for Development of Sport
- the Commission for Digitalization and New Media
- the Marketing Commission
- the Information and Publishing Commission

(3) Ad hoc working bodies or commissions are founded in order to perform particular tasks.

Article 65

(1) By foundation of the working bodies the Council determines their composition, sphere of activity and authorities.

(2) The decision-making on the issues falling into the competence of the Council cannot be transferred to the Council working bodies.

(3) The Council nominates the chairmen of working bodies and at their proposal nominates the members.

(4) The Council ratifies the activity programmes, adopts proposals and reports of working bodies.

(5) The Council nominates secretaries of working bodies from the NOC of Croatia staff service upon the Secretary General's proposal.

Article 66

The Council members perform the duties entrusted to them by the Assembly, the Council or the President.

Article 67

Council members are obliged to represent and protect the interests of the COC, the entire Croatian sport and Olympism at all times.

4 Supervisory Board

Article 68

The NOC of Croatia Supervisory Board (hereafter referred to as the Supervisory Board) is an NOC of Croatia body whose task is to:

- supervise the activity of the NOC of Croatia
- control the lawfulness in the work and financial dealings of the NOC of Croatia
- supervise the implementation of decisions and conclusions of the Assembly and the Council

- consider the external auditor's report and adopt the internal auditor's report
- control the carrying out of the order of auditing, and giving directions and tasks to internal control
- check the observance of the set norms and enactments of the NOC of Croatia and these Statutes.

Article 69

(1) Members of the Supervisory Board are elected by secret ballot by the Assembly in conformity with the mode and procedure set out by the Assembly's special decision concerning the electoral procedure.

(2) Only full members of the NOC of Croatia and who are not members of the Assembly or other NOC of Croatia bodies can be put up as candidates for Supervisory Board members as well as the persons who are not employed or bound by the temporary work contract or other corresponding contract in the COC or its affiliated members, burdening the COC budget.

Article 70

(1) The Supervisory Board is composed of five members.

(2) The Supervisory Board members elect their Chairman at the first foundation session.

(3) The Supervisory Board members are elected for a four-year period and their mandate is renewable.

(4) The Supervisory Board acts on sessions convened by its Chairman by sending the invitation in writing and the agenda, at least five days prior to taking place of the session.

(5) More than half of the Supervisory Board members must attend the session in order for the decisions taken to be valid. The decisions are taken by the majority of votes of the present members. In case of a tie, the Chairman, that is, the member who presides the session, casts the deciding vote.

Article 71

The Supervisory Board performs its duties set out in Article 68 of these Statutes over the activities:

- of the NOC of Croatia and its bodies
- of the NOC of Croatia members in the area within the competence of the NOC of Croatia, or of the physical and legal persons to whom the NOC of Croatia has allocated funds for a specified purpose, in the part of those transferred funds.

Article 72

With the view of being informed and being able to act successfully:

- the Supervisory Board chairman is invited to the Council sessions
- the chairman and the Supervisory Board members are invited to the Assembly sessions
- all Supervisory Board members receive the minutes of the Council and Assembly sessions.

Article 73

(1) The mode of work of the Supervisory Board is regulated by the rule book passed by the Supervisory Board.

(2) The NOC of Croatia staff service performs technical and administrative duties for the Supervisory Board.

(3) The NOC of Croatia staff service as well as the President and Secretary General are obliged to make available all documents necessary for the Supervisory Board activity.

5 ETHICAL COMMITTEE

Article 74

(1) The NOC of Croatia sets up Ethical Committee as its independent body with the view of developing ethical behaviour in sport, based on the values and principles guaranteed by the Olympic Charter and these Statutes and takes care of the observance and respect of principles and rules of the Olympic Charter, Croatian Olympic Committee Statutes and other general acts by the Assembly members, other bodies as well as other participants in sport.

(2) The Ethical Committee has five members who are nominated by the Assembly at the proposal of the NOC of Croatia members and/or the Assembly members.

(3) The persons who are Assembly members cannot be members of the Ethical Committee or any other managing body of the NOC of Croatia.

(4) The Ethical Committee members are elected for a four-year period and their mandate is renewable.

(5) The Ethical Committee passes decisions as a collegial body. The Ethical Committee chairman convenes the sessions and the decisions are taken by the majority of all members of the pertaining collegial body.

