

World Gateball Union Statutes

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Chapter 1: General Provisions

Article 1: Name of Organization

The name of this organization is the World Gateball Union (abbreviated to "WGU").

Article 2: Secretariat Office

The WGU office is located in Japan.

Article 3: Language

3-1 WGU's official languages are English and Japanese.

3-2 In the event of a discrepancy in interpretation between the two languages, the English version shall prevail.

Chapter 2: Aims and Business

Article 4: Aims

The WGU aims to popularize and promote Gateball around the world, seeking, through games, to advance physical and mental wellbeing, promote friendly exchanges between countries, and contribute to international peace.

Article 5: Business

To fulfill the aims of Article 4, the WGU undertakes the following business:

- (1) Popularizing and promoting Gateball
- (2) Organizing and supporting international Gateball tournaments
- (3) Nurturing international Gateball referees and certifying qualifications
- (4) Holding Gateball-related courses and training sessions
- (5) Setting official Gateball rules
- (6) Inspecting and researching Gateball-related equipment
- (7) Other business necessary to achieve the aims of the WGU.

Chapter 3: Members

Article 6: Membership

6-1 A member is an organization that unifies the Gateball community and its activities in a country or region, that agrees to the aims of the WGU, and

that is approved to be a WGU member according to these Statutes. Having the name of the country or region and the word "Gateball" in the name of the organization are essential conditions of being a member.

6-2 The term "region" in the preceding section means an area that the WGU deems to correspond to a country/region, and that does not include a community that is a group of countries.

6-3 Regardless of the preceding section, a continent-wide organization that is a collection of Gateball organizations on a continent may be a member.

Article 7: Types of Members

The types of members are regular, associate and cooperating members.

Article 8: Regular Members

8-1 A regular member, as specified in Article 7, is an organization that fulfills the eligibility criteria listed below and has been approved for regular membership by the Board of Directors.

- (1) No similar organization wishing to be a regular member exists in the country or region where the principal secretariat of the organization is located.
- (2) The organization has officers, operates its business based on a business and budget plan approved at the organization's board of directors meeting regularly held once or more each year, and has business reports and a statement of accounts approved at the organization's board of directors meeting.
- (3) The organization has secretariat functions located in an environment with means of communication (telephone, facsimile, email, etc.).
- (4) A financial base exists for defraying the WGU membership fees.

8-2 A regular member can recommend one person to the Board of Directors meeting as a candidate for the post of WGU officer.

Article 9: Associate Members

9-1 An associate member, as specified in Article 7 is an organization that fulfills the eligibility criteria equating to those for a regular member in Article 8 and has been approved for associate membership by a Board of Directors meeting.

9-2 An associate member may not recommend a candidate for the post of WGU officer. Nonetheless, if the Chairperson gives special permission, an associate member may attend a Board of Directors meeting and state opinions but shall not have voting rights.

Article 10: Cooperating Members

10-1 A cooperating member as specified in Article 7 is an organization, other than a regular or an associate member, that supports the business and aims of the WGU and is specially approved by the Chairperson.

10-2 A cooperating member may not recommend a candidate for the post of WGU officer. Nonetheless, if the Chairperson gives special permission, an

associate member may attend a Board of Directors meeting and state opinions but shall not have voting rights.

Article 11: Application for Membership

An organization wishing to be a WGU member shall submit the WGU Membership Application Form to the Chairperson, using Appended Form 1, together with any necessary documents, and be approved by the Board of Directors.

Article 12: Membership Fees

A member shall pay a membership fee stipulated separately from the Statutes.

Article 13: Loss of Membership

The member shall forfeit their WGU membership for any one of the following reasons:

- (1) Withdrawal from the WGU
- (2) Dissolution of the member organization itself
- (3) Expulsion from the WGU.

Article 14: Withdrawal

Any member wishing to withdraw from the WGU shall cite the reason(s) for such withdrawal on the Application for WGU Membership Withdrawal Form, using Appended Form 2, and submit this to the Chairperson.

Article 15: Expulsion from WGU

When any of the below-mentioned cases applies to a member, the WGU may expel the member following a resolution approved by no fewer than three-quarters of the Board of Directors, provided that the member shall be given an opportunity to offer a defense prior to a resolution of approval of expulsion:

- (1) When the member has acted in a manner that significantly contravenes the aims of the WGU
- (2) When the member has defamed the honor of the WGU or acted in a manner that causes a loss of credibility in the WGU
- (3) When the member has not paid the membership fees.

Article 16: Disposition of Membership Fees

Any membership fees already paid by a member that withdraws or is expelled shall not be returned.

