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#### CHAPTER I

##### 1. Basic Principles:

**1.1.** The World Committee of the Pan-Armenian Games NGO (hereinafter in the text as "WCPAG") is an organization based on the interests of its members.

**1.2.** WCPAG operates on the basis of the RA Constitution, RA legislation, international treaties and this Statute.

**1.3.** WCPAG operates on the principle of legality, volunteerism, equality, self-governance and publicity.

**1.4.** WCPAG has established by the support of the sport organizations of the Diaspora and the Republic of Armenia - Armenian General Benevolent Union- Armenian Youth Association (AGBU - AYA), Armenian Cultural Association "ARARAT" ( Iran ), Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts (Homenetmen) and Armenian Sports Union.

**1.5.** WCPAG is guided by the slogan "Unity through Sports".

**1.6.** WCPAG operates throughout the Republic of Armenia, as well as in foreign countries, abiding by the laws of those countries.

**1.7.** WCPAG full name in Armenian: „Համահայկական Խաղերի Համաշխարհային Կոմիտե, հասարակական կազմակերպություն:

WCPAG full name in Russian: "Всемирный комитет Панармянских игр" общественная организация.

WCPAG full name in English: "World Committee of the Pan-Armenian Games" non-governmental organization.

##### 2. Goals and Objectives of WCPAG activity:

The WCPAG goal is to organize Pan-Armenian Games and other sporting events which should promote the development of Pan-Armenian sports movement.

To this end, the WCPAG operates as prescribed by law:

- \* encourages the organization of sports competitions between youth from Armenia and the Diaspora,
- \* cooperates with the Government of the Republic of Armenia and other state organizations, as well as with non-governmental organizations in Armenia and the Diaspora with the goal to serve the sport for the unity of the Armenian people,
- \* strives against all harmful practices for the Pan-Armenian sports movement,
- \* supports and encourages the evolvement of sports ethics in the Pan-Armenian Sports Movement,
- \* strives against any attempt to exploit the Pan-Armenian sports movement for political purposes.

### **3. WCPAG's cooperation with government bodies and non-governmental organizations.**

- 3.1. WCPAG collaborates with traditional Armenian sports organizations in the Diaspora, state structures that governs sport in the Republic of Armenia, the National Olympic Committee of Armenia and with the Pan-Armenian Games Committees of the cities with Armenian communities.
- 3.2. WCPAG also cooperates with all non-governmental, national or international organizations in the field of sports, including national sports federations, cultural, youth and other unions, as well as individuals who support the Pan-Armenian Sports Movement and whose work can contribute to the achievement of the WCPAG goals.

### **4. WCPAG Sponsorship**

WCPAG may sponsor various sports and cultural events with the stipulation that they comply with WCPAG goals.

## **CHAPTER II**

### **5. Pan-Armenian Games**

**5.1.** Pan-Armenian Games are complex competitions of individuals and team sports between athletes of Armenian descent in the Republic of Armenia and other countries.

**5.2.** The city sports delegations are participating in the Pan-Armenian Games.

**5.3.** Athletes participating in the Games are selected by the relevant Pan-Armenian Games Committees of cities with Armenian communities in the Diaspora, and in Armenia by community bodies.

**5.4.** Pan-Armenian Games are held by the sports included in the WC PAG-approved program.

**5.5.** Pan-Armenian Games usually take place every 4 years in Yerevan, the capital of the Republic of Armenia.

**5.6.** The chronology of the Pan-Armenian Games has been calculated since the First Games organized in Yerevan in 1999.

## **5. WCPAG Rights**

WCPAG has the right to:

- \* disseminate information about its activities, to represent and defend the rights and legitimate interests of its members in other NGOs, courts, state and local self-government bodies,
- \* carry out entrepreneurial activities through its established commercial organizations,
- \* purchase, receive, rent, use real estate in the manner prescribed by law, principal means, transport, other property not prohibited by law.
- \* seal contracts and transactions not prohibited by law,
- \* alienate, lease or to give for a free use any real estate and movable property owned by the Organization,
- \* form its financial resources,
- \* membership in international non-governmental organizations,
- \* send its members to foreign countries.

