

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**ATHLETIC FEDERATION OF SERBIA**

Pursuant to the Articles 34, par. 2 and 85, par. 1, of the Law on Sports (Official Herald of the Republic of Serbia, No. 52/96), and Article 21 of the Law on Sports Organizations and Associations of Citizens (Official Herald of the Republic of Serbia, Nos. 24/82, 17/84, 40/84 and 12/89), and Article 11, point 1 of the Constitution of the Athletic Federation of Serbia, the Assembly of the Athletic Federation of Serbia, at its session held on May 30th, 2007. adopted the Constitution of AFS and at its session held on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009. adopted the changes and amendments of it, so the approved text is as follows

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE ATHLETIC FEDERATION OF SERBIA**

## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 1.**

Athletic Federation of Serbia (hereinafter the AFS) is a Sports Federation of associated athletic sports organizations, entered into the Register of the Ministry in charge for the domain of sports.

In realization of its aims and tasks, the AFS is an independent organization consisting of athletic sports organizations (hereinafter the athletic clubs), athletes, athletic judges, umpires and arbiters, athletic experts (coaches), experts in track and fields, people involved in track and field sports and other legal and physical persons, the activities of which are related to the athletics, track and field sports, and whose official seat is in the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

### **Article 2.**

The AFS was founded on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1948, in Belgrade.

The AFS shall govern the athletic activities on the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

### **Article 3.**

The AFS stands for the Athletic Federation of Serbia.

The abbreviation for the Athletic Federation of Serbia is AFS.

The official seat of the AFS shall be in Belgrade, 73a, Strahinjica Bana Str..

### **Article 4.**

AFS is a legal person with all rights, obligations and responsibilities as defined by the applicable Laws and this Constitution.

### **Article 5.**

AFS has a stamp of round shape with inscription of the name and the seat of AFS in Cyrillic letters.

AFS has a seal of rectangular shape with inscription of the name and the seat of AFS with the space for the number and the date.

AFS has a registered trademark in image of a runner in a motion, in colors of Republic of Serbia flag, with text Athletic Federation of Serbia below it.

## **Article 6.**

The work of the AFS shall be public.

Transparency of the work of the AFS shall be in compliance with the provisions herein.

## **Article 7.**

AFS is member of the Olympic Committee of Serbia, Sports Association of Serbia and may be member of any other sports organization and association in Serbia.

AFS is affiliated to the International Association of Athletics Federations - IAAF (and through the IAAF to European Athletics). The Athletic Federation of Serbia recognizes, accepts, applies, observes and abides by the current Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the IAAF and European Athletics, as well as any future amendments. This applies especially to the Anti-Doping rules, the handling of disputes, and relations with Athletes` Representative.

AFS is member of Association of Balkan Athletic Association – ABAF, and as such shall accept and implement all rules and regulations of the said organizations.

AFS may become member of other international organizations, when in interest for realization of aims and tasks of the AFS.

Any citizen of Serbia elected to the IAAF Council is *de jure* a member of the Council and/or Executive Body of the Athletic Federation of Serbia with full voting rights.

## **Article 8.**

AFS, Athletic Association of Vojvodina, Athletic Association of Kosovo and Metohija, Athletic Association of Belgrade and other regional athletic associations shall function as a sole and unique system governing athletic sport in the Republic.

In realization of their aims and tasks the relevant athletic associations shall independently organize their internal organization and work, establish and realize the development programmes of the track and fields sport in the territory of the regional association, organize and hold competitions on the regional level and accomplish other aims and tasks of the AFS in the territory of the regional association.

Organization and work of regional Athletic Associations is regulated by constitutions of the said Associations in compliance with the AFS Constitution and other general acts and regulations.

## **II. AFS MEMBERS – THEIR RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Article 9.**

AFS Members are athletic clubs.

AFS Members shall be equal in their rights, obligations and responsibilities within the AFS.

AFS Members shall be entered in the registration book of AFS Members.

### **Article 10.**

Rights and obligations of AFS Members shall be to:

1. initiate and deliberate within the AFS the issues related to the AFS activities purposed to promote track and field sport in the Republic;

2. propose, suggest and give opinion directly or by way of their representatives in the AFS and the forms of organization and work in the AFS, in order to make respective decisions, conclusions and similar and to request the AFS to intervene with the respective sports and government authorities for protection of interest of the track and field sport in the Republic;
3. initiate, propose and pass decisions on establishing structures of organization and work in the AFS;
4. utilize expert and other assistance as well as other services performed by the AFS within the framework of their activities;
5. elect their representatives in bodies and structured forms of organization and work in the AFS and manage the work of the AFS;
6. provide the AFS with information and data requested by the latter necessary for carrying out the work and tasks as specified herein and the applicable laws;
7. pay regularly to the AFS their membership fee and provide all conditions for efficient work of the AFS;
8. cherish and respect in their mutual relations the sports ethics and the spirit of sport;
9. cooperate for purpose of aims and tasks, to be carried out as set by the Constitution other acts and documents of the AFS as well as the decisions of the AFS bodies;
10. participate in specialized activities of the AFS;
11. examine the work of the AFS and its bodies;
12. participate in establishment of the plans and programme of AFS work and activities;
13. fulfill their obligations as stipulated in the Constitution and other general acts of the AFS.

