

STATUTE
OF THE ATHLETIC FEDERATION OF SERBIA

Pursuant to the Articles 38 and 53 of the Law on Sport (Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, No. 24/2011), and Articles 36 and 96 of the Statute of the Athletic Federation of Serbia and the Assembly of the Athletic Federation of Serbia, at their session held on December 8th 2011 adopted the Statute of AFS together with changes and amendments to the said document, so that the agreed text is as follows:

STATUTE OF THE ATHLETIC FEDERATION OF SERBIA

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1.

The Athletic Federation of Serbia (hereinafter the AFS) is the national Sports Federation of affiliated athletic sports organizations (sports unions and sports economic undertakings), specialized associations dealing with athletics and independent professional athletes registered with the Republic of Serbia Agency for Business Registers and the Republic of Serbia Ministry of Youth and Sport.

In realization of its aims and tasks, AFS is organized as an independent organization consisting of athletic sports organizations (hereinafter athletic clubs), athletes, athletic experts (coaches), experts in the field of athletics and other legal and physical entities who work in athletics and whose seats are in the Republic of Serbia.

Article 2.

AFS was founded on September 5th, 1948, in Belgrade.
AFS governs athletic activities on the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

Article 3.

The full title of AFS is the Athletic Federation of Serbia.
The abbreviated title for the Athletic Federation of Serbia is AFS.
The official title of Atletski savez Srbije (ASS) in English is Athletic Federation of Serbia.
The seat of AFS is in Belgrade.

Article 4.

AFS is a legal entity with all the rights, obligations and responsibilities as defined by the relevant Law and this Statute.

Article 5.

AFS has a round seal inscribed with the name and address of AFS in Cyrillic alphabet.
AFS has a rectangular stamp inscribed with the name and the seat of AFS with free space for the registration number and date.
AFS has a registered trademark consisting of an image of a sprinter in motion, in colours of the Republic of Serbia's flag, and with the inscription: "Athletic Federation of Serbia" underneath it.

Article 6.

The work of AFS is open and unrestricted.
Transparency of AFS work is pursuant to the provisions of the Statute.

Article 7.

AFS is a member of the Olympic Committee of Serbia, the Sports Association of Serbia and may become a member of any other sports organization or association in Serbia.
AFS is a joint member of the International Association of Athletics Federations – IAAF, and via IAAF of the European Athletics.
The Athletic Federation of Serbia recognizes, accepts, implements, observes and abides by the current Statute, IAAF and the European Athletics' Rules and Regulations, as well as by any future amendments of the above mentioned. This applies especially to the Anti-Doping rules, settling of disputes, and relations with Athletes' Representatives (athletics managers).

AFS is a member of the Association of Balkan Athletic Association - ABAF, and as such accepts and implements all the rules and regulations of the said organization.

AFS has the right to become a member of other international organizations, provided it is in the interest of realising the set aims and tasks of 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.

II GOALS OF AFS

Article 8.

Fundamental goals of AFS are:

1. to develop the sport of athletics, i.e. to promote athletic activities and functions in the Republic of Serbia;
2. to deal with issues of common interest to AFS members; to deputize their interests before state and other sports institutions and organisations; to take part in preparation of provisions of interest to AFS members and to voice their opinions about drafts and proposals of such provisions;
3. to cooperate with and participate in international athletic activities of the World, European and Balkan Athletic Federations, as well as in activities of the Olympic movement and international/regional sports organisations;
4. to ensure participation of Serbian national team, as well as participation of clubs and individuals, at international competitions pursuant to the above;
5. to create adequate expert, material and infrastructural conditions for the achievement of top results in the sport;
6. to create criteria, and to plan and organise participation of Serbian athletes at national and international sport events;
7. to abide by and to implement world norms, regulations, standards and protective measures in athletic sport;
8. to obtain financing for realisation of planned tasks;
9. to make use of assets from various development and other funds obtained from international athletic and other organisations, and from other sources offering help including donations;
10. to undertake adequate activities for the purpose of advancement and large-scale popularity of athletics; to monitor and inform its members about international practices in the sphere of athletics;
11. to organize and provide expert help to their members in their attempts to improve their own work;
12. to organize courses for innovating know-how (education) of athletics cadre, especially of managerial staff and expert officials;
13. to work on strengthening sports moral, sports spirit and Olympian principles among its members and to define rules of conduct in their interpersonal relations;
14. to spur on its members by giving them prizes and awards (annual, jubilee etc.) for outstanding athletic results or for their contribution to development and advancement of the sport in the Republic of Serbia;
15. to organize and provide for functioning of a unique information system for the needs of athletic sport; to provide the necessary information to their members via own information system; to provide connection with relevant information systems in the country and abroad;
16. to organize and provide conditions for meetings and talks of AFS members with other interested legal and physical entities for the purpose of exchanging ideas, thus forming bonds between businesses and sport in order to find joint interest between business and sport;
17. to help their members in spheres of marketing, liaising with business, implementing new work and business methods, obtaining business information etc.;
18. to organise athletic competitions in the Republic of Serbia;
19. to plan and organise international athletic competitions and athletic events in the Republic of Serbia;
20. to provide conditions for work on scientific research and development projects of importance for athletic sport; to implement results of such scientific research and to organise expert and research/scientific meetings;
21. to prepare development strategy for athletics for a period of five years and action plans for its implementation;

