



PANATHLON INTERNATIONAL

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PI STATUTE CURRENT

PI STATUTE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AFTER I.B. 25.11.21

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- **Junior members (18 to 32 years of age).**

NOTE: The Regulation may specify that, when they turn 33, junior members become automatically ordinary members. Different membership fees may also be specified.

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Article 8 - General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the assize of all member Clubs. It may be either Ordinary or Extraordinary.
2. Procedures for calling, holding Assemblies and electing International Bodies are reported in the Regulations.
3. Each Club has the right to one vote.
4. Panathletes who have held an international office, either as District President or Area Governor, can take part in the Assembly with the right to speak.
5. The General Assembly elects:
 - a) the International President;
 - b) 7 International Board members;
 - c) 3 full members and 2 added members of AC;
 - d) 3 full members and 2 added members of CAB;
 - e) fixes membership fees.
6. The General Assembly is also summoned within 6 months from the session of the International Board, and has the approval of the Annual Economic-Financial, Patrimonial Report in the agenda if it was not approved by the AC.

Article 9 – Elective Assembly - Electoral Procedures

1. For International Bodies, elections will take place at the General Assembly, with all Clubs - formed at least by 31 December of the year prior to the year in which the Elective Assembly will be held, and up-to-date with the payments of membership fees - entitled to vote on separate slips for each of the said bodies.
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2. Only Clubs complying with the provisions reported in para.1 of this article can submit the nomination of candidates for offices, together with the related curricula to the General Secretariat, by 28th February prior to the Assembly. The nomination for the International President shall be presented by at least 20 Clubs belonging to three different Districts. For all other offices, nominations shall be presented by at least 10 Clubs. Each Club can only submit one nomination for each office.
3. The General Secretariat checks that nominations are valid.
4. The General Secretariat forwards to the International Board the list of candidates for the above offices; this list is notified to Clubs at least 30 days prior to the Assembly.
5. Every Continental Area or District is entitled to one Board Member every 30 regularly affiliated Clubs, with a maximum of 4 Board Members per District.
6. Every Club can vote in relation to the number of eligible candidates for each District or Continental Area.

Article 10 – International President

1. The International President is the legal representative of P. I.
2. He is elected by the General Assembly of the Clubs by separate election, on a majority vote, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations
2. He directs and co-ordinates all the activities for the achievement of Panathlon's aims, ensuring that resolutions passed by International Bodies are enforced.

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5. Every Continental Area or District is entitled to one Board Member every 30 regularly affiliated Clubs, with a maximum of **5 Board Members per District if their nationality is not the same as the President's. Otherwise, the limit is a maximum of 4 Board Members per District if their nationality is the same as the newly elected President's.**
6. Every Club can vote in relation to the number of eligible candidates for each District or Continental Area.

7. Voting can also take place by means of electronic or postal voting, in accordance with the instructions of the International Board. The secrecy of the ballot, where required, shall be guaranteed in all circumstances.

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Article 11 - International Board

1. It is composed of the International President, of the Past President and of 7 Board Members elected by the Assembly. The Secretary General, the Treasurer, only if not a board member, and at least one member of the Auditors' Committee take part without voting right.

2. The International Board:

- a) elects among its Members one Vice President with nationality different from that of the President;
- b) establishes the guidelines of P.I. activities, superintends their implementation, adopting enforcement provisions, for accomplishing all institutional functions;
- c) deals with proposals for ratification of resolutions passed by the President's Committee and of urgent resolutions adopted by the President;
- d) nominates:
 - the Secretary General;
 - the Treasurer;
 - the Head of Communication and establishes the related guidelines;
- e) nominates the Commissions having specific tasks determined by programming and organisation requirements and fixes each time the period of their mandate;
- f) annually approves the final balance and the budget with the favorable opinion of the AC;
- g) submits for approval to the Ordinary Assembly for ratification:
 - the moral, organisation and economic- financial, patrimonial reports for the two previous years;

4. He convenes and chairs the President Committee and the International Board meetings.

5. He takes urgent decisions to be then submitted for ratification by the President Committee and the International Board.

