



CONSTITUTION
OF THE PAN AMERICAN ARCHERY CONFEDERATION
*** WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS ***

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The Constitution of the Pan American Archery Confederation will in no way oppose that of the International Archery Federation, which shall hereafter be referred to as WORLD ARCHERY. WORLD ARCHERY Constitution and Rules shall be used as a guide regarding issues of interpretation.

1.- NAME

1. The name of the Confederation shall be WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS and may be abbreviated as WAA.-

2.- STATUS

2.1 WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS is a Civilian Non-Profit Association.-

3.- GOALS

3.1 In order to achieve its goals, which are to promote and develop the practice of archery in its various disciplines in every region of the Americas, in accordance with the principles and goals of World Archery and the Olympic Chart, the Confederation shall carry out the following actions:

3.1.1 Regulate the practice of archery in the Americas, seeing to it that this sport is practiced in accordance with the rules set by WORLD ARCHERY and with those adopted by the Confederation.-

3.1.2 Keep harmonious relationships of collaboration with the Continental Associations recognized by WORLD ARCHERY, as well as with other institutions associated with the Olympic Movement and relevant governmental and not governmental bodies, but keeping the Confederation as an independent sports institution.

3.1.3 Implement tasks to establish bonds between archery and culture, education, arts, and the environment, looking to building a lifestyle based on the joy of effort-making, "fair play", the educational value of a good example, and respect for universal ethical principles.-

3.1.4 Facilitate sports practice as a means to achieve human development.

3.1.5 Reject any kind of discrimination and violence in sports, and advocate gender equity.

3.1.6 Struggle against the use of substances and procedures prohibited by the International Olympic Committee, WADA – AMA and WORLD ARCHERY; and to cooperate with the relevant authorities to facilitate the conduction of doping control tests under the required conditions.

3.1.7 Favor high performance sports development as well as Sports for Everyone.-

3.1.8 Contribute to training coaches, judges and sports administrators by means of courses and seminars.

3.1.9 Organize, promote and support competitions, congresses, meetings, seminars, courses and all other types of activities associated with archery.-

3.1.10 Compile and publish an annual World Archery Americas calendar of important tournaments and events.-

3.1.11 Seek sources of income that may allow WAA to be autonomous. Any funds received from these sources should never compromise WAA's dignity or independence.-

3.1.12 Reject all kinds of political, religious, racial, commercial or other sorts of pressures imposed by individuals and public or private organizations that may hinder acting in conformity with the norms set by the Olympic Charter and WORLD ARCHERY.-

3.1.13 Provide technical collaboration and assistance to all of its Member Associations whenever possible.-

3.1.14 Protect its Member Associations, by respecting and making others respects these Member Associations' rights.-

3.1.15 Keep record and scientifically sorted databases of Athletes, National Associations and Federations that include their historical progress and evolution so as to better assess their potentialities.-

4.- ADMINISTRATION AND DISPOSITION RIGHTS.-

4.1 WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS is entitled to carry out the following administration and disposition activities:

- Perform all kinds of civilian operations.
- Purchase, exchange and sell property of all kinds, credits and rights, in cash or at fixed terms.
- Own, rent or divide real estate; legalize all rights over property owned or to purchase. Cancel, sell or give real estate up for rent.
- Accept and manage economic assistance resources, subsidies, contributions, donations and legacies.
- Perform financial, bank and credit operations with official or private entities.
- Sign sponsorship and license agreements.
- Grant, substitute and revoke general or special rights, regardless of their nature.
- Register and cancel patents and brands.
- Hire staff, establish their payment and hours, lay them off and make them redundant.
- Cover administration and protocol expenses, as well as other expenses resulting from financial support to delegations and individuals travelling to tournaments,

congresses, courses, seminars and other meetings.

5.- MEMBERS

5.1 The members of WORD ARCHERY AMERICAS shall be:

- Member Associations
- Associate Members
- Associate Regional Associations
- Honorary Members

5.2 The Member Associations of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS shall be the National Associations or Federations, only one per country or territory, that are recognized by WORLD ARCHERY. They have the right to be represented, speak and vote at Assemblies.