(6) The composition, sphere and mode of activity of the Ethical Committee are regulated by a special document.

6 ATHLETES' COMMISSION

Article 75

The NOC of Croatia Athletes' Commission (hereafter referred to as: Athletes' Commission) is a permanent body of the NOC of Croatia, founded in conformity with the provisions of the Olympic Charter and the IOC Guidelines relating to the creation of an NOC Athletes' Commission, whose mission is voicing the opinions of athletes and their active participation in the NOC of Croatia bodies. When the NOC of Croatia bodies take decisions, the opinions and attitudes of athletes should be taken into consideration.

Article 76

The Athletes' Commission activity is the following:

- considering the issues related to athletes and giving proposals and opinions to the NOC of Croatia bodies
- representing the rights and interests of athletes and giving recommendations
- initiating activities for the education of athletes and solving other issues relevant to athletes
- maintaining contacts with the IOC and EOC Athletes' Commission and the Croatian Olympians Club
- promotion and encouragement of activities for the application and observance of the IOC Ethics Code
- collaboration with the athletes' commissions of national sports federations and the Croatian Olympians Club
- election of the Commission Chairperson, three Commission representatives in the NOC of Croatia Assembly, one being elected into the NOC of Croatia Council
- participation in putting forward Croatian athletes into the IOC and EOC Athletes' Commission, in conformity with the criteria established by the IOC and EOC
- collaboration in the application and respect of the Olympic Charter rules relating to athletes, fight against any form of discrimination and violence in sport as well as the use of substances and methods prohibited by the International Olympic Committee and International Federations
- making friends, promoting mutual understanding and equality and fair play in sport and everyday life.

Article 77

(1) Members of the Athletes' Commission are elected by athletes among candidates put forward by the Athletes' Commission of national sports federations of Olympic and non-Olympic sports, full NOC of Croatia members.

(2) One national sports federation, that is one sport, may be represented in the Athletes' Commission by one member.

(3) Both sexes should be equally represented in the Athletes' Commission, to the fullest extent.

(4) The Athletes' Commission is composed of:

- six members – representatives of summer Olympic sports, three male and three female athletes
- two members – representatives of winter Olympic sports, one male and one female athlete
- two members – representatives of non-Olympic sports, one male and one female athlete.

(5) A member of the IOC and EOC Athletes' Commissions are ex-officio members of the Athletes' Commission.

(6) A person who meets the following criteria may be elected as the Athletes' Commission member:

- he/she must be a citizen of the Republic of Croatia
- during the time of election must be 18 years of age
- must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence
- must not have been sentenced (Article 13 of the Sports Act)
- if he/she represents Olympic sports, during the submission of a candidature for the Athletes' Commission, he/she should be an active team member of the national sports federation, full COC member, representing a sport on the Olympic programme (Games of the Olympiad or the Olympic Winter Games) and have participated at the Olympic Games, the Olympic Winter Games respectively preceding the election of a member of the Athletes' Commission or have done so within the previous four years.
- If he/she represents non-Olympic sports, during the submission of a candidature for the Athletes' Commission, he/she should be an active team member of the national sports federation, full COC member, representing a non-Olympic sport and have participated within the previous four years at the official world championship organised by the corresponding International Federation.

Article 78

(1) Members of the Athletes' Commission are elected for a four-year period and may be re-elected once.

(2) The Athletes' Commission members, elect among themselves the chairman every four years, respectively when the chairman's term of office expires or when his/her term of office is terminated due to other reasons.

(3) The athlete who is a member of the IOC or EOC Athletes' Commission is an ex-officio member of the Athletes' Commission during his/her mandate in the mentioned Commissions.

(4) The elections for the Athletes' Commission members are held by voting of athletes during the Games of the Olympiad, Olympic Winter Games respectively. The election of non-

Olympic athletes to the Athletes' Commission is organised every four years, on the NOC of Croatia creation date, 10 September, that is at another date if the elections cannot take place this day for justified reasons. A special voting is organised. There are separate lists for the Olympic athletes, Olympic winter athletes and non-Olympic sports athletes. The candidates are proposed by the athletes' commission of national sports federations in which these commissions were created. During the elections to the Athletes' Commission until 2016 exceptionally, the candidates may be proposed by national sports federations if these members affiliated to the COC do not have their own athletes' commission.