Article 9.

In order to achieve goals pursuant to the Article 8 of this Statute, AFS may form companies, agencies and other organisations in accordance with the law, as independent organisations or joint ventures with other legal or physical entities, both in the country and abroad,.

III. AFS MEMBERS - THEIR RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 10.

AFS Members are athletic clubs, regional athletic associations and expert associations dealing with athletics.
AFS Members are equal in their rights, obligations and responsibilities within AFS.
AFS Members are registered in the AFS Members' Register.

Article 11.

Rights and obligations of AFS Members are:

1. to initiate and deliberate within AFS issues related to the AFS activities for the purpose of improving athletic sport in the Republic of Serbia;
2. to give proposals, suggestions and opinions directly or by way of their representatives to AFS and other AFS bodies, for the purpose of reaching adequate decisions, conclusions etc.; to demand from AFS to intervene with relevant sports and government authorities when necessary in order to protect interests of athletic sport in the Republic of Serbia;
3. to initiate, propose and pass decisions regarding establishment of organization and work structures in AFS;
4. to utilize expert and other forms of assistance, as well as other services performed by AFS, within the framework of their activities;
5. to elect representatives to various bodies and AFS organizations; to manage the work of AFS;
6. to provide AFS with information and data required by the latter for the purpose of carrying out activities and tasks in accordance with the law and this Statute;
7. to regularly pay AFS membership fee and provide conditions for efficient work of AFS;
8. to nurture and respect the sports ethics and the spirit of sport in their mutual relations;
9. to cooperate mutually for the purpose of achieving goals and tasks as set by the Statute and other documents and decisions of AFS and its bodies;
10. to participate in specialized activities of AFS;
11. to have insight into the work of AFS and its bodies;
12. to participate in establishment of the plan and programme of AFS activities;
13. to fulfil obligations as stipulated by the Statute and other AFS general decisions.

Article 12.

An athletic Club is a sports organization that has its own athletes. It is established for the purpose of engaging in athletic sport activities.

An athletic Club is founded as a relevant organization in accordance with the Law on Sport.

Article 13.

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

1. the Club has a certificate of registration issued by the relevant state authority;
2. the Club must fill and submit the application form;
3. the Club must submit the Club Statute that is in accordance with the AFS Statute;
4. the Club must submit a statement saying they fully accept the AFS Statute and other general decisions of AFS;
5. the Club must pay the annual membership fee to the amount determined by the AFS Board of Directors;

The AFS Board of Directors acknowledges the membership of the aforesaid club in AFS.

An athletic Club that has become the AFS member has the right to take part in events organized by AFS.

The athletic Club that fails to participate in at least one national athletic event (championship or cup) in any one category within the period of 1 (one) years will lose its right to the AFS membership.

Article 14.

At their request, various sports organisations, vocational and expert societies, associations and other organisation whose activities promote goals (work) of AFS and their members may become AFS members.

The AFS Board of Directors decides on membership in AFS for organisation as referred to in par. 1 of the Statute.

Article 15.

The membership in the AFS ceases:

1. by termination of the member's work;
2. at written request for termination by the member;
3. by the decision of the AFS relevant body.

The cessation of AFS membership is determined based on the decision of the relevant body by striking the member's name off the Register.

The AFS Board of Directors may decide to terminate the AFS membership in case of serious violation of obligations set by the Law, Statute and other AFS general decisions, in accordance with the Regulations on Disciplinary and Material Responsibility, and after it has been determined that the member no longer fulfils the requirements set by the Statute for the AFS membership.

The AFS member may file an appeal to the AFS Assembly against the decision of the Board of Director regarding the termination of the AFS membership. The decision of the AFS Assembly regarding the appeal is considered final.

Article 16.

The AFS member is responsible for all its due obligations towards AFS until the AFS membership termination date. By termination of the AFS membership, the mandate of member's representatives in the AFS bodies and task forces is also terminated.