#### **Article 11.**

Athletic Club is the sports organization that has athletes and established for ади бављења athletic sports activities.

Athletic Club is founded and formed in the respective form of organization, compliant with the applicable law.

#### **Article 12.**

The Athletic Club shall become an AFS Member provided it has fulfilled the following requirements:

1. the Club has a decision on registration issued by the respective public authority;
2. the Club has received the affiliation approval;
3. the Club shall provide the Statutes of the Club in compliance with the AFS Constitution;
4. the Club shall state that they fully accept the Constitution and all other general acts and regulations of the AFS;
5. the Club has paid the annual membership fee, in the amount determined by the decision of the AFS Board of Administration.

The AFS Board of Administration approves of and confirms the membership of a club in the AFS.

Athletic Club that has become AFS member shall be obliged to take part in events organized by the AFS.

Athletic Club that fails to participate in athletic events within the period of two years shall lose its right to membership in the AFS.

#### **Article 13.**

The AFS may also affiliate organizations involved in sports activities, professional and specialized societies, associations and other organizations, at their request, that may promote the work of the AFS and respectively their members with their work and activities.

The AFS Board of Administration shall pass the decision on membership of AFS organization in the AFS as referred to in par. 1 herein.

#### **Article 14.**

The membership in the AFS shall cease:

1. by termination of member's work;
2. at the written request of members;
3. by decision of the body of the AFS in charge.

The authority in charge shall pass the decision related to termination of work of an AFS Member by which the Club is deleted from the respective Register.

The AFS Board of Administration may decide on termination of AFS membership in case of serious breach of obligations set by the Laws, Constitution and other AFS legal acts and documents, in compliance with the Regulations on Disciplinary and Material Responsibility, in case it is determined that the member no longer fulfills the requirements set by the Constitution for membership into the AFS.

The AFS member may file an appeal to the AFS General Assembly against the decision of the Board of Administration on termination of membership in the AFS. The decision of the AFS General Assembly regarding the appeal shall be final.

#### **Article 15.**

The members of the AFS shall be responsible for their obligation towards the AFS that took place before they became members of the AFS.

By termination of membership in the AFS, the office of representatives of the same members shall terminate in all working and other bodies of the AFS.

The termination of membership in the AFS terminates the right of the AFS member to organize any athletic competitions under the auspices of the AFS.

The athletes who were members of the athletic clubs whose membership has been terminated in the AFS may seek membership in another athletic club that is an AFS member, or conclude a contract with that member, in accordance with the procedure and complying with the conditions specified in the Registration and Transfer Rules relating to transfers from one club to another.

#### **Article 16.**

The athletes may participate in the work of the AFS by the way of their clubs.

#### **Article 17.**

Athletic Club and the athlete shall conclude a contract, compliant with the Law that shall regulate all their mutual rights, obligations and responsibilities.

### **Article 18.**

In performing its sports activities, the Athletic Club shall provide for the athletes all conditions for safe practicing of athletic activities, athletic experts for the professional involvement, plans and records of the work accomplished and basic record keeping.

### **Article 19.**

AFS shall specify the terms for transfer of athletes from one athletic club to another, in particular:

1. transfer system (terms, procedure for registration, etc.);
2. reimbursement for the athlete;
3. reimbursement for the club of origin of the athlete to be paid by the receiving club;
4. sanctions for the athletic club failing to pay the specified reimbursement.

Transfer of an athlete whose contract has expired, or who is entitled to change the club in accordance with the AFS Rules, is not conditioned by any reimbursement as referred to in par. 1, point 3, herein.

The athletic club that has caused early termination of contract with an athlete shall not be entitled to reimbursement referred to in par.1, point 3 herein.