## **7. WCPAG Duties**

WCPAG is obliged to:

- \* conduct accounting and reckoning records as prescribed by law,
- \* conduct a record of its members,
- \* submit reports on its activities and property use for the approval of the Organization's meeting at least once every two years by ensuring publicity of those reports,
- \* submit information and reports to state authorities in cases and in the manner prescribed by law.

## **8. WCPAG Responsibility**

8.1. The WCPAG should be liable for its commitments with the property owned by it in the manner prescribed by law.

8.2. WCPAG is not liable for the commitments of the State, as well as the State is not responsible for the WCPAG's commitments.

8.3. The WCPAG is not responsible for the commitments of its members, as well as the latter are not responsible for the WCPAG's commitments.

8.4. The State ensures the protection of the rights and legitimate interests of the WCPAG.

## **9. WCPAG Symbol**

9.1. WCPF's symbol consists of a tricolor flame (red, blue, and orange), circled in two languages (Armenian above, below English) written “Pan-Armenian Games”, these words are separated by two blue dots. This symbol can be used for single-color or multi-color versions.

9.2 The Symbol of the Pan-Armenian Games should comprise an obligatory part of the flags and symbols of the City Committees and city delegations participating in the Pan-Armenian Games.

## **10. WCPAG Flag**

WCPAG flag is a white poster (2x4 ratio) without borders. In the center is located the colored symbol of the Pan-Armenian Games.

## **11. The Right of the Symbol, Flag and Slogan of Pan-Armenian Games**

The right of the Pan-Armenian Games symbol, flag and slogan belongs exclusively to the WCPAG.

## **12. WCPAG Membership, the Procedure for WCPP Membership and Exit**

12.1. The WCPAG consists of individual members.

12.2. WCPAG members can become RA and foreign citizens, who accept the WCPAG Statute, its goals and objectives, willing to participate in its activities.

12.3. Those willing to become WCPAG members should submit a written application to the WCPAG Executive Committee.

12.4. WCPAG membership issue is resolved by the WCPAG Executive Committee. The disclaimer to apply for membership in WCPAG is not subject to appeal.

## **13. Rights and Responsibilities of WCPAG Members**

13.1. WCPAG member is entitled to:

- \* elect and be elected in the WCPAG supreme and other bodies,
- \* submit applications, complaints, and recommendations to WCPAG executives to improve its work,
- \* get comprehensive information on WCPAG activities,
- \* freely withdraw from the WCPAG,
- \* participate in events organized by WCPAG,
- \* participate in the activities of the WCPAG Committees,
- \* be present at the organization's meeting if it is held by the delegates of the organization members and he/she is not elected as a delegate,
- \* appeal the decisions of the organization bodies to the organization's superior bodies.

13.2 WCPAG Member is obliged to:

- \* represent the WCPAG in its country of residence and city,
- \* care for the rise of the WCPAG's reputation,
- \* accomplish WCPAG statutory requirements and the decisions of the executive bodies,
- \* perform his/her duties conscientiously,
- \* coordinate the preparation of sport delegations participating in the games of the cities of their country of residence,
- \* perform other duties assigned by the WCPAG Chairman, inter alia, presentation the WCPAG to any third country or region, if needed.

13.3 WCPAG or Executive Committee may apply disciplinary sanctions against the member who violates WCPAG disciplinary rules and Statute, up to the withdrawal of WCPAG membership.

13.4. The Executive Committee's decision on withdrawal of WCPAG membership may be appealed to the WCPAG General Assembly.

#### **14. Honorary Members**

WCPAG Honorary Members are the individuals who are capable to enhance the reputation and importance of the WCPAG through their authority, who have made significant financial and material contribution or provided exceptional services to WCPAG, who can be elected as the WCPAG Honorary Member on the recommendation of the WCPAG Chairman or Executive Committee.

### **CHAPTER III**

#### **15. WCPAG's Supreme and Governing Bodies**

WCPAG's governing bodies are:

- \* WCPAG General Assembly ( Conference) as the supreme body,
- \* WCPAG Executive Committee

#### **16. WCPAG General Assembly**

16.1. The General Assembly is the supreme body of the WCPAG. It consists of WCPAG members , which owns the right to the final resolution of any WCPAG management and activity issue.