By termination of the AFS membership, the AFS member loses the right to organise any athletic event under the auspices of the AFS.

Athletes who were members of the athletic club whose AFS membership has been terminated may seek membership or sign a contract with another athletic club that is an AFS member, in accordance with the procedure and conditions specified in the Registration and Transfer Rules.

Article 17.

Athletes have the right to participate in the work of AFS through their clubs.

An athletic club and an athlete sign a contract in accordance with the Law on Sport. The contract regulates their mutual rights, obligations and responsibilities.

Article 18.

In performing its sports activities, an Athletic Club is obliged: to provide adequate conditions for safe athletic activities of their athletes and athletic experts thus enabling their professional work with athletes; to have plans and keep work record's sheets, and basic records.

Article 19.

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

1. the transfer system (terms, procedure for registration, etc.);
2. the reimbursement for the athlete;
3. the reimbursement for the athlete's club of origin to be paid by the new 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 clause 3 herein.

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

Article 20.

AFS, as unified system of athletic sport in the Republic of Serbia, consists of regional athletic associations: the Athletic Association of Vojvodina, the Athletic Association of Kosovo and Metohija, the Athletic Association of Central Serbia and the Athletic Association of Belgrade.

The decision to admit a new regional athletic association into AFS is made by the AFS Assembly following the AFS Board of Directors' motion for admittance provided all the necessary conditions have been fulfilled. A regional athletic association can be admitted into AFS after obtaining the following:

1. Signed and written agreement about forming an association of at least 10 (ten) sports organisations each of which has been registered with the Agency for Business Registers and the Republic of Serbia Ministry of Youth and Sport and whose seats are on the territory that forms a uniquely distinctive territorial domain;
2. The infrastructure licence for holding national championships for all age groups (categories);
3. Financial backing that provides sustainable development of the association.

Article 21.

Regional Athletic Associations -members of AFS, as coordination associations of sports organisations on a unique territorial domain, in achieving their goals and tasks, have the right to independently design their internal organisation and their model of work; they have the right to plan and realise programmes for development of athletic sport on their territory, and to organise and hold regional competitions and realise other AFS goals and objectives on the Regional Association's territory.

Organisation and work of Regional Athletic Associations is governed by their Statutes, in accordance with the Republic of Serbia Law on Sport and AFS Statute and other AFS general decisions.

IV. ATHLETIC SPORTS EVENTS

Article 22.

AFS organises athletic competitions as per AFS competition programme and controls and verifies all athletic competitions organised on the territory governed by AFS.

AFS may act as a patron/sponsor of athletic and other sports events on the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

Article 23.

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

Article 24.

AFS establishes the respective regulations and requirements for organisation of athletic sports events in the Republic of Serbia and regulations and requirements for participation in them in accordance with the IAAF rules.

Article 25.

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

Article 26.

The organizer of athletic events has the obligation to secure that they are carried out in safe and unhindered environment, and to take all the 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 relating to the venue, namely: the adequate space, equipment, specialized and other workers, all in accordance with the Law on Sport.

Athletic clubs and athletes may participate in athletic competitions organized by AFS or under the auspices of AFS, provided they have fulfilled the requirements stipulated by the Law on Sport and the AFS Regulations.

Article 27.

AFS actively participates in organisation of athletic school sports competitions in the Republic of Serbia.

V. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF AFS

Article 28.

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

Article 29.

The bodies of the AFS are:

1. AFS Assembly
2. AFS Board of Directors
3. AFS Supervisory Board
4. AFS President
5. AFS General Secretary

1. AFS ASSEMBLY

Article 30.

The AFS Assembly is the highest governing body of AFS.

Article 31.

Members of the AFS Assembly are elected by relevant bodies in athletic clubs: by the Assembly of the Athletic Association of Vojvodina, by the Athletic Association of Kosovo and Metohija, by the Athletic Association of Belgrade and by the Athletic Association of Central Serbia; by relevant bodies in associations of athletic judges, coaches and veterans and by relevant bodies in other AFS member organisations.

Article 32.

The AFS Assembly consists of one delegate from:

- all registered athletic clubs that have participated in official national events (championships or cups) organized by AFS in the previous years,
- Regional Athletic Associations: Vojvodina, Belgrade, Central Serbia and Kosovo and Metohija,
- Vocational athletic organisations (coaches, judges),
- Associations of Serbia's veteran athletes.

Before setting the date for the Assembly session, the AFS Board of Directors, on the bases of the Book of AFS Members and reports from national competitions (championships and cups) adopts a list of organisations and bodies that have the right to delegate their members into the AFS Assembly.

Article 33.

The Assembly members are elected for the period of four years and have the right to be re-elected.