Chapter 4: Assets and Accounts

Article 17: Revenue Sources and Assets

17-1 The revenue sources and assets of the WGU are as follows:

- (1) Membership fees paid by members
- (2) Income derived from its business
- (3) Contributions of money and goods

(4) Other income.

17-2 The assets of the WGU shall be cash, deposits, savings, or other items derived from the revenue sources listed in the preceding section.

Article 18: Management of Assets

The assets of the WGU shall be managed by the Chairperson safely and dependably.

Article 19: Business Plan and Budget

The WGU's business and the budget plans shall be prepared by the Chairperson before the start of each business year and approved by a Board of Directors meeting. The same procedure applies in the case of changes to the plans.

Article 20: Settlement of Accounts

The WGU's settlement of accounts, which includes an income and expenditure statement, a balance sheet, a list of assets, and a business report prepared by the Chairperson within three months following the end of each business year, shall be examined by the Auditors and approved by the Board of Directors.

Article 21: Business Year

The WGU's business year shall start on April 1 and end on March 31 of the following year.

Chapter 5: Officers and Staff

Article 22: Officers

The WGU shall have the following officers:

- (1) No more than 25 directors, from among whom one Chairperson, one President and no more than two Managing Directors shall be assigned
- (2) No more than two Auditors.

Article 23: Election of Officers

23-1 The Directors and Auditors shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among the persons listed below and appointed by the Chairperson:

- (1) One person recommended by regular members as specified in Article 8-2
- (2) Those recognized by the Board of Directors as possessing adequate experience and knowledge.

23-2 When an officer is replaced or resigns during his/her term of office, the regular member who had recommended the officer can recommend to the Board of Directors meeting a new person as a candidate to succeed to the position. In accordance with Article 23-1, the successor shall be elected by the Board of Directors and appointed by the Chairperson.

23-3 The Chairperson, President, and Managing Directors shall be elected from among the directors at the Board of Directors meeting.

Article 24: Duties of Officers

- 24-1 The Chairperson shall exercise executive authority over matters related to the WGU and represent the WGU.
- 24-2 The President shall assist the Chairperson and carry out everyday business based on the resolutions of the Board of Directors meetings.
- 24-3 The Managing Directors shall assist the President and carry out everyday business based on the resolutions of the Board of Directors meetings.
- 24-4 The Directors shall comprise the Board of Directors and vote on WGU operations.

Article 25: Duties of Auditors

The Auditors shall audit the execution of the WGU's operations and the state of its assets, and report the results in writing or verbally to the Board of Directors.

Article 26: Term of Officers

- 26-1 A term of an officer shall be from April 1 until March 31 two years later. However, officers are not precluded from being reappointed.
- 26-2 The term of an officer elected to replace another officer or increase the number of sitting officers shall be the remainder of the term of the officer he/she replaces or the officers he/she augments.
- 26-3 Even after his/her term expires, the officer shall continue performing his/her duties until a successor is installed.

Article 27: Dismissal of Officers

When one of the following applies, the officer may be dismissed by a resolution approved by not less than two-thirds of the directors present at a Board of Directors meeting:

- (1) When an officer is deemed to be physically or mentally unfit to execute his/her duties
- (2) When an officer is deemed to have violated his/her occupational duties or to have otherwise acted in a manner unbecoming of an officer.

Article 28: Remuneration of Officers

Officers shall not receive remuneration.

Article 29: Staff

- 29-1 A Secretariat shall be established and staff members employed to administer the business of the WGU.
- 29-2 The staff members shall be appointed and dismissed by the Chairperson.
- 29-3 The staff members may be paid.
- 29-4 The regulations of the Secretariat shall be decided by the Chairperson following a resolution of a Board of Directors meeting.

Chapter 6: Advisers

Article 30: Advisers

30-1 The WGU may have advisers.

30-2 Advisers shall be commissioned by the Chairperson on the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

30-3 Advisers shall not receive remuneration.

30-4 Advisers may express their opinions in response to inquiries from the Chairperson and the Board of Directors.

Chapter 7: Meetings

Article 31: Authority of the Board of Directors

The matters listed below shall be approved by Board of Directors meetings:

- (1) Admission and expulsion of a member
- (2) Modification of the Statutes
- (3) Enactment and revision of regulations necessary for operation of the WGU
- (4) Business plan and budget
- (5) Business report and financial statements
- (6) Election and dismissal of officers
- (7) Election of Chairperson, President and Managing Directors
- (8) Dissolution
- (9) Disposal of surplus assets.

Article 32: Board of Directors

32-1 The Board of Directors shall meet no later than six months after the end of each business year, and extraordinary Board of Directors meetings may be held in any of the following cases:

- (1) When the Chairperson deems it necessary
- (2) When one-third or more of the directors other than the Chairperson have presented a written request to the Chairperson that a Board of Directors meeting be convened and state the matter(s) to be the subject of the meeting

32-2 In cases where the Chairperson deems it unavoidable, a proposal of agenda and a bill shall be presented in writing to the Board of Directors and their responses in writing may substitute for a resolution of the Board of Directors meeting.