5.3 International Confederations associated to WORLD ARCHERY shall recognize WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS as the Organization that represents all matters related with the Americas before WORLD ARCHERY.-

5.4 Associate Members are those physical or judicial persons (institutions, societies, companies, etc.) wishing to provide an annual or monthly fee, or to make another kind of contribution to WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS in the promotion and development of archery in the countries in the Americas.-

5.5 Associate Regional Associations shall be those Federations in the Americas within which other forms of archery are practiced, which wish to substantially contribute to WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS in promoting and developing archery. They can be represented and speak at Assemblies, but do not have the right to vote.-

5.6 Honorary Members shall be those persons either physical or judicial whom WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS wishes to honor or recognize for their efforts to benefit archery, sports in general, the Confederation and WORLD ARCHERY. They have the right to be represented and speak at Assemblies, but do not have the right to vote.-

6.- AFFILIATION

6.1 A National Association in the Americas, once recognized as a WORLD ARCHERY Member, automatically becomes a member of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS, with the rights and duties of a Member Association.-

7.- ORGANIZATION

7.1 WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS is governed by its Constitution and Rules, which shall always be updated. Changes to the Constitution may only be made by the World Archery Americas Assembly at a session especially called for this purpose - an Extraordinary Assembly – with the approval of two thirds of the members in attendance. Bylaw changes shall be made by Council on the basis of the report received from the relevant permanent committee.-

7.2 The management authorities and bodies of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS are the Assemblies - ordinary and extraordinary – Council and the Executive Committee.-

7.3 The Assembly is WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS highest administration body. All powers not specially entrusted to other offices in this Constitution, shall be conferred to the Assembly. Council, the Executive Committee and the Permanent Committees are accountable to the Assembly.

7.4 The Assembly elects the following WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS officials:

- The President (1)
- The Vice Presidents (3)
- The Council Members (4)
- The Permanent Committees, with the exception of the Athletes' Committee.
- The Finance and Audit Board (3)

The Athletes' Committee shall be elected by the archers themselves on the basis of the nominations submitted by the Member Associations.-

7.5 The President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer shall form the Executive Committee.-

7.5.1 The Secretary General and the Treasurer shall be designated by the President and be approved by the Assembly of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS.-

7.6 Persons elected to offices of WORD ARCHERY AMERICAS shall serve for a period of four (4) years.-

7.7 Those persons whose term in an office has concluded may be re-elected.-

7.7.1. Two Vice Presidents and two Council Members are elected at the World Archery Americas Assembly held on the occasion of the Pan American Championships taking place in the year of the Summer Olympic Games.-

7.7.2 The President, one Vice President, two Council Members and the Finance and Audit Board are elected at the World Archery Americas Assembly held on the occasion of the Pan American Championships taking place two years after the Summer Olympic Games.-

7.7.3 The Permanent Committees are elected as follows:

7.7.3.1 At the World Archery Americas Assembly held on the occasion of the Pan American Championships two years after the Summer Olympic Games:

- The Medical Committee (3 members)
- The Development Committee (3 members)
- The Para Archery Committee (3 members)

7.7.3.2 At the World Archery Americas Assembly held on the occasion of the Pan American Championships in the year of the Summer Olympic Games:

- The Judges Committee (3 members)

- The Legal Matters, Norms and Rules Committee (3 members)

7.7.3.3 The Athletes' Committee (3 members) shall be elected during the Pan American Championships held the year before the Pan American Games, on the basis of the nominations received from the Member Associations.-

7.8 Vacancies in positions of Vice President, Council Member or Committee Member shall be filled at the first World Archery Americas Assembly held after the vacancy has occurred. The newly elected person shall remain in the position until the end of the term for the position in question. Vacancies may occur as a result of resignation, death, inability to comply, or lack of response to duty for three consecutive months.-

8.- THE WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS ASSEMBLY

8.1 The World Archery Americas Assembly is formed by delegations of Member Associations, Council, and the Permanent Committees. It shall meet once a year. Only Member Associations in good financial and legal standing with WORLD ARCHERY and/or WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS can take part in the Assembly.-