## **III. AIMS AND TASKS OF THE AFS**

### **Article 20.**

AFS shall perform all aims and tasks being of the common interest for the athletic sport in the Republic and of benefit for its members, and in particular:

1. to represent common interests of AFS members before public, government and other sports authorities and organizations and participate in preparation of regulations of interest for the AFS members, and give opinion for motions and proposals of the given regulations;
2. to cooperate and participate in the international athletics events of the International Association of Athletics Federations, European and Balkan Athletic Association, events of the Olympic Movement and other international regional sports organizations;
3. to provide participation of National Teams of Serbia, as well as clubs and individual athletes in international events;
4. to create criteria, plan and organize participation of athletes of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro in international competitions;
5. to comply with and implement internationally recognized norms, rules, standards and protection measures in the athletic sports;
6. to provide resources for carrying out planned objectives;
7. to benefit from the development and other funds of international sports and other organizations and other forms of financial assistance and donations;
8. to undertake all necessary activities for promotion and expansion of interest for athletic sport and monitor and provide for its members international experience within the domain of the athletic sport;

9. to organize and provide specialized assistance to all its members in promotion of their work;
10. to organize advance in knowledge of persons involved in athletics, in particular the executives and professional experts;
11. to employ its forces in order to strengthen the sports ethics, sports spirit and the Olympic principles in its members and determines code of conduct in their mutual relations;
12. to encourage work of its members by presenting them with awards and recognitions (annual, jubilar, etc.) for exceptional athletic results and for contribution in the development and promotion of athletic sport in the Republic;
13. to adjust and harmonize activities of AFS members;
14. to organize and secure functioning of a unique information system for the needs of the athletic sport and provide necessary information for its members through its own information system, connecting to other information systems in the country and abroad;
15. to organize and secure conditions for meetings and talks of the AFS members and other interested legal and physical persons for exchange of experience, business and sports cooperation, as well as for attaining common sports and business interest;
16. to provide assistance to its members within the area of marketing, connecting them to the entities in economy, by introducing new methods of working and operation and obtaining specific business information and similar;
17. to realize athletic competitions on the level of the Republic;
18. to plan and organize international athletic competition and events in the Republic.

#### **Article 21.**

In order to realize its aims and objectives as well as its tasks referred to by Article 21 herein, the AFS may establish a company, institution, agency or other form of organization specified by the law in the country and abroad, independently or jointly with other legal or physical persons.

### **IV. ATHLETIC SPORTS EVENTS**

#### **Article 22.**

AFS shall organize athletic competitions from the AFS competition programme and control and verify all athletic competitions organized in the territory governed by the AFS.

AFS may be patron of athletic and other sports events in the territory of the Republic.

#### **Article 23.**

Only clubs, members of the AFS are entitled to take part in the competition programme of the AFS.

#### **Article 24.**

AFS determines the respective regulations and requirements for organization of athletic sports events on the level of the Republic and participation in them in compliance with the IAAF norms.

#### **Article 25.**

The AFS Board of Administration may set up a complete or a partial licensing system (athletic clubs, coaches, judges, etc.), as a condition for participation in athletics competitions organized by the AFS in accordance with the applicable law.

#### **Article 26.**

The organizer of athletic events is due to secure their unhindered and safe, and take all necessary measures stipulated by the law and AFS rules and regulations.

An athletic competition may be organized if the organizer has provided and fulfilled all conditions specified by the AFS regulations related to the facilities, namely, the space, equipment, specialized and other workers, as provided by the applicable law.

Athletic clubs and athletes may participate in athletic competitions organized by the AFS or under the auspices of the AFS having fulfilled the requirements stipulated by the Law on Sports and the AFS Regulations.

#### **Article 27.**

AFS shall actively participate in organization of athletic sports competition in the Republic.

### **V. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AFS**

#### **Article 28.**

AFS is managed by its members by the way of their representatives in the AFS bodies and other forms of AFS organization.

#### **Article 29.**

The bodies of the AFS are:

1. General Assembly
2. Board of Administration
3. Auditing Committee
4. President
5. Secretary General

#### **1. AFS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **Article 30.**

The Assembly of the AFS is the supreme authority of the AFS.

#### **Article 31.**

Members of the AFS General Assembly are elected by the respective bodies of the athletic clubs, Assembly of the Athletic Association of Vojvodina, Athletic Association of Kosovo and Metohija, Athletic Association of Belgrade and other regional athletic organizations,

authorities in charge, associations of athletic judges and coaches, as well as other bodies of other organizations, being AFS members.

#### **Article 32.**

The AFS General Assembly consists of one delegate from all registered athletic clubs that in the previous years participated in the official national championships organized by the AFS and one delegate from the Athletic Federations of Vojvodina, Kosovo and Metohija, as well as from the Association of Belgrade, regional associations and branch athletic organizations.

Before setting the date for the session of the Assembly that shall elect the new AFS bodies, the Board of Administration shall adopt the list of organizations and bodies delegating its members into the AFS General Assembly.

#### **Article 33.**

The office of the members of the AFS General Assembly is four years and may be re-elected.

