



# **STATUTES OF THE SLOVAK OLYMPIC AND SPORTS COMMITTEE**

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## **Article I**

### **Basic Provisions**

- 1 The name of the citizens' association is: (in Slovak language): Slovenský olympijský a športový výbor (abbrev. SOŠV);
- 2 In English language Slovak Olympic and Sports Committee (SOSC).
- 3 Company identification number (IČO) of the SOSC is 308 11 082.
- 4 SOSC resides at the address Kukučínova ulica 26, 838 08 Bratislava.
- 5 SOSC is a citizens' association, established in terms of Act No 83/1990 of Coll. on citizens' associations, as amended.
- 6 SOSC is a Slovak sport umbrella organization that represents, rules, coordinates, develops and protects the Olympic and sports movement in the Slovak Republic and it has the position and competency of the National Olympic Committee according to the Olympic Charter and in compliance with it.
- 7 Original name of the SOSC was Slovak Olympic Committee (SOC). SOSC is the legal successor and continuity of the SOC. Where the first version of its statutes was approved by the constitutive meeting of the SOC (now SOSC) in December 1992. The SOSC Statutes as well as all their changes and amendments are registered by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic under the number VVS/1-900/90-7417-8. SOSC was recognized as the national Olympic committee of the Slovak Republic by the decision of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at its 101st session on 24 September 1993.

- 8 Legislative frame of the SOSC activity is determined by the Act of National Council of the Slovak Republic No 440/2015 of Coll. of Laws - Sports law as well as changes to several laws as amended (further only as Sports Law).
- 9 The Statutes of SOSC are the codification of basic principles and rules in accordance with the Olympic Charter which is followed by the Olympic movement in the Slovak Republic.
- 10 SOSC is an independent legal entity with the competence on the whole territory of the Slovak Republic. It protects its autonomy as well as the autonomy and a specific status of sports in Society against the influence of the administrative, politic, legal, religious, racial or economic nature which could impede the fulfillment of the principles and provisions of the Olympic Charter as well as the Statutes of SOSC.
- 11 The Olympic and Sports movement in the Slovak Republic is created by the national sports federations, whose sports are involved in the program of the Games of Olympiad and Olympic Winter Games (further on their common name Olympic Games is used), national sport federations, whose umbrella international federations are acknowledged by IOC and whose sports are not included in the Olympic Games Programme, other national sports federations recognized by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic and members of the above mentioned federations, members of the SOSC Athletes' Commission, IOC members in Slovak Republic, reputable sports personalities, Olympic clubs, sections of SOSC and other sports, cultural or educational organizations and institutions who take part in the pursuance of the tasks of Olympic movement.

## **Article II**

### **Mission, Tasks and Rights of SOSC**

- 1 Mission of SOSC is to universally contribute to development of sports in the Slovak Republic, to spread and to popularize basic principles and values of Olympism, to expand the Olympic heritage through sports, to contribute to harmonic development of a human being, mutual understanding and friendship among nations and to deepen peaceful coexistence.
- 2 The task of SOSC is:
- a) in accordance with generally binding legal regulations of the Slovak Republic and provisions of the Olympic Charter to rule, to develop and to protect Olympic movement in the Slovak Republic,
  - b) to ensure the observance of the Olympic Charter in the Slovak Republic,
  - c) to support through its members and their activities the development of sports in the Slovak Republic,
  - d) to participate in education of athletes to high performance and all-round excellence, creation of system for identification of sports talents, their preparation and education; and in the goal of higher effectiveness and quality of sport representation of Slovak Republic to cooperate with the top-level athletes centers functioning within particular ministries,

- e) to support education, development of culture, art and ethics and to apply the principles of universality and fair play in sports,
  - f) to support activities of the Slovak Olympic and Sport Museum, the Slovak Olympic Academy, SOSC Fair Play Club, the Slovak Association of the Olympians, the Association of the Olympic Clubs of the Slovak Republic and other members, boards, sections and commissions of SOSC,
  - g) to cooperate with universities and colleges, secondary and basic schools, sports clubs as well as other sport federations, sport, educational and social organizations and institutions, especially on involving children and youth in sports,
  - h) to protect and enhance the Olympic and sport heritage, develop traditions and history of sports in the Slovak Republic,
  - i) actively fight against all forms of violence, intolerance and discrimination in sports, against corruption, illegal betting and influencing over the competition results and namely against doping,
  - j) in cooperation with the World Anti Doping Agency (further on just WADA) and with Anti-doping Agency of the Slovak Republic (further on just ADA SR) to fulfill the tasks of SOSC resulting from the World Anti Doping Code and from the Obligation of SOSC in fight against doping, and to respect all the duties and responsibilities of the NOC that are listed within the World Anti Doping Code,
  - k) to encourage and support measures relating to the medical care and health of athletes,
  - l) to protect environment, to take part in enhancement of conditions for sustainable life, to act on improving of the sports facilities.
- 3 SOSC for fulfillment of its mission and tasks establishes:
- a) the Slovak Olympic Marketing, Inc. (SOM, Inc.) as its 100% subsidiary business company,
  - b) the Foundation of the Slovak Olympic and Sports Committee.
  - c) the Slovak Olympic and Sport Museum (SOSM) – integral part of the SOSC organizational structure, externally communicated and presented as the Slovak Olympic and Sports Committee – The Slovak Olympic and Sport Museum.
- 4 SOSC for fulfillment of its mission and tasks cooperates mainly:
- a) with sports federations and other sports organizations,
  - b) with state bodies of the Slovak Republic, central and local bodies of public administration, regional and municipal self-administrative bodies,
  - c) with Olympians and other athletes,
  - d) with corporate subjects, other Social and non-governmental organizations and with public institutions,
  - e) with medial partners,
  - f) with Olympic and sports organization in foreign countries.
- 5 SOSC has according to the Olympic Charter:
- a) exclusive authority to represent the Slovak Republic at the Olympic Games, European Games (further EG) Summer and Winter Youth Olympic Games (further on the Olympic Games of the Youth - OGY), in Summer and Winter Olympic Youth festivals

