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INTRODUCTION

The affiliated National Federations of the FILA, members of the affiliated Federations, licence holders, wrestlers, leaders, coaches, referees, all officials from these Federations as well as the FILA Bureau members must conform to the principles of loyalty, integrity and uprightness in all their relations be they sports, social and moral and they must conform to the FILA Constitution and Regulations in all their activities related to the sport of wrestling.

TITLE I - GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Article 1 - Purpose

Drawn up in accordance with the FILA Constitution and Regulations, the purpose of these Regulations is:

- a. To determine the nature of the infringements for which disciplinary sentences may be imposed on the affiliated National Federations, on the members of the National Federations (clubs, competitors, leaders, referees and officials) or the FILA Bureau members who contravene the FILA Constitution, Rules and Regulations or who, in any way, violate the discipline and harm the prestige of the sport of wrestling.
- b. To establish the nature and extent of the penalties imposed, and to stipulate the procedure for their application.

The aim followed in order to obtain respect for the FILA Constitution and Regulations, as well as the respect of the principles derived from the sports juridical provisions, is the requirement of a particular concept of "fair-play" as a firm opposition to all forms of disciplinary infringements, against the use of forbidden substances and forbidden methods by the World Anti-Doping Code, against violence, whether physical or verbal and against corruption are guaranteed by the competent organs of sports justice of the FILA or the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

- c. The principle is that all disciplinary infringements are sanctioned; in addition, the right to a defence and the possibility of appealing against the judgement in cases foreseen are guaranteed.
- d. The affiliated National Federations, associated disciplines or any physical member who has a disciplinary sentence placed on them will be suspended from every sort of FILA activity for the whole period of the sentence. The Judge's decisions are immediately enforceable.

Article 2 – General rules

Infringement of the existing Regulations as a result of ignorance does not excuse anyone. Anyone who encourages a person to commit an offence or who assists him or her to commit an offence shall be punished in the same way as the offender. One single more severe penalty, which includes all the fines imposed, notwithstanding any other action, shall be imposed for several infringements established.

Article 3 - Field of application

The provisions of these Regulations apply to the National Federations affiliated or associated to FILA, to the members of the affiliated or associated Federations, to the FILA licence holders, to the wrestlers, leaders, coaches, referees and all officials of these Federations as well as the FILA



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Bureau members for infringements recorded in the discharge of their duties or during the Olympic Games, the World Championships and Cups, the Continental Championships and Cups, Regional Games, Golden Grand Prix, to international competitions of all nature, organised under the FILA's control or any other official event organised under the patronage of FILA or its affiliated members, including the training centres and the training camps.

Through their affiliation with FILA, the National Federations and their members accept and agree to respect and to abide by, at national and international level, the FILA Statutes and Regulations and all decisions taken in the field of sport and discipline in general.

Article 4 - Affiliated National Federations, physical persons and associated disciplines' responsibilities

- 4.1 The affiliated National Federations, the associated disciplines, their leaders and their members: wrestlers, referees, coaches, etc., answer for offences committed by fraud or through error, unless there is a provision to the contrary. Leaders who have the responsibility of acting as legal representatives to affiliated clubs or societies are, until proved not so, co-responsible for any disciplinary breaches committed by their members.
- 4.2 Members can also be objectively and presumably responsible in certain cases.
- 4.3 Ignorance of the Regulations and all other norms issued by the Federal bodies cannot, under any circumstances, be offered as a defence.

Article 5 - Responsibilities of affiliate members and associated disciplines in particular

- 5.1 Affiliated National Federations and associated disciplines answer directly for the acts of those who they represent as laid down in the federal provisions.

Affiliated National Federations and associated disciplines are responsible for the acts of their leaders, members and licence holders in disciplinary matters.

Under objective responsibility, affiliated National Federations and associated disciplines are also responsible for the acts and behaviour of the fans and accompanying individuals.

Affiliated National Federations and associated disciplines are also responsible for maintaining public order when they organise competitions.

- 5.2 Affiliated National Federations and associated disciplines are held responsible, until proved otherwise, for sports violations which benefit them but which are committed by people who are foreign to them.
- 5.3 Affiliated National Federations and associated disciplines may not be held responsible if, according to the evidence they provide, according to the inquiry on the subject or the debate, it becomes clear that they did not participate in the violation or that they were not aware of it or, at least, that there are serious well-founded doubts on this matter.

