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CHAPTER ONE

Definitions – Games -Objectives – Bidding - Evaluation- Voting - Date – Supervision and Organization

Article (1): Definitions

The following terms and abbreviations are used in these Regulations:

OIC : Organization of the Islamic Cooperation

OIC Secretariat: OIC General Secretariat

The I.S.S.F or Federation : Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation

The Board: I.S.S.F Executive Board

The General Secretariat: The General Secretariat of the I.S.S.F

NOCs: NOCs that are members of the I.S.S.F

The I.S.G: The Islamic Solidarity Games

The G.O.C : The Games Organizing Committee

Article (2): The Islamic Solidarity Games (I.S.G)

- 2.1) The I.S.S.F shall organize multi-sport games (for men and women) every four years and member Olympic Committees shall participate in them. They will be called "The Islamic Solidarity Games".
- 2.2) Editions will be counted in serial order starting from the 1st games organized in Saudi Arabia 2005.
- 2.3) Editions will be counted even if the Games were not held; in such case the next edition will be held after four years.
- 2.4) If the host country wishes to be excused from the games organization two years at least before the games celebration date, the Executive Board becomes entitled to re-open bidding process again for other countries to host the games on the same date.

Article (3): Games Objectives

The Games aim at achieving the following objectives:

- 3.1) Strengthening Islamic Solidarity, bonds of amity and brotherhood among youths in Member States and enhancing Islamic identity in sport fields.
- 3.2) Enhancing the principles of non-discrimination with respect to religion, race, sex and class in line with the teachings of Islam.
- 3.3) Familiarizing youths in Member States with the OIC objectives.
- 3.4) Promoting cooperation among Member States with respect to matters of common interest in the sport fields.
- 3.5) Upholding sports principles and promoting the ideals of sport and Olympic Movements in the Islamic world.

- 3.6) Developing sports performance of athletes in member countries.
- 3.7) Providing opportunities for participants to be introduced to the diverse cultures, traditions and monuments in Islamic countries.

Article (4): Bidding for the I.S.G

- 4.1) The General Assembly announces the beginning of bidding process six years before the date of the Games.
- 4.2) The I.S.S.F President invites Member National Olympic Committees that are interested in hosting the I.S.G to submit their applications to the I.S.S.F six years before the I.S.G is held. The Games Basic Regulations are to be attached with such invitation.
- 4.3) Within six months following the invitation, interested NOCs shall submit their initial applications to the General Secretariat. They should submit their complete bid files in person or by registered mail before the deadline within one year following the invitation. Post Office stamped date is accepted to determine the date of dispatch. The General Secretariat shall confirm back the receipt of file. The bid file must include:
 - An application approved by the National Olympic Committee Council or Executive Board, expressing its desire to host the Games.
 - An official agreement and approval of the respective government to organize the Games and abide by I.S.G Regulations.
 - A nomination of the main host city which will organize the major Games events as well as the other secondary host cities as per the wish of the organizing Committee.
 - List of the sports, disciplines and events proposed to be included in the program of the Games according to Article (20) of these regulations.
 - A list of the concerned national federations that enjoy the membership of Olympic and Non-Olympic IFs.
 - The I.S.G proposed dates and duration.
 - A detailed list of the existing sports venues and facilities that are ready to host the Games events.
 - A detailed list of the existing sports venues and facilities that need to be revamped for the I.S.G.
 - A detailed list of the sports venues and facilities that will be constructed for the I.S.G.
 - A commitment to place all the venues and facilities at the I.S.S.F disposal to use in the best interests of TV and commercial rights holders.
 - A guarantee that no other sport event shall be held in concurrence with the Games.

4.4) Bidding Cities:

- 4.4.1) Selection of the host city is an exclusive right of the I.S.S.F.
- 4.4.2) The host city selected by the I.S.S.F has the exclusive right to organize the Games.
- 4.4.3) The I.S.G application shall be completed by the official authorities of the host city and sent to the I.S.S.F after approval by the concerned NOC. Both the Host city and the NOC shall pledge to organize the Games according to the requirements and criteria of the I.S.S.F. If there is more than one city, from the same country, willing to host the Games, the NOC shall decide which city makes the final bid.
- 4.4.4) The bidding city must present a document signed by both the government and the NOC guaranteeing that they shall respect I.S.S.F Statutes, regulations and rules as well as the Olympic Charter.
- 4.4.5) The bidding city shall also present a document stating that it will abide by the conditions set by the I.S.S.F for bidding cities as well as the rules and regulations of the IFs of the sports listed on the Games program.
- 4.4.6) Every bidding city shall be requested to submit a financial guarantee to be determined by the I.S.S.F. Such guarantee can be paid by the city itself, the NOC, the country or any other party concerned with bidding for the Games. The I.S.S.F shall determine the amount and mode of payment of the required guarantee six months at least before the General Assembly in which the election takes place.
- 4.4.7) The host city shall be elected four years before the date of the Games. Information and recommendations of the Inspection Committee shall be taken into consideration.
- 4.4.8) Following the announcement of the city that will host the Games, an agreement between the concerned NOC and the I.S.S.F shall be signed to elaborate the commitments and responsibilities of each party.

Article (5): Evaluation of Bidding Files

- 5.1) After closing the bidding process, the Executive Board shall form an evaluation committee from its members to study the files. Committee members shall not include any person from bidding countries. It shall not also include more than one person from the same nationality. The Committee shall be composed of :
 - A Board Member Chairman
 - I.S.S.F Secretary General Member
 - 3 Experts Members
 - The Secretariat Representative Reporter
- 5.2) The Committee shall study and evaluate the files of the candidate cities to make sure they include the required documents and data, according to the Games regulations. Decisions on the issues of study shall be taken by absolute majority of members. In the case of a tie, the chairman's side vote shall have precedence.