- (further on just EYOF) and other international, continental or regional sports competitions and events under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee (further on just IOC), European Olympic Committees (further on just EOC) and the Association of the national Olympic committees (further on just ANOC); for this it has the right to register, appoint, organizationally provide and lead the expeditions of the representation of the Slovak Republic,
- b) responsibility for the members' acting of the Slovak Republic representation in the Olympic Games and other Olympic events,
  - c) the exclusive right to decide in accordance with the norms of IOC about clothes which the members of the delegation will wear and equipment which they will use in the Olympic Games and in other events organized by IOC, EOC or ANOC and in all sports competitions and ceremonies related to it; this exclusive authority is not related to special equipment which athletes use during their own competition,
  - d) the exclusive right to approve the candidature of the city which shows the interest to apply for the organizing of the Olympic Games in the SR and after approval in the SOSC supreme body to recommend it to IOC,
  - e) exclusive right to approve the organizer of the Youth Olympic Games (YOG), EYOF and other Olympic competitions and events in the territory of the Slovak Republic,
  - f) the right to submit the proposals to IOC in the matter of the Olympic Charter and Olympic movement,
  - g) the right to cooperate with IOC at preparation of Olympic congresses and seminars and to cooperate at fulfilling of the tasks of IOC, ANOC, EOC and other sections of the international Olympic movement.
  - h) the right to participate in the programmes of the IOC Olympic Solidarity and other IOC, ANOC, EOC and International Olympic Academy programmes,
  - i) the exclusive right to use the Olympic symbols of SOSC, the exclusive right to allow other subjects to utilize commercially and non-commercially the Olympic symbols of SOSC and the duty to protect the Olympic symbols of IOC on the territory of the Slovak Republic,
  - j) the duty to accept for each sport only one national sports federation/association, that is a member of the particular sports federation, whose sport is involved in the Olympic programme, or whose international sports federation is acknowledged by IOC; in the case that federations/associations of two branches of one sport are already members of the SOSC, they have to have their relationship to the international sports federation regulated by relevant way.
  - k) the right to be a member of any association of national Olympic committees which is in conformity with the Olympic Charter,
  - l) the duty to support the representation of women and athletes-Olympians in the bodies of SOSC.
- 6 The SOSC undertakes:
- a) to accept the responsibilities and accountability implicit from the valid World Anti-Doping Code for the National Olympic Committees,
  - b) to accept all future revisions of the World Anti-Doping Code and subsequent documents under the code approved by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA),

- c) to ensure by its means compliance with the World Anti-Doping Programme rules, to apply measures against match fixing and other negative features in sport consequent from the international rules and decisions

## **Article III**

### **Membership**

- 1 Members of SOSC are physical and legal entities.
- 2 In the case of physical entities they have to:
  - a) be older than 18 years, fully eligible for legal acts,
  - b) be the citizens of the Slovak Republic,
  - c) meet one of the conditions in Article III, point 4 letter a/,b/,c/,d/;
- 3 In the case of legal entities they have to:
  - a) be legally registered on the territory of the Slovak Republic,
  - b) meet one of the conditions in Article III, point 5, letter a/, b/, c/.
- 4 SOSC consists of its members – physical entities, that have on the SOSC General Assembly (SOSC GA) one vote each:
  - a) SOSC President during the execution of his/her function,
  - b) IOC member in the Slovak Republic with his right to attend, vote and elect on the SOSC GA,
  - c) athletes representatives, maximum in number of 5 people, delegated by the SOSC Athletes' Commission,
  - d) reputable personalities of the Slovak Olympic movement and sport, especially the excellent athletes – Olympians, maximum in number of 5 people.
- 5 SOSC consists of members – legal entities:
  - a) legal entities - national sports federations/associations, associate in international sports federations whose sport is involved in the programme of the Olympic Games, each federation/association through one its delegated representative; these legal entities have on the SOSC General Assembly two votes each. Exceptions from this voting rule are federations/associations of two branches of a single sport integrated in the Olympic Games Programme; each of such federations/associations has one vote at the SOSC General Assembly.
  - b) legal entities - national sport federations/associations whose international sport federations are acknowledged by the IOC, and that by each of them through one delegate with one vote.
  - c) legal entities - other national sports federations, organizations and institutions, which by their activities contribute to fulfilment of tasks of the Olympic movement and on the sports development in the Slovak Republic, and that by each of them through one delegate with one vote.
- 6 Honorary membership.
  - a) A honorary member of the IOC in the Slovak Republic is a honorary member of SOSC,

- b) A member of SOSC or an eminent personage who provided extraordinary services for the Olympic Movement and Slovak sport can be approved as a honorary member on the basis of the proposal of SOSC members and after discussion in the Executive Committee.
- c) The highest level of honorary membership is the title of the Honorary President (until 2007 of the Honorary Chairman). Only former SOSC President who had performed this position for minimum 3 terms of office can get this title.
- d) Honorary President does not have a voting right and cannot be elected into SOSC bodies. But he/she has the right to participate in the General Assembly of SOSC, having an advisory vote and to be a member of SOSC sections and committees.
- e) SOSC Honorary member does not have a voting right and cannot be elected into SOSC bodies. But he/she has the right to participate in the General Assembly of SOSC, having an advisory vote and to be a member of SOSC sections and committees.
- f) Honorary President and honorary members of SOSC are approved by the General Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Committee for life.
- g) SOSC Honorary President or a honorary member can be expelled from SOSC only due to serious reasons by the decision of SOSC General Assembly on the basis of proposal of SOSC Executive Committee.