(5) If a certain sport failed to put forward the athlete fulfilling the criteria to be included on the list owing to his/her abilities and performances, upon the proposal of the COC President, if necessary, the NOC of Croatia Council has the right to propose two candidates at the most to the list of candidates. These candidates must meet the criteria to be included on the list stipulated by the Athletes' Commission regulations.

(6) The Athletes' Commission acts on the Commission sessions. These sessions are organised at least two times a year. The Commission session activity is valid if the simple majority of members is present. The decisions, conclusions and recommendations are taken by the majority of votes of the members present.

(7) The provisions defining the elections as well as the activity of the Athletes' Commission are stipulated by the statutes of the Athletes' Commission adopted by the NOC of Croatia Assembly.

Independent bodies for sports arbitration and resolution of sports-related disputes

Article 79

The Council for Sports Arbitration and the Sports Arbitration Tribunal are founded within the NOC of Croatia as an independent sports arbitration body for settling sports-related disputes.

1 Council for Sports Arbitration

Article 80

(1) The Council for Sports Arbitration (hereafter referred to as the CSA) takes a decision on the request for extraordinary re-examination of sports associations' decisions when other legal redresses have been exhausted or they do not exist and performs other duties determined by these Statutes, the CSA Procedure Regulations, the Sports Arbitration Tribunal Arbitration Regulations and other NOC of Croatia and CSA acts.

(2) The CSA performs the following duties:

- supervises the work of the Court of Arbitration within the NOC of Croatia and provides working conditions for its services
- gives legal opinions at the request of the NOC of Croatia Council or at the request of national sports federations, county associations and other associations

- appoints the CSA Secretary who is at the same time Secretary of the Court of Arbitration.

(3) The appeal against the dispute arising from or relating to the Olympic Games is submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne in accordance with the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration.

Article 81

(1) The CSA is composed of the President, Vice-President and eleven members elected by the NOC of Croatia for a five-year term.

(2) The CSA members are elected by the Assembly especially from among lawyers from all spheres of public life but the members can be also judges of regular and specialized courts.

(3) The CSA session is convened when necessary at the invitation of the CSA chairman but at least six times a year.

(4) More than a half CSA members need to be present at the session in order for the decisions taken to be valid and the decisions are taken by the majority of votes of all members.

(5) The decisions falling within the CSA competence between two CSA sessions are taken by the standing CSA councils, except in the case of a decision whose passing should be taken by the full CSA composition.

(6) Other issues falling into the competence, composition of the CSA and the procedure regulations are regulated by the Arbitration Procedure Regulations.

2 Sports Arbitration Tribunal

Article 82

(1) The Croatian Olympic Committee created the Sports Arbitration Tribunal that settles sports-related disputes from parties who have agreed upon the competence of this Tribunal about the rights of which they can dispose freely if it is not stipulated by the law that there is an exclusive competence of the regular court over certain types of disputes.

(2) The Council for Sports Arbitration supervises the activity of the Sports Arbitration Tribunal.

(3) The Sports Arbitration Tribunal has a Secretary who is also Secretary of the Council for Sports Arbitration.

(4) The Sports Arbitration Tribunal proceedings are conducted in conformity with the Croatian Olympic Committee arbitral regulations.

3 Disciplinary Commission

Article 83

(1) The NOC of Croatia Disciplinary Commission is an independent body in charge of the observance and respect of principles and rules of the Olympic Charter, the NOC of Croatia Statutes and other by-laws in conformity with Article 25 of these Statutes by:

- NOC of Croatia members
- NOC of Croatia body members
- NOC of Croatia working bodies members
- athletes and coaches beneficiaries of the NOC of Croatia programmes and
- other rightful users (on the basis of their working-legal status, participation in financing by the NOC of Croatia, etc.)

(2) The Disciplinary Commission is composed of six members, three of them belonging to the first instance body and the other three to the second instance body. The members are nominated by the NOC of Croatia Assembly for a period of five years, at the proposal of the NOC of Croatia Council among distinguished jurists, sports and sports system experts.

(3) The Disciplinary Commission passes decisions as a collegial body, in conformity with the provisions from previous paragraph. The sessions of every collegial body are convened by the chairman of the pertaining collegial body. The decisions are taken by the majority of votes of all members of the pertaining collegial body.

(4) The composition, sphere of activity and mode of activity of the NOC of Croatia Disciplinary Commission are regulated by the special document of the Assembly.