Article 6 - Sports fraud, violation and obligation of denunciation

- 6.1 Violating the standards which govern athletes' licences, their age, their nationality or other details, as well as participation in competitions which are not on the FILA calendar, or with athletes from a club not affiliated or associated to the FILA, constitutes sports fraud and leads to serious disciplinary measures for the affiliated National Federation responsible and, in particular, the President of the Federation and accompanying leader.



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- 6.2** In order to control the personal identity, age or nationality, identity cards, passports, driving licences or other valid documents will be taken into consideration.
- 6.3** In order to be answerable for a sport violation, the individuals and Federations mentioned in Article 3, 4 and 5 of these Regulations must carry out, or allow another person, in their name or in their interest, in any possible way, activities which influence a competition or which allow an individual to have an advantage in the classification.
- 6.4** The leader, the member or the competitor who has or had relations with National Federations or associations or individuals who have undertaken or are about to undertake activities mentioned in the preceding point or is aware of such activities, must immediately inform the FILA Prosecutor, by any valid means, and obligatorily by registered post, no matter how he or she learned about them.

TITLE II – SPORTS JUSTICE BODIES

Article 7 - The Appeal Commission

- 7.1** The Appeal Commission is composed of a president, two members and two substitutes appointed by the Bureau following a proposal by the FILA President.

The ruling body is validly constituted in the presence of a president and two members. The decisions are taken at the majority.

In case of a definitive absence of the president or the members, the Bureau shall make the necessary appointments on the occasion of its next meeting.

The FILA Appeal Commission can validly be in session by conference call.

- 7.2** The Appeal Commission makes the final judgement on appeals lodged against the decisions rendered by the Sports Judge by the parties in first instance.
- 7.3** Conflicts opposing the FILA with one of its members, or with members against each other, as mentioned in article 3, which are not resolved by a decision of Sports Judge or the Appeal Commission, will be submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) excluding any other jurisdiction. Appealing parties agree to conform exclusively to the CAS's Constitution and Regulations and to carry out the sentence it hands down.

Article 8 - The Sports Judge

The Sports Judge is appointed by the Bureau following a proposal by the FILA President.

The term of office is four years renewable. The mandate is independent from the term of office of the body which appointed it. The Sports Judge rules in first instance on all disciplinary infringements submitted to him by the Federal Prosecutor.

The Sports Judge may carry out further investigation in addition to those carried out by the Federal Prosecutor.

The disciplinary measures are disclosed on the FILA website.



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Article 9 - The Prosecutor

The FILA Prosecutor is appointed by the Bureau following a proposal by the FILA President. The mandate is independent from the term of office of the body which appointed it.

The Prosecutor:

- a) Receives the denunciations and claims concerning disciplinary violations;
- b) Investigates the files pursuant to the provisions of the regulations and opens the disciplinary action autonomously by referring it to the Sports Judge;
- c) Closes a case without further action in case the disciplinary denunciation lacks of grounds
- d) Is entitled to appeal to the Appeal Commission against the decisions taken by the Sports Judge
- e) May attend the hearings convened by the Sports Judge and the Appeal Commission and ask questions

Article 10 - Disciplinary procedure

10.1 The FILA Prosecutor conducts a disciplinary investigation as a result of:

- a. An official act from a federal body or from the FILA Bureau;
- b. An official competition report for violations committed by members during sports events;
- c. Denunciation of members belonging to National Federations;
- d. Any information of a disciplinary nature, whatever its source, as long as the source is identified.

10.2 The exactitude of the contents of official acts from a FILA body, structure or Bureau and reports from officials at competitions are valid until proved otherwise.

10.3 All denunciations and reports must be sent to the FILA Prosecutor via the FILA Secretariat.

10.4 The FILA Prosecutor can classify acts where the disciplinary action results from insufficient evidence.

10.5 The FILA Prosecutor starts the disciplinary action by notifying the person charged of the complaint against him. The accusation must be made in a concise and clear manner to assist the preparation of a defence relating to the matter(s) in question and it must contain a summons of a length of time, not less than ten days but maximum 20 days, for possible deductions.

During this time, the person charged may instruct himself of the facts from the FILA Secretariat and request copies.

10.6 Investigations consist in gathering existing documents on the charges in view of the judgement and by hearing the witnesses mentioned in the official report and hearing the witnesses mentioned by the accused.

10.7 The FILA Prosecutor may receive written statements from these witnesses or oral testimony, if appropriate or necessary.

10.8 At the end of the investigations, the FILA Prosecutor, if he does not announce a withdrawal, transmits the file to the Sports Judge together with his own requests.