#### 7 Rights of members:

- a) to take part in the activities of SOSC,
- b) to vote and to be elected into SOSC bodies,
- c) to utilize the SOSC ombudsman.

#### 8 Duties of members:

- a) to act in accordance with the Olympic Charter, Statutes of SOSC and with the Ethic Codex of IOC,
- b) to participate actively in fulfillment of SOSC mission and tasks,
- c) to take part in the General Assembly of SOSC,
- d) to take part in the activities of the elected bodies, boards, professional, permanent and temporary committees, staffs and sections of SOSC to which they were elected or appointed,
- e) to inform immediately SOSC President, SOSC EC, SOSC SB on all matters which can hinder fulfillment of the Olympic Charter and SOSC Statutes or in other way to afflict the Olympic movement, irrespective if they are matters inside the SOSC or outside.

#### 9 Origination of membership:

Each SOSC member can suggest in writing a new SOSC member to SOSC Executive Committee, or a legal entity can apply for membership. Individual regime of the origination of membership is applied on the SOSC President, IOC member for the Slovak Republic and nominees of the SOSC Athletes Commission.

##### a) Membership of the legal entities:

Their membership arises from a proposal of the Executive Committee on the day of entering in force the resolution of SOSC GA on its approval by the General Assembly; if a representative delegated by the legal entity cannot perform his/her function or he/she resigns or he/she is withdrawn from the position, the competent legal entity through its

- statutory body assigns on the SOSC office a new delegated representative of legal entity. The General Assembly takes cognizance of designed delegate.
- b) Membership of physical entities:
1. The President of the SOSC becomes a member of the SOSC on the day of entering in force the resolution of the SOSC General Assembly, by which the validity of election of the President was affirmed (Art. XIII, par.10).
  2. Each member of the IOC in the Slovak Republic becomes a member of SOSC ex officio on the day of origin of his membership in the IOC.
  3. In case of the Athletes' Commission in maximum of 5 members, their membership origins in their nomination for members of the SOSC, of which the SOSC GA takes cognizance.
  4. In case of the reputable personalities of Slovak Olympic movement and sports in maximum number of 5, the membership arises from entering in force of resolution of the SOSC GA by which the validity of their election was affirmed by the General Assembly (Article XIII, par. 10).
- 10 Membership of a member in the case of physical entity expires:
- a) at the General Assembly taking place after the end of the Olympic Games and after the administration period of SOSC bodies and term of office of the reputable sport personalities of Slovak Olympic movement and sports in maximum number of 5 persons,
  - b) by written resignation; membership expires on the day of delivery of a resignation from membership to SOSC address,
  - c) by membership termination in IOC,
  - d) in any member of SOSC it is assumed that he/she resigned and his/her membership expired without any further announcement from his/her side, if without any excuse he/she does not attend the General Assembly within the period of two years,
  - e) by loss of citizenship of the Slovak Republic,
  - f) by exclusion due to his/her serious breaching of the SOSC Statutes, the Olympic Charter, IOC Ethic Codex or serious breaching of the legal order of the Slovak Republic.
  - g) by death or by presumption of death,
  - h) by restriction or loss of eligibility for legal acts.
- 11 In the case of legal entity membership of a member expires:
- a) by expiration of a legal entity without successor,
  - b) on the basis of application of a particular body that has the competence to perform the legal act in question,
  - c) by exclusion,
  - d) by declaration of insolvency for the assets of a legal entity or dismissal of the proposal for declaration of insolvency due to insufficient assets.
- 12 Decisions about a member or honorary member exclusion are adopted by two thirds majority of votes of present members at the General Assembly on the basis of a proposal of any SOSC member or EC SOSC. A concerned member will have the opportunity to explain his/her case and personally to take part in hearing at SOSC General Assembly.

- 13 The actual list of all SOSC members including honorary members is kept on file by SOSC Office. The database collected by the SOSC office is a source database of subjects with relation to the SOSC and the SOSC has obligation to register all the data implicit from the Sports Law.