Article 34.

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

1. by resignation or as a result of death;
2. by being revoked for failing to adhere to provisions of the AFS Statute and other AFS general decisions; or for failing to attend sessions of the AFS Assembly;
3. in case the AFS member he/she represents has ceased to exist;
4. in case the representative has been found guilty in the court of law of crimes against economy, property and official position, or for serious crimes such as: homicide, robbery, aggravated burglary, banditry, embezzlement, fraud, unauthorised use of bank loans or similar benefits, extortion, blackmail or usury including felonies mentioned in the Law dealing with prevention of violence and misconduct at sports events.

If the mandate of the Assembly representative is terminated before the expiry of the mandate, the relevant authority will appoint another representative to officiate until the expiry of the mandate of the previous representative.

Article 35.

When making decisions, members of the Assembly have the obligation to recognize in full interests of AFS.

Article 36.

The AFS Assembly adopts:

1. AFS Statute;
2. Changes and annexes to AFS Statute;
3. AFS Assembly Rules of Procedure;
4. AFS Work Programme;
5. AFS Financial Reports
6. AFS closing balance sheet
7. The annual progress reports for AFS and its bodies;
8. Decisions regarding the management of AFS real estate;
9. Decisions on status changes;
10. Decision on dissolution of AFS;
11. Opinions and guidelines for the AFS bodies and organisations;
12. Development Strategy for athletic sport and Action Plan for its implementation;
13. Reports on work of the AFS Assembly bodies and task forces;
14. Codex and other rules of behaviour;
15. Decision on extramural legal redress against decisions of other AFS bodies;
16. Decisions that the AFS Assembly is responsible for according to the Statute.

The AFS Assembly elects:

1. President, vice-president and members of the AFS Board of Directors;
2. President and members of the AFS Supervisory Board;
3. AFS General Secretary.

For the purpose of carrying out certain tasks, the AFS Assembly has the right to form commissions and other working bodies. The decision to form a commission also determines its framework of activities and its composition.

Article 37.

The Assembly works in sessions and convenes at necessity, at least once a year.

The AFS President assembles the Assembly for the session.

The extramural Assembly convenes at the request of the Board of Directors, Supervisory Board or a minimum of one third of the Assembly members.

Article 38.

The work of the Assembly is conducted by the Working Presidency composed of the AFS President and two members of the Working Presidency.

The AFS President and Vice-Presidents have voting rights in decision-making procedures in the AFS Assembly, provided they are members of the AFS Assembly.

Article 39.

The Assembly is in session if the simple majority of the AFS members are present.
The Assembly adopts decisions based on the vote of the majority of present members.
The Assembly makes decision on adopting a new Statute or any modifications and amendments thereof, by majority of vote of all members, while the decision on dissolution of AFS may be passed by the vote of two thirds of all AFS Assembly members.

Article 40.

The work of the AFS Assembly is determined by the Rules of Procedure.

2. AFS Board of Directors

Article 41.

Board of Directors is the managerial body of AFS.

Article 42.

The AFS Board of Directors consists of 13 (thirteen) members.
The AFS President is also the president of the AFS Board of Directors as per his elective office.

Article 43.

The AFS Assembly elects 12 (twelve) members of the AFS Board of Directors from among renowned athletes, athletic officials, athletic experts and businessmen at the proposal of the president of the AFS BoD, so that the members of the AFS Board of Directors are from all segments of athletic sport in the Republic of Serbia, thereby providing adequate representation structure in AFS.

Article 44.

The AFS Board of Directors members are elected for a period of four years and have the right to be re-elected.

Article 45.

Mandate of a member of the AFS Board of Directors ceases before the end of the mandate in following cases:

1. resignation;
2. by being revoked for failing to adhere to provisions of the AFS Statute and other AFS general decisions; or for failing to regularly attend sessions of the AFS Assembly;
3. in case of death;
4. in case the representative has been found guilty in the court of law of crimes against economy, property and official position, or for serious crimes such as: homicide, robbery, aggravated burglary, banditry, embezzlement, fraud, unauthorised use of bank loans or similar benefits, extortion, blackmail or usury, including felonies mentioned in the Law dealing with prevention of violence and misconduct at sports events.

Article 46.