- 5.3) The Committee shall submit its report to the Federation's President to declare the countries whose files are eligible for participation in the competition to host the games.
- 5.4) The committee will hold a meeting to study the files of cities declared eligible for hosting the games after the official announcement of their names for the preparation of its report containing the confirmation of final acceptance of the files. The General Secretariat shall develop a program for the committee's visits to these cities in coordination with the Chairman of the Committee and the concerned NOCs to fix dates and programs of visit to each of them.
- 5.5) The Committee's final report with assessment of the countries shall be submitted to the Executive Board before referring it to the General Assembly which will vote for the country that will host the games.

Article (6): Presentation and Voting

- 6.1) Members of the Evaluation Committee and Delegations of candidate countries shall be invited to the General Assembly in order to make their presentations and provide all the data and answers to queries of the general assembly members during the time specified in advance by the Secretariat, according to the sequence of Arabic alphabetical order of countries.
- 6.2) The General Assembly shall appoint a 3- person scrutinizing committee (chairman and two members) from among its members, not including nationalities of the candidate countries.
- 6.3) Voting to elect the host country shall be made by secret ballot for members of the General Assembly only. Each round of voting shall have a different color ballot card.
- 6.4) If the ballot is between two countries, the country that gets absolute majority of votes of members who have the right to vote shall win. In case of a tie, voting shall be repeated. If the tie persists, a draw shall be made for the selection of the country winning the right to host and organize the Games.
- 6.5) If there are more than two candidate countries, the one that attains absolute majority, of members having the right to vote, shall be declared the host. In the event that no country wins the absolute majority, the country that receives the least number of votes shall be eliminated and the voting process shall be repeated until a country attains the absolute majority or only two candidate countries are contesting.
- 6.6) In the case of a tie of two or more countries in the number of votes, voting shall be repeated for the elimination of the country that gets the least number of votes. If the tie persists, a draw shall be made for the selection of the country winning the right to host and organize the Games.
- 6.7) According to the sequence of ballot results, the runner up candidate country shall be selected as substitute host. In the case the country declines such substitute status, bidding shall be re-opened for NOCs to nominate the substitute country.
- 6.8) At the end of the voting process, the President shall hold a press conference for the announcement of the host country name, voting results and substitute country, if any.

Article (7): The Games Date and Duration

- 7.1) The I.S.G shall be held in the year following the Summer Olympic Games.
- 7.2) The Organizing Committee shall propose the Games date in the specified year taking into consideration the events of the regional, continental and international sport calendars. The I.S.G duration shall not exceed 15 days including both opening and closing days. The dates of the I.S.G shall have the agreement of the Executive Board before approval of the General Assembly.
- 7.3) All events of the Games shall be organized in the host city. The host country may have the permission of the I.S.S.F to host some events in other cities of the same country. The host country shall present a written request to this effect to the I.S.S.F before the city visit of the Supervision and Coordination Committee. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies shall be held in the major host city.

Article (8): General Supervision

- 8.1) Through its Executive Board, the Federation shall supervise the Games.
- 8.2) The Executive Board shall invite to its meetings the Games Director, appointed by the Organizing Committee and his assistants to submit progress reports explaining the I.S.G preparatory procedures and progress.
- 8.3) The following items should be submitted to the Executive Board for due approval:
 - 8.3.1) The Games date and program as proposed by the Organizing Committee.
 - 8.3.2) The Games logo and mascot as proposed by the Organizing Committee.
 - 8.3.3) The disciplines listed on the program
 - 8.3.4) The Games General Regulations and Technical Handbooks of the sports listed on the program.
 - 8.3.5) Samples of victory and commemorative medals, diplomas and certificates.
 - 8.3.6) The laboratory recommended by the Organizing Committee to conduct the doping analysis, and specifying the number of the required samples.
 - 8.3.7) The daily fees for the Games participants.
 - 8.3.8) The cultural and art programs proposed by the Organizing Committee.
 - 8.3.9) Programs for the Opening /Closing and victory Ceremonies.
 - 8.3.10) Manuals of the Chef de Mission and Entry Forms.
 - 8.3.11) Accreditation Categories and Manual
 - 8.3.12) Final draft of the documentary book.

CHAPTER TWO
The Games Committees
Composition and Responsibilities

Article (9): The Games Supervision & Coordination Committee (S.C.C)

9.1) Composition

Within one year after the allotment of the Games, The I.S.S.F Executive Board shall set up the Supervision & Coordination Committee; composed as follows:

Executive Board Member	Chairman
Secretary General	Member
Three experts appointed by the I.S.S.F	Members
Representative of the I.S.S.F General Secretariat	Reporter

9.2) Responsibilities:

- 9.2.1) Supervising the plans and program of events and competitions.
- 9.2.2) Presenting recommendations required for ensuring a successful organization of the Games.
- 9.2.3) Following up and evaluating the execution of all preparatory procedures and work progress, keeping in view the related timeframe.
- 9.2.4) Examining of the complaints referred by the sub-committees.
- 9.2.5) Paying inspection visits to the Games host cities, competition and training venues, accommodation facilities and transport system.
- 9.2.6) Submitting periodic reports on all Games-related issues to the I.S.S.F Executive Board meetings.
- 9.2.7) Taking proper decisions on cases of withdrawal or absence of participating country(s) according to the Games regulations.
- 9.2.8) Monitoring the application of the Games Basic Regulations and technical handbooks.
- 9.2.9) Approving decisions taken by the Eligibility Committee. Its decisions are final in terms of all appeals it may receive.
- 9.2.10) Approving the number of doping control samples and way of athlete selection.

- 9.2.11) Approving results of doping analyses and femininity tests.
- 9.2.12) Announcing results of doping analyses in cooperation with the Doping Control Committee.
- 9.2.13) The committee has the right to appoint or change members as necessary for work interests.
- 9.2.14) The Committee shall be deemed in session throughout the Games duration in order to take the proper decisions with regard to the changes in the program and to deal immediately with any urgent matter or infringement of the International Rules and Regulations.
- 9.2.15) The Committee is entitled to take proper action on all matters that are not covered in these regulations.

