

IPACS Benchmark Guidelines

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IPACS Benchmark A1 – The organisation makes public its Statutes, rules and regulations

Definitions

- Statutes – the Statutes (or equivalent document such as a Constitution or Articles of Association) of the organisation are its key governing document
- Rules and regulations – rules and regulations other than the Statutes which relate to the governance of the organisation, such as disciplinary regulations and specific policies

Introduction to this Benchmark and its significance

- The publication of the organisation's Statutes and other regulations allows people within the organisation itself and stakeholders to understand how it is governed and the internal rules that have to be followed

Commentary on the action to be taken

- The document(s) can be published in a specific section of the website, such as in an "About the organisation" page, or within a document library
- The Statutes (or equivalent) may be updated from time to time and as such, the most up-to-date version should be published

Investment requirement – minimal – publication of existing documents

Guidance according to stage of organisation

Early stage

- Publication of the most recent version of the organisation's Statutes (or equivalent)

Developing

- Full publication of Statutes and all relevant organisational rules and regulations in a dedicated section of the website

Advanced

- Full publication, including changes marked from previous versions (or a summary document outlining changes), if applicable
- Provide the Statutes and other important rules in machine-readable format (plain text or other) on website pages as well as in PDF documents to facilitate research and for ease of viewing on a mobile device

Good practice examples

International Federations (from 2020)

- World Archery: [Statutes](#) are available to view online as well as in PDF to download. There is a [marked-up version of the PDF](#) showing amendments
- ICF: [Rules archive](#) includes marked-up versions
- FIVB: [All regulations are provided](#) with a clean and marked-up version
- IBSF: [Rules are published](#) and mark-ups are shown in the Statutes
- World Darts Federation: [Summary of Constitution revisions on final page](#)

Overall standard among International Federations:

- All 31 members of ASOIF published their most up-to-date Statutes/Constitution in the 2019-20 review
- This topic was one of 20 covered in the 2018-19 GAISF assessment for non-Olympic sports (compared to 50 topics for Olympic sports) as it was judged to be important and feasible for small organisations to achieve

Continental Bodies

- European Triathlon Union: [publication of existing and previous version of Articles of Association](#)

National Olympic Committees

- Mexican Olympic Committee (COM) – [Publication of Statutes](#)
- German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB) - [Publication of all rules and regulations](#)
- Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) - [Publication of Statutes and legislative decrees](#)

National Federation

- Chilean Tennis Federation (FETECH) – [Publication of Statutes](#)

Selected references

- [ASOIF GTF Questionnaire 2019-20](#), Indicator 2.1
- [SIGGS](#): See SIGGS document Roadmap Principle 4, Headline 4.1: Statutes and Regulations
- European Commission Expert Group on Good Governance, [“Principles of Good Governance in Sport”](#), Principle 9.a: Availability of statutes, rules and regulations
- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, [Addendum to the report “Working towards a framework for modern sports governance”](#), Criterion 1.2 (Make public statutes, rules and regulations)
- Geeraert, A. (2018). [Sports Governance Observer 2018](#). An assessment of good governance in five international sports federations. Principle 1: The organisation publishes its statutes/constitution, internal regulations, sports rules, and organisation chart on its website.
- IOC’s [“Consolidated Minimum Requirements for Implementation of the Basic Principles of Good Governance for NOCs”](#):
Theme 2.2 “Clear regulations” – Principle 1 “All regulations of each organisation and governing body, including but not limited to, statutes/constitutions and other procedural regulations, should be clear, transparent, disclosed, publicised and made readily available

ASOIF indicator 2.1 – scoring definitions used in 2019-20 assessment

- 0 – No
- 1 – At least some information available on IF website
- 2 – Latest version of statutes, rules and regulations published on IF website
- 3 – Full publication, easy to find on IF website
- 4 – Full publication, easy to find on IF website, latest versions available with mark-ups identifying differences between previous versions