The AFS Board of Directors:

1. Creates the draft of the AFS Statute, as well as motions for the general decisions to be adopted and passed by the AFS Assembly, proposals for AFS Work Programmes and AFS Financial Plan;

2. Makes decisions regarding establishing companies, institutions, agencies and other organization of importance for AFS and the AFS members;
3. Passes the AFS general decisions that are not under the jurisdiction of the AFS Assembly, such as:
 - * Doping Prevention Regulations;
 - * Disciplinary and Material Responsibility Regulations;
 - * AFS Organisation Regulations;
 - * Labour Regulations;
 - * Regulations on Systematisation of Work Position in AFS;
 - * Transfer Regulations;
 - * AFS Athletic Competitions Regulations;
 - * Awards and Recognition Regulations;
4. Appoints and revokes membership in AFS;
5. defines the programme of international sports cooperation and international competitions;
6. establishes the Calendar and the Athletic Competitions Rules, as well as the Doping Control Procedure; monitors athletic competitions and events in the Republic of Serbia;
7. decides on the venues for international competitions and events organized by the AFS; chooses the direct organizer of such events;
8. appoints managements for national athletic teams of Serbia at international competitions and reviews managements' reports of the events;
9. appoints and revokes representatives of the AFS in the Olympic Committee of Serbia and in international sports organizations, i.e. proposes candidates for election in international athletic organizations' bodies;
10. decides, in the second instance, on appeals against the first instance ruling of the AFS bodies and appointed persons;
11. verifies athletic records of Serbia;
12. presents the AFS awards and acknowledgements;
13. adopts development and research projects;
14. performs other AFS duties which are not within the framework of the AFS Assembly.

For performing specific activities for which they are authorised, the Board of Directors may form commissions and other working bodies. The decision to form a commission or a working body also specifies the framework of its activities and its composition.

Representatives of commissions and working bodies take part in the AFS BoD sessions, without voting rights, only when the subject matter under discussion is an issue they are part of.

Article 47.

Board of Directors has sessions held when required, but at least four (4) times a year.

Board of Directors is convened by the AFS President.

Board of Directors is also convened at the request of

- the Supervisory Board;
- at least three members of the Board of Directors;
- AFS Secretary General.

Article 48.

The Board of Directors passes decisions by the majority of vote of present members.

The Board of Directors adopts decisions within its authority by the majority of vote of all the Board of Directors members.

Article 49.

The work of the Board of Directors is governed by the Rules of Procedure.

3. Supervisory Board

Article 50.

The AFS Supervisory Board is the AFS controlling body that supervises the implementation of the AFS Statute and other general decisions; it controls the material and financial operations of AFS and its administration.

Article 51.

The AFS Supervisory Board consists of three members appointed by the AFS Assembly from among its members – usually experts in certain spheres, following the motion of the Board of Directors.

The Supervisory Board chooses the Chairman from among them.

Article 52.

The Supervisory Board submits to the AFS Assembly report on all issues from their domain at least once a year, when the AFS Work Report is to be adopted.

The Supervisory Board submit to the Board of Directors a report from their domain at least once a year, on the occasion of adoption of the AFS annual balance sheet.

Article 53.

Supervisory Board passes decision by the majority vote of all members of the Supervisory Board.

The work of the Supervisory Board is governed by the Supervisory Board Rules of Procedure.

4. AFS President

Article 54.

The President of AFS is elected by the AFS Assembly following the motion of the Supervisory Board from among eminent athletes, athletic officials, athletic experts or businessmen.

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

For his work, the President is accountable to the AFS Assembly.

Article 55.

The AFS President:

1. represent the AFS;
2. manages the work of AFS and coordinates activities of the AFS bodies;
3. determines motions for general decisions and regulations to be passed by the AFS Board of Directors;
4. organizes, directs and coordinates cooperation with the respective government authorities and other administrative bodies and organizations;
5. establishes cooperation with foreign National Athletic Federations and other international sports organizations and federations;
6. proposes appointment of the AFS Secretary General;
7. gives approval for business trips abroad.

The AFS President has the right to transfer some of his/her authority to the Secretary General and other chief executives.

5. AFS Vice-President

Article 56.

AFS can have the maximum of two Vice-Presidents elected by the AFS Assembly, at the proposal of the AFS President; they are at the same time members of the AFS BoD.

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 can replace the AFS President to the full of his authority and responsibilities in case of the absence of the latter.

Article 57.

The AFS Vice-President is elected from among eminent athletes, athletic officials and athletic experts or businessmen.

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

6. Secretary General

Article 58.

The AFS Secretary General is legal representative of AFS.

The Secretary General implements decisions and conclusions of the AFS bodies; he/she is in charge of implementing the AFS Financial Plan and is responsible for legality of AFS activities.