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- 10.9** For additional information the Sports Judge may start other inquiries in addition to those carried out by the FILA Prosecutor.
- 10.10** The FILA Judge's final sentence, brief although complete must be notified to the accused and to the FILA Prosecutor and must also be published on the FILA website.
- 10.11** The decision at the first level, with notification to the interested parties, comes into effect immediately. However, in the event of an appeal, the president of the Appeal Commission, at the interested party's request, can suspend implementation of the decision for serious and justified reasons.

Article 11 - Second judgement

- 11.1** The person charged, or the FILA Prosecutor, may appeal against the Sports Judge's decision to the Appeal Commission within 20 days after the decision's notification.
- 11.2** The appeal must be signed by the appellant and accompanied by the 1'000 CHF fee laid down by the FILA Bureau and must contain the relevant information about the contested decision, the specific reasons for the appeal, any inquiries which may have been held which could be heard by the Appeal Commission.

For the Federations, the legal representative is allowed to submit the appeal with a proxy, although the appeal could be deemed inadmissible. The legal representation is proved by the (re)affiliation form sent to the FILA Bureau which is valid for the year in question.

The appellant cannot produce evidence in the second judgement that he could have produced in the first. Other evidence can only be asked for again when the relevant appeal, already put forward at the first level, has been rejected.

- 11.3** The Appeal Commission makes its decision on the basis of information provided and can consult the controls and evidence which are indispensable for a fair decision.
- 11.4** Rejection of the appeal automatically leads to the reinstatement of the decision which was suspended and the appropriation of the fee collected.
- 11.5** There is no appeal against a decision taken after a second judgement except in the case foreseen in articles 12 and 13.

Article 12 - Revision procedure

- 12.1** Final sentences can exceptionally be submitted for revision in the following very specific cases:
- if they result from a party acting fraudulently to prejudice one of the parties
 - if it can be proved that the evidence used is recognised or declared false after the sentence
 - if, after the sentence, one or more decisive documents are found which the party had not produced at the time either because of a *force majeure*, or through the activities of his opponent
 - if the sentence is the result of an error of fact shown by the actions and the documents of the case



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e. if a decisive fact unknown at the first instance was not examined.

12.2 Sentences for which the appeal term has expired can be attacked for revision in points a/, b/, c/, d/ and e/ if it is discovered that there has been fraud or duplicity or that the documents were procured after the end of the term.

12.3 The revision is proposed by submitting the conclusions to the Appeal Commission with payment of the fee laid down by the FILA Bureau (1,000 Swiss Francs). If this is submitted by the Federal Procurer, he must then notify the interested party simultaneously.

The conclusions must indicate, at the risk of being inadmissible, the reasons for the revision and give evidence of the established facts, points a/, b/,c/, d/ and e/ of the day of the discovery or verification of the fraud, or falseness or distorted use of the documents.

12.4 The Appeal Commission decides beforehand whether or not the request is admissible.

When there is a clear lack of justified reasons, the request will be declared inadmissible.

If the request is declared admissible, the Commission takes a decision on this issue. Decisions concerning revision are not subject to payment of dues

Article 13 - Appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport

All disciplinary matters which inflict a sentence are within the competence of the FILA Sports Judge nominated for this post.

In order to facilitate the solving of sports lawsuits which cannot be settled by the Appeal Commission, an arbitration body, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), has been created. The National Federations affiliated to the FILA, the Associated Disciplines and all FILA members (Bureau members, wrestlers, coaches, referees, doctors and leaders) agree by adhering to the FILA that they will only accept the FILA to settle all sports differences they may have between themselves and which they are unable to settle amicably.

An appeal against the judgement can be transmitted to the secretary of the International Council of Arbitration in Sports which will judge how well-founded the appeal is before transmitting it to the CAS. The FILA, as it accepts no other jurisdiction, can be called to settle sports conflicts.

The appealing parties agree to conform exclusively to the FILA, CIAS and CAS Constitution and Regulations and agree to carry out the sentence laid down.

The judgement expenses due to CAS must be borne by the National Federation from each party of the dispute (defendant or appellant, according to the sentence pronounced).

Article 14 - Disciplinary sentences against National Federations and Associated National Bodies

Disciplinary sentences against National Federations and the associated national bodies are:

- a. Warning
- b. Reprimand
- c. A fine which can vary from 1.000 to 100.000 Swiss Francs for violations committed by representative bodies, members or supporters of the National Federation or of the associated national body.



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- d. Suspension varying from one month to three years, for violations committed by representative bodies, members or supporters of the National Federation or the associated national body.