9.3) Cooperation with the Organizing Committee

The S.C.C will cooperate with the Organizing Committee to prepare:

- 9.3.1) The Games General Regulation, Technical Handbooks and sport program.
- 9.3.2) Accreditation categories and manual.
- 9.3.3) Chef de mission Guide, entry forms and manual.
- 9.3.4) The general program, dates and venues of competition and training.
- 9.3.5) The programs of the opening & closing and victory ceremonies.

- 9.4)** Recommendations of the Supervision & Coordination Committee are binding for the Organizing Committee after they have been ratified and approved by the Executive Board or its representative.

Article (10): The Games Organizing Committee (G.O.C):

10.1) G.O.C Composition

- 10.1.1) The I.S.S.F shall entrust the host country Olympic Committee and the host city with the organization of the Islamic Solidarity Games. They are responsible for setting up an organizing committee within six months after the Games allocation. GOC Chairman, members and Games Director shall have the required experience and efficiency. President and General Secretary of the National Olympic Committee shall be appointed as members of this Committee.
- 10.1.2) Throughout its term, the GOC shall carry out its commitments and responsibilities in accordance with the I.S.S.F statutes, rules and regulations as well as those of international references. An agreement shall be signed among the I.S.S.F , the respective NOC and the GOC in this regard.

10.2) Responsibilities:

- 10.2.1) To form the Games sub-committees specifying their respective responsibilities, to follow up and to coordinate their work in order to provide security, comfortable accommodation, transport and necessary facilities and equipment for the participating delegations.
- 10.2.2) To propose a list of sports, disciplines and events that will be included in the Games program.
- 10.2.3) To communicate the ISG date and duration information to the IOC, Continental NOC Federation and concerned organizations.
- 10.2.4) To extend official invitations in the three OIC official languages, bearing signatures of both the I.S.S.F President and the GOC President, to Member National Olympic Committees two years at least prior to the Games, attaching with it a list of sports included in the Games. NOCs shall reply with their initial confirmation of participation sport wise at least 18 months before the Games. A copy of this invitation shall be sent to the I.S.S.F.
- 10.2.5) To propose the general program, dates, venues of the events and competitions.
- 10.2.6) To send the I.S.G General Regulations and Entry Forms to the Member NOCs at least one year before the Games. The entry forms shall include a pledge by each athlete to abide by the doping control regulations.
- 10.2.7) To contract, in cooperation with the I.S.S.F appointed Games Doping Control Committee, a laboratory accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in order to conduct the doping control analyses. A copy of the contract shall be sent to the I.S.S.F .
- 10.2.8) To prepare and provide the installations and venues with the equipment necessary for organizing matches, competitions and training according to the IF specifications and standards. NOCs shall be informed about the equipment and accessories to be used in competitions as well as the quality and brand of the floors.
- 10.2.9) To provide security and safety for participating delegations and guests throughout the entire duration of the Games from arrival to residential to departure.
- 10.2.10) To prepare and equip the venues for competition and training and provide necessary schedules.
- 10.2.11) To prepare suitable accommodation in the vicinity of sports venues, as possible. Accommodation facilities shall be ready and open for the arriving delegations five days before the Games and two days after the closure.
- 10.2.12) To provide medical care for the participating delegations at the competition, training and residential venues. A number of beds shall be reserved for emergencies at local hospitals.

- 10.2.13) To take necessary action for the issuance of accreditation cards for all the participants in line with the categories approved by the I.S.S.F .
- 10.2.14) To facilitate entry visa formalities for the participants.
- 10.2.15) To provide prayer rooms at the athlete accommodation
- 10.2.16) To provide additional staff for the Doping Control committee according to needs.
- 10.2.17) To secure sufficient local means of transport for the participating delegations, guests, IFs and CFs delegates and to provide sufficient number of escorts and guides to help the delegates complete their mission properly.
- 10.2.18) To provide a variety of menus suitable for the cultures of athletes as well as lunch boxes for the athletes at competition and training venues. Dining times and related services shall be determined by the GOC in cooperation with the Supervision and Coordination Committee.
- 10.2.19) To set up the main and branch media centers at the venues of competitions and accommodation and provide the media representatives with the necessary facilities.
- 10.2.20) To facilitate TV broadcast of the Games events in consultation with the competent authorities in the host country and interested member countries.
- 10.2.21) To organize an associated program for cultural, social and recreational activities during the Games.
- 10.2.22) To organize an exhibition for arts and traditions of participating countries.
- 10.2.23) To issue a daily newsletter covering Games events and results in the three official languages.
- 10.2.24) To provide suitable accommodation for extra delegation members as well as Mass Media Representatives at special rates, and notify them accordingly early enough in order to enable them to make their necessary reservations.
- 10.2.25) To prepare victory medals for the winners of the first, second and third positions in each event or competition, and diplomas for the athletes ranked from the first to the eighth positions, in addition to participation certificates and commemorative medals for all members of the participating delegations, after approval by the I.S.S.F .
- 10.2.26) To hold meetings for Chef-de-Missions once at least and to bear the cost of their lodge, boarding and local transport.
- 10.2.27) To cover the costs of treatment of athlete who are injured during the Games.
- 10.2.28) To propose dates for the lot drawing according to the Rules of each sport, and in consultation with the Supervision & Coordination Committee. The participating NOCs

shall be invited to attend the lot drawing.