The AFS Secretary General:

1. represent AFS in legal matters such as financial and real assets issues;
2. organises and controls administrative work in AFS and takes measures to improve it;
3. gives permission for business trips in the country and abroad;
4. prepares sessions of AFS bodies and is in charge of implementation of their decisions and regulations;
5. on matters of substantive and labour law, as regards the AFS employees, cooperates with the Organization of the Administration Employers Union, in accordance with the relevant law and the General Collective Employment Agreement; co-signs the Individual Collective Employment Agreement in accordance with the Labour Law.;
6. has all the rights, the authority and responsibilities as the managerial entity, in accordance with the relevant law and other provisions that define labour relations;
7. performs all activities and carries out work transferred to him by the AFS President;
8. participates in the work of the AFS bodies, without the voting right;
9. proposes to the AFS Board of Directors the AFS Organization Rulebook, as well as the Job Description Rulebook for the AFS Administration;
10. provides unhindered work of the AFS Permanent Arbitration and secures implementation of its decisions;
11. carries out other activities in accordance with the AFS Statute and other general decisions.

Secretary General may transfer some of his/her authority to other executive officers.

Article 59.

Secretary General is appointed from among eminent athletes, athletics officials, athletics experts or businessmen at the proposal of the AFS President.

The appointed person for the position of the Secretary General is required to:

1. have a university degree;
2. have minimum three years of working experience in a position requiring university degree;
3. have knowledge of a foreign language;
4. have vocational and organizational capabilities for performing managerial duties;
5. have experience in social and sports activities in the athletic sport;
6. be conversant with current issues and problems in the development of the athletic sport in the Republic of Serbia.

Article 60.

The AFS Secretary General is given a four-year mandate and may be re-elected to the same office. For his work, the Secretary General answers to the Board of Directors and the AFS President.

Article 61.

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 counsellors for certain specialized areas.

VI. FORMS OF ORGANIZATION AND WORK IN AFS

1. AFS Expert Council

Article 62.

The AFS Expert Council is formed as an expert consultative body of the AFS Board of Directors.

The Expert Council deliberates on major specialized issues of importance and interest for all members of the AFS and informs the Board of Directors of their opinion which serves as basis for establishing their valid standpoint.

Article 63.

The number of members and authority of the AFS Expert Council is defined by a special ordinance of the AFS Board of Directors.

The AFS Board of Directors elects members to the Expert Council.

2. Specialized Services and Vocational Organizations

Article 64.

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

Specialized service centres are founded by the AFS Board of Directors by a special ordinance.

The AFS Board of Directors, i.e. the AFS President, authorized by the BoD, may allot special assets for services rendered by such specialized service centres.

The framework of activities and work of specialized service centres, are regulated by the general ordinance of the AFS Board of Directors.

Article 65

The following operate under the AFS umbrella:

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

The composition, election and framework of activities of these Vocational Organisations are defined by their Normative Rules which have to be in accordance with the Law on Sport, the AFS Statute and other AFS Decisions.

4. Commissions, Working Bodies and Appointed Persons

Article 66.

In order to organise athletic competitions in accordance with the AFS General Decisions and to enforce implementation of provisions given in the AFS General Decisions by the AFS members, AFS forms, i.e. appoints:

- AFS Disciplinary Commission;
- AFS Competition Commission or AFS Competition Commissioner;
- AFS Security Commission or AFS Security Commissioner.

The composition, number of members, election procedure for members and the Chairperson, the Disciplinary Commission authority, the mode of conducting proceedings and possible sanctions are all defined by the AFS Disciplinary and Material Responsibility Rules for their members. Members of the Disciplinary Commission are elected by the AFS BoD.

Number of members, framework of activities and the work of the AFS Competition Commission/ AFS Competition Commissioner is established by the special ordinance of the Board of Directors. Members of the Competition Commission are appointed by the AFS Board of Directors.

Number of members, framework of activities and the work of the AFS Security Commission/ AFS Security Manager is established by the special ordinance of the Board of Directors. Members of the Safety Commission/Safety Manager are appointed by the AFS Board of Directors.

VII. NATIONAL ATHLETIC TEAMS OF SERBIA

Article 67.

The following Teams are formed for participation in athletic competitions:

1. Men's and Women's Senior National Teams of Serbia;
2. Men's and Women's Junior National Teams of Serbia;
3. Men's and Women's Young Senior National Teams of Serbia;
4. Men's and Women's Young Junior National Teams of Serbia;
5. Other National Athletic Teams of Serbia.

Competitions of Serbia's national teams are subject to special registering.

Article 68.

Athletes may wear labels and symbols of the National Athletic Team of Serbia only when competing as members of Serbia's National Athletic Team.

Article 69.

Criteria for defining the rights and obligations of the member of Serbia's National Athletic Team are determined by the AFS Board of Directors.

Article 70.

Only an athlete who is a registered member of AFS may be a member of Serbia's National Athletic Team.