#### **Article 34.**

The term of office of the AFS General Assembly members may be terminated before the expiry of their mandate in the following cases:

1. by resignation;
2. by revoking of the member by the organ that elected or appointed him/her in case the member, in his work or acting, failed to adhere to the provisions of the AFS Constitution and other acts and general documents, as well as for being absent from sessions of the AFS General Assembly;
3. if the AFS member he/she represented is dissolved.

If the member of the Assembly resigns or is revoked before the expiry of the mandate, the authority in charge shall appoint another member for the remaining period until the expiry of the mandate of the member that resigned or was revoked.

#### **Article 35.**

The obligation of members of the Assembly is to acknowledge the interests of the AFS in whole.

#### **Article 36.**

The AFS General Assembly:

##### **a. Passes and adopts:**

1. AFS Constitution;
2. AFS Programme of Activities,
3. AFS Financial Plan;
4. AFS annual balance sheet;
5. Code of Conduct and other related rules and regulations;
6. Annual Activities Report of the AFS and its bodies;
7. Decision on managing the property of the AFS;
8. Decision on dissolution of the AFS;
9. Decision on extraordinary legal remedy against the decisions of other AFS bodies;
10. Decisions within the powers vested in the Assembly by this Constitution;
11. Reports on work of working and other bodies of the Assmby.

**b. Establishes positions and provides general directions and framework for the work of the AFS bodies:**

**c. Elects AFS President, Vice-Presidents, as well as members of the Board of Administration and the Auditing Committee.**

For accomplishing certain activities the Assembly may form commissions and other working bodies. The decision of the Assembly to form a commission shall also specify its framework of activities and its composition.

#### **Article 37.**

The Assembly shall work in session and shall be convened as necessary, minimum once a year.

The Assembly is convened by the AFS President.

The Assembly shall be convened at the request of the Board of Administration, Auditing Committee or a minimum of one third of the Assembly members.

#### **Article 38.**

The work of the Assembly is managed by the working Executive Committee composed of the AFS President and two members of the working Executive Committee.

The AFS President and the Vice-Presidents shall have voting right in decision-making procedures of the AFS General Assembly, only if they are members of the AFS General Assembly.

#### **Article 39.**

The Assembly shall be in session if the simple majority of AFS members are present.

The Assembly shall make decisions with majority of votes of the present members.

The Assembly shall make decision on adopting a new Constitution or any modifications and amendments therein, by majority of the total number of members, while the decision on dissolution of the AFS may be passed only by the two thirds majority of the total number of members.

#### **Article 40.**

The work of the AFS General Assembly shall be determined by the Standing Orders.

## **2. Board of Administration**

#### **Article 41.**

Board of Administration shall be the managing body of the AFS.

#### **Article 42.**

The AFS Board of Administration shall be composed of 13 (thirteen) members.

#### **Article 43.**

Members of the Board of Administration shall be elected by the Assembly among the eminent persons of the society, sports and athletics, among athletic experts and athletes, at the proposal of the AFS President and with a previous proposals and opinions of specialized unions, athletic clubs and regional athletic associations, in such way that the structure of BoA Members shall provide representatives of all domains of athletic sport in the Republic, and shall correspond to the structure of the AFS membership, including territorial representation.

Election for members of the Board of Administration shall not depend on membership in the AFS General Assembly.

#### **Article 44.**

The AFS President shall be the President of the AFS Board of Administration.

#### **Article 45.**

Members of the Board of Administration shall be elected at the proposal of the AFS BoA President, for the term of office of four years and may be re-elected.

#### **Article 46.**

The mandate of members of the AFS Board of Administration shall be terminated before the expiry of their term of office:

1. by resignation;
2. by revoking of the member by the Assembly in case the member, in his work or acting, failed to adhere to the provisions of the AFS Constitution and other acts and general documents, as well as for being absent from sessions of the Board of Administration;

#### **Article 47.**

The Board of Administration shall:

1. establish proposal for the AFS Constitution, as well as motions for the general acts and regulations to be adopted and passed by the AFS General Assembly AFS, proposals for AFS Programme of Activities and AFS Financial Plan;
2. decide to establish and found a company, institution, agency and other organization of importance for the AFS and AFS members;
3. pass general acts and regulations of the AFS not from the authority of the AFS General Assembly, namely, the AFS Organization Regulations, AFS Job Description Regulations, AFS Rules of Procedure, AFS Salary Regulations, AFS Disciplinary and Material Responsibility Regulations, AFS Athletic Competition Regulations, AFS Awards and Recognitions Regulations and others;
4. appoint the AFS Secretary General;
5. decide to accept members and terminate their membership in the AFS;
6. decide on programme of international sports cooperation and international competitions;
7. establish Calendar and Athletic Competitions Regulations as well as Doping Control Regulations, and monitors holding of the athletic competitions and events on the level of the Republic;
8. decide on venues of international competitions and events organized by the AFS and the direct organizer of the events;

9. appoint the professional management of the athletic teams of Serbia participating in the international competitions and considers the reports of the same management following the events;
10. appoint and revoke representatives of the AFS in the Olympic Committee of Serbia and international sports organizations, and proposes their candidates for election in the bodies of the International athletic organizations;
11. decide as the second instance body on appeals against the first instance decisions of the bodies and appointed persons of the AFS;
12. verify athletic records of Serbia;
13. present awards and acknowledgements of the AFS;
14. perform other activities from the domain of the AFS which are not within the framework of the AFS General Assembly.