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2. The International Board:

- a) **at its first meeting and through separate votes, elects the First Vice-President and the Second Vice-President from among its members. One of them will be an Italian national, whereas the other Vice-President's nationality must not be the same as the President's;**
- b) establishes the guidelines of P.I. activities, superintends their implementation, adopting enforcement provisions, for accomplishing all institutional functions;
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- f) **on an annual basis, approves the year-end financial statements, within 120 days of the end of the financial year,** and the budget with the favourable opinion of the Auditors' Committee (A.C.);
- g) submits for approval to the Ordinary Assembly for ratification:
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- the motivated proposal for the Club membership fees, for the two years following the year in progress.
 - h)** issues the regulations of the International Bodies and of the Commissions, and fixes the guidelines for Club Statutes and for District Regulations.
- 3.** The International Board generally meets at least twice a year and decides by simple majority and open vote, provided that at least two thirds of the members with effective vote are present. In the case of a tied vote, the person chairing the meeting has the casting vote.
The International Board may hold additional meetings online or via videoconferencing.
- 4.** The tasks of the International Board Members are specified in the Regulations.

Article 12 - President's Committee

1. The President's Committee comprises the International President, the Past President and the Vice President. The President's Committee meeting is also attended, without voting right, by one International Board Member invited by the President as a function of the topics to be discussed, the Secretary General and the Treasurer at least one Member of the A.C.

2. The President's Committee deals with all the association's ordinary administration.

Article 13 – District Presidents Committee

1. The District Presidents Committee comprises the Presidents of the Districts. It is called at least once a year, it is chaired by the International President and is assisted by the President's Committee.

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Article 14 - Auditors' Committee (A.C.)

1. The Auditors' Committee consists of three full members and two added members, elected by the General Assembly.
2.
 - a) Members are elected from among panathletes, duly registered in the Official Register of Auditors in their country or having specific professional competence (both for full and added members), but shall not all belong to the same District.
 - b) In case of vacancy of an effective member, the first of substitute members steps in, also notwithstanding point 2a.
3. The Committee appoints its Chairman from among full members.

Article 15 - Constitution and Arbitration Board (C.A.B.)

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 - a) The Constitution and Arbitration Board consists of three Full Members and two Added Members, elected by the General Assembly, but they shall not all belong to the same District.
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Article 17 - Districts

1. A minimum of three* Clubs are grouped together for organisational purposes into national Districts corresponding approximately to a State, of which it take the name. Districts are headed by a President, according to statutory rules.

For countries with only one Club, this may be included in a regularly formed District of a nearby Country and its President will represent Panathlon in that Country. The Expansion Commission of PI is responsible for coordinating the Clubs that are not associated with any District.

2. Districts are funded by membership fees paid by Clubs, whose criteria are fixed by the District Assembly.

3. In addition to P.I. Statute and Regulations, the District activities shall be governed by the District Statute and Regulations, to be approved by a specific District Assembly meeting and enforced by P.I. President Committee, after consulting with P.I. CAB.

Article 28 – Hierarchy of Sources

1. The fundamental rules of P.I. set out in the Statute.

2. The executive Regulations issued by the International Board.

3. In-house rules issued by the International Board to govern functions and services.

*** Transitional rule: From the date of approval of the Statute, the Districts composed of just 2 (two) Clubs are granted 3 (three) years to comply with this provision.**

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1. For organisational purposes, **when there are a minimum of three Clubs***, these are grouped in a national District corresponding to the territory of a Country after which the District is named. Districts are headed by a President, according to statutory rules.

For countries where **there are less than three Clubs, such Clubs** may be included in an **already** existing District of a nearby Country and **may** represent Panathlon **in their country's authorities, including sports authorities**. The Expansion Commission of PI is responsible for coordinating the Clubs that are not associated with any District.

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Article 28 – Hierarchy of Sources

The fundamental norms of Panathlon International are:

1. PI Statute

2. **PI Regulation**

3. **Internal rules and decisions passed by the International Board to organise and regulate Panathlon International's activities.**

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These statute amendments (if approved by the General Assembly in 2022) will enter into force on 1 January 2023.