8.2 Each Member Association is allowed one delegate with the right to speak and vote, plus no more than two other delegates with the right to speak.-

8.3 Associate Members and Associate Regional Confederations may be represented by not more than one person, provided that the President is informed in advance, with the right to speak. The same applies to the Honorary Members.-

8.4 Each Member Association shall have one (1) vote. The vote of a Member Association may be cast by means of a proxy, if the authorization is duly made in writing with the signature of either the President or the Secretary General of the Member Association that will be represented. A proxy can be delegated to a Member Association only. No Member Association may carry more than one proxy. The written authorization of a proxy should be presented to the Secretary General of WOLD ARCHERY AMERICAS before the start of the Assembly. A Member Association may be represented by a proxy only if it complies with the conditions established in item 8.1.-

8.5 A session of the Assembly shall be valid if at least 50% of the Member Associations eligible to participate have registered before the start of the Assembly, either personally or by a proxy.

8.6 The President shall have a casting vote in case of a tie, except for matters related to the elections. For ties in the elections, a new ballot shall be conducted as many times as necessary. Other Council Members shall have no vote, unless they are designated voting delegates or carry a proxy as representatives of a Member Association. Neither the Secretary General nor the Treasurer may act as delegates or carry a proxy.-

8.7 The decisions of the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Assembly can be taken by a simple majority; they are final, and can only be changed by the vote of a posterior Assembly. Modifications to the Constitution of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS shall require a two-third majority of the valid ballots. The rest of the decisions can be made by a simple majority of the votes in favor and against.-

8.8 Votes can be cast at the Assembly by a show of hands, with the exception of votes related to the elections of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS officials and committee members, for which a secret ballot will be required. A secret ballot may also be conducted for other matters provided the Assembly so decides upon the request of three voting delegates.-

8.9 The President will preside over all the Assemblies he is present at. In the absence of the President, one of the Vice Presidents shall preside over. Should none of the Vice Presidents be present, a Council Member other than the Secretary General or the Treasurer shall preside. If none of the above is present, a voting delegate elected by the Assembly shall act as President of the Assembly.-

8.10 Ordinary sessions of the Assembly shall be summoned by the Executive Committee on the occasion of a Pan American Championships in even years. The Assembly shall meet, whenever possible, on the occasion of an important archery tournament in the Americas in odd years. Council may decide, however, to hold an Assembly at a time and place not necessarily connected with an archery tournament.-

8.11 The Executive Committee shall call to an Extraordinary Session of the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Assembly upon written request submitted by Council or a simple majority of the Member Associations. In the latter case it will be necessary to have a quorum of at least a simple majority of the Member Associations for the session to take place. Extraordinary Sessions may be summoned to modify the Constitution as well.-

8.12 The call to an Extraordinary Session of the Assembly shall very clearly specify the purpose(s) for which the Assembly has been called. Only matters pertaining to the purpose(s) specified in the call may be dealt with in the Extraordinary Session of the Assembly.-

8.13 Motions to change the Constitution shall be submitted to the Secretary General by a Member Association, the President or a Council Member, at least 60 days before the Assembly.-

8.14 The Secretary General shall organize and distribute these motions and proposals to all Council Members and Permanent Committees forty five (45) days before the Assembly.-

8.15 Thirty (30) days before the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Assembly, the Secretary General shall distribute the following documents to all WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Members, Council and Permanent Committees:

- The Agenda of the Assembly
- The President's annual report.
- The Treasurer's report, the audited report of incomes and expenses, the account balance, the financial program and the auditors' report.
- The motions and proposals, including the comments made by the permanent committees.
- The Report of the Permanent Committees.
- The list of nominations received 60 days prior to the Assembly.

8.16 The Secretary General shall announce to the Member Associations the list of positions open for election at the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Assembly.-

8.16.1 The nomination forms shall be distributed ninety (90) days before the Assembly.-

8.17 The nomination form needs to include a written statement of the candidate indicating that he/she belongs to a Member Association and that he/she is willing to accept the position if elected.