Article 71.

Any selected National Team athlete who fails to fulfil his/her obligations towards the National Team of Serbia without justifiable reason, as well as any head coach or other athletic official who prevents an athlete from taking his/her part in Serbia's National Team is guilty of a serious disciplinary offence.

VIII. HEALTH CONTROL OF ATHLETES

Article 72.

All registered athletes are subject to periodical general and special health controls. Health controls are carried out by health care institutions, i.e. institutes for sport and sports medicine. 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 that he/she is fit for competition in accordance with provisions of the Health Commission Regulations or relevant AFS bodies.

Article 73.

All athletes are strictly prohibited from using any stimulating substance illegal in sports, doping or drugs, both at competitions and privately.

Doping means every illegal activity that has been determined as such by the Law on Doping Prevention in sports in the Republic of Serbia.

Sports officials and sports experts must take proactive measures in order to prevent the use of illegal stimulating substances in sport, doping or drugs.

Article 74.

The AFS Board of Directors determines anti-doping activities in accordance with the Law on Prevention of Doping in sport and has the obligation to appoint persons responsible for monitoring implementation of measures for prevention of doping.

Doping control is the job of the Republic of Serbia's Anti-doping Agency in accordance with provisions of the Law on Prevention of Doping in Sport.

For violation of anti-doping rules the responsible person is sanctioned in accordance with the Law on Prevention of Doping in Sport and the AFS normative regulations

IX. AFS ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

Article 75.

For carrying out specialized, administrative and additional work and tasks, the AFS has the Administrative Office. AFS may entrust certain activities and work to relevant specialized institutions and organizations.

Article 76.

The AFS Administrative Office works on: implementation of the Statute, decisions, conclusions and other documents passed by the AFS bodies and other AFS organizations; prepares analyses, reports and information, drafts of general and other decisions of the AFS bodies; organizes activities and performs all tasks and duties from the framework of activities for which AFS is authorised.

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

Article 77.

In carrying out its duties, the AFS Administrative Office cooperates with administrative offices of the AFS members.

Article 78.

The AFS Secretary General is the manager of the Administrative Office.

Article 79.

Employees of the AFS Administrative Office, in accordance with the work they perform, are entitled to fitting wages and other income, as well as to other rights, obligations and responsibilities based on their work performance, in accordance with the Republic of Serbia Labour Law.

Article 80.

The Job Description Regulations define specific job titles within the AFS Administrative Office, describes work required for each job title, determine the number of employees required, as well as schooling and other requirements need for working in AFS.

X. COOPERATION

Article 81.

AFS shares the common interest of its members as to relations with athletic organizations and National Athletic Federations of foreign countries, and with relevant international sports organisations; in that sense, they welcome cooperation with them.

In realization of the cooperation, the AFS organises visits of its representatives and athletes' delegations to organisations referred to in par. 1 herein, as well as visits of foreign representatives to AFS.

Article 82.

In realization of its goals and objectives, the AFS promotes cooperation with other sports associations of the Republic of Serbia and those of the region; with organizations registered for sports activities, state institutions and organizations and bodies of local governments and other interested organizations and individuals.

XI. AFS FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND FINANCING

Article 83.

The AFS financial resources are obtained from contributions (membership fees) of its members and from compensations for services rendered; from revenues of its companies and other business organizations; from contributions of donators and sponsors and from the budget of the Republic of Serbia and other sources, in accordance with the Law.

Article 84.

Amounts, terms of payment and payment dates for taxes, membership fees, application fees and start fees at athletic competitions are determined by the AFS Board of Directors.

Article 85.

In order to finance special activities from the AFS Activities Programme, AFS can pool resources for financing those activities with registered sports organisations and companies by signing contracts with them that define their mutual rights and obligations.

Article 86.

Material and financial operations and accounting of AFS is determined by the special General Decision of AFS.

XII. TRANSPARENCY OF AFS WORK

Article 87.

Transparency of the AFS work is made available by open sessions of the AFS working and other bodies, as well as other AFS meetings; by making public information about their work and by cooperation with the media and other information modes.

AFS has the right to its newspaper, whose content and name is determined by the AFS Board of Directors.

Article 88.

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

Article 89.

AFS regularly informs its members and the public about the AFS decisions, positions and proposals adopted at sessions and at other meetings, as well as with other occurrences happening in the athletic sport by way of media or by publishing particular information or bulletins.

Article 90.

The AFS representative who provides/makes public data and information related to the AFS activities is responsible for the accuracy of the given data.

The AFS position, i.e. position of its working and other bodies can be publicly presented and represent only by the chosen executives of AFS.