16.2. WCPAG General Assembly is convened once every two years.

16.3. The issues of exclusive jurisdiction of the General Assembly are:

- \*Adoption of the WCPAG Statute, making amendments to it,
- \*Selection and recall of WCPAG executive and supervisory bodies,

\*Approval of WCPAG activity and property use reports,

\*Resumption and dissolution of WCPAG.

The General Assembly is entitled to adopt decisions if more than half of all WCPAG members or all delegates attend the General Assembly meeting, decisions are deemed to be adopted if more than half of all members or delegates vote.

16.4. The regular General Assemblies take place in Yerevan.

16.5. Extraordinary General Assemblies held in case of a justified claim of at least one third of the WCPAG members or the Audit Committee, not later than fourteen calendar days.

## **17. Executive Committee**

17.1. The Executive Committee is elected by the WCPAG General Assembly for a term of two years and is the WCPAG governing body during the period between the General Assemblies.

17.2. The Executive Committee is convened once a year.

17.3. In case of urgency, the Executive Committee may convene an extraordinary session at the invitation of the Chairman or at the request of a majority of its members.

17.4. The Executive Committee manages WCPAG activities:

\*oversees compliance with the provisions of the WCPAG Statute and Regulations,

\* submits the names of all candidates to the WCPAG General Assembly for consideration and nominates them to be elected to the WCPAG staff,

\*constitutes the agenda of the WCPAG General Assemblies,

\*maintains the WCPAG archives,

\*creates and dissolves WCPAG separate subdivisions and commercial companies,

\*performs other tasks assigned by the General Assembly,

\* determines the amount of membership fees, payment procedure,

\* is entitled to make a decision to acquire, possess, exploit, dispose of property, inter alia, alienation and withdrawal.

17.5. Executive Committee decisions are made by more than half of the Executive Committee members, by the explicit majority of votes.

17.6. Each WCPAG Executive Committee member, who has been absent from two consecutive sessions, ceases to be a member of the WCPAG Executive Committee.

## **18. The Chairman**

18.1. The WCPAG Chairman is elected by the WCPAG General Assembly.

18.2. The Chairman acts on behalf of the organization without power of attorney.

18.3. The Chairman's term of office is two years.

18.4. The Chairman's responsibility is to implement the decisions of the WCPAG General Assembly and Executive Committee.

18.5. The Chairman spearheads the WCPAG activities and represents the Organization in various instances.

18.6. The Chairman signs all agreements and contracts on behalf of WCPAG.

18.7. The Chairman approves the WCPAG internal rules of procedure.

18.8 The Chairman approves the WCPAG's annual budget.

## **19. Deputy Chairmen**

19.1. WCPAG General Assembly elects three Deputy Chairmen by the Chairman's recommendation. One of the deputy chairman is elected by the citizens permanently residing in Armenia, the other two - from representatives of traditional Armenian sports organizations in the Diaspora.

19.2. The term of office of Deputy Chairmen is two years.

19.3. The Deputy Chairmen should replace the Chairman in his/her absence by the instruction of the Chairman or the Executive Committee.

19.4. Along with their assigned duties, Deputy Chairmen assist the Chairman in the implementation of the Executive Committee decisions.

19.5. In addition to implementation of the tasks assigned by the WCPAG Chairman, they also ensure the activities of WCPAG's City Committees.

## **20. The Secretary-General**

20.1. The WCPAG Secretary-General is elected by the General Assembly (on the recommendation of the Chairman) from the citizens of Armenia permanently residing in Armenia.

20.2. Secretary-General's term of office is two years.

20.3. The Secretary General spearheads the work of the WCPAG Secretariat, inter alia:

\* together with the Chairman, he represents the WCPAG in international organizations, state and public bodies,

\*upon the instruction of the Chairman compiles the agendas of the meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee, signs the protocols of the sessions, ensures preparation of drafts of the discussed issues and adopted documents, monitors the process of the implementation of the decisions, oversees the registration works of representatives in the General Assembly,

\*provides communication with WCPAG members, as well as with foreign and national organizations.

