

## STATUTES of the INTERNATIONAL PHYSICISTS' TOURNAMENT

according to articles 21 to 79.IV of the Local Civil Code, maintained in force by the law introducing French civil legislation of 01/06/1924

### ARTICLE 1 - NAME

An association is founded between the members of these statutes governed by the law of June 1, 1924 with the title: International Physicists' Tournament (IPT)

*Pay attention to the choice of name; possibly think of the name used (acronym, etc.); possibly carry out a search at the INPI on the protected/registered names.*

### ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE OBJECT

The purpose of the Association is to manage current affairs which revolve around the International Physicists Tournament, hereinafter referred to as the Tournament or IPT. The IPT takes place every year, for a duration of one week, during which **teams of four to six students** compete on predetermined physics problems. The rules and specifications of the IPT are detailed in the internal regulations of the tournament, which supplement this statute.

*Provide a broad enough objective to avoid a revision of the statutes and list the activities envisaged to achieve the objective. Possibly specify in this article (otherwise in the "resources" article) the exercise of economic activities. Indeed, an association whose object or means of action involve economic activities must expressly mention this in its statutes (Commercial Code Article L442-7).*

### ARTICLE 3 - HEAD OFFICE

The head office is located at 6 rue des Frères Lumière, 68200 Mulhouse, France.

*The head office of an association may be located at the home of one of the founders, in a town hall (request prior authorization), etc. The indication of a locality may be sufficient but complicates relations with third parties (beneficiaries, administrations, banks, etc.).*

It may be transferred by simple decision of the board of directors;

*Ratification by the general assembly may be considered.*

### Article 4 - DURATION

The duration of the association is unlimited.

*This duration can be set at a specific date or refer to the achievement of the objective defined in article 2.*

### ARTICLE 5 - COMPOSITION

The Association is made up of passive and active physical members.

Active members are invited to the General Assembly.

*Specify the nature or quality of members who can join (natural persons; legal persons, sections, etc.) and, in the case of legal persons, indicate the terms of representation in the governing bodies.*

### ARTICLE 6 - ADMISSION

*Optional item.*

Anyone who wishes to join can become a member of the Association, on the advice of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee is therefore authorized to refuse any candidate, without justification, to protect the Association from potential, presumed or explicit conflicts of interest between the activity of the candidate and that of the Association. Acquiring membership implies unreserved acceptance of these statutes and regulations.

*Possibly define the conditions to be met in order to be able to join the association: conditions of age or experience in a field, need to be sponsored, approval by one of the bodies (board of directors , general assembly, office), etc. :*

*Freedom of association comes in two aspects: everyone has the right to join or not to join an association; an association is free to choose its members.*

## ARTICLE 7 - MEMBERS – CONTRIBUTIONS

Active members can pay an annual subscription, upon decision of the Executive Committee. Membership is valid either from the day of payment of the subscription, if applicable, or from the location of the tournament and expires on the following August 31.

The current annual membership fee is set at fifteen euros for an active member and one hundred euros for a team participating in the academic year's tournament. Any member of this team is therefore considered an active member of the Association, without any distinction from members who spend their subscription individually. The Management Committee can propose in its own name a contribution for a team participating in the tournament of the academic year, if this team has requested it in advance. Any member who has not spent their subscription for the current academic year automatically becomes a passive member. They can reactivate their active member status at any time, upon request addressed to the Management Committee and upon payment of the subscription for the current academic year.

*Specify who pays a membership fee and who has the power to vote at the general meeting. It may be useful to stipulate that it is the assembly which sets the amount of contributions in the internal regulations in order to avoid frequent revision of the statutes.*

## ARTICLE 8 - RADIATION

Any member has the right to abandon their status within the association with one month's notice. The resignation is addressed to the Management Committee. Immediate resignation is possible for justified reasons, in particular health, or for any other reason deemed valid by the Management Committee.

Any member may be dismissed by decision of the Management Committee:

- a) If they acted against the regulations or the interests of the Association.
- b) If they violates these statutes and/or the internal regulations of the Association.
- c) If they does not comply with the decisions of the Management Committee.