## **Article IV**

### **The Bodies of SOSC**

- 1 The bodies of SOSC are:
  - a) the SOSC General Assembly,
  - b) the SOSC Executive Committee,
  - c) the President,
  - d) the Supervisory Board,
  - e) the SOSC Ombudsman,
  - f) the SOSC Disciplinary Commissions.
- 2 The office term of the SOSC President, the SOSC Executive Committee members, and the SOSC Ombudsman is four years. The office term of the SOSC Supervisory Board chairman and its members is five years. SOSC bodies' members whose office term was ended are however eligible to fulfill the duties and activities necessary for securing functioning of the SOSC and its activities until new bodies are elected. Disciplinary commission is appointed by the SOSC Executive Committee on ad hoc basis.
- 3 During the voting in the bodies of the SOSC listed in Article IV, paragraph 1, letter a/, b/, the so-called Olympic majority must be ensured.
- 4 The Olympic majority in the SOSC General Assembly and in the SOSC Executive Committee is composed of votes cast by the national sport federation, or its delegates as listed in Article III, paragraph 5, letter a/; into the Olympic majority, the members of the SOSC – physical entities listed in Article III, paragraph 4, letter a/,b/, c/ are included.
- 5 At issues referring exclusively to the Olympic Games, only the votes of members of the SOSC Executive Committee, legal entities as listed in Article III, paragraph 5, letter a/ and the members – physical entities as listed in Article III, paragraph 4, letter a/, b/, c/ are taken into the consideration.
- 6 In duly justified cases, SOSC bodies may take decisions by voting "per rollam", i. in writing outside meetings of SOSC bodies using IT resources.

## **Article V**

### **General Assembly**

- 1 SOSC General Assembly (GA SOSC) is the highest SOSC body. It is held at least once a year.



- 2 The General Assembly is summoned by SOSC President according to the plan. If the SOSC members with at least one third of votes, or the SOSC Executive Committee, or the SOSC Supervisory Board ask in writing for summons of the General Assembly, or if an extraordinary situation requires it, the President is obliged to summon the extraordinary General Assembly within 30 days since the submitting of the proposal to summon the extraordinary General Assembly. The SOSC office has duty to release the information on the SOSC General Assembly gathering in the sport information system at least 15 day prior to the assembly. Invitation, the General Assembly agenda proposal, and the General Assembly documents are to be sent to subjects eligible to participate at the General Assembly no later than 7 days prior the General Assembly date.
  - 3 The General Assembly is governed by the rule of procedure approved by the General Assembly on proposal of the Executive Committee. The General Assembly agenda and its modification proposals are to be approved at the beginning of the General Assembly; in discussion points not approved in the agenda, the General Assembly can only assume a standpoint and issue recommendations.
  - 4 If on the stated place and in stated time of the General Assembly the Olympic majority (Article IV, paragraph 4) is not present, according to the attendance list, there a new General Assembly will take place within 30 days with the same programme. If even in the repeated term the Olympic majority is not present (Article IV, paragraph 4) only votes of the members stated in Article IV, paragraph 5 are taken into consideration. The resolution is passed by simple majority of present members calculated according to Article IV, paragraph 5.
  - 5 Once the Olympic Games are over, the President summons the General Assembly to competence of which mainly belongs:
    - a) to approve the annual report on SOSC activity within the Olympic cycle,
    - b) to vote by secret vote
      - SOSC President,
      - members of the SOSC Executive Committee in the number and according to the key stated by these Statutes,
      - reputable personalities of the Slovak Olympic movement and sport, mainly excellent athletes-Olympians and outstanding sports personalities, maximum in number of 5 people,
      - the SOSC Ombudsman.
- The elective SOSC General Assembly must generally take place no later than 4 years after the previous elective SOSC General Assembly was held, i.e. in the same calendar month. In justified cases, the SOSC General Assembly might by its resolution postpone the term of election to the SOSC bodies up to 3 months, after stated elapsed 4 year term. In exceptional cases, the SOSC General Assembly might by its resolution approve the postponement of the date of elections, and elections take place no later than 1 year after the end of the ordinary term of the SOSC bodies, i.e. no later than 5 years after the previous elective SOSC General Assembly was held.
- 6 To the competence of the General Assembly further belongs:
    - a) to vote; by secret ballot the chairman and two members of the SOSC Supervisory Board

b) to approve:

1. SOSC Statutes, their changes and amendments,
2. SOSC symbols,
3. the SOSC financial report, including the audited financial statements, and SOSC annual report as implied from the Sports Law, and the appointment of the independent external auditor,
4. SOSC annual budget,
5. the report of SOSC Supervisory Board,
6. the registration of SOSC for Olympic Games and YOG,
7. main tasks of SOSC for the entire Olympic cycle and for each and every year in that cycle,
8. nomination of the Slovak Republic delegation to the Olympic Games, as it is stated by the rule 28.3 of the Olympic Charter,
9. candidature of city in Slovak Republic to organize the Olympic Games, YOG and EYOF,
10. awarding of the honorary President title and SOSC honorary members,
11. the SOSC extinction and the way of assets liquidation.

c) to accept SOSC new members according to the conditions listed in Article III, paragraph 9, letter a/; this decision is adopted by public vote.

d) to decide on termination of membership according to the conditions listed in Article III, paragraph 10, letter d/ and paragraph 10, letter f/ as well as in Article III, paragraph 11, letter b/ and Article III, paragraph 11, letter c/,

e) to release from the position members of the Executive Committee and Supervisory Board of SOSC, and SOSC Ombudsman and to organize by-election to SOSC bodies.

f) to take to cognizance :

1. the report of SOSC President,
  2. the report of SOSC Secretary General,
  3. statement from the financial audit of the SOSC,
  4. the report on SOM, Inc. performance,
  5. the report of SOM Supervisory Board, Inc.,
  6. the report on SOSC Foundation performance,
  7. SOSC nomination for Olympic Games, EG, YOG and EYOF,
  8. nomination of members of the Athletes' Commission as the members of SOSC, member of the Athletes' Commission as a member of the SOSC Executive Committee and member of the SOSC Supervisory Board,
  9. termination of membership according to the conditions listed in Article III, paragraph 10, letter a/, Article III, paragraph 10, letter b/, Article III, paragraph 10, letter c/, Article III, paragraph 10, letter e/, Article III, paragraph 10 letter g/, in Article III, paragraph 10, letter h/, Article III, paragraph 11, letter a/ and Article III, paragraph 11, letter d/.