For accomplishing certain activities from their authority, the Board of Administration may form commissions and other working bodies. The decision to form a commission or a working body shall also specify its framework of activities and its composition.

Representatives of commissions and working bodies participate in the AFS BoA sessions, without voting right, every time the matter from their area of activities is on the Agenda.

#### **Article 48.**

Board of Administration shall operate in its sessions held as appropriate, but at least four times a year.

Board of Administration is convened by the AFS President.

Board of Administration is also convened at the request of the Auditing Committee, at least three members of the Board of Administration and AFS Secretary General.

#### **Article 49.**

Board of Administration shall pass decisions by majority of votes of the present members.

Board of Administration shall enact general acts and regulations within its authority by the majority of votes of the total number Board of Administration members.

#### **Article 50.**

The work of the Board of Administration shall be determined by the Rules of Procedure.

### **3. Auditing Committee**

#### **Article 51.**

The AFS Auditing Committee is the controlling body of the AFS that supervises the implementation of the AFS Constitution and other general acts of the AFS, and controls the material and financial operations of the AFS and its administration.

#### **Article 52.**

Auditing Committee of the AFS consists of three members appointed by the AFS General Assembly AFS from among its members and experts for certain domains. The members are proposed by the Board of Administration.

Members of the Auditing Committee choose the Chairman between them.

#### **Article 53.**

Auditing Committee submits to the AFS General Assembly report on all issues from their domain at least once a year, on the occasion of the Activities Report of the AFS.

Auditing Committee reports to the Board of Administration on issues from their domain at least once a year, on the occasion of adoption of the annual balance sheet of the AFS.

#### **Article 54.**

Auditing Committee passes decision by majority of votes of the total members of the Auditing Committee.

The work of the Auditing Committee is regulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Auditing Committee.

### **4. President of the AFS**

#### **Article 55.**

The President of the AFS is elected by the AFS General Assembly from eminent sports involved persons and athletes. Candidates for President are proposed by the AFS Board of Administration.

The AFS President is elected for a period of office of four years, with a possibility of re-election to this office.

For his work, the President shall be responsible to the AFS General Assembly.

#### **Article 56.**

The President AFS shall:

1. represent the AFS;
2. manage the work of the AFS and adjust accordingly the activities of the AFS bodies;
3. determine the motions for general acts and regulations, as for decisions to be passed by the AFS Board of Administration;
4. organizes, directs and coordinates cooperation with the respective government authorities and other administrative bodies and organizations;
5. establish cooperation with National Athletic Federations of foreign countries and other international sports organizations and federations;
6. propose appointment of the AFS Secretary General;
7. approve of business trips abroad.

The AFS President may pass on certain powers from his/her domain to the Secretary General and other chief executives.

### **5. AFS Vice-President**

#### **Article 57.**

AFS may have maximum two Vice-Presidents elected by the AFS General Assembly, at the proposal of the AFS President, who are at the same time members of the AFS BoA.

The number of AFS Vice-Presidents is determined by the Assembly, at the proposal of the AFS President.

The AFS Vice-President appointed and authorized by the AFS President shall replace the AFS President in all his rights and responsibilities in case of absence of the latter.

#### **Article 58.**

The AFS Vice-President is elected from eminent sport involved persons and athletes.

The AFS Vice-President shall be elected for the term of four years and may be re-elected to the same position.

### **6. Secretary General**

#### **Article 59.**

The AFS Secretary General shall:

1. represent the AFS in property and other legal matters and be the instructing party for implementation of the AFS Financial Plan;
2. organize and control the administration work in the AFS and take measures to promote them;
3. approve of the business trips in the country and issue decisions for business trips abroad;
4. assume the responsibility of preparations of sessions of AFS bodies and implementation of decisions and other acts and documents of the same bodies;
5. in issues of material and working and legal positions of employers in the administration office of the AFS, cooperate with the Organization of the Administration Employers Union, in accordance with the applicable law and the General Collective Employment Agreement, and sign the Individual Collective Employment Agreement in accordance with the applicable law.;
6. have the right, the power and responsibilities of the managing body of the organization compliant with the applicable law and all other regulations regulating the employment relations;
7. perform all activities and carry out work passed on to him by the AFS President;
8. participate in the work of the AFS bodies, without the voting right;
9. propose to the Board of Administration the AFS Organization Regulations, as well as the Job Description for the Administration Office of the AFS;
10. provide unhindered work of the AFS Permanent Arbitration and implementation of its decisions;
11. carry out other activities in accordance with the AFS Constitution and other general acts and regulations of the AFS.

