

COPY OF  
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE

WORLD POWERLIFTING FEDERATION  
SEATED IN EMMELOORD  
MUNICIPALITY OF NOORDOOSPOLDER  
THE NETHERLANDS

DATED 29 AUGUST 2006

**ESTABLISHMENT AND STATUTES OF AN ASSOCIATION**  
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Today, the twenty-ninth of August, two thousand and six, appeared before me, LL.M. Clasina Wilhelmina van Weert, junior notary, hereinafter called 'notary', representative of LL.M. Pieter Hendrik Prummel, notary, established in Emmeloord, municipality of Noordoostpolder:

1. **Mr Erik Harpert Butzelaar**, born in Rotterdam on the twenty-eighth of August, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, proving his identity with his Passport, number NJ4724920, according to his statement currently residing at Gebrüder van Eijkstrasse 30, 49824 Emlichheim Germany and married.
2. **Mr Jacob Gerrit Anthonie Fahner**, born in Blokzijl on the fourth of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-one, proving his identity with his European Identity Card, number: IB7836560, according to his statement currently residing at Egeïschestraat 2, 8303 EM in Emmeloord and married;

The appearers declared:

**INTRODUCTION**

The existing Welt Sportdachverband fur Kraftdreikampf-World Powerlifting Federation will be discontinued in Graz, Austria, on the first of September, two thousand and six. In continuation, the appearers have decided to establish a new federation effective as of the first of September, two thousand and six (1/9/2006), for which the following constitution will apply.

**STATUTES -----**

**Name and seat -----**

**Article 1 -----**

1. The association bears the name: **World Powerlifting Federation (in short form – WPF)**, in the statutes hereinafter called: WPF. -----
2. The WPF shall have her seat in the municipality of Noordoostpolder, the Netherlands. -----

**Objective -----**

**Article 2 -----**

1. The objective of the WPF is the worldwide promotion of power lifting, to make the sport more accessible, and furthermore to undertake all that which is directly or indirectly related, or conducive to the sport, all of this in the broadest sense of the word. -----
2. She will try to achieve this objective, among other things, by the worldwide organisation of power lifting events.

**Duration -----**

**Article 3 -----**

1. The association has been entered into for an indefinite period of time. -----
2. The fiscal year of the association is the calendar year, on the understanding that the first fiscal year commences on the date of formation. -----

**Membership** -----

**Article 4** -----

1. National federations with their seats outside Europe that subscribe to, *casu quo* respect, the objectives of the WPF, and that are recognized as legal bodies based on their own national legislation, as well as members of the European Powerlifting Congress can become members of the WPF. -----
2. From each nation only one federation member can be recognised. -----
3. Membership registration has to be applied for, in writing, to the Executive. -----  
The personal data of the executive members of the applying federation is to be stated on the actual application. -----
4. The Executive holds the exclusive authority to decide about admission. -----
5. In the case of non-admission, the candidate for membership can appeal in the next Congress, which can still decide to admit. This appeal is to be lodged in writing with the Executive. -----

**Article 5** -----

1. Membership will terminate by:
  - a. Dissolution of a member/legal person. -----
  - b. Written resignation by the member. -----
  - c. Written resignation by the WPF, in pursuance of a decision of the Congress taken with a three-quarters majority of the valid votes cast. -----
  - d. Expulsion. -----
2. Resignation by the member can take place at the end of the fiscal year in accordance with a period of one month's notice. If the terms of the aforementioned period of notice are not observed, the resignation will be considered due at the end of the subsequent fiscal year. ---

**Finance** -----

**Article 6** -----

The financial resources of the WPF consist of: -----

- a. Subscriptions. -----
  - b. Subsidies. -----
  - c. Loans and/or credits. -----
  - d. Advances. -----
  - e. Donations. -----
  - f. Other receipts. -----
2. Every member is obliged to pay an annual subscription. The sum to which the subscription amounts is decided upon by the Congress. -----

**Executive** -----

**Article 7** -----

1. The Executive shall consist of a minimum of **three** to a maximum of **seven** natural persons. ---
2. The Executive officers are appointed by the Congress, in principle from the body of members of the member federations with a maximum of two Executive Officers of any one nation. -----

