



Constitution

1. NAMES

1. The Name of the Association shall be the "Oceania Swimming Association" (hereinafter referred to as OSA) and it shall consist of all Oceania countries (here in after referred to as "the Federations") affiliated to the Federation Internationale de Natation (hereinafter called "FINA") who agree to abide by the rules herein and the decision of the Congress.
- 1.2 Each Federation shall be named in accordance with its own Constitution. Its name and respective official abbreviation shall be stated in the OSA list of nations. At meetings, events and in official documents, only this name or abbreviation may be used.

2. ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 The activities of OSA shall be governed by the rules of FINA and the rules of OSA as well as decision taken by the Congress. In cases not provided for in these rules, FINA Rules shall apply.
- 2.2 The Congress may establish rules in accordance with the special interests of its member Federations.

3. LANGUAGES

The official language of OSA shall be English. In the meetings a member or representative may speak in any other language, provided he provides translation to the official language.

4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the OSA shall be:

- (a) to promote and encourage the development of Swimming, Diving, Water polo, Synchronised Swimming, Open Water Swimming and Masters Swimming in Oceania and to adopt the necessary regulations and rules for competition in these disciplines;
- (b) to hold a mandatory congress on the occasion and at the city of which the Oceania Championships are held immediately prior to the FINA General Congress at which the FINA Bureau and office bearers are elected;
- (c) to hold a congress as may be required at any other Regional Championships, World Championships or Olympic Games; and
- (d) to organise Oceania Championships.

5. DISCRIMINATION

OSA does not allow any discrimination against National Federations or individuals (competitors, officials, judges, delegates etc) on the grounds of race, sex, religion or political affiliation.

6. CONGRESS

6.1 The Congress of OSA shall consist of:

- (a) The President, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer, who shall each have one vote and shall be from different Federations;
- (b) Two delegates from each affiliated Federation having one vote each. In the event of a Federation only having one delegate present at a Congress then that delegate shall have two votes.

6.2 Each delegate of a Federation shall be a citizen or a permanent resident of the country in which the National Federation is constituted. Notice of appointment shall be signed by the President or Secretary of the Federation and handed to the Honorary Secretary of OSA before the commencement of the Congress.

6.3 The Bureau Members and Honorary Members of FINA for Oceania shall be an ex-officio member of the Congress, but unless an office bearer or delegate, shall have no vote.

6.4 In all voting, the President shall have, in the case of equality in voting a casting vote. In the case of voting by ballot the proposal shall be regarded as lost if there is an inequality in the vote.

6.5 The following items shall be included in the agenda of all regular Congresses:

- 1) Opening of Congress
- 2) Confirmation of the Register of Delegates
- 3) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Congress
- 4) Presidents Report
- 5) Financial Report
- 6) Election of Officers (mandatory Congress only)
- 7) Proposals from affiliated Federations
- 8) Any other business for which due notice has been given
- 9) Date and Venue of next Congress
- 10) Closing of the Congress

6.6 Rules and amendments hereof passed by Congress shall come into effect immediately.

6.7 On a motion of urgency approved by not less than two thirds majority of the delegates registered for the meeting, the Congress may also deal with any other matter.

- 6.8 Proposals for Congress shall reach the Honorary Secretary not later than four months prior to the date fixed for the Congress. They may only be submitted by an affiliated Federation or one of the office bearers. Any such proposals must appear on the Agenda for the congress, which shall be circulated by the Honorary Secretary at least two months prior to the date fixed for the congress.
- 6.9 A Congress has a quorum if more than half of the members are represented.

7. THE EXECUTIVE

- 7.1 The Executive shall consist of:
The President;
The Honorary Secretary;
The Honorary Treasurer;
and two other Members elected by Congress.
- 7.2 The Executive shall be elected in the above mentioned order. Each shall be from a different Federation. The candidates for the President, Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall be nominated by the Federation from which they come.
- 7.3 If there are more candidates than places available the vote shall be by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. In case of an equal number of votes names will be drawn.
- 7.4 The Executive shall remain in office to the conclusion of the next mandatory Congress at which new elections are held.
- 7.5 The Executive shall meet when required at a place and on a date as decided by the President. The quorum for such meetings shall be two.
- 7.6 The Executive shall carry out such tasks as are allocated to it by Congress and other such matters of a routine nature as may arise from time to time.

8. SUBSCRIPTION AND DUES

- 8.1 The annual subscription shall be fifty US dollars or such other amount as the Congress may determine from time to time and shall be payable to the Honorary Treasurer before 31 January each year.
- 8.2 A Federation not having paid its subscription before 28 February or a Federation which has not paid any of its dues shall have no representation at any meeting and shall be regarded as unaffiliated until such time as outstanding dues are paid.

9. FUNDS

- 9.1 All funds and other property of OSA shall be applied to the furtherance of the objectives of OSA or for any other charitable purpose. No funds or other property of OSA shall be paid to or distributed among the members of OSA, without the authorisation of the Executive and ratification by the Congress. In the event of dissolution, the funds remaining shall be devoted to objectives similar to those of OSA.
- 9.2 There shall be not more than three Trustees of OSA. The Trustees shall be the President, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer for the time being and the property shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as Congress shall from time to time direct by resolution. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and their expenses out of the property of OSA. The Trustees shall hold office until death, resignation or until they cease to hold the office of President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer as the case may be.

10. HONORARY MEMBERS

In order to reward exceptional service in the advancement of Oceania Swimming, the Congress of OSA shall be entitled to elect Honorary Members who may attend all meetings of Congress without vote.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may only be amended at a Congress for which due notice has been given as herein before provided. A simple majority is required for passage of such amendment.