8.17.1 Nominations submitted to the Secretary General at least sixty (60) days prior to the Assembly shall be distributed as per Article 8.15.

8.17.2 Nominations submitted to the Secretary General after the date established in 8.17.1 will be accepted but will be distributed only on the day of the Assembly.

8.17.3 If not enough nominations have been received for a position before the day of the Assembly, nominations presented during the Assembly shall be accepted.-

8.18 The Secretary General shall distribute the minutes of the Assembly to all WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Members, Council Members and Committee Members within the next 60 days after the Assembly.-

9.- THE PRESIDENT

9.1 The President represents WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS, presides over all the Assemblies, Council Meetings, and Executive Committee Meetings; and is an ex officio member of all Committees.-

9.2 At each Assembly, the President shall present, for the Assembly's approval, a report of the administration and activities of the Confederation and a program of activities for the period up to the next Assembly.-

9.3 The President may delegate a Vice President or, if this is not possible, another WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS official to represent the Confederation at events and meetings he is unable to attend.-

9.4 The President shall name the Chairmen of the Permanent Committees among the members of these committees elected by the Assembly, and the Chairmen of the Ad Hoc Committees among the members of these committees designated by Council.-

10.- THE VICE PRESIDENTS

10.1 There shall be three Vice Presidents, one for each of the regions of the Americas.-

10.1.1 The Vice President for South America shall preside the South American Confederation to the effects of representation before the South American Sports Organization (ODESUR) and the Olympic Committees of this region.-

10.1.2 The Vice President for Central America and the Caribbean shall preside the Central American and Caribbean Confederation to the effects of representation before the Central American and Caribbean Sports Organization (CACSO) and the Olympic

Committees of this region.-

10.2 In case of the President's temporary or permanent inability, resignation or death, Council will elect, among the Vice Presidents, the person who will act as president until the President's return to office or the election of a new President in the next Assembly.-

10.2.1 Should none of the Vice Presidents take over presidency, Council shall name one of its members for the position.-

10.3 The Vice Presidents shall be in charge of promoting and developing archery in their respective regions. They shall perform tasks for which they are designated by the President, Council or the Assembly.-

10.3.1 They may request courses and seminars from WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS to promote and develop archery in their regions.

10.3.2 They shall work towards increasing the number of Member Associations in their regions and towards strengthening the bonds of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS with the existing Member Associations and all Regional Sports Bodies related to Archery promotion, development or event organization.-

11.- THE SECRETARY GENERAL

11.1 He is the official in charge of the correct and efficient management of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS.-

11.2 He shall take part in all Council activities, without the right to vote.-

11.3 The Secretary General is in charge of the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS office and staff.-

11.4 His main tasks include:

- Supervising the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS office.
- Distributing information to Member Associations, Council and Committee Members within the relevant timeframe.
- Editing Official Bulletins.
- Preparing Council meetings and Assemblies.-
- Keeping and distributing the minutes of the Assemblies.
- Keeping and distributing the minutes of Council Meetings.
- Keeping and distributing the minutes of Executive Committee Meetings.

12.- THE TREASURER

12.1 The treasurer, under the supervision of the President, shall keep orderly account of the finances of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS.-

12.1.1 His main tasks include:

- Collecting the fees agreed from Associate Members.
- Keeping the book of accounts of the Confederation.

- Keeping record of incomes and expenses.
- Keeping record of the balance.
- Keeping account of the transactions related with each session of the budget.
- Preparing the financial information necessary for the Assembly, Council and the Executive Committee.
- Devising the annual Budget with other WAA officials appointed by Council.

12.2 The treasurer shall submit to Council a detailed budget proposal every year.-

12.3 The treasurer shall submit to Council audited account reports approved by the Executive Committee, and to the Assembly with Council's approval.-

13.- COUNCIL

13.1 Council shall be formed by:

- The President.
- Three Vice Presidents.
- Four members.
- The Chairman of the Athletes' Committee.

And the following members with all participation rights except from voting.