- 10.2.29) To organize the ceremonies of flag hoisting at the residential areas according to international rules.
- 10.2.30) To adopt environment-friendly policies before, during and after the Games
- 10.2.31) To cover the costs of travel, transport, accommodation, boarding and daily allowance for delegates of I.S.S.F , IFs, WADA and Continental Federations working under the Organizing Committee.
- 10.2.32) To establish audiovisual records for all events of the Games.
- 10.2.33) To issue commemorative stamps and numismatics.
- 10.2.34) To make sure that all social functions held for athletes and officials are approved by the I.S.S.F and do not interfere with competition schedules.
- 10.2.35) To guarantee that no major sport event or meeting is held in the host city, its vicinity or any Games related venue a week before, during and a week after the Games without approval from the Federation. Host NOC, GOC and the city share the responsibility in this regard.
- 10.2.36) To submit a comprehensive report to the I.S.S.F within 60 days after the end of the Games. This report shall include detailed statistics covering the participating countries, sports and disciplines, the number of competitors in each event, results and records, if any, as well as the medals, diplomas and certificates distributed during the I.S.G.
- 10.2.37) To issue a documentary book – in the three official languages - one year at the most after the Games conclusion taking into consideration the provisions of Article 10.2.32. The book draft should have I.S.S.F approval before printing.

Article (11): Athletes Eligibility Committee

11.1) Composition

The I.S.S.F shall form the Athletes Eligibility Committee before the start of the Games as follows:

I.S.S.F Representative	Chairman
An official selected by I.S.S.F	Vice-Chairman
Representative of the G.O.C	Member
Representative of the I.S.S.F General Secretariat	Reporter

11.2) Responsibilities:

- 11.2.1) Examining protests regarding athlete's eligibility before and during the Games. Such protests shall be supported with official documents.

- 11.2.2) Verifying passport details against entry forms; when deemed necessary.
- 11.2.3) In some cases, referring appeals to the Games Supervision & Coordination Committee whose decision shall be final.

Article (12): Doping Control Committee

12.1) Composition: The I.S.S.F shall form this committee as follows:

- I.S.S.F Sports Medicine and Anti-Doping Committee Chairman	Chairman
- I.S.S.F Sports Medicine and Anti-Doping Committee Member	Vice Chairman
- A physician nominated by the Organizing Committee	Member
- I.S.S.F Secretariat Representative	Reporter

12.2) Responsibilities:

- 12.2.1) Enforcing the rules and instructions of WADA.
- 12.2.2) Determining sample collection stations for athletes and making sure that they are properly equipped, in coordination with the Organizing Committee.
- 12.2.3) Selecting the laboratory in coordination with the Organizing Committee.
- 12.2.4) Ensuring the adequacy and sufficiency of doping control supplies and equipment.
- 12.2.5) Deciding the number of required samples, in coordination with the Games Supervision & Coordination Committee.
- 12.2.6) Deciding random selection of athletes.
- 12.2.7) Making the necessary procedures for samples delivery, properly, to the accredited lab, in coordination with the Organizing Committee.
- 12.2.8) Drafting a written contract for the Organizing Committee to firm up with the lab on the analysis of a fixed number samples, the way of delivery and the means and date of receiving results. This shall be carried out by fax, e-mail or hand-delivery, and the results shall be sent to the I.S.S.F Anti-Doping Committee Chairman.
- 12.2.9) Announcing test results during the Games, in coordination with the Supervision & Coordination Committee.

Article (13) Sports Technical Committees

13.1) Composition

The Organizing Committee shall form a Technical Committee for each sport before the beginning of I.S.G. The composition of that Committee shall be as follows:

- IF Delegate	Chairman
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- Expert nominated by the NF	Vice Chairman
- Asian Confederation Delegate	Member
- African Confederation Delegate	Member
- Host country NF Representative (With no vote)	Member Reporter

13.2) Conditions:

- 13.2.1) The committee shall not include two members from the same country.
- 13.2.2) A committee member shall not vote when considering appeals or protests related to his country.

13.3) Responsibilities:

- 13.3.1) Examining standards and validity of sports venues and equipment before the Games start.
- 13.3.2) Supervising and following up technical matters related to competitions and submitting a final report at the end of the Games to the Organizing Committee.
- 13.3.3) Endorsing competition results according to the reports submitted by the Referees Committee.
- 13.3.4) Referring matters when necessary to the Supervision & Coordination Committee, the decision of which is final.
- 13.3.5) Deciding on the submitted protests according to the Rules of the International Federation of the sport. Appeals are acceptable in line with IF Rules.
- 13.3.6) Applying penalties on athletes, coaches and officials for violations taking place during the Games. Penalties should be in line with IF Rules.
- 13.3.7) Proposing modifications to the date and venue of events and competitions in case of emergency.
- 13.3.8) Ensuring successful events and competitions through the coordination with the Referees' Committee.

Article (14): Sports Referees Committees

14.1) Composition

The Organizing Committee shall form a committee of referees and judges for each sport, composed as follows:

- International Referee nominated by IF	Chairman
- International Referee nominated by NF	Vice Chairman
- Asian Confederation International Referee	Member
- African Confederation International Referee	Member
- Referee nominated by Host Country NF	Member Reporter

14.2) Conditions:

- 14.2.1) Composition of the Referees and Judges Committee and observers appointment system may be modified to become in line with IF rules and regulations.
- 14.2.2) The Committee shall not include two members from the same country.
- 14.2.3) A committee member shall not vote when considering appeals or protests related to his country.

14.3) Responsibilities:

- 14.3.1) Examining grades and efficiency levels of referees and judges, excluding those who do not meet the required standards before the Games.
- 14.3.2) Appointing observers, referees and judges required for conducting competitions of each sport.
- 14.3.3) Examining observers and referees reports, taking appropriate measures and reporting to the Technical Committee.
- 14.3.4) Applying penalties on referees and judges, when necessary.
- 14.3.5) Holding meetings for referees and judges before the start of the Games in order to study refereeing matters. Meetings may be convened when necessary.
- 14.3.6) Proposing penalties on officials, coaches or athletes committing violations, as well as referring such penalties to the respective Technical Committee for due action.
- 14.3.7) Ensuring successful events and competitions, through the coordination with the respective Technical Committee.