7 In justified cases and after the decision of the SOSC bodies, the General Assembly may adopt resolutions and vote by correspondence manner (in written form or electronically), except for elections.

8 At decisions on SOSC extinction, or the extinction of its subsidiary organization or other corporate entities founded by the SOSC (as per Article II, paragraph 3), changes and amendments of the SOSC Statutes; and at dissolution of the SOSC or its subsidiary organization and other corporate entities founded by the SOSC (as per Article II, paragraph 3), the approval of two thirds of present members is necessary.

Further matters where votes of two thirds of present members are necessary are as follows:

- a) contract approval of the SOSC , its subsidiaries or other legal entities founded by the SOSC (as per Article II, par. 3) where the contract obligation implicit from the contract is higher than one million EUR and the contract value is more than two million EUR,
  - b) foundation of a corporation (as per § 18 Sports Law) or corporation where the SOSC is a partner or a shareholder,
  - c) the transfer of business corporation shares or stocks (as per § 18 Sport Law) or the corporation where SOSC is partner or shareholder (as per § 18 Sports Law)
- 9 To revoke the chairman of the SOSC Supervisory Board, holding the function of the SOSC Controller, before the end of his office term votes of two thirds of present members along with justification statement are necessary.
- 10 If the questions related to the Olympic Games are discussed, only the votes cast by the members listed in Article IV paragraph 5 are taken into the consideration.
- 11 In the case of equality of votes, except for the secret ballot, the President's vote always decides.
- 12 The General Assembly has a quorum, if members disposing of at least half of votes are present. The resolution is passed if absolute majority of members who are present votes for it as far as these statutes, rule of procedure or election regulations do not determine or state otherwise. The exemption is presented by the situation described in Article V, paragraph 4.
- 13 Minutes of the SOSC General Assembly are being made in compliance with the SOSC General Assembly Rule of Procedure and Sports Law. The SOSC General Assembly minutes are to be sent to all subjects eligible to participate at the SOSC GA no later than 15 days after the assembly.

## **Article VI**

### **Executive Committee**

- 1 SOSC Executive Committee (EC SOSC) is the highest executive body operating between its General Assemblies.
- 2 The Executive Committee has eleven members. It consists of the SOSC President, ex officio representative of the SOSC Athletes' Commission and other members; the member over the limit is the IOC member in Slovak Republic. Each member of the EC SOSC has one vote on the EC SOSC meetings. In the case of equality of votes, SOSC President's vote always decides. The decisions of SOSC are taken by open vote, if EC SOSC does not decide by vote otherwise.

- 3 Duration of the mandates, of the Vice-Presidents as well as members of EC SOSC is until the following elective SOSC General Assembly after the Olympic Games, or until the election of new members, and it expires after the adoption of SOSC General Assembly resolution at which another election will be organized (Article XIII, paragraph10).
- 4 On SOSC President proposal the EC SOSC approves three Vice-Presidents and can also withdraw them.
- 5 On the EC SOSC meeting the IOC honorary member, the SOSC honorary President and the chairman or by him delegated member of the Supervisory Board and SOSC General Secretary can take part with advisory vote. Other persons may be invited to the SOSC EC meetings, as need may be.
- 6 President of SOSC summons at least six times a year the EC SOSC meeting, or on proposal of majority of EC SOSC members or SB SOSC. The EC SOSC has a quorum if the voting majority of majority of members is present.
- 7 Rights and duties of the Executive Committee:
- a) It prepares the General Assembly and suggests its programme.
  - b) It executes the resolutions of the General Assembly.
  - c) It approves the nomination of the Olympic team of the Slovak Republic to the Youth Olympic Games and to other events which are organized by the subjects of the Olympic movement e.g. EOC, ANOC, NOC etc.
  - d) It approves the nomination of the SOSC candidates to the bodies of IOC, ANOC, EOC and European Fair Play Movement.
  - e) It keeps and develops international relationships, approves agreements on cooperation.
  - f) It approves its own works plan and checks its pursuance.
  - g) It constitutes and cancels organizational sections of SOSC, approves their statutes and works plans.
  - h) It constitutes permanent or temporary professional or assistant committees.
  - i) It constitutes SOSC Office on the head with Secretary General, who is approved and withdrawn on the proposal of SOSC President.
  - j) It issues organizational provisions, directives, orders and other norms regulating SOSC activities.
  - k) It grants awards and acknowledgements in accordance with a SOSC particular directive.
  - l) It approves Statutes the SOSC Ombudsman.
  - m) It approves Statutes of various SOSC organizational units.
  - n) It approves the SOSC Disciplinary Order.
  - o) It solves matters on proposals from the SOSC members, SOSC Supervisory Board, and SOSC Ombudsman.
  - p) It appoints a temporary disciplinary committee to solve the breaching of provisions of the IOC Olympic Charter, Statutes of SOSC, and IOC Code of Ethics, World Anti-Doping Code, and measures against match fixing or other provisions against negative events in sport, and other agreements with the members of the Slovak delegation throughout the Olympic Games. In special cases it establishes an ad hoc disciplinary