Any decision of revocation must be sent in writing by the Management Committee to the member concerned. Any revoked member has the right to be informed by the Executive Committee of the reasons for their dismissal.

Resigning or revoked members do not have the right to recover the contribution for the current academic year, which remains due to the Association. Resigning or dismissed members have the responsibility, at the time of their departure, to transmit to their successor, or to the Management Committee, all documents and files concerning the function they held in the Association.

*Specify the terms of removal, the member's defense and appeal options.  
Serious reasons can be specified here or in the internal regulations.*

## ARTICLE 9 - RESOURCES

The association's resources come from:

- a) annual contributions from members, the amount of which is set by the deliberative assembly.
- b) partnership grants
- c) all other forms of income.

*If this has not been done in article 2, specify here that the association will carry out economic activities and which ones (Commercial Code Article L442-7: "No association (...) can, in the usual way, offer products for sale, sell them or provide services if these activities are not provided for by its statutes.")*

## ARTICLE 10 - ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The General Assembly brings together all the members of the Association.

Members of the Management Committee and the Executive Committee may invite members to participate in the General Assembly. Its aim is to present to all members the past and future evolution of the Association and the tournament. It also allows members present to express themselves, present ideas or grievances concerning the Association, the tournament or its regulations. No modification of the internal regulations or current statutes can be taken into account during the General Assembly. Only the Extraordinary General Assembly is authorized to decide on modifications to the statutes of the Association and its internal regulations. However, in order to view and receive comments, a show of hands may be taken.

The General Assembly meets once a year. For practical reasons, it always meets at the same place and in the same week of the competition phase of the Tournament, in order to allow the participation of the majority of active members. General Assemblies are convened by the Executive Committee by notification to the members, at **least fifteen days before the date of the Meeting**. The convening order mentions the **agenda, date, place and time of the meeting**, as well as information on the chosen location. In the event of cancellation of the tournament, the general assembly may be replaced by a letter to the participants, left to the decision of the management committee.

The General Assembly is led by the members of the Executive Committee. Minutes of each meeting of the General Assembly are drawn up, in which the comments and suggestions of the speakers are recorded. This report must be signed by its editor, alongside the president of the Association or their deputy. It is available to members of the Association for consultation. The General Assembly takes place in English. The minutes must be written in English.

## ARTICLE 11 - EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Extraordinary General Assembly brings together the members of the Management Committee and the Executive Committee. Any member may request to be represented by another member, provided that a written authorization is drawn up, signed and given to the member representing him. A member can represent up to two other members.

The purpose of the Extraordinary General Assembly is to take stock of the activities of the Association for the past academic year, and to define its objectives and goals for the current year. The Assembly will focus in particular on the following points:

- a) Approval of activity reports and annual management reports, established by the Executive Committee,
- b) Election or dismissal of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and other members of the Management Committee and the Executive Committee,
- c) Adoption and modification of the statutes,
- d) Adoption and modification of the regulations (in particular the regulations relating to the tournament),
- e) Decisions in terms of delegation of power to the Executive Committee,
- f) Decisions on appeals related to the exclusion of members,
- g) Dissolution of the Association in accordance with quorum and absolute majority.

The Extraordinary General Meeting must also decide on any other point on the agenda for the day. An extraordinary ordinary meeting is held whenever the Management Committee or the Executive Committee deems it necessary, or when **a fifth of the members** of the Management Committee makes a written and signed request to the Executive Committee. The Extraordinary General Assembly is convened by the Executive Committee, informing the members at least fifteen days in advance.

The convening order mentions the agenda, date, place and time of the Meeting, as well as information on the place chosen for consultation of the documents on which decisions must be taken.

Individual proposals for topics to be added to the agenda must be communicated to the Management Committee at **least five days before** the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting. By decision of the Executive Committee, ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies can be held online. The Executive Committee is responsible for choosing the means of communication and verifying the identity of the members of the Management Committee present.