Article (15): Meetings of Committees

The meetings of the committees specified in these regulations shall be held according to the following guidelines:

- 15.1) A meeting shall be convened upon invitation from the Committee Chairman. The Committee Reporter shall take the required measures to organize the meeting and determine the suitable date and venue.
- 15.2) At its first meeting, the committee shall select a Vice Chairman, from its members, if it does not have one. He shall assume the responsibility of the Chairman in case of the latter's absence.
- 15.3) The meeting is valid if attended by absolute majority of members.
- 15.4) Decisions shall be taken by vote of majority of present members.

CHAPTER THREE

Technical and Administrative Rules

Article (16): Athlete's Eligibility

- 16.1) An athlete shall hold the nationality of the country he represents. If he has acquired a nationality of a member country other than his own, he must complete a three-year citizenship in the new country before the start of the I.S.G Games, submitting related official documents.
- 16.2) Individual passport shall be the only official ID document of the athlete as collective passports shall not be deemed valid under any circumstances.

Article (17): Athletes Nationality:

- 17.1) A competitor in the I.S.G must be a national of the country from which the NOC registered him.
- 17.2) An athlete who is national of two or more countries may represent one of them, as per his choice. However, after having represented one country in Olympic, Continental or Regional Games or any International or Regional Championships recognized by the relevant International Federation, he may not, then, represent another country unless he meets the conditions stipulated in the Article (19-3), applicable to the athletes changing their nationalities or acquiring new ones.
- 17.3) If any athlete represents a country in Olympic, Continental or Regional Games or any International or Regional Championships recognized by the relevant International Federation and then changes his nationality or acquires another one, he may participate in the I.S.G representing his new country three years after the latest representation of his previous country.

This period can be reduced or even revoked in case of approval by the two concerned National Olympic Committees and the relevant International Federation and endorsed by the I.S.S.F Executive Board, which considers each case individually.

- 17.4) If a country, a province or a colony acquires independence or merges with another country due to changing borders, or if a new NOC is recognized by the IOC, an athlete may continue representing the country he belonged to. However, if he prefers to represent his country in the I.S.G through his new Olympic Committee, he has the right of choice only once.
- 17.5) In any other cases not stipulated for explicitly in this article, especially with regard to the possibility of the athlete's representation of a country other than his own, or the

possibility of choosing the country he intends to represent, the I.S.S.F Executive Board shall take the relevant decision of any individual or general cases in this respect, especially as far as the athlete's nationality, citizenship, and residence are concerned.

Article (18): Athletes Age:

There is no age limit for athletes participating in the I.S.G other than those prescribed for health reasons by the International Federation's Rules of each sport.

Article (19): Complaints, Protests and Appeals

- 19.1) Complaints regarding general organizational matters shall be lodged to the Games' Director in written form, duly signed by the Chef-de-Mission or his appointed representative, to be decided by him within the available possibilities or, if unable, he may refer any such complaint to the Games' Supervision & Coordination Committee. In all cases, complaints shall be decided upon within 24 hours.
- 19.2) Protests related to competitions' and/or results shall be submitted by team official in written form within the time specified for protest submission in accordance with the IF Rules of each sport.
- 19.3) Appeals protests related to athlete's eligibility shall be submitted in written form duly signed by the Chef-de-Mission or the Team Official to the Athletes' Eligibility Committee, by attaching the relevant official supporting documents. Appeals may be submitted before or during the Games. Penalties shall be applied as stipulated for by the laws of the International Federations.
- 19.4) The date and time of the appeal shall be registered upon submission or receipt, endorsed by the signature of both recipient and applicant so that the latter's right may not be lost.
- 19.5) When submitting an appeal, a fee of US\$100 or its equivalent in local currency shall be attached.
- 19.6) The concerned Committee shall examine appeals and protests according to the International Rules and Regulations of the sport.
- 19.7) The above-mentioned fee is refundable in case the appeal is upheld; otherwise it shall become revenue for the I.S.S.F . These fees are paid against an official receipt issued by the Committee concerned.

Article (20): Sports Program

- 20.1) The program of competitions shall include 14 mandatory sports :
(Athletics – Aquatics (Swimming – Diving) - Fencing - Table Tennis - Gymnastics - Weightlifting - Taekwondo - Judo – Archery - Karate -Football - Basketball - Handball - Volleyball).
- 20.2) The Organizing Committee may propose a maximum of two other sports to be added to the program after the approval of the I.S.S.F Executive Board.

20.3) The Organizing Committee may propose two demonstration sports to be added to the program after the approval of the I.S.S.F Executive Board. Medals of these sports shall not be counted among the overall medal standing.

Article (21): Competition Rules

21.1) Competitions or matches shall not be held unless at least eight countries participate. The Organizing and Supervision & Coordination Committees may organize competitions of such sports that do not meet the said requirement, if deemed necessary for the success of the Games.

21.2) Individual competitions, in which one or more competitors shall represent the same country in each category, shall be held if the participants are at least eight competitors from eight different countries. However, if fewer athletes arrive to the competition venue, the Supervision & Coordination Committee together with the Organizing Committee may agree on holding competitions among six competitors from six countries at least. However, competitions may be organized among fewer countries and in such case no diplomas and no medals shall be awarded to the athletes. However, new records, if any, shall be registered.

21.3) In team sports competitions, if due to any force majeure, some teams have apologized or failed to attend after the lot drawing and arrival of other teams, the Supervision & Coordination Committee together with the Organizing Committee may hold competitions among five teams at least. However, competitions may be organized among fewer teams outside the Games and in such case no diplomas and no medals shall be awarded.

21.4) After receiving final entry forms by name, the Organizing Committee and the Supervision & Coordination Committee shall hold a meeting for reviewing the final number of the participating NOCs in the different competitions of the Games.

21.5) When holding female competitions, the G.O.C shall be committed to apply dress codes and select suitable venues that comply with Islamic teachings and IF rules.