- commission to solve breaches against the IOC Olympic Charter, the SOSC Statutes or the IOC Ethics Code by the SOSC members. The establishment, rights, authority and the means of decision of the disciplinary commission is set by the SOSC Disciplinary order.
- q) It proposes to the SOSC General Assembly to accept the new SOSC members – legal entities and to approve the honorary President and SOSC honorary members.
  - r) It appoints and dismisses bodies of the Slovak Olympic Marketing Inc. and the SOSC Foundation or its respective members. on the proposal from the SOSC President
- 8 It is possible to appeal against the decision made by the SOSC Disciplinary Commission on the merit up to 21 days to the SOSC Executive Committee. It is possible to appeal against the decision made by SOSC Executive Committee on the merit up to 21 days to the SOSC General Assembly that will decide with final validity. The decision of the SOSC General Assembly in this merit may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, up to twenty-one days after the adoption of the SOSC General Assembly decision.
- 9 The Executive Committee ensures the performance of tasks resulting from resolutions and recommendations of other bodies and organizations of the international Olympic movement.
- 10 Membership in the Executive Committee expires:
- a) by expiration of the term of office according to Article VI, paragraph 3,
  - b) by resigning from the position on the day when the resignation was delivered to the SOSC office, in case this resignation wasn't made during SOSC EC meeting,
  - c) by releasing according to Article V, paragraph 6, letter e/ of the SOSC statutes,
  - d) by withdrawing the EC SOSC member by the SOSC General Assembly based on written proposal of the SOSC member who delegated him/her,
  - e) by membership termination in SOSC,
  - f) by death or by being declared death,
  - g) by full or partial incapacitation.
- 11 EC SOSC submits to the SOSC General Assembly election committee the list of candidates to the SOSC elected bodies and the candidates for SOSC membership from the reputable Slovak personalities of sport and Olympic movement.

## **Article VII**

### **Statutory Bodies**

- 1 SOSC statutory bodies are SOSC President and SOSC General Secretary.
- 2 The statutory bodies act on behalf of the SOSC independently.

## **Article VIII**

### **President**

- 1 SOSC President is elected by the General Assembly out of candidates proposed by SOSC members after ending of the Olympic Games in secret voting for the period till the nearest General Assembly after ending of the following Olympiad.
- 2 Duration of the SOSC President mandate is until the following elective SOSC General Assembly after the end of the Olympic Games takes place, or until the election of new President and it expires after the adoption of SOSC General Assembly resolution at which another election will be organized (Article XIII, paragraph 10).
- 3 The President during the execution of his/her mandate is a member of SOSC as a physical entity.
- 4 The President controls the whole SOSC activity.
- 5 The President submits his proposals for three SOSC Vice-Presidents to the EC SOSC for approving. He/she also has the right to submit his proposals to withdraw from office one or more Vice-Presidents of SOSC.
- 6 In case of need Vice-Presidents or another member of SOSC EC act for the President in accordance with the mandate of SOSC President.
- 7 The President summons and presides over SOSC Executive Committee meetings and SOSC General Assemblies.
- 8 In case of need the President establishes ad hoc committees and working groups. He/she determines their missions and defines their members. In the same way he/she decides on their dissolution if he/she presumes they have fulfilled their mandate. The President is an eligible member of all sections, commissions (excluding Athletes Commission) and working groups created by SOSC.
- 9 The President proposes to Executive Committee the nomination or withdrawal of SOSC Secretary General, chairmen of SOSC boards, sections, commissions (excluding Athletes Commission) and bodies of legal subjects established by SOSC as SOM, Inc., SOSC Foundation and etc.
- 10 The President proposes one Olympian for member of SOSC Athletes' Commission.

## **Article IX**

### **Secretary General**

- 1 SOSC Secretary General is appointed by EC SOSC to the position on proposal of SOSC President.
- 2 Secretary General performs his function full time and generally for definite period.
- 3 Secretary General is responsible for economical, administrative-legal and technical-organizational activities of SOSC.
- 4 Secretary General is responsible for control and tasks' pursuance imposed by the General Assembly, Supervisory Board and Executive Committee SOSC.
- 5 Secretary General is responsible for the SOSC office management.

- 6 Secretary General can take part in meetings of all sections, committees and working groups of SOSC with advisory vote.

## **Article X**

### **Supervisory Board**

- 1 The control body of SOSC is the Supervisory Board SOSC (SB SOSC).
- 2 Supervisory Board consists of four members, the President and two members who are elected by the General Assembly of SOSC and one member ex officio, delegated by the SOSC Athletes' Commission
- 3 The chairman of the SOSC Supervisory Board in line with the Sports Law is the Main Controller of the SOSC. In order to act in the role of the SOSC Main Controller all the requirements set by the Sports Law have to be fulfilled. The exact activities and processes for the position of the SOSC Main Controller are determined by the Sports Law.
- 4 Rights and duties of the Supervisory Board:
- a) it controls the compliance of SOSC Statutes, pursuance of resolutions adopted by SOSC General Assembly, resolutions of the Executive Committee and other organizational directives in the activities of the Executive Committee members, Office and organizational sections of SOSC,
  - b) it controls economy and financial activities of SOSC, its bodies and sections, calls attention to found inadequacies and in writing submits proposals for precautions to the President, Secretary General and SOSC Executive Committee,
  - c) it deals with the SOSC members incentives towards the Olympic charter, SOSC Statutes, Code of Ethics and other SOSC regulations and directives adherence, and the general legally binding rules of the Slovak Republic,
  - d) it submits the report on activities of Supervisory Board to the General Assembly,
  - e) in compliance with the Sports Law, it supervises and moderates conflicts of interest in order to avoid conflict of functions:
  - f) Without any delay informs the SOSC President and SOSC EC on the results of its control and on its attitude towards the SOSC members incentives.
- 5 If for the chairman and members of the Supervisory Board the persons representing SOSC member – legal entity are elected, after their election into this function the mandate of the delegate of legal entity expires and the legal entity then delegates another representative for their position in SOSC General Assembly.
- 6 The membership in the Supervisory Board expires:
- a) by expiration of the term of office or until the election of new members, and it expires after the adoption of SOSC General Assembly resolution at which another election will be organized (Article XIII, paragraph 10),
  - b) by resigning from the position on the day when the resignation was delivered to the SOSC office,
  - c) by releasing according to Article. 5, paragraph 6, letter e/ of the SOSC statutes,