## **21 WCPAG Audit Committee**

21.1. The WCPAG Audit Committee, consisting of three members, is elected by the WCPAG General Assembly.

21.2. The Audit Committee members' term of office is two years.

21.3. The Audit Committee can discuss issues and make decisions if it is attended by more than half of its members. The decisions of the Committee must be adopted by the explicit majority of votes.

21.4. The Audit Committee may request any data and report from the executives of the organization concerning the WCPAG activities.

21.5. The Audit Committee is required to report to the WCPAG General Assembly about the results of the organization's activities, balance sheet, property maintenance and other summary data.

21.6. Members of the Executive Committee may not become members of the Audit Committee.

21.7. Only a person over the age of 18 may become a member of the WCPAG Audit Committee.

## **22. Procedures**

22.1. The Chairman or one of his Deputy Chairmen, by his instruction, presides over the meetings of the WCPAG General Assemblies and Executive Committee.

22.2. The quorum required for the General Assembly must be half of the total number of WCPAG members, plus one vote.

22.3. All procedural issues concerning to WCPAG General Assembly and not mentioned in the Statute are resolved by the chairperson.

22.4. In case of urgency, the Chairman or the Executive Committee shall have the right to vote on the draft decision by request. In the case of equal votes, the Chairman's vote is decisive.

## **23. Languages**

The official language of WCPAG is Armenian. Working languages are Russian, English, French and Spanish.

## **24. WCPAG property, its recourses and procedure of use.**

24.1. WCPAG property is WCPAG ownership.

24.2. WCPAG as a property, can have buildings, housing stock, means of transport, equipment, financial means, securities and other property not prohibited by law.

24.3. The WCPAG member is not entitled to have a part of its property.

24.4. WCPAG's property resources may be:

\*grants,

\*charitable investments, donations from citizens and organizations,

\*funds transferred by economic entities established by the organization,

\*other sources and revenues not prohibited by the RA legislation.

24.5. WCPAG property in the Republic of Armenia is under the protection of the Republic of Armenia.

24.6. WCPAG funds can only be used for the implementation of the goals and objectives defined by the Statute.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **25. The Pan-Armenian Games Regulations**

The Pan-Armenian Games Regulations are an appendix to the WCPAG Statute. It sets out the detailed plan, conditions and standards for conducting the Pan-Armenian Games.

### **26. Pan-Armenian Games Program**

The Pan-Armenian Games Program is approved at the WCPAG Executive Committee meeting held in the previous year.

### **27. Terms and procedure of submitting applications for participation in the Pan-Armenian Games**

27.2. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

27.3. Special cases may be considered and decisions made solely by the WCPAG Executive Committee.

### **28. Criteria for inclusion of new sports and disciplines in games**

28.1. Pan-Armenian Games are substantively open to all sports.

28.2. Only those sports may be included in the Games Program where teams of at least 5 countries, 10 cities and athletes may participate.

## **CHAPTER V**

### **29. Award Ceremony of the winners of the Games**

29.1. All Winners Award Ceremonies shall be held in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 11 of the Regulations of the Game.

29.2. Awarding Ceremony is held in groups of three persons, one of which is represented by the World Committee, the other by the Organizing Committee, and the third by the relevant National Sports Federation.

## **CHAPTER VI**

### **30. Re-organization and dissolution of WCPAG**

30.1. The re-organization of the WCPAG shall be carried out by a decision of its General Assembly in accordance with the procedure prescribed by law. The General Assembly of the Organization is obliged to notify the WCPAG creditors about the re-organization of WCPAG in a written way, within five days.

30.2. WCPAG dissolution results in its termination without the transfer of rights and responsibilities to other persons in succession.

30.3. The WCPAG can be dissolved by the decision of the WCPAG General Assembly or by a court decision.

The WCPAG General Assembly is obliged to notify of its dissolution to the Ministry of Justice in written way within five days.

The WCPAG General Assembly constitutes a Liquidation Committee with the consent of the Ministry of Justice and defines liquidation procedure and deadlines as prescribed by law.

30.4. In case of WCPAG dissolution the Liquidation Committee uses the remaining property after making the obligatory payments in accordance with the procedure established by the decision-making body, for the accomplishment of its statutory purposes and objectives.

### **31. WCPAG Legal Address**

WCPAG legal address is: Abovyan str. 50/5, Yerevan 0025, Republic of Armenia