The Extraordinary General Assembly is chaired by the President of the Association. Minutes of each meeting of the Extraordinary General Assembly are drawn up, in which all decisions are recorded. This report must be signed by its author, as well as by the president of the Association, or their deputy. It is made available to members of the Association for consultation. The Ordinary Meeting and the corresponding minutes are held in English. Only members of the Management Committee have the right to vote, with the exception of the president and the secretary who do not have this right. Votes and elections are by show of hands, unless a **fifth of the members present or represented request a secret ballot**. In the event of a secret ballot, the Ordinary Assembly must choose three members of the Management Committee, not members of the Executive Committee, who will be responsible for the counting. Invalid votes are not taken into consideration. The decisions of the Ordinary Assembly are taken by a **relative majority of the members present or represented**, with the exception of the dissolution of the Association. In the event of a tie, the President of the Association makes the decision.

#### ARTICLE 12 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*The law of 1901 does not require the existence of a board of directors or an office. This is just one use, practical and very widespread.*

The Management Committee is the representative branch of the Association, it is made up of one member per country participating in the current year or having participated in one of its two previous editions. It is headed by the president of the Association, and supported by the secretary, who however does not have the

right to vote. Each member of the Management Committee is elected for one year by the outgoing Ordinary Assembly and is eligible for re-election. If no other candidate from the same country presents himself, the same member of the Management Committee is automatically re-elected.

The president and the secretary are elected for **two years**; formal elections take place during the last ordinary assembly before the end of the current mandate and the effective entry into force is set for the following September 1st. If the office of a member of the Management Committee becomes vacant during their term of office, the President is authorized to appoint a new member during the academic year, who will occupy this office on an interim basis, until the next Ordinary Assembly. Any member of the Executive Committee who loses their membership status must immediately resign from said Committee.

#### ARTICLE 13 – THE OFFICE

The Executive Committee is the executive branch of the Association. It is made up of members who may or may not act within the management committee, and is headed by the president of the association. A member of the Executive Committee is **appointed as treasurer** of the association. All members of the executive committee are chosen by the president for one year, and are eligible for re-election. When a new president is elected, the members of the Executive Committee in office remain in office for a period of six months after the transfer of powers by the outgoing president.

Any member of the Executive Committee who loses their membership status is required to immediately resign from said Committee. Members of the Executive Committee who are not members of the Management Committee do not have the right to vote during Decision-making Assemblies.

#### ARTICLE 14 – INDEMNITIES

All positions, including those of board and office members, are free and voluntary. Only costs incurred in carrying out their mandate are reimbursed with supporting documentation. The financial report presented to the ordinary general meeting presents, by beneficiary, the reimbursements of mission, travel or representation expenses.

#### ARTICLE 15 - INTERNAL RULES

Internal regulations can be established by the Management Committee, which then has them approved by the general assembly.

This possible regulation is intended to fix the various points not provided for by these statutes, in particular those relating to the internal administration of the association.

#### ARTICLE 16 - DISSOLUTION

Subject to a judicial decision, the dissolution of the Association may be pronounced by the Ordinary Assembly, requiring the votes of two thirds of the members present or represented, provided that at least half of the members are present or represented. If this quorum cannot be reached, a second extraordinary ordinary meeting will be convened for a period of four weeks, from the date of the first meeting, which will decide on this dissolution, requiring the votes of two thirds of the members present or represented, whatever their number.

A liquidation mandate is entrusted to the current Management Committee. Members of the Association have no rights to the company's assets. These net assets will be vested in another association or a public institution chosen by the Ordinary Assembly which decided to dissolve the Association.

#### Article 17 - LIBERALITIES

The annual report and accounts, as defined in article 11 (including those of the local committees) are sent each year to the Prefect of the department.

The association undertakes to present its registers and accounting documents upon any request from the administrative authorities with regard to the use of the donations that it would be authorized to receive, to allow its establishments to be visited by representatives of these competent authorities and to report to them on the operation of said establishments.

“Done in Mulhouse, June 7, 2021”

*Signatures of at least two representatives (surname, first name and position), necessary for the formality of declaring the association.*