VI. SECRETARY GENERAL

Article 84

The Secretary General performs his/her duties professionally, and is named to the post on the basis of a public competition by the NOC of Croatia Council.

Article 85

(1) The Secretary General is elected for a fixed duration, namely for a four-year period but the term of office is renewable.

(2) The NOC of Croatia and Secretary General conclude a work contract (for a fixed duration) and which determines mutual rights, obligations and responsibilities.

(3) The Secretary General realizes his/her rights from their work engagement in the NOC of Croatia staff service.

Article 86

The person nominated for the Secretary General must meet the following criteria and conditions:

- must be a citizen of the Republic of Croatia
- must hold a university degree
- must have at least five years of managerial work experience
- must speak one of the official IOC languages, English or French
- must not have infringed the ethical norms and moral principles of sport and Olympism
- must not have been sentenced (Article 13 of the Sports Act)
- precedence will be given to a person who is familiar with the system and operation of sport, distinguished as a sports official and experienced in the management of sport

Article 87

The Secretary General performs and ensures the implementation of general acts and programmes of the NOC of Croatia, and decisions and conclusions by the Assembly, the Council and the President of the NOC of Croatia and especially carries out the following duties and tasks:

- represents the NOC of Croatia at home and abroad, and in individual situations, and at the authorization of the Council or President and represents the NOC of Croatia
- concludes agreements and takes legal action on behalf of the NOC of Croatia
- is responsible for the lawfulness of the activity of the NOC of Croatia
- organizes and coordinates the preparation of materials for the Assembly and Council sessions
- is in charge of submitting proposals for annual activity and financial report to the NOC of Croatia Assembly
- during the business year, he is obliged to assess the efficiency of financial functioning and the NOC of Croatia control
- is responsible for the timely implementation of the conclusions and decisions from the Assembly and Council, informs task-bearers about the decisions and conclusions and informs the Council and Assembly about the execution of the decisions and conclusions
- is responsible for submitting the documents to competent bodies in conformity with the regulations and delivering the minutes from the regular NOC of Croatia Assembly to the competent registration body
- coordinates the work of the Council working bodies and is in charge of the implementation of their conclusions
- participates in the Council activity as a non-voting member
- takes measures for the implementation of tasks and responsibilities of the NOC of Croatia members
- organizes and coordinates the cooperation with the IOC, its bodies and other associations to which the NOC of Croatia is affiliated
- organizes and coordinates the relations with NOCs of other countries
- proposes solutions for the advancement of the NOC of Croatia activity
- proposes a by-law on the organisation and activity of the Staff service as well as the nomination of the manager of the NOC of Croatia staff services to the Council

- ensures that the NOC of Croatia activity is made known to the public
- is a member of the leadership of the NOC of Croatia delegation at the Olympic Games, European and Mediterranean Games and other multisports competitions
- performs other duties from his sphere of activity and those ordered by the Assembly, the President and the Council.

Article 88

(1) The Secretary General is obligated to inform the Council of all contracts and payments made in excess of 50.000,00 kunas as well as of all payments made besides the adopted budget at the first subsequent meeting.

(2) For his work the Secretary General is responsible to the Council and President.

VII STAFF SERVICE

Article 89

(1) The NOC of Croatia staff service is founded to carry out its activity.

(2) The NOC of Croatia staff service performs duties of a technical and administrative nature, tasks from the field of sport and international relations and performs other duties stipulated by the laws, regulations and decisions of the NOC of Croatia.

Article 90

The organization and mode of activity of the staff service is regulated by the special document passed by the Council.

Article 91

(1) The NOC of Croatia staff service can perform, apart from the duties for the needs of the NOC of Croatia, other duties for other parties on a contractual basis.

(2) The work of the Staff Service is managed by the Secretary General who reports on its activity to the NOC of Croatia Council, if needed or at its request.

VIII CROATIAN OLYMPIC ACADEMY

Article 92

The Croatian Olympic Academy is set up by a special document of the NOC of Croatia Assembly with the view of systematic encouragement and advancement of Olympism, promotion of Olympic principles, fair play and tolerance, participation in the realization of the program of the Olympic Solidarity and the implementation of vocational and

professional training of persons carrying out staff services in sports, and in conformity with the Olympic Charter.