- The Secretary General
- The Treasurer

Except for the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Athletes' Committee, there shall be not more than two Council Members from the same Member Association.-

13.2 Council is WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS governing body between Assemblies, and represents it during this period of time. Council shall meet once a year.-

13.2.1 Council can meet physically or by using other means of communication. All matters discussed in these meetings shall be recorded in a minute whose drafting is the responsibility of the Secretary General.-

13.2.2 The Secretary General shall distribute the call and agenda to Council meetings to all Council Members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.-

13.2.3 Council may use electronic communication or to hold extraordinary meetings whenever necessary.-

13.3 An extraordinary meeting of Council may be called by the Executive Committee or by the majority of the total number of Council Members.-

13.4 Fifty (50) percent of the Council Members with the right to vote shall be considered quorum for a Council Meeting.-

13.5 Council decisions shall be made by a simple majority of the votes cast. The President shall carry a casting vote in case of a tie.-

13.5.1 Council may, under specific circumstances, make decisions by means of postal or electronic vote. Votes received by the Secretary General after the submission deadline shall not be considered.-

13.6 Council's rights and duties include:

- Assessing the achievement of the goals of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS.
- Approving the annual plan of activities in accordance with the guidelines set by the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Assembly.-
- Approving the annual Budget for subsequent submission to the Assembly.-
- Reviewing the treasurer's annual report for approval before it is submitted to the Assembly.-
- Requesting from the Executive Committee the call for ordinary sessions of the Assembly.-
- Making a call to an Extraordinary Session of the Assembly whenever necessary in situations in which a request has been made to the Executive Committee and it has refused to make the call.
- Assigning tasks to the Permanent and Ad Hoc Committees within their respective terms of reference.-
- Approving additional positions in the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Office.-
- Appointing Ad Hoc Committees when necessary.-
- Seeking sponsorship and financial support for the completion of tasks undertaken by the Confederation, its Assemblies, Council and Committees.-
- Imposing sanctions to WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Members who have committed disciplinary faults, provided the right to defense has been granted, in conformity with the rules established for such cases. Sanctions may include:
 - Caution
 - Fine
 - Suspension
 - Expulsion, which in all cases needs to be approved by the Assembly.-
 - Record removal.-
 - Medal, award or recognition removal.-
 - A combination of the above.-

13.7 In case of vacancies in Council, or if a Council Member fails to respond to duty for three (3) consecutive months, or fails to attend (2) consecutive Council meetings without a valid justification, the Executive Committee may declare these Council members as inactive.-

13.8 A summary of the Council meetings (including the Budget) shall be published and distributed to all WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Members and Officials in due time.-

14.- THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

14.1 The Executive Committee shall be formed by:

- The President
- The Secretary General
- The Treasurer

14.2 Executive Committee decisions shall be made by a simple majority.

14.3 The Executive Committee shall deal with routine matters and shall make administrative and financial decisions which are necessary for the conduction of projects and missions of the Confederation.-

14.4 The Executive Committee may use videoconferences or other technological systems to hold its meetings. In case a member of the Executive Committee does not have access to this technological system of communication, he may provide his opinions and vote by email or by using other means. The Executive Committee's decisions shall be immediately informed to all of its members and anyone else concerned.-

14.5 The Executive Committee shall annually call to ordinary sessions of the Assembly, and to extraordinary sessions whenever deemed necessary.-

15.- THE PERMANENT COMMITTEES

15.1 The following Permanent Committees shall exist:

- The Judges Committee.
- The Medical Committee
- The Development Committee
- The Legal Matters, Norms and Rules Committee.
- The Athletes' Committee.
- The Para Archery Committee.