- d) by withdrawing the member by the institution that he/she was delegated by, on the day when the withdrawal was delivered to the SOSC office,
  - e) by death or by being declared death,
  - f) by full or partial incapacitation,
  - g) the position of the SOSC Supervisory Board chairman, the SOSC Main Controller, expires in case of deprivation of the capabilities required for the position by the Sports Law or based on the decision of the SOSC Disciplinary Commission with regards to major breach of the duties of the SOSC Supervisory Board chairman – SOSC Main Controller, when in compliance of the Article V, par. 9 of the SOSC Statutes .
- 7 The President of the Supervisory Board or a by-him delegated member of the SB SOSC can take part in meetings of the Executive Committee with advisory vote.
- 8 The Supervisory Board meets at least twice a year. Its decisions are taken by the majority of votes of the SOSC SB members, in case of the even division of votes, the vote of the President decides.
- 9 SOSC SB does not control the performance and economy of the individual legal entities established by the SOSC. However, this provision has no influence on the control of these subjects according to the special directives and by controlling organs established by themselves.

## **Article XI**

### **Ombudsman**

- 1 The SOSC Ombudsman is elected by the SOSC General Assembly upon nomination from the SOSC members.
- 2 The status, competence and further activities of the SOSC Ombudsman are determined by the SOSC Ombudsman statute approved by the SOSC Executive Committee.
- 3 Main activities of the SOSC Ombudsman are conflicts moderation within the Slovak Olympic movement, protection of the SOSC members' rights granted by the Olympic Charter, by the SOSC Statutes, by other SOSC rules and by the democratic legal state, in the matters resulting from the activities of the SOSC member subjects. For example the SOSC Ombudsman gives notice with regards to inactivity of SOSC member subjects, etc.
- 4 The above mentioned activities of the SOSC Ombudsman arise from his own initiative or upon stimuli from the SOSC members, SOSC bodies, or third parties.
- 5 In the course of fulfilling his duties the SOSC Ombudsman uses alternate methods and process for arguments resolution between SOSC members and offers unbiased standpoint and recommendations,



## **Article XII**

### **Athletes' Commission**

- 1 SOSC Athletes' Commission is established in accordance with the principles of the Olympic Charter and the IOC guidelines for that purpose.
- The basic mission of the Commission is to put together active athletes for the following purposes:
  - a) to mediate interests, needs, ideas, and information among active athletes and the SOV, while respecting the athletes' opinions and their rights,
  - b) to mediate drafts of measures and decisions of SOSC bodies having an impact on acting and activities of active athletes in relation to preparation and participation in the Olympic Games.
- 2 Commission has 11 regular members:
  - a) 5 of them are athletes who took part in some of the previous two Games of the Olympiad and were elected by athletes -; their mandate of Commission members lasts 4 years. The election process is governed by the SOSC Athletes' Commission statute,
  - b) 3 of them are athletes who took part in some of the previous two Olympic Winter Games and were elected by athletes; their mandate of Commission members lasts 4 years. The election process is governed by the SOSC Athletes' Commission statute,
  - c) 2 of them are athletes representing non-Olympic Sports (the representatives will be elected during the World Games by athletes from sports that are not on the Olympic Games Programme. Their mandate is for 4 years).
  - d) 1 member for 4 year Olympic cycle term, i.e. until the end of the following Games of the Olympiad, is appointed by the SOSC President.
- 3 The ad hoc members of the SOSC Athletes' Commission above the set number of elected members are Slovak members of the Athletes' Commissions of IOC, ANOC, and/or EOC.
- 4 Athletes' Commission has the right to have five representatives in SOSC General Assembly, who are also delegated by Commission. The SOSC General Assembly takes cognizance of their membership. This rule does not apply to the IOC Athletes' Commission member who is an ex officio SOSC member.
- 5 A delegated representative of the Athletes' Commission is ex officio member of the Executive Committee with the decisive vote. His membership in EC SOSC is taken to the SOSC General Assembly's cognizance.
- 6 A delegated representative of the Athletes' Commission is ex officio member of SOSC Supervisory Board. His membership in SB SOSC is taken to the SOSC General Assembly's cognizance.
- 7 Athletes' Commission follows SOSC Statutes and the Statute of the SOSC Athletes' Commission.