IX CROATIAN FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE

Article 93

(1) The Croatian Fair Play Committee is an independent body acting within the Croatian Olympic Committee whose members are representatives of the COC founders and the Croatian Sports Journalists Association.

(2) The Croatian Fair Play Committee promotes and develops fair play in sport and everyday life, encourages recognition of general ethical values and initiates activities in which all the participants in sport behave on the principles of tolerance, mutual respect in conformity with the regulations and principles of the Olympic Charter, provisions of the NOC of Croatia statutes, regulations of the International Fair Play Committee and the European Fair Play Movement.

X CROATIAN ATHLETES' FOUNDATION

Article 94

(1) The Croatian Athletes Foundation, as an independent corporate body, was founded by the NOC of Croatia, in collaboration with the Croatian Olympians Club and the Sports News.

(2) The Croatian Athletes Foundation was founded with the charitable purpose by providing financial and other support to athletes who were during their career or after it unable to provide themselves basic conditions for their existence, lodging, treatment, employment, assistance in creating the conditions for education and training, etc.

XI RESOURCES AND FINANCING

Article 95

(1) The NOC of Croatia property is composed of funds, movable and real property and other proprietary rights.

(2) The resources earned by its own activity, the funds drawn from the budget and other sources in accordance with the law (Croatian Lottery, other games of chance, etc.) constitute the platform for financing the NOC of Croatia activities and programmes and members of the NOC of Croatia.

(3) The NOC of Croatia provides resources for the programmes and activities of the the NOC of Croatia members of joint interest that are stipulated by the Sports Act as sports public needs at national level and that should be carried out by the NOC of Croatia.

(4) For the realisation of the programmes, the NOC of Croatia can incur short-term debts for the period of twelve months, in the cases when the liquid funds cannot cover the expenses, in the amount determined by the NOC of Croatia financial plan. The decision on the short-term debt is taken by the NOC of Croatia Council. The decision on the long-term debt of the NOC of Croatia is taken by the NOC of Croatia Assembly in conformity with the regulations. The contract on the short-term and long-term indebtedness is concluded by the Secretary General or other person authorized to represent the NOC of Croatia respectively the person who is authorized by the person authorized to represent the NOC of Croatia by a special document, up to the amount determined by the NOC of Croatia financial plan.

Article 96

In order to carry out the programmes set out in Article 21 paragraph 1 indented line 4 of these Statutes, the NOC of Croatia provides resources to its members based on the documents about the criteria of programming and financing sports public needs at a national level:

- official participation and qualifications, final preparations of national teams and individuals for the Olympic Games, world and European championships and cups, Mediterranean Games, international youth competitions, official interstate competitions, national championships and other sports events of common and public interest
- health care, doping control, dietary supplements (vitamins) and insurance, testing and equipment
- permanent care of the talented athletes and potential Olympic candidates
- coverage of membership fees to international sports associations, participation in the work of the IFs and a part of business dealings costs.

Article 97

(1) The budget and other resources earned in accordance with the law belong to specified-purpose funds and can be used only for this purpose.

(2) The resources raised from the Olympic programme and the Olympic Solidarity are used for specified-purposes in accordance with the valid IOC and regulations of the NOC of Croatia.

(3) The NOC of Croatia disposes of the resources earned by its own activity and uses them for the promotion of the NOC of Croatia activity and its members applying the valid enactments and decisions of the Assembly and the Council.

(4) The NOC of Croatia own funds, in compliance with the adopted financial plan by the competent body, can be earmarked to other legal persons who carry out programmes

significant for Croatian sport and the implementation of the NOC of Croatia tasks (legal persons created by the NOC of Croatia and other legal persons).

Article 98

(1) The distribution of the resources planned for the NOC of Croatia activities is done by the NOC of Croatia annual programme and financial plan based on the document about the criteria of programming and financing sport at national level.

(2) The modifications and amendments to the financial plan are obligatorily made in case of significant departures from planned income and expenditure, especially in case of new obligations, reductions of income respectively. The NOC of Croatia has to define what it deems significant departures from planned income and expenditure in accordance with the special by-law.

(3) The Secretary General is the executive authority for carrying out the programme and financial plan.

(4) The Secretary General is obligated to submit a report on the carrying out of the financial plan at every regular Assembly session.

(5) The Secretary General is also obligated to report to the NOC of Croatia Council at every session about the financial affairs of the NOC of Croatia.