- The President, Secretary and Treasurer do not necessarily have to be members of a member federation. The Congress shall decide on the number of Executive Officers. -----
- 3. The President is elected to his function by the Congress, whereas the other executive functions can be allocated by mutual arrangement of the Executive Members. -----
- 4. Executive Members can, at any given time, be suspended or dismissed by the Congress with statement of reasons. In case of suspension or dismissal, the Congress decides with a majority of two-thirds of the valid votes cast. -----
- 5. If, in case of suspension of an Executive Officer, the congress has not taken a decision to dismiss that member within three months after the date of suspension, the suspension shall terminate. -----  
The suspended Executive Officer will be allowed to give account during the Congress, and can seek assistance of a counsellor.-----
- 6. Executive Officers will be appointed for a term of four years maximum. With a period of one year, in this respect, is meant the period between two subsequent annual Congress meetings.  
The Executive Officers resign according to a schedule to be drawn up by the Executive itself. President, Secretary and/or Treasurer (the Executive Committee) cannot resign simultaneously in the same year. An Executive officer who resigns according to the schedule is immediately eligible for re-election. -----
- 7. If the number of Executive Members falls below the minimum mentioned in article 7 par.1, the Executive shall remain authorised nonetheless.
- 8. The Articles 10 up till 12 inclusive will apply to Congress meetings and the decision process whenever possible.

**Article 8** -----

- 1. The Executive shall be the governing body of the WPF. -----
- 2. Provided that the congress has given prior consent, the Executive is authorized to decide on entering into contracts concerning the acquisition, sale and encumbrance/mortgaging of registered goods, entering into contracts where the WPF stands surety, acts as several co-debtor, acts in favour of a third party, or stands surety for the debt of another party, as well as for all transactions exceeding a sum or interest of **two thousand and five hundred Euros (€ 2,500)**. -----  
Without the aforementioned consent the WPF cannot be legally bound for the legal transaction mentioned above. -----

**Article 9** -----

- 1. The Executive represents the WPF. -----
- 2. The authority of representation is held either by the President together with the Secretary and the Treasurer, or by the Secretary and the Treasurer. -----

**Congress meetings** -----

**Article 10** -----

- 1. The Congress consists of all members (federations). At any meeting of the Congress, only one delegate per federation, duly registered and certified, shall be permitted to speak and vote. ----  
Only non-suspended members and those, who have been invited by the Executive and/or Congress, shall be allowed to attend the Congress meeting. -----  
A suspended member can attend the Congress meeting where the decision pertaining to his/her suspension is dealt with, and is authorised to give account. -----

2. Entitled to vote are the aforementioned members, with the exception of a suspended member. Every voting member can grant a written authority to another voting member to cast his/her vote for him. A voting member can act as authorized voter for one member only. -----
3. A unanimous decision of all voting members of the Congress not in assembly, has, provided that it is taken with prior knowledge of the Executive, the same power as a decision taken by the Congress in assembly. This decision can also be effected in written form. -----
4. The President decides how voting procedures in the Congress meeting are to be conducted. ----
5. All decisions which do not require a larger majority by law or according to these statutes, shall be taken by absolute majority of the votes cast. If the votes are equally divided on a motion, it will be rejected. If the votes are equally divided in case of an election of persons, a second ballot will follow. If, in case of an election between more than two candidates, none of these persons gets an absolute majority of votes, a second ballot will be held between the two candidates that received the largest number of votes, if necessary after an extra election. -----

**Article 11** -----

1. The Congress is chaired by the President of the Executive. In the absence of all Executive Members, Congress will appoint a chairman. -----
2. The outcome of a ballot, pronounced by the President at a Congress meeting, is binding. -----  
The same rule applies to any decision, whether or not taken after a ballot, about a motion not submitted in writing. -----  
  
In case the correctness of a decision is disputed immediately after pronouncement by the President, a new ballot will take place if the majority of the voting members present, or, when the original voting was not held by call or by ballot, a voting member requires it. -----  
  
The legal consequences of the original/first ballot are dissolved by the second. -----
3. The minutes of a meeting are drawn up by the Secretary, or a minute's Secretary appointed by the President. -----  
  
These minutes shall be confirmed in the next meeting of Congress and signed by the chairman and Secretary of that meeting. -----

**Article 12** -----

1. The fiscal year of the federation is the calendar year. -----  
  
At least one meeting of Congress shall be held annually within six months after the end of the fiscal year, barring an extension of this period by the Congress. -----  
  
In this meeting, the Executive shall present an annual report about the running affairs and policy of the WPF. It shall submit an audited balance sheet with explanatory notes for approval by the Congress. -----  
  
The aforementioned financial documents shall be signed by the Treasurer and the Auditing Committee. -----
2. If an auditor's certificate, as referred to in article 2:393, paragraph 1 of the '*Burgerlijk Wetboek*' (Dutch Civil Code), concerning the fidelity of the documents mentioned above is not submitted, the Congress shall, annually, appoint a committee of at least two non-executive members. -----
3. The Executive shall submit the aforementioned financial documents to the committee at least one month before the date of the Congress meeting which will deal with these documents. -----

The committee shall audit the said documents and report to the Congress in writing and shall advise Congress to discharge the Executive. -----