## **Article XIII**

### **Elections**

- 1 Election to SOSC bodies and election of physical entities to become SOSC members is performed by secret vote at the SOSC the General Assembly.
- 2 The right of vote have only SOSC members, while voting according the SOSC Voting Order, approved for particular General Assembly.
- 3 Each SOSC member has the right to propose candidates to elected bodies of SOSC. Proposals for candidates must be submitted in writing to SOSC Office within 14 days at the latest before the date of SOSC General Assembly at which the election will take place, and afterwards discussed in the SOSC Executive Committee. Each SOSC member has the right to propose only one candidate per position. Each candidate has to give written consent with nomination that has to be delivered to the SOSC office no later than 7 days prior to the date of the electoral SOSC General Assembly. Each candidate can only aspire for one elective position.
- 4 The SOSC Office will release on its webpage and on the sport information system the candidates for the SOSC bodies including the proposer no later than three days prior to the elections.
- 5 SOSC elections are generally done to these SOSC bodies:
  - the President,
  - Executive Committee,
  - Supervisory Board,
  - Ombudsman.
- 6 Members of the SOSC – physical entities are elected separately, according to the Article III, paragraph 4, letter d/.
- 7 In case, the SOSC physical entities' or the delegates of legal entities membership in SOSC bodies expires, the new additional election for the vacant position in SOSC bodies will be announced on a forthcoming SOSC GA, to which above-mentioned regulation relates.
- 8 The election is conducted by election committee elected at the SOSC General Assembly in minimum number of three members, who will elect the chairman out of its members. The committee informs the SOSC General Assembly about the list of all regularly proposed candidates to SOSC elected bodies. The SOSC Main Controller (SOSC Supervisory Board chairman) supervises the preparations and the process of the election and participates at the Election Commission meetings, the votes count included.
- 9 The election committee follows the voting order which on proposal of the SOSC Executive Committee approves the SOSC General Assembly.
- 10 The validity of election is approved by SOSC GA by adopting the resolution attesting the election validity.

## Article XIV

### Assets and Economy

- 1 SOSC assets are created by financial funds, corporeal and incorporeal properties, claims and other property law.
- 2 The source of SOSC assets can be:
  - a) contributions and subsidies from state budget or eventually from other legally permitted sources,
  - b) gifts, contributions or subsidies from domestic or foreign physical or legal entities,
  - c) income from management of own property and revenues from proprietary shares,
  - d) income from proprietary rights of SOSC and other rights, including the rights of intellectual property of the SOSC,
  - e) income from betting and lottery activities and other similar Games according to special regulations,
  - f) income from allocation of tax of physical and legal entities under the conditions stated in special generally binding legal provisions of the Slovak Republic,
  - g) membership fees,
  - h) income from the entrance fees for the events organized by SOSC,
  - i) other incomes.
- 3 Economy of SOSC follows the budget. It is approved for every calendar year by the General Assembly of SOSC on the basis of a proposal submitted by EC SOSC
- 4 Financial tools within the frame of approved budget are disposed by SOSC President, Secretary General or a person authorized by him/her according to Organizational Order of SOSC or according to SOSC directive on economic management with the assets of SOSC.
- 5 SOSC can establish commercial companies with capital participation of SOSC or enter into a commercial company with capital participation. The report on its economic results is submitted to SOSC General Assembly yearly by an authorized person.
- 6 SOSC can establish SOSC foundation in accordance with public purpose. The foundation management is performed by SOSC President and Supervisory Board appointed by the EC SOSC The report on the economic results is submitted yearly to SOSC General Assembly by an authorized person.

## Article XV

### SOSC Olympic Symbols

- 1 By the Olympic symbols of SOSC are meant:
  - a) The Olympic emblem/emblems of the SOSC as approved by the IOC:



- b) Olympic flag of SOSC (with the Olympic emblem of SOSC)
- 2 By the Olympic symbols of IOC is meant:
  - a) Olympic symbol, Olympic flag, Olympic anthem, Olympic slogan: citius, altius, fortius,
- b) Olympic identification expressions stated in the Olympic Charter, Rules 7-14 and Bye-law to Rules 7-14.
- 3 The Olympic symbols stated in point 1) are in exclusive ownership of SOSC. The SOSC owns all the rights related to their utilization, availability and spreading in accordance with the Sports Law. The Olympic symbols of SOSC are the subject of approval from the IOC side in accordance with the Article 31 of the Olympic Charter.

## **Article XVI**

### **SOSC Expiration**

- 1 SOSC expires:
  - a) by a voluntary dissolution or alliance with another association, on behalf of the SOSC GA decision,
  - b) by a decision of the competent ministry of the Slovak Republic on SOSC dissolution.
- 2 Before the expiration of SOSC its liquidation is required if its whole assets are not acquired by its legal successor or if a special law does not state another way. On this purpose summoned General Assembly will decide upon the form and way of liquidation and will approve a liquidator. Liquidator is competent to act on behalf of SOSC only in issues related to its liquidation.
- 3 Rest of property resulting from its liquidation (liquidation rest) will be liquidated so that possible assets a stated sports subjects will be used on purposes which are defined in these statutes as mission and tasks of SOSC.

## **Article XVII**

### **Final Provisions**

- 1 These statutes shall, at all times, comply with the Olympic Charter and result from its rules. They were sent to IOC who approves the original text version and all changes. If there arise any doubts, ambiguity or contradictions in the explanation and interpretation of these Statutes with the provisions of the Olympic Charter, the wording of the Olympic Charter is valid.

- 2 This complete version was approved at the 56th General Assembly of SOSC on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and after possible comments of IOC it will be ratified on the 56th General Assembly of SOSC.
- 3 These Statutes come into effect by passing the resolution of the 56th General Assembly of SOSC on the approval of the Statutes version.