(6) The annual financial report of the NOC of Croatia is adopted by the Assembly and submitted to the Ministry of Finance, that is, another institution authorized by the Ministry to receive and analyze financial reports. It is also publicly published through the Register of non-profit organisations and on the NOC of Croatia website.

(7) The annual financial report of the NOC of Croatia is audited in conformity with the regulations. The audit report is submitted to the NOC of Croatia Assembly.

XII WORK CONTROL

Article 99

A mandatory (external) audit is carried out over the annual financial report and activity of the NOC of Croatia.

Article 100

(1) A special department for internal control is founded and active in the Staff Service, and which acts according to directions from the Supervisory Board.

(2) The NOC of Croatia internal control will make internal controls in conformity with the international revision standards as well as the regulations and guidelines relating to internal control for public sector in the Republic of Croatia. Internal control is made within the NOC of Croatia and physical and legal persons to whom the NOC of Croatia has allocated money for a specified purpose, in the part of those transferred funds.

XIII SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND INCOMPATIBILITY OF PARTICULAR DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

Article 101

When there is a dispute between the NOC of Croatia and its members as well as a dispute at national level arising from or in relation to the use of these Statutes and by-laws that cannot be settled by agreement of the parties or that cannot be settled in accordance with these Statutes' provisions, the settlement of dispute is conferred to the NOC of Croatia Disciplinary Commission or its Sports Arbitration Tribunal, depending on the nature of a dispute.

Article 102

(1) Employees of the NOC of Croatia Staff Service cannot be carriers of functions in bodies (i.e. President, Secretary, member of the Executive or Administrative Board, and similar), members of the NOC of Croatia nor representatives of these members in the NOC of Croatia Assembly.

(2) In conformity with the provisions of the Sports Act, the Public Procurement Act and other pertaining regulations relating to the competences of the NOC of Croatia bodies, the protection of the interest of Croatian sport, athletes and the NOC of Croatia is established in relation to the interests of individuals, the NOC of Croatia members and the NOC of Croatia body members. In conformity with the provisions of these Statutes, it is established that the members of the NOC of Croatia bodies and Staff Service are obliged to beware of the possible conflict of interest in the activity of the NOC of Croatia or performing certain duties in the NOC of Croatia and to take the appropriate measures for the prevention and elimination of the conflict of interest. The NOC of Croatia Council takes decision on the existence of the conflict of interest and when it is deemed necessary, it can ask for the legal opinion from the Council for Sports Arbitration.

XIV PUBLICITY OF ACTIVITY

Article 103

(1) The activity of the NOC of Croatia is public.

(2) Publicity of its activity is achieved by:

- timely delivery of the discussion papers to the members of the NOC of Croatia bodies and other interested persons

- informing the press and other mass media about the sessions
- informing the public about the NOC of Croatia activity through mass media or press conferences
- publishing the NOC of Croatia Statutes, enactments and information on its official website
- other appropriate ways.

(3) Exceptionally when required by the agenda, the Assembly and Council sessions can be closed-door meetings.

Article 104

The NOC of Croatia publishes its official paper - "Službeni glasnik".

XV PRIZES AND AWARDS

Article 105

(1) "The Matija Ljubek Award of the NOC of Croatia" (hereafter referred to as the NOC of Croatia Award) is the highest sports award presented every year, as a mark of recognition and appreciation of a particular contribution to the development of sport in the Republic of Croatia, as the Life Achievement Award, to the individuals and associations deserving credit for their long-standing activity in sport.

(2) The rule book on the presentation of the NOC of Croatia Award regulates procedures for inviting tenders for the presentation of the NOC of Croatia Award, conditions and mode of putting up candidates and the activity of the jury.

Article 106

(1) Each year the NOC of Croatia proclaims the best athletes, teams, women and men. It also proclaims a man or woman or team as a promoter of Croatia in the world, the young hopefuls of Croatian sport and the best coach.

(2) The regulations on the selection and proclamation of the best Croatian athletes and coaches stipulate the mode and procedure of official selection and the proclamation of the most successful Croatian athletes for their greatest achievements and contribution to the promotion of Croatia in the world during one year.

Article 107

(1) "The Dražen Petrović Award" is an award presented to the best promising male and female athletes and the best teams of young age groups based on the rankings during a few previous years in the sports career of a promising male or female athlete or the best teams of young age groups at the international official sports events.