Article 33: Convocation of the Board of Directors Meeting

33-1 The Chairperson shall convene the Board of Directors meetings.

33-2 The Chairperson shall be the chair for the Board of Directors meetings.

33-3 When the post of Chairperson is vacant, or the Chairperson is unable to perform his/her duties, the President or an Executive Director shall convene the Board of Directors meetings and act as chair.

Article 34: Quorum of Board of Directors Meetings

34-1 A Board of Directors meeting is constituted by the attendance of not less than half its directors.

34-2 Directors who are unable to attend a Board of Directors meeting may vote in writing on matters for which they have received prior notification or may delegate the exercise of their voting rights to another director. In such a case, the said director is deemed to be present.

Article 35: Voting in Board of Directors Meetings

Unless otherwise specifically stipulated in the Statutes, items of business presented at the Board of Directors meetings shall be decided by a majority of the directors present. In the case of a tied vote, the chair shall cast the deciding vote.

Article 36: Proceedings of Board of Directors Meetings

The proceedings of Board of Directors meetings shall be prepared, and later retained, after the chair and two directors present sign and affix their seals to the proceedings. In the case that the Board of Directors meet in writing in accordance with Article 32-2, the Chairperson shall sign and affix his/her seal to the proceedings.

Chapter 8: Expert Committees

Article 37: Expert Committee

37-1 An expert committee may be established when necessary for the execution of the business of the WGU.

37-2 Matters related to the organization and operation of the expert committee shall be decided by the Chairperson following a resolution of a Board of Directors meeting.

Chapter 9: Modification of Statutes and Dissolution of WGU

Article 38: Modification of Statutes

The Statutes may not be modified except upon a resolution approved by not less than two-thirds of the directors present at a Board of Directors meeting.

Article 39: Dissolution of WGU

The WGU may not be dissolved except upon a resolution approved by not less than three-quarters of the directors present at a Board of Directors meeting.

Article 40: Disposal of Surplus Assets

Any surplus assets remaining after the WGU's dissolution shall be donated to a charitable foundation with similar aims to the WGU upon a resolution approved by not less than three-quarters of the directors present at a Board of Directors meeting.

Supplementary Regulations

Article 41: Supplementary Regulations

In addition to the provisions specified in the Statutes, subsidiary regulations necessary for conducting the business of the WGU shall be decided by the Chairperson following a resolution of a Board of Directors meeting.

Supplementary Provision

The Regulations shall come into effect as of September 26, 1985.

Supplementary Provision

Notwithstanding the provisions in Article 23-3, the directors of the member in the country where the Secretariat is located shall temporarily perform the duties of the Chairperson, President, and Managing Directors until the approval procedures for the execution of their selection are complete.

Supplementary Provision

The Regulations shall come into effect as of August 31, 1999.

Supplementary Provision

The Regulations shall come into effect as of January 31, 2001.

Supplementary Provision

- 1 The provisions concerning the Secretariat as specified in Article 28-4 of the Regulations shall be in accordance with the Regulations pertaining to the member in the country or region where the Secretariat is located.
- 2 The Regulations shall come into effect as of October 24, 2017 and shall be retrospectively effective as of April 1, 2017.

Supplementary Provision

- 1 The Statutes were renamed "World Gateball Union Statutes" on April 1, 2018.
- 2 The changes in the Statutes were approved on September 14, 2018 and shall be retrospectively effective as of April 1, 2018.

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WGU Membership Application Form

Country / Region	
Organization	(In English)
	(In language of country/region)
Position, Name of Representative	(In English)
	(In language of country/region) Seal or signature
Membership Type	Regular / Associate / Cooperating

Office Address	TEL: FAX: Email:
Contact Address	TEL: FAX: Email:
Secretary General or person in charge Name: Position:	
Documents to be Attached 1. Statutes 2. Organizational chart 3. List of officers and branches if any 4. Current business and budget plan 5. Most recent business report and financial statements 6. Proceedings of the board of directors meeting that decided this application 7. Others *All documents must be translated into English.	

*Please contact WGU if you have any questions on this form.

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WGU Membership Withdrawal Form

Country / Region	
Organization	(In English)
	(In language of country/region)
Position, Name of Representative	(In English)
	(In language of country/region) Seal or signature
Secretary General or person in charge Name: Position:	
Reason(s) for Withdrawal	
Document to be Attached Proceedings of the board of directors meeting that decided this withdrawal *Documents submitted must be in English.	

*All documents must be translated into English.