



## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Article 1. Name, Seat, Duration**

The association is called: “VIRTUS EUROPE” and has its seat in Paris (France), at the Fédération Française du Sport Adapté, 3, Rue Cépré, Paris. The duration of the association is unlimited.

### **Article 2. Objectives**

The aim of the association is:

- a. To support the aims and objectives of the world organisation of the “Virtus Sport”, in this constitution indicated as “the world organisation of Virtus Sport”, in Europe.
- b. To initiate, support or supervise as appropriate European Championships, and Invitational Competitions to be held in Europe.
- c. To provide a liaison between the world organisation of Virtus Sport and its European members.
- d. To deal with any matter referred to it by the Executive Committee of the world organisation of Virtus Sport and with any European matter referred to it by a European member.
- e. To act always in accordance with the policy of the world organisation of Virtus Sport as determined by its General Assembly.

### **Article 3. Membership and Finance**

- a. Every national organisation in Europe, in membership of the world organization of Virtus Sport, is automatically a member of Virtus Europe, but only those members in good standing.  
i.e full members of the world organisation of Virtus Sport and not in arrears with their subscriptions to the world organisation twelve months prior to the date of a European General Assembly may vote, subject however to the stipulation below in 3b.
- b. Virtus Europe may levy a membership subscription on its members the amount of which will be set by the European General Assembly. Non payment of this subscription does not prevent a member participating in any Championship or Competition, but voting rights will not be granted at the European General Assembly. Capitation taxes levied for European Championships, if approved by the European General Assembly, must be paid by the members.

### **Article 4. Organisation**

Virtus Europe shall be made up of:

- an European General Assembly,
- an European Executive Committee,
- an European Technical Committee - such other committees as the European General Assembly shall decide.

### **Article 5. The European General Assembly**

- a. The European General Assembly will meet at least every two years at a time agreed by the European Executive Committee. In so far as this is possible it will meet during the period of the General Assembly of the world organisation of Virtus Sport. Each European member shall have one vote.
- b. The European General Assembly will
  - receive a report of all activities since the last Assembly
  - receive audited accounts for the past two years
  - discuss and decide the European budget of the association for the next two years
  - discuss plans for the next two years
  - determine any membership subscription or any capitation tax
  - discuss and decide on resolutions submitted by members
  - undertake any other business which falls within the objectives of Virtus Europe

- elect or dismiss the officers, members of the European Executive Committee, and other representatives as required.
- c. The European General Assembly will elect a European President and such person, or a deputy appointed by the European President, shall be the European Representative in the Executive Committee of the world organisation of Virtus Sport, unless the European General Assembly specifically agrees to the contrary.
- d. Resolutions for the European General Assembly must be sent to the European Secretary General in writing at least three months prior to the European General Assembly.
- e. European General Assemblies shall be called in writing.

#### **Article 6. The European Executive Committee**

- a. The European Executive Committee shall have the responsibility of conducting the affairs of Virtus Europe within any policy laid down by the European General Assembly.
- b. The European Executive Committee will
  - decide the location of the headquarters of Virtus Europe
  - meet at least once per year
  - consult with the representative of the European Paralympic Committee on matters relating to the European Paralympic Committee
  - assist the Secretariat of the world organisation of Virtus Sport in evaluating information in respect of new applicants for membership
  - submit a report to the European General Assembly every two years, or more frequently if necessary - make recommendations to the world organisation of Virtus Sport or to the European General Assembly as appropriate relating to Championships, Competitions and any other relevant matter - act as necessary between European General Assembly meetings.
- c. The association may be represented by either the European Executive Committee, or by the European President and Secretary General jointly, or in the absence of one of them by the remaining one jointly with an other member of the European Executive Committee.

## **Article 7. The European Technical Committee**

The tasks of the European Technical Committee and the way it will be made up, will be laid down, by the European Executive Committee, in a by-law.

## **Article 8. Finance**

- a. The sources of finance will be:
  - any sum allocated by the world organisation of Virtus Sport
  - donations, grants and sponsorship
  - levies on members
  - capitation taxes on competitors in Championships.
- b. Until finances of Virtus Europe permit otherwise, each member sending a delegate or representative to a meeting shall meet that individual's expenses.
- c. In case of dissolution of Virtus Europe the European General Assembly shall decide on the use of assets remaining after payment of liabilities.

## **Article 9. Officers of the European Executive Committee**

- President (chairman of the European Executive Committee),
- Vice-President,
- Secretary General,
- Treasurer,
- Technical Officer (chairman of the European Technical Committee),
- Four Members at Large,
- An Athletes Representative.

-The members of the European Executive Committee shall be elected to their specific positions by the European General Assembly for a period of four years, on a rotating basis of elections every two years.

## **Article 10. Elections**

- a. The officers of the European Executive Committee will be elected by the European General Assembly by the following procedure. Nominations by European members will be submitted in writing to the European Secretary General at least three months prior to the European General Assembly. Only nominees from members

in good standing, i.e. full members of the world organisation of Virtus Sport and not in arrears with their subscriptions to the world organisation twelve months prior to the nomination, and not in arrears with their subscriptions to Virtus Europe at the time of nomination, shall be eligible to stand. Individuals may be nominated for more than one position but may stand only for those positions for which they have been nominated. Nominations are binding.

Different from the above the Athletes Representative will be appointed by the European General Assembly on the recommendation of the athletes. The European Executive Committee will decide on how the athletes will be consulted.

- b. Vacancies arising may be filled by the European Executive Committee until the next European General Assembly.
- c. Voting shall be by secret ballot at the European General Assembly.

#### **Article 11. Relations with the world organisation of Virtus Sport**

- a. Virtus Europe is made up solely of members of the world organisation of Virtus Sport in Europe. It will at all times operate within the policies of the world organisation of Virtus Sport.
- b. Subject to the above Virtus Europe is free to conduct its own business as it wishes, whilst at all times observing the strictest democratic procedures.
- c. Virtus Europe is the owner of European Championships. Virtus Europe may award those to a European national member organisation after having received sanctioning by the world organisation of Virtus Sport.
- d. An organising European national member organisation is the owner of its Invitational Competitions and may organise those after having received sanctioning by the world organisation of Virtus Sport.
- e. The European General Assembly, or in between meetings of the Assembly the European Executive Committee, shall appoint its own representatives to any committee or body of the world

organisation of Virtus Sport where a regional representative is required.

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