Secretary General may pass on certain activities from his/her authority to other executive officers.

#### **Article 60.**

Secretary General is appointed among the eminent sports-involved persons and athletes at the proposal of the AFS President.

The requirements for the position of the Secretary General are as follows. The appointed person is required to:

1. have a university degree;
2. have minimum three years of working experience on a position requiring university degree;
3. have minimum passive knowledge of a foreign language;
4. have expert and organizational capabilities for performing the managing position;
5. have experience in social and sports activities in the athletic sport;
6. know current issues and problems of the development of the athletic sport in the Republic.

#### **Article 61.**

Secretary General is appointed for a four-year mandate and may be re-elected to the same office.

For his work, the Secretary General is responsible to the Board of Administration and the AFS President.

#### **Article 62.**

In order to be able to deliberate, follow-up and efficiently perform his/her specific expert tasks and activities, the Secretary General may, in consultation with the AFS President, nominate AFS counselors for certain specialized areas.

## **VI. FORMS OF ORGANIZATION AND WORK IN THE AFS**

### **1. Experts Council**

#### **Article 63.**

The AFS Experts Council shall be formed as an expert consultative body of the AFS Board of Administration.

The number of members and the area of activities of the Expert Council shall be regulated by a special decision of the Board of Administration. The members of the Expert Council shall be elected by the AFS Board of Administration AFS.

The Expert Council shall deliberate on major specialized issues of importance and interest for all members of the AFS and give opinion for establishing the appropriate standpoint on the Board of Administration.

### **2. Specialized Services and Specialized Organizations**

#### **Article 64.**

In order to provide assistance and specific services to AFS members, certain specialized service organizations (centers, schools, etc.) may be formed within the AFS.

Specialized service centers shall be founded by the AFS Board of Administration based on a special decision.

The Board of Administration and respectively the AFS President, authorized by the BoA, may set up special compensation for all services rendered by the mentioned specialized service centers.

The framework of activities and operation of the mentioned specialized service centers, shall be regulated by a general act passed by the AFS Board of Administration.

Within the AFS shall operate:

1. Union of Athletic Judges of Serbia;
2. Union of Athletic Coaches of Serbia;

Composition, election and framework of activities of the Unions is specified by their Rules of Procedure.

#### **4. Commissions**

##### **Article 65.**

In order to secure organization of athletic competitions fully compliant with the general acts of the AFS and adhering by the obligations set up by the same AFS documents by the AFS members, the following commissions are created within the AFS: Competition Commission and Disciplinary Commission.

The composition of the Disciplinary Commission, number of members, election procedure for members, the Chair person, powers, legal procedure and the sanctions pronounced, are all stipulated by the Disciplinary and Material Responsibility Regulations for AFS members. Members of the Disciplinary Commission are elected by the AFS BoA.

Number of members, framework of activities and the work of the Competition Commission of the AFS shall be established by a special decision of the Board of Administration. Members of the Competition Commission shall be appointed by the AFS Board of Administration.

#### **VII. NATIONAL TEAMS OF SERBIA**

##### **Article 66.**

The following Teams are formed for participation in the athletic competitions:

1. Men's and Women's National Senior Teams of Serbia;
2. Boys' and Girls' National Junior Teams of Serbia,
3. Other National Athletic Teams of Serbia.

##### **Article 67.**

Special records are kept related to the competitions of the National Athletic Teams of Serbia.

#### **Article 68.**

Signage and symbols of the National Athletic Team of Serbia may be worn and carried by athletes only when participating in the competitions as members of National Athletic Team of Serbia.

#### **Article 69.**

The AFS Board of Administration establishes the criteria which define rights and obligations of the National Athlete of Serbia.

#### **Article 70.**

Only athlete who is a member of the AFS may be member of the National Athletic Team of Serbia.

#### **Article 71.**

Any selected National Team athlete who fails to fulfill his/her obligations towards the national Team of Serbia without justified reason, as well as the Head Coach, or any other person involved professionally with athletic sport preventing participation of an athlete in the National Team of Serbia, is committing a serious disciplinary breach.

### **VIII. HEALTH CONTROL OF ATHLETES**

#### **Article 72.**

All registered athletes are subject to periodical health control.

Health controls are carried out by health care institutions.

Health control of athletes is performed in their clubs of origin.