21.6) In team sports, the maximum number of participating teams is 24. If the registering number exceeds 24, teams shall be selected according to international ranking published by IF in the month preceding the lot drawing date.

21.7) Qualification standards for individual sports shall be established by the G.O.C in consultation with Supervision & Coordination Committee.

21.8) Lot Drawing:

21.8.1) The Lot drawing ceremony shall be held three months before the Games date.

21.8.2) NOCs shall confirm their participation in team sports one month before the lot drawing date.

- 21.8.3) Delegates of the concerned IFs, Chefs de mission and I.S.S.F Representatives shall be invited to attend the lot drawing ceremony.
- 21.8.4) Ceremony for the lot drawing shall be simple and brief.

Article (22): Obligations of the Participating Olympic Committees

- 22.1) Returning the Initial Entry Form of participation in the Games listing sports in which they will participate to the G.O.C at least one and half years before the Games open.
- 22.2) Returning the Preliminary Entry Forms (By Number and Events) to the G.O.C at least one year before the Games open.
- 22.3) Returning the Pre-Final Entry Forms (By Name Estimates) to the G.O.C at least six months before the Games open.
- 22.4) Returning the Final Entry Forms (By Name) to the G.O.C at least thirty days before the Games open.
- 22.5) Replacing an athlete in cases of force majeure such as severe injury or death provided that the NOC presents the necessary documents required for athlete replacement. This process shall be subject to approval by the GOC and the Supervision and Coordination Committee, the decisions of which are final.
- 22.6) Paying 50% of the prescribed participation fees at least fifteen (15) days before the beginning of the Games through a bank transfer to the account of the Organizing Committee. If this proves to be difficult for any special reasons, such fees shall be paid in person immediately upon delegation arrival. The Organizing Committee is entitled to suspend the participation of a country until the payment is settled.
- 22.7) Requesting the refund the fees of some of its members in case they leave after completing their tasks before the end of the Games. Charges shall be calculated on the basis of the actual number of stay days and delegation members.
- 22.8) Bearing travel costs for its delegates taking part in the chef de mission meeting(s) and lot drawing ceremony.
- 22.9) Covering the expenses of its delegation's participation in the Games.
- 22.10) If an athlete refuses to undergo or evades the doping test, the case shall be considered as violation to the anti-doping code.
- 22.11) Providing the Organizing Committee with the country flag and a national anthem CD.
- 22.12) In case any of the participating teams has rendered apology or failed to attend or has declared withdrawal from competition after the lot drawing or anytime during the Games, the Organizing Committee may impose a fine of US\$ 5,000 in individual sports and US\$ 10,000 in case of team sports. It will be paid by the concerned NOC to the

Organizing Committee after approval from the Supervision and Coordination Committee.

Article (23): General Rules - Technical Handbooks – Entry Forms

- 23.1) The Games shall be organized under the Games General Regulations and the Technical Handbooks which explain the format of competitions and matches for each sport.
- 23.2) The I.S.S.F General Secretariat shall be responsible for drafting these regulations and handbooks. It can seek the assistance of experts in cooperation with the Organizing Committee. The General Regulations may include:
- Information about the host country and city.
 - Composition and responsibilities of the GOC and the standing committees.
 - General Program.
 - Games organization commitments and obligations
 - All issues related to the Opening/Closing ceremonies.
 - General provisions
- 23.3) Each sport listed on the Games program shall have a technical handbook, to be prepared by the Organization Committee in consultation with the General Secretariat. These books shall comply with the IF regulations and contain the following information:
- 23.3.1) The allowed quota of athletes, officials, coaches and referees to take part in each event or competition.
- 23.3.2) The format of team seeding, grouping, eliminations, qualifications, heats and finals and competitions for each event, category, competition or weight.
- 23.3.3) The results of each competition as calculated and registered according to the International Rules of the concerned sport.
- 23.3.4) Instructions related to organizational procedures, competitions entry forms ,the necessary documents, dates of sending and receiving documents to and from Member National Olympic Committees
- 23.4) Proposed regulations and handbooks shall be referred to the I.S.S.F Executive Board for approval.

Article (24): Accreditation

The Games Organizing Committee shall issue an accreditation card, considered as the Games ID, for every participant including VIPs, guests, NOC Presidents and Secretaries General, IF and Continental Federations delegates, members of sport delegations, officials, athletes, coaches, technical personnel, medical teams, referees, judges and committee members. An accreditation card enables the holder to have access to specific venues according to his/her functions and responsibilities in the Games. The Organizing Committee shall publish the Accreditation Manual after approval by the I.S.S.F .

Classified into color-coded categories, accreditation cards are issued after the participant completes and signs the respective form which should also bear the signature and stamp of the reference authority such as NOC, I.S.S.F or GOC.

Name, nationality and Games function of the holder must appear on the card. The GOC shall elaborate the mechanism of sending and receiving the accreditation forms in consultation with the I.S.S.F .

Article (25): Sport Attaché

Each NOC shall appoint a Sport Attaché chosen from the staff of its Embassy or residents in the Host Country, regardless of nationality. The Sport Attaché shall be the link between the participating NOC and the Organizing Committee so as to follow up, facilitate and coordinate the delegations' participation procedures before and during the Games. He/ she shall, furthermore, attend the meetings of Sports Attachés held by the Organizing Committee.

If any National Olympic Committee is unable to choose a Sport Attaché, it shall seek the assistance of the Organizing Committee to choose a volunteer willing to undertake the task with the approval of the concerned NOC. The Sport Attaché work shall be on a voluntary basis and he shall be issued an identification card from the Organizing Committee in order to facilitate his assignments before and during the Games.

CHAPTER FOUR

Budget - Marketing and TV Rights

Article (26): Games Budget

Games budget is composed of:

- 26.1) Participation fee of US\$50, to be approved by the I.S.S.F Executive Board, in coordination with the Organizing Committee. The fee shall be paid by the participating countries for each participant per day for the actual period of stay.
- 26.2) The funds allocated by the organizing country for the Games.
- 26.3) Revenues generated by the Games marketing, TV rights and other available resources.