4. The Executive shall be compelled to provide the committee with all the information required and, if necessary, disclose the funds and the account book, as well as grant leave to inspect the books and documents. -----
5. Should the audit, according to the Committee, require special accounting expertise, they are entitled to seek assistance of an expert. -----

**Article 13** -----

1. With the exception of the Congress meetings mentioned in the article above, the Executive can convene Congress meetings as often as it deems necessary. -----
2. The Executive is compelled to schedule a special meeting of Congress within four weeks after submission of a written request of at least one-fifth of the voting members in full assembly.----

If the request has not been complied with within fourteen days, the requestors can convene a Congress meeting themselves and authorise non-executive members to chair the meeting and draw up the minutes. -----

3. Not less than seven days written notice and an official agenda must be given for any (annual) meeting (the Congress) to all voting members. -----
4. In case the Congress has not been convened by written notice, the Congress can nevertheless take lawful decisions, provided at least half of the voting members required at a full assembly are present at the meeting, and none of them, including the Executive, oppose the decision process. -----

In case the Congress was convened within the minimum period required, the Congress can nevertheless take lawful decisions, unless as much as one-fifth of the voting members present oppose the decision process. -----

The rule stated in the first sentence of this paragraph shall also be applied to decisions taken by the Congress concerning items not on the agenda. -----

**Amendments to the Constitution** -----

**Article 14** -----

1. All amendments to the Constitution can only be acted upon by decision of a Congress meeting, especially convened for that purpose. -----
2. The notice submitted to convene aforementioned Congress meeting shall verbally state the proposed amendments, or contain an appendix in which the proposed amendments are stated verbally. Not less than seven (7) days notice must be given. -----

3. Amendments to the Constitution can be decided upon only by a two-thirds majority of the number of votes cast. -----

4. Any amendment to the Constitution will become effective only after a notarial act has been drawn up. -----

Any one of the Executive members is authorised to have the act drawn up. -----

5. The rules stated in paragraphs 1 and 2 cannot be applied, if all the voting members are present or represented in the Congress meeting and the decision to amend the Constitution is taken unanimously. -----

6. The Executive members are compelled to submit an authentic copy of the act of amendment as well as the full text of the statutes after the amendment to the register of the 'Kamer van Koophandel en Fabrieken' (Chamber of Commerce). -----

### **Dissolution and liquidation** -----

#### **Article 15** -----

1. The rules stated in Article 14 paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 5 also apply to a decision to dissolve the WPF. -----
2. The Congress shall, after the decision stated in the paragraph above, decide upon the use of the credit balance, in accordance with the objective of the WPF. -----
3. Liquidation shall be executed by the Executive. -----
4. After dissolution, the WPF shall remain to exist as long as liquidation of capital requires. -----  
During the process of liquidation the Constitution shall remain effective as much as possible. --  
In documents and notices of the WPF, the term 'in liquidation' must be added. -----
5. The WPF shall terminate as of the moment credits known to her, or her liquidators, no longer exist. -----  
The liquidators shall give a statement of dissolution to the register mentioned in Article 14 paragraph 6. -----
6. The books and documents of the dissolved federation have to be retained for a period of ten years after termination of liquidation. The retainer shall be appointed by the liquidators. -----

### **Rules and Regulations** -----

#### **Article 16** -----

1. The Congress can make up and amend any rules, which regulate items not, or not completely, covered by this Constitution. -----
2. A rule cannot contain regulations that are unlawful or not consistent with the statutes of this Constitution. -----
3. The rules stated in Article 14 paragraphs 1, 2, and 5 are also to be applied to any decision to make up and amend a regulation. -----

### **Final article** -----

#### **Article 17** -----

1. The Congress holds all the powers not assigned to other organs by law or this Constitution. ----  
To institute the first Executive of the WPF the following members are appointed: -----
  - a. The appearer par.1 as President.-----
  - b. Mr David John Tickle, born in Widnes, Great Britain, on the first of February nineteen hundred and fifty-four, holder of British Passport nr 455826478, currently residing at 70 Min Awel, Flint, Flintshire, Wales, Great Britain, as Secretary; -----
  - c. Mr Gerhard Holleitner, born in Vienna on the twentieth of June nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, holder of the Austrian Passport nr H 0726749 8, currently residing at Rennbahnweg 28/7/1, A-1220 Vienna, Austria, as Treasurer.-----

**Conclusion of the act** -----

I, the notary, hereby state that the appearers' identities are known to me. -----

**This act** has been drawn up in Emmeloord on the date mentioned in the heading of this act. -----

The actual contents of this act have been submitted and explained to appearers. The appearers have stated not to set great store by a full reading of this act, to have timely received a concept act, to have acquainted themselves with the contents and to have been informed about the implications that can ensue from this act for the parties involved. -----

This act has been partly read and immediately after signed, first by appearers and subsequently by me, the notary. -----