No athlete can be entered into a competition without a valid health certificate proving he/she is fit for competition as provided in provisions of the Health Commission Regulations or other AFS bodies in charge.

#### **Article 73.**

All athletes are strictly prohibited to use any illegal stimulant substances in sports, doping and drugs.

Persons professionally involved in sports and experts in athletic sport must take all active measures to prevent any and all use of illegal substances in sport, doping and drugs.

#### **Article 74.**

Pursuant to the regulations of the Olympic Committee of Serbia and international athletic associations, the authorized AFS body in charge shall organize anti-doping control of athletes.

### **IX. AFS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

#### **Article 75.**

For carrying our specialized administrative and additional works and tasks, the AFS has its Administrative Office.

AFS may entrust certain activities and work to respective specialized institutions and organizations.

#### **Article 76.**

The Administration Office of the AFS carries out in particular all works on implementation of the Constitution, decisions, conclusions and other acts and documents passed by the AFS bodies and other forms of organization and work in the AFS, prepares analyses, reports and information, drafts general and other acts of the AFS bodies, organizes activities and performs all tasks and duties from the area of activities of the AFS as well as other works due.

Organization and work of the Administration Office is regulated by the AFS Organization Regulations and the AFS Job Description Regulations.

#### **Article 77.**

In carrying out its work and tasks, the AFS Administration Office shall cooperate with administration offices of AFS members.

#### **Article 78.**

The Secretary General of the Federation is the manager of the administration office.

#### **Article 79.**

Employers of the AFS Administration Office, in accordance with the works they perform, shall be entitled to a fitting wages and other income, as well as to other rights, obligations and responsibilities based on work performance.

#### **Article 80.**

Job Description Regulations shall define specific titles for jobs within the Administration Office of the AFS, description of tasks, number of job and task executors, as well as a unique requirement related to the degree acquired including other requirements for carrying out various works, activities and tasks.

### **X. COOPERATION**

#### **Article 81.**

AFS expresses common interests of its members in relation to the athletic organizations and National Athletic Federations of foreign countries, as well as in relation to the respective international sports organizations, and in that sense cooperates with them.

In realization of cooperation, the AFS shall organize visits of its representatives and athletic delegations to the organizations referred to in par. 1 herein, as well as visit of their representatives to the AFS.

#### **Article 82.**

In realization of its aims and objectives, the AFS shall cooperate with other sport associations of the Republic and the region, organizations registered for sports activities, Public authorities and organizations and bodies, as well as organizations of the local government and other interested organizations and individuals.

## **XI. AFS RESOURCES**

### **Article 83.**

AFS resources are created from contributions (membership fees) of its members, compensation for services, revenues of its companies and other business organizations, contributions of donators and sponsors, from the budget of the Republic and other sources.

### **Article 84.**

The amount, forms and terms for payment of contributions (membership fees) shall be determined by the AFS Board of Administration.

### **Article 85.**

In order to finance special activities from the Activities Programme of the AFS, interested members may join their financial resources and establish funds with special purposes within the AFS.

Distribution and management of the resources as referred to in par. 1, herein shall be carried out in accordance with the decision of the parties that have joint and invested their resources and respective acts and decisions of the AFS.

### **Article 86.**

Material and financial operation and accounting of AFS financial means, shall be specified in accordance with the AFS general acts and regulations.

## **XII. TRANSPARENCY OF THE WORK OF THE AFS**

### **Article 87.**

Public character and transparency of the AFS work is provided by open sessions of the working and other bodies of the AFS, as well as other meetings in the AFS, by supplying information on their work and cooperation with the media and in other forms of reporting.

AFS may have its newspaper, whose content and name shall be determined by the AFS Board of Administration.

### **Article 88.**

The working and other bodies of the AFS may exclude or limit the public character of a session or a gathering, when discussing confidential documents or data.

### **Article 89.**

AFS shall regularly acquaint its members and the public with the decisions, standpoints and proposals adopted in sessions of the working and other bodies and other meetings in the AFS, as well as with other occurrences happening in the athletic sport by the way of media or by publishing the particular information or bulletins.

### **Article 90.**

The AFS representative providing the data and information related to the work of the AFS shall be responsible for the accuracy of the data given.

Positions of the AFS, and respectively its working and other bodies can be publicly presented and provided only by the chosen executives of the AFS.

### **XIII. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

#### **Article 91.**

The AFS Permanent Arbitration shall be established within the AFS as an independent body autonomous in deciding.

The AFS Permanent Arbitration shall settle the disputes between AFS members arising from their relations, as well as the disputes between the members related to the implementation of the AFS Constitution and the AFS acts and general documents.

The AFS Permanent Arbitration shall settle all disputes referred to in par. 2, herein if the parties of that specific case accept its jurisdiction in written.