Article (27): Marketing and Television Rights

- 27.1) The Islamic Solidarity Games as well as marketing, commercial, TV and all other games-related rights are the exclusive ownership of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation . It is completely forbidden to use any of these rights without written approval of the Federation.
- 27.2) Two years at least before the inauguration of Games, the I.S.S.F , in coordination with the Organizing Committee, shall start seeking financial resources from marketing and television rights through specialized companies or agents of high potential and efficiency, for the period of the Games.
- 27.3) Marketing and TV rights revenues shall be distributed according to the following ratio:
 - 75% for the Organizing Committee
 - 25% for the I.S.S.F
- 27.4) The Organizing Committee shall coordinate with the I.S.S.F on all the matters related to the marketing and TV broadcasting rights.
- 27.5) The I.S.S.F together with the Organizing Committee shall sign marketing and TV broadcast contracts as first party.
- 27.6) The Organizing Committee shall transfer to the I.S.S.F account its share of the revenues of the marketing and TV rights according to the percentage mentioned above under Article (27.3) one day after the Games close.

- 27.7) To ensure the success of marketing and television rights, the Organizing Committee shall make all the Games' venues free from any previous advertisements and any contracts with advertising agencies during the period of the Games and for one month at least.
- 27.8) To ensure the success of marketing campaign, the Organizing Committee is committed to provide a suitable promotion of the Games.
- 27.9) Neither the logo of the I.S.S.F nor that of Games shall be used without written permission from the Organizing Committee and the consent of the I.S.S.F .
- 27.10) The participating delegations shall abide by the rules governing the placement of commercial marks on the apparels, uniforms and equipment as provided for by the IOC and IFs.
- 27.11) The Organizing Committee may, through agreement, pay to the I.S.S.F a lump sum to be determined by the latter in consideration for marketing and TV rights.

CHAPTER FIVE

Protocols – Medals and Diplomas - Victory Ceremony Opening/Closing Ceremonies – Games Flag – Documentary Book

Article (28): Medals, Diplomas and Certificates

28.1) The G.O.C shall bear the expenses of manufacturing:

- 28.1.1) The victory medals for the winning athletes in all competitions according to the sport rules.
- 28.1.2) Ranking certificates for the winners of the 1st to the 8th places in all individual and team sports.
- 28.1.3) Commemorative medals and certificates for all the guests, heads of delegations, referees, judges, coaches, officials, athletes, medics, mass media and all those who contributed to organizing the Games. Medals and certificates shall be prepared in consultation with the I.S.S.F .

28.2) Specifications of Victory Medals

- 28.2.1) The medal shall be round in shape with a diameter of 60mm-75 mm and a thickness of 3mm. It shall have a ring to which the hanging band is attached.

- 28.2.2) The medal shall bear the pictograph of the sport in which the competitor has won.
- 28.2.3) One medal face shall bear the Games logo, name of host country or city and date. The other face bears the I.S.S.F logo.
- 28.2.4) The three official languages shall be used on the medal. However, two languages, Arabic and English or French, can be used as well.

28.3) Specifications of Commemorative Medals

- 28.3.1) A commemorative medal shall have the same specifications of victory medals. It shall have no ring and bears the words "Commemorative Medals".
- 28.3.2) The three official languages shall be used on the medal. However, two languages, Arabic and English or French, can be used as well.
- 28.3.3) Commemorative medals shall not be awarded to members of any delegation that withdraws from the Games.

28.4) Specifications of Victory Diplomas

- 28.4.1) Diplomas shall be printed on a suitable thick paper of a rectangular shape with the dimensions of 35X27 cm.
- 28.4.2) The Games logo shall appear on the right top corner of the diploma while the I.S.S.F logo shall appear on the top left corner. In the top middle the words "Victory Diploma" are placed.
- 28.4.3) The text that will appear on the diploma is as follows:
 "This diploma has been awarded to (full name of winner) From: (country)
 Position:..... Sport:.....Event:.....
 At the bottom right area the name and signature of the Games Organizing Committee President shall appear and on the left side, name and signature of the I.S.S.F President.
- 28.4.4) The three official languages shall be used.

28.5) Specifications of "Commemorative Certificates"

Commemorative certificates shall have the same specifications as the victory diploma but it will bear the words "Participation Certificate", holder's name, country and Games function. To make the difference, it is preferred to have different colors for the text and the frame.

Article (29) Victory Ceremony:

- 29.1) A joint committee from the I.S.S.F and the Organizing Committee shall determine the personalities entitled to crown the winners and distribute medals and diplomas. This shall be arranged according to a timetable specifying the name of the personality, the competition and the crowning time. The Games Protocol Committee supervising the victory ceremony in every venue shall be informed of the name and title of that personality.
- 29.2) Winning athletes and teams will be crowned directly on the conclusion of every final event. The crowned persons should wear the sports clothing or the official uniform of their respective National Olympic committees. The athletes ranked in the first three

positions shall stand on the podium in front of the principal stand where the first winner stands on a step slightly higher than the second winner to his right and the third winner to his left.

Flags of the countries of the winners shall be raised while only the national anthem of the first place winner's country is being played.

- 1st position: a gold medal and diploma for the first-ranked athlete or team.
- 2nd position: a silver medal and diploma for the second-ranked athlete or team.
- 3rd position: a bronze medal and diploma for the third-ranked athlete or team.

29.3) A certificate for the athletes and teams ranked from the fourth to the eighth positions.

Article (30): The Opening/ Closing Ceremonies, Flag Raising and Oath.

30.1) The GOC shall draw a detailed plan for the Opening and Closing ceremonies and submit it to the I.S.S.F for approval. The opening ceremony shall be characterized by simplicity, not exceeding two hours including special shows, if any.