15.2 The Permanent Committees, with the exception of the Athletes' Committee shall be elected by the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Assembly. Their Chairmen shall be appointed by the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS President. In between Assemblies, the Permanent Committees are accountable to Council.-

15.2.1 Thirty (30) days after the Assembly, the elected Committees shall submit to Council a detailed plan with their objectives and their proposals to achieve them.-

15.2.2 They shall submit a report to the Ordinary Sessions of the Assembly for approval.-

15.2.3 The Chairman of each Committee shall annually submit to Council a plan of the Committee's activities in connection with the goals of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS.-

15.3 There shall be no more than two members from the same Member Association in each Committee.-

15.4 They shall serve for a four-year term.-

15.5 If a Committee Member does not attend to his duties within the Committee for three (3) consecutive months, the Executive Committee may declare him as inactive and remove him from his position as a Committee Member.-

15.6 The Chairman is responsible for making sure that all Committee duties are properly fulfilled in cooperation with the rest of its members.-

16.- TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEES

16.1 A Judges Committee of three members shall be in charge of educating and updating continental judges. It shall coordinate the conduction of continental seminars for these purposes. The Committee shall design and execute a judges' re-accreditation process every four years. It shall appoint judges for the Pan American Championships, the Pan American Games, as well as other tournaments and Games within the geographical boundaries of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS. This Committee shall keep an updated list of Continental and International Judges in the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Member Associations. It shall offer technical assistance to WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Member Associations in designing national judges' development plans.-

16.2 A Medical Committee of three members shall be in charge of all medical matters related to the practice of archery as a safe and drug-free sport. It shall coordinate the conduction of anti-doping tests during tournaments that take place in the Americas.-

16.3 A Development Committee of three members shall be in charge of coordinating and carrying out development projects in WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Member Associations, as well in other countries in the Americas which are not members of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS, in which there is a desire to promote archery.-

16.4 A Legal Matters, Norms and Rules Committee of three members shall take care of updating the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Constitution on the basis of the motions approved by the Assembly, as well as of the rest of the rules governing the Confederation. It shall see to it that WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Members, the Assembly, Council, the Executive Committee and the Permanent Committees operate within the terms of reference established by the Constitution. This Committee shall act as an advisory body to Council.-

16.4.1 In the presence of a disciplinary case of a WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Member which is made known to Council, the Legal Matters, Norms and Rules Committee will carry out the legal proceeding and will recommend to Council what resolution to adopt in accordance with the disciplinary code approved.-

16.5 An Athletes' Committee of three members shall handle all matters related to athlete growth and development. It shall take care of the archers' needs and shall pursue more and more efficient communication between the Athletes and WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS.-

16.5.1 Its members shall be elected during the Pan American Championships held the year before the Pan American Games, on the basis of the nominations received from the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Member Associations and in conformity with the rules passed by the Executive Committee to this effect.-

16.5.2 The nominees must have represented their Member Association at an international tournament at least once in the four years previous to the election.-

16.6 A Para-Archery Committee of three members shall deal with all matters related with athletes with disabilities, and shall work together with the rest of the Committees regarding matters of relevance to Para Archers. At the same time, it shall be responsible for the participation and classification of archers with disabilities. This Committee shall device

and conduct a plan to develop Para Archery in all WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Member Associations.-

17.- “AD HOC” COMMITTEES

17.1 “Ad Hoc” Committees shall be appointed by Council to fulfill a specific task.-

17.1.1 The number of members of these committees shall be decided in correspondence with the nature of the task to fulfill.-

17.1.2 Their chairmen shall be appointed by the President of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS. Between two Assemblies, these Committees are accountable to Council.-

17.1.3 They shall submit their report on the task fulfilled to the Assembly for approval.-

18.- HONORARY MEMBERS

18.1 The Assembly may name Honorary Members those persons whom WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS would like to honor in appreciation for their continuous efforts for the benefit of Archery in the Americas or worldwide. These members may be granted the titles of Honorary President, Council Member, Judge or Coach of the Confederation.-

18.2 Honorary Members may not be nominated for elective positions in WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS, unless they are members of a Member Association.