(2) The regulations on the selection and proclamation of the most successful athletes of young age groups – Dražen Petrović Award stipulate the procedure, criteria and putting forward candidates, the selection by the Selection Committee and proclamation of the most promising male and female athlete and the team of young age groups.

Article 108

The NOC of Croatia may present other prizes and awards defined by the special document passed by the Council.

XVI CESSATION OF ACTIVITY

Article 109

(1) The NOC of Croatia ceases its activity when the conditions stipulated by law have been created if decided by the majority of two-thirds of the voting Assembly members.

(2) In case of cessation of the NOC of Croatia activity, the Assembly takes decision on its property in conformity with the law.

(3) If the Assembly does not take decision from the previous paragraph, in case of the cessation of activity of the NOC of Croatia, its assets become the property of a sports association that will continue the activity of the National Olympic Committee on the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

(4) If there is no sports organisation from the previous paragraph, the assets of the NOC of Croatia will be taken over by the Republic of Croatia. If the NOC of Croatia received the funds from the budget or other public sources, in case of the cessation of its existence, the remaining funds will be transferred to the budget from which they were allocated.

Article 110

LIQUIDATOR

(1) A liquidator is a physical person elected and recalled by the NOC of Croatia Assembly in conformity with the NOC of Croatia Statutes.

The NOC of Croatia Assembly can decide that the NOC of Croatia liquidator is a legal person.

(2) A person elected for the NOC of Croatia liquidator is proposed by the NOC of Croatia President while he/she should meet the conditions stipulated by Article 28 paragraph 1 of these Statutes, excluding second indented line of this provision, taking into account the necessary expertise and experience relating to the competence of the liquidator.

(3) By starting the NOC of Croatia liquidation, the competences of bodies and persons authorized to represent the NOC of Croatia are no more valid.

(4) The liquidator represents the NOC of Croatia in the liquidation process and by starting the liquidation process he/she is registered in the Registry of associations as an authorized person to represent the NOC of Croatia until the completion of the liquidation process and deleting the NOC of Croatia from the Registry of associations.

(5) The liquidator carries out the liquidation in conformity with the provisions of the Associations Law.

XVII CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

Article 111

(1) The modifications and amendments to the Statutes are made in the same way and in conformity with the same procedure established for their passing.

(2) The Assembly interprets these Statutes.

(3) All the documents of the NOC of Croatia and its members will be harmonized with the provisions of these Statutes within six months from the day of coming into force of these Statutes.

Article 112

(1) The NOC of Croatia Statutes as well as its subsequent modifications or amendments, must be submitted to the IOC for approval complying with the procedure prescribed by the Olympic Charter.

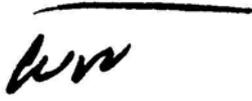
(2) If there is any doubt as to the implication or the interpretation of these Statutes or if there is a contradiction between these Statutes and the Olympic Charter, the latter takes precedence.

Article 113

(1) The Statutes become valid on the day of its passing and they are applied on the day of registration in the Register of Associations of the Republic of Croatia.

(2) On the day of coming into force of these Statutes, 4 December 2015, the NOC of Croatia Statutes adopted on 12 February 2001 cease to be valid with all modifications and amendments to the Statutes adopted at: 15th Assembly session held on 28 December 2006, 24th Assembly session held on 20 December 2009, 31st Assembly session held on 9 July 2012, 38th Assembly session held on 7 April 2014 and 40th Assembly session held on 4 May 2015.

3) The modifications and amendments to the the NOC of Croatia Statutes adopted at the 43rd Assembly session held on 29 February 2016 become valid, in conformity with the provision of paragraph 1 of this Article and become an integral part of these Statutes.



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Lausanne, 10 March 2016

Revision of your NOC Statutes – IOC approval

Dear President,
Dear Secretary General,

We are very pleased to inform you that, in accordance with the Olympic Charter (Rule 3.2), the IOC has approved the amended Statutes of your NOC as adopted by your NOC General Assembly on 29 February 2016.

The registration date of this approval is 10 March 2016.

We kindly draw your attention to the fact that any subsequent amendments to your NOC Statutes, upon your initiative or upon the IOC's request, will require the approval of the IOC.

Thank you for your valuable cooperation in this process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pere MIRÓ'.

Pere MIRÓ
Director