30.2) The GOC shall coordinate with the I.S.S.F for the reservation of seats at the opening and closing ceremonies for the I.S.S.F Board Members. A number of seats shall be reserved as well for athletes so that they are able to watch the parades and cultural shows.

30.3) The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the I.S.S.F President, and the President of Organizing Committee shall receive the Games Patron or his deputy as well as their guests and accompany them to the stadium principal stand, while the national anthem of the organizing country is played.

30.4) The participating delegations shall parade into the main Stadium preceded by the flags of the OIC, I.S.S.F and Games. Each delegation shall march wearing its official uniform, carrying a banner showing the name of the country and the National flag held by a delegation's member. Delegations shall march according to the Arabic alphabetical order of country names. The organizing country's delegation shall march at the end of the parade.

30.5) The I.S.S.F President and the Organizing Committee President shall hoist the Games flag at the opening ceremony while the I.S.S.F anthem is played. Flags of the OIC, the I.S.S.F and the Organizing Country shall be raised earlier in the main stadium. These flags and those of the participating countries shall be hoisted in all competition venues throughout the period of the Games.

30.6) The Organizing Committee President, the OIC President and the I.S.S.F President shall deliver opening speeches. At the end of his speech, the I.S.S.F President shall invite the patron to announce the inauguration of the Games.

30.7) Taking the oath

30.7.1) Athletes Oath: Upon the inauguration of the Games, an athlete shall take the

following oath on behalf of the participating athletes:

"We swear by Allah to take part in these Games, observing Islamic brotherhood, compete honorably in fair play spirit, and abide by the Games' Rules. Allah is the witness to our statement".

30.7.2) Referees Oath: Upon the inauguration of the Games, a referee shall take the following oath on behalf of the participating referees:

"We swear by Allah to take part in officiating these Games with honesty, fairness and justice according to International Rules of the sport. Allah is the witness to our statement".

30.8) The Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony of the Games shall be held after the final of the last competition or match, where the holders of the flags of OIC, the I.S.S.F and the Games shall enter followed by holders of the flags of participating countries all together. Participants parade hand-in-hand without any alphabetical order. All parading participants shall gather in the middle of the main stadium, flags are lowered, and the I.S.S.F President shall hand over the Games' flag to the representative of the country/NOC selected to organize the next Games. He shall announce the conclusion of the Games.

Article (31): The Games Flag

31.1) The Games shall have a flag, provided by the I.S.S.F

31.2) Flag specifications:

- Dimensions 220cm X 140cm
- Made of plain white silk
- The I.S.S.F logo appears in the middle

31.3) The flag shall be hoisted at the opening ceremony for the entire duration of the Games according to the protocols provided for in these regulations.

31.4) The flag shall be lowered at the closing ceremony according to the protocols provided for in these regulations.

31.5) The flag shall be handed to the representative of the following ISG according to the relevant protocols.

31.6) The I.S.S.F shall keep the Games flag in case no country has applied for hosting the next Games.

Article (32): Games Documentary Book

32.1) The Organizing Committee shall publish a documentary book, in the three official languages, illustrated with photos within one year after the Games close. The book shall include details about:-

- The Games general organization.
- The GOC, its standing committees and responsibilities.
- Involved governmental sectors

- The host city
- Preparatory meetings and visits
- Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation
- Sports and venues
- Participating countries and names of athletes
- Competitions, events and results
- Medals, diplomas and certificates
- VIPs and dignitaries who attended the Games and their titles
- Accommodation and transport
- IFs and sport organizations
- Opening and closing ceremonies.
- Accreditation and visas
- Medical care and doping control
- Marketing and sponsorship
- TV broadcast, media centers and IT
- Security services
- Cultural and other activities

32.2) The documentary book shall be approved by the I.S.S.F before print.

CHAPTER SIX GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article (33) Responsibilities of the Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be given the responsibilities of General Assembly regarding the Games. Its decisions shall be submitted at the next meeting of General Assembly for ratification.

Article (34) Financial Costs for Representatives

The I.S.S.F shall cover the travel costs of its representatives, while the Organizing Committee shall cover their full accommodation and local transportation costs during the Games, inspection visits and joint meetings.

Article (35) Games Exploitation

"A country hosting the Islamic Solidarity Games shall not use or employ any controversial slogans, signs, marks, symbols or images that bear political, ethnic, religious, racial significance for organizing the Games or act in a manner that insults the participating delegations as determined by the Executive Board.

The Executive Board is entitled to ask the Organizing Committee to rectify any type of such violations and if the Organizing Committee refuses the request of the Executive

Board, then the latter shall be entitled to cancel hosting of the said Games. In such a case, the concerned Organizing Committee shall have no right to claim any type of compensation for the Games cancellation"

Article (36) Legal Liability

The host NOC, GOC and the city share the legal liability and related consequences. They also have collective responsibility to provide the Games budget with no prejudice to the rights of any third party particularly those resulting from any guarantee in this concern. The Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation shall not have any legal or financial liability regarding the Games.

Article (37) Games Cancellation

If the Games are cancelled due to noncompliance of the GOC to the I.S.S.F rules and regulations, the Executive Board shall impose a penalty of two million American dollars as a preliminary compensation. The General Assembly shall ratify or modify the amount. The General Assembly decisions in this regard are irrevocable and final.

Article (38) Interpretation

The I.S.S.F , through its Executive Committee, shall be the sole reference for the interpretation of the regulations and rules of these Games. It shall also take a suitable action, as necessary, on all the matters that are not stipulated for in these Regulations. In case of any language dispute on the text of these Regulations, the Arabic version shall prevail.

Article (39) Amendment

The I.S.S.F Executive Committee shall be the sole reference for the amendments of these regulations. Any such amendment shall be rectified by the General Assembly before they come into force.

Article (40) Validity

These regulations have been approved by the --- General Assembly meeting held on -
----- 1434 corresponding to -----2013 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and
become in force with immediate effect.