#### **Article 92.**

The AFS Permanent Arbitration Commission consists of Chair Person and four members of the Commission.

The Chair Person of the AFS Permanent Arbitration Commission is nominated at the proposal of the AFS President of the Board of Administration, for a period of two years.

Each party in the respective dispute has the right to nominate two members for the Permanent Arbitration. If the AFS is one of the parties in the dispute, the Chair of the Permanent Arbitration in the respective case shall be nominated by consent decision of the parties in the dispute.

#### **Article 93.**

Organization of the AFS Permanent Arbitration as well as the procedures shall be regulated by the Regulations enacted by the AFS Board of Administration.

#### **Article 94.**

The decisions of the AFS Permanent Arbitration shall be final for all parties in the dispute.

The AFS Permanent Arbitration passes decisions by majority votes of the total number of members of the Commission.

Arbiters are due to apply the athletic sports rules and regulations when passing the final decision, all in compliance with the Law on Sports.

### **XIV. DEFINITION OF THE AFS GENERAL ACTS AND REGULATIONS**

#### **Article 95.**

General acts and regulations of the AFS are to be considered the AFS Constitution, the Rules and Regulations, Rules of Procedure, proposals, standpoints, guidelines and similar, passed by the bodies and other forms of organization and work in the AFS.

When regulating certain issues generally, the general acts are also decisions and conclusions of the AFS bodies and modes of organization and work of the AFS.

#### **Article 96.**

All motion for enactment of the AFS Statutes, all modifications and amendments may be proposed by the Board of Administration, Auditing Committee, AFS President, AFS Secretary General, other forms of organizations and work in the AFS, as well as AFS members.

The motions for enactment of the AFS Statutes, all modifications and amendments are considered by the AFS Board of Administration, within 30 (thirty) days following the motion received. If the motion is adopted, the Board of Administration then decides on the Draft of the Constitution, or respectively Draft of modifications and amendments, and organizes public debate among members of the AFS. The duration of the public debate is thirty days following the material for debate is received.

Within 30 days following the public debate, the AFS Board of Administration decides on the final motion for the Constitution and respectively modifications and amendments and submits it to the AFS General Assembly for approval.

#### **Article 97.**

All motion for enacting general acts in the authority of the AFS Board of Administration may be submitted by the Auditing Committee, AFS President, Secretary General, other forms of organizations and work in the AFS as well as AFS members.

#### **Article 98.**

Other acts and regulations of the AFS shall come into effect on the eighth day following the notification, except if the decision on enactment includes other date of their coming into effect.

The decision on enactment of a general act or regulation of the AFS specifies the way it will be published and notified.

#### **Article 99.**

The general acts and regulations of the AFS members shall be in conformity with all general acts and regulations of the AFS. In case of any incongruity between the general acts and regulations of the AFS members and those of the general acts and regulations of the AFS, the provisions of the general acts and regulations of the AFS shall immediately apply.

#### **Article 100.**

In case of any incongruity of the general act of the AFS and this Constitution the provisions of the Constitution shall apply.

### **XV. AFS RECORDS**

#### **Article 101.**

The AFS and the AFS members shall keep records related to all members, sports facilities, elite athletes, athletic experts and athletic results compliant with the Law on Sports.

#### **Article 102.**

The AFS member shall be entered into the registers kept by the Ministry in charge of sports matters and in case of dissolution, to be report to the same Ministry and have the organization deleted respectively from therein.

### **XVI. DISSOLUTION OF THE AFS**

#### **Article 103.**

The AFS shall be dissolved pursuant to the applicable law.

The decision to dissolve the AFS is passed in case  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three fourths) of the total members of the AFS state in a written notification to be in favour of dissolution of the AFS.

### **XVII. INTERIM AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 104.**

The general acts and regulations of the AFS shall be adjusted to the provisions herein within three months following the enactment of this Constitution.

#### **Article 105.**

All AFS members shall adjust their organization, work and all their general acts and regulations with this Constitution and the Law on Sports within six months following the day this Constitution comes into effect.

Following the necessary adjustments and harmonization with this Constitution and the Law on Sports, all AFS members shall send the AFS one copy of their Statutes.

#### **Article 106.**

On the day this Constitution comes into effect, the former Constitution of the AFS, adopted by the AFS General Assembly at its session held on February 22, 1997, shall become null and void.

#### **Article 107.**

AFS is the legal successor of the Athletic Union of Serbia and Montenegro and shall assume all rights, obligations and responsibilities of the AUSM in all legal dealings with the third parties.

#### **Article 108.**

This Constitution shall come into effect within 8 days it is published.

**Athletic Federation of Serbia**

***President of the Assembly  
Veselin Jevrosimović***