

STATUTES OF THE WORLD PAIR GO ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of the organization shall be the World Pair Go Association (hereinafter referred to as the “WPGA”). The WPGA shall be a non-profit organization and its resources shall be applied exclusively for the furtherance of its beneficent purposes stipulated in Article 2.

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

The purpose of the WPGA shall be to promote, foster, promulgate and develop Pair Go throughout the world, to devise methods and conduct competitions to award international or world championship titles, to establish standard rules for its contests and collaborate with the International Go Federation, for the promotion and development of Go through Pair Go.

ARTICLE 3 – OFFICE AND LANGUAGE

The office of the WPGA shall be located in the Japan Pair Go Association, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan. The official text of these Articles of Association shall be in English, but the Board of Directors may decide to treat the text of these Articles of Association in other languages as official text as well.

ARTICLE 4 – ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Management and administration of the WPGA shall be vested in a Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”), and Officers elected in accordance with these Articles of Association and internal rules and regulations set forth in accordance with these Articles of Association (hereinafter referred to as the “Rules”).

ARTICLE 5 – MEMBERSHIP

A Pair Go Organization or a Go Organization (hereinafter collectively referred to as “PGOs”), representing a country or a territory, that is a member of the International Go Federation shall be eligible to apply for membership of the WPGA, and become a member of the WPGA upon approval by the Board (such approved PGOs are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “MembersPGO”).

ARTICLE 6 – DIRECTOR

For purposes of management and administration of the WPGA, the WPGA shall have six or more but less than ten Directors. The Directors shall be selected from each Zone in accordance with the provisions of this Article’s 1). The Board may further select one additional Director by the resolution of the Board if and when it deems necessary.

1) Selection of Directors representing Zone:

For purposes of management and administration of the WPGA, the following four geographical zones (hereinafter referred to as “Zone(s)”) shall be established. Each respective Zone shall be represented in the Board by the following number of Directors:

Asia		3 to 5
Europe	1	to 2
North America	1	
All other regions not listed above	1	
Total	6	to 9

2) Term of service for Directors:

The term of service for Directors shall be three years and the Directors may be re-appointed. If a Director is replaced, the term of service of the new Director shall be equal to the remainder of the replaced Director’s term of service. If and when the Board has appointed one additional Director, the term of service for such Director shall terminate at the same time as the end of the terms of service of the Directors constituting the Board. A Director who is an Officer of any Member PGO shall resign when he or she loses the Officer’s position of such Member PGO.

ARTICLE 7 – OFFICERS

The officers of the WPGA shall include one President and one or more Vice-Presidents. The Board shall elect the officers of the WPGA from the Directors. The Board may also elect such other officers as it may deem appropriate for the management and administration of the affairs of the WPGA. The respective officers shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be provided by the Rules or as the Board may prescribe.

ARTICLE 8 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board shall be responsible for the management and administration of the WPGA in accordance with these Articles of Association and the Rules.

1) Members:

The Board shall consist of all Directors.

2) Meetings:

The Board shall hold a meeting when the President deems necessary.

3) Quorum:

One-half of all the total members of the Board, representing at least three Zones, shall constitute a quorum.

4) Power and Duties:

The Board shall exercise powers incident to the effective supervision and usual management and administration of the affairs and activities of the WPGA. In exercising these powers the Board shall have specific powers including, but not limited to, the following that enable it to:

- i) Elect officers and define their powers, duties and terms of service;
- ii) Decide upon dues and fees;
- iii) Apply the funds of the WPGA for its purposes stipulated in these Articles of Association;
- iv) Fix the dates, sites, eligibility requirements and conditions for contests held under the sanction and supervision of the WPGA and establish appropriate rules and regulations governing such contests;
- v) Exercise appellate jurisdiction from acts or decisions of the WPGA and its Committees. The decisions of the Board, taken on the basis of the provisions of these Articles of Association and the Rules, are final and only the Board may resolve any dispute relating to their application or interpretation;
- vi) Receive and approve or reject applications for membership from any PGO, suspend membership and terminate membership of any Member PGO in accordance with the provisions of the Rules;
- vii) Fix boundaries for the Zones and recognize zonal organizations as appropriate;
- viii) Elect honorary officers and Directors;
- ix) Confirm the members of committees and prescribe the powers of committees in accordance with Article 9;
- x) Adopt a set of the Rules and to make amendments thereto in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of these Articles of Association;
- xi) Make amendments to a set of the Rules in accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of these Articles of Association;

5) Voting:

Any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board shall, except for the case stipulated in Article 10 and Article 11, require a majority vote of those present and voting.

6) Voting through Electronic or Other Measures:

A matter may be deemed to be resolved by the Board by a three-fourths majority vote of all Directors through electronic or other means such as email or fax, if and when the President requested such voting as he or she deems necessary.

ARTICLE 9 – COMMITTEE

Standing or special committees of the WPGA may be constituted from time to time in accordance with the relevant Rules and such committees may be vested with such powers as the Board may see

fit and so prescribe. The members of all committees shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board.

ARTICLE 10 – RULES

The Board may adopt a set of Rules providing for the regulation, management and administration of the affairs of the WPGA. Thereafter, the Rules or any part of them may be amended by the Board by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all its members entitled to vote.

ARTICLE 11 – AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Association or any part of them may be amended by the Board by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all its members entitled to vote.

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