XIII. SETTLEMENT OF MUTUAL DISPUTES

Article 91.

Mutual disputes between the AFS members and disputes between AFS and their members as to the implementation of the Statute and other AFS decisions is settled by the AFS Permanent Sports Arbitration which is under the aegis of Serbia's Olympic Committee.

Article 92.

The ruling of the Permanent Sports Arbitration of the Olympic Committee of Serbia is final for disputing parties.

XIV. AFS GENERAL DECISIONS

Article 93.

The AFS General Decisions are: the AFS Statute, the Rules and Regulations, the Rules of Procedure, the AFS Development and Strategic Plans and Programmes, suggestions, positions, guidelines and similar, that the AFS institutions adopt or pass.

When regulating certain issues in general, General Decisions are both decisions and conclusions of the AFS bodies and organizations/institutions.

Article 94.

The initiative for enactment of the AFS Statute, all modifications and amendments thereof may be proposed by the Board of Directors, Supervisory Board, the AFS President, the AFS Secretary General, other organizations and institutions of AFS, as well as the AFS members.

The motions for enactment of the AFS Statute, i.e. all modifications and amendments are reviewed by the AFS Board of Directors within 30 (thirty) days following the motion received. If the motion is adopted, the Board of Directors then makes the Draft of the Statute, or the Draft of modifications and amendments, and organizes public debate among the members of AFS. The duration of the public debate is thirty days from the date when the Draft is made available for debate.

30 days following the end of the public debate, the AFS Board of Directors determines the final version of the Statute, i.e. modifications and amendments to the Statute and submits it to the AFS Assembly for adoption.

Article 95.

The Supervisory Board, the AFS President, the AFS Secretary General, other AFS organizations and institutions and the AFS members have the right to move for enactment of General Decisions which fall under the authority of the AFS Board of Directors.

Article 96.

The AFS General Decisions come into effect on the eight day after they have been published, provided no other date has been decided upon in General Decisions themselves.

The adoption of an AFS General Decision contains the method in which it will be made public.

Article 97.

General Decisions of the AFS members must be in accordance with all the AFS General Decisions. In case of any incongruity between General Decisions of the AFS members and the AFS General Decisions, the provisions of the AFS General Decisions are to be implemented directly.

Article 98.

In case of any incongruity between the AFS General Decisions and this Statute, the provisions of the Statute are deemed valid.

XV. AFS RECORDS

Article 99.

AFS and the AFS members (sports associations, Regional Athletic Federations and vocational organisations) are obliged to keep records of all their members, sports venues, elite athletes, athletic experts and athletic results in accordance with the Law on Sport and the AFS Membership Rulebook.

Article 100.

The AFS members have the obligation to register with the Evidence Register kept by the Republic of Serbia Ministry of Youth and Sport and the Agency for Business Registers. In case of changes and amendments of/to data or in case of dissolution of these organisations they have the obligation to inform the above mentioned authorities about the facts. After receiving the decision from the state institution, the AFS members have the obligation to submit a copy of the said document to the AFS Office within 7 (seven) days of receiving the document.

XVI. DISSOLUTION OF AFS

Article 101.

AFS can be dissolved in accordance with the Law on Sport.

The decision to dissolve AFS makes the AFS Assembly after three quarters (3/4) of all AFS registered members have consented in writing to dissolution of AFS.

Article 102.

In case of dissolution of AFS, the property and assets of AFS will be transferred to the Olympic Committee of Serbia.

XVII. INTERIM AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 103.

The AFS General Decisions have to be harmonised with the provisions of this Statute within six months following the date the Statute comes into effect.

Article 104.

The AFS members have the obligation to harmonise their organisation, work and General Decisions with this Statute within six months from the date this Statute comes into effect.

The AFS members have the obligation to harmonise their organisation, work and General Decisions with the Republic of Serbia Law on Sport within the period of time prescribed by the said Law on Sport.

After harmonising their Statutes with this Statute and the Law on Sport, the AFS members have the obligation to submit one copy of their Statutes to the AFS Office.

Article 105.

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

Article 106.

All bodies constituted in accordance with the valid AFS Statute on the day this Statute is adopted, continue with their work until the end of their mandate or until the end of the period for which they have been appointed.

Article 107.

By coming into effect of this Statute, the validity of the AFS Statute that was adopted at the AFS Assembly session held on 30th of May 2007, including changes and amendments adopted on 26th of June 2009, cease to be in effect.

Article 108.

This Statute comes into effect on the 8th day after it has been made public on the AFS official website. The integral text of the Statute includes the Article 108 (one-hundred and eight).

In Belgrade on the 8th of December 2011

Veselin Jevrosimovic, AFS Assembly President