19.- PATRIMONY AND FINANCES

19.1 The patrimony of the Confederation shall be formed by:

- The annual Member Association affiliation fees and contributions that WORLD ARCHERY transfers to WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS.-
- Financial support or any sort provided by WORLD ARCHERY or other legal international organizations.-
- Subsidies, scholarships and contributions granted to WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS without affecting its independence.-
- Legacies or donations received.-
- Values, goods and services that WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS may be able to get on account of sponsorship or licenses, or from other sources of incomes that are legal and compatible with WORLD ARCHERY and the Olympic Chart.-
- Literary property, copyright, advertisement and promotion fees from various sources related to WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS materials and events.-
- Incomes of any source.-

19.2 All money received in favor of the Confederation shall be kept as a property of the Confederation, and shall not be distributed among its Member Associations or other Members of the Confederation. This does not conflict with the decision to grant some funds to a Member Association to carry out specific tasks of the Confederation.-

20.- The Finance and Audit Board

20.1 The Finance and Audit Board shall be formed by three (3) members and two (2) alternates, who will serve for a period of four (4) years in office. They can be re-elected. The Board can be elected by Congress in a secret ballot. The alternates shall replace Board members who resign, die, or are, for some reason, unable to serve. The alternate who replaces a member shall serve for the remaining time of the four-year term.

20.2 The rights and duties of the Finance and Audit Board include:

- To review the accounting books and documents of the Confederation periodically.
- To attend, without the right to vote, Council sessions whenever necessary.
- To supervise the administration of the Confederation, checking on the account and the existence of bonds, shares and values of all sorts.
- To supervise that the laws, the Constitution and the rules of the Confederation are complied with.
- To make statements within its terms of reference
- To call to an Ordinary Assembly if the Executive Committee fails to do so.
- To request the holding of an extraordinary Assembly whenever deemed necessary. Should the Executive Committee refuse to do so, the Board shall submit a fully substantiated request to Council.
- To supervise the Confederation's funds and social goods distribution in case of dissolution.
- To present to the Executive Committee its statement of the balance made by the treasurer for its due publication.

20.3 The Finance and Audit Board shall comply with its duties without hindering the regular flow of the Confederation's administration. The Board shall be accountable for the violations to the Constitution and Laws made by Council and the Executive Committee that they (The Board) do not make Congress aware of.

21.- EMBLEM AND FLAG

21.1 The official emblem of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS shall be approved by the Assembly. It belongs to WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS and may be protected by copyright. -

21.2 The flag of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS shall be the logo or emblem in a white background.-

21.3 WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Member Associations may use the flag only at WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS or WORLD ARCHERY recognized tournaments. Each Member Association should provide itself with its own flag for this purpose.

22.- OFFICE AND ARCHIVES

22.1 The address of the WORLD ARCHERY AMERICA office shall be that of the President or the Secretary General, whichever is believed to be more convenient for the normal

functioning of the Confederation.-

22.2 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for maintaining the archives in proper order and for transferring them all to the following Executive Committee.-

23.- OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

23.1 The official languages of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS shall be Spanish and English. In the event of a difference in interpretation in texts written both in English and in Spanish, the correct interpretation should be that of the language in which the document was originally written.-

24.- ACCOUNTABILITY

24.1 Under no circumstances shall WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS be held accountable for injuries resulting from lesions caused to spectators or members of a Member Association or for damage or loss of property while in attendance at a Championship, tournament, or other event organized, sponsored or recognized by WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS.-

25.- LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

25.1 A Member will stop being a WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS Member as soon as it stops being a WORLD ARCHERY Member, or when expelled from the Confederation.-

26.- SIGNATURES IN WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS

26.1 Regarding non-financial matters, WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS is bound by the signatures of the President and/or the Secretary General.-

26.2 For financial matters, WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS is bound by the signatures of any two of the following: the Treasurer, and either the President or the Secretary General.-

27.- DISSOLUTION OF WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS

27.1 In the event of **WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS's** dissolution for any reason, all goods of the Confederation shall be equitably distributed among those Member Associations affiliated which are in good financial and legal standing at the time of dissolution.-

27.2 Debts not paid to the Confederation by a Member Association shall be deducted from this Association's share at the time any distribution is made.

28.- CHAMPIONSHIPS OF WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS

28.1 WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS shall schedule the organization of Regional Championships in several disciplines and categories, and shall supervise the technical

organization of official tournaments of WORLD ARCHERY AMERICAS.

29.- OTHER MATTERS.

29.1 The Constitution and Rules of WORLD ARCHERY shall apply to those issues not considered in the present Constitution and Rules.-