In this case, the following accompanying measures will be applied:

- ban from organising international events for a certain time
- ban from participating in international events for a certain time

- e. Removal from the FILA which can be submitted to Congress by the FILA Bureau for:

- extremely serious reason
- non-payment of membership fees
- following aims contrary to that of the FILA
- serious infringement of FILA Statutes and Regulations
- refusal to implement decisions

- f. Non-payment of subscriptions

A Federation that has not paid its annual subscription more than 3 months after the deadline will lose its rights in particular the possibility to vote during the Congress.

If the delay extends beyond a year, the Federation will lose its right to participate to the World Championships, World Cups, Continental Championships and any international competition and will not be able to organize a similar event.

The FILA Bureau has the possibility to submit a motion to the Congress in order to propose exclusion of a National Federation which did not pay its annual subscription during several years. This proposition will be voted secretly. The eventual re-affiliation of an excluded Federation will only take place after the settlement of all debts.

The final decision to remove an affiliated National Federation or an associated national body can only be taken finally by the majority of votes at the FILA Congress.

Article 15 - Omission to declare events

If, in infringing the requirements the Constitution and the General Regulation for International Championships and Competitions, a National Federation or an associated national body omits to announce the organisation of an international competition, a tournament between a minimum of three nations or any other international event to the FILA and also omits to send the results of the matches and to settle the sum laid down in article 8a of the Financial Regulations, this National Federation will be fined double the amount of this sum. The amount of the fine will be set by the Judge between 2.000 and 50.000 Swiss Francs.

Article 16 - Disrespect of sanctions

If a club, an affiliated National Federation or an associated national association, has been suspended and then participates in an international event, the fine can be doubled even though the said National Federation, associated national association or its club will also have to pay a fine to the FILA. The amount of the fine will be set by the Sports Judge between 2.000 and 50.000 Swiss Francs.

Article 17 - Late entry for Championships and Cups

If the entry form does not arrive in time, the National Federation, the associated national association concerned is considered as not intending participation in the Championship. If the entry by name has



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not been received one month before the Championship date the National Federation's team's members will not be accredited, the final list will not be accepted and the wrestlers will not be able to participate in the Championship. The fine laid down by article 26 of the General Regulations for the Championships and International Competitions will be applied.

Article 18 - Withdrawal following sending a nominative entry

If the entry by name is sent one month before the event but the National Federation or the associated national association does not arrive at the competition.

The following sentences are applicable to the National Federation or the associated national association in question:

- National Federation or associated national association will be suspended from all international events between 1 month up to three years
- Fine to be paid to the FILA of 1.000 to 10.000 Swiss Francs.
- Payment to FILA of twice the accommodation fee per wrestler entered in the nominative list. Half of the additional bracket paid will be distributed to the organizer and the other half will go to FILA.

Article 19 - Cancellation of a World or Continental Championship or a World or Continental Cup

The organisation of World or Continental Championships or a World or Continental Cup and final Golden Grand Prix is attributed by the FILA Executive Committee based on candidates' files presented by the postulating National Federations or associated national associations and preliminary inspection reports.

The day the Championship or Cup is attributed, the various contracts concerning the Championship or Cup are signed between the organising Federation or organising national association and the FILA.

In the event of World or Continental Championship or World or Continental Cup being unjustifiably cancelled by the organising Federation or the organizing national association sooner than 24 months before the date fixed for the competition, whatever the age group concerned, or in the event of non-respect of the lawful obligations laid down by the FILA, the organising Federation or organizing national association will be fined 10,000 to 50,000 Swiss Francs (and will be prevented to organize an international competition for a one month to three year period).

Article 20 – Abandonment or withdrawal of a team

- a. Any national team which withdraws from an event in an inopportune way will be sentenced by being banned from taking part in international events for a period from one month to three years.

Moreover, as these withdrawals are expensive to the organisers, the Federation or the concerned national association will have to pay to the organisers the full amount which it would have cost during its team's stay: hotel expenses, restaurant, transport and all other expenditure envisaged if necessary.

- b. Any National Federation or national association normally entered for an international event which appears on the FILA calendar which, three months before the event, does not inform its partners of its possible withdrawal and refuses to organise or refuses the participation of its team in the aforementioned event for whatever reason will be fined 2,000 to 50,000 Swiss Francs and will



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have to pay the expenses incurred by the injured Federation. Moreover the Judge may suspend the federation concerned from one month to three years.

However, in the event of circumstances of "force majeure" the time frame above will not be applicable and the fine may not be imposed.

- c. In addition, a fine of 2,000 to 5,000 Swiss Francs could be imposed on any Federation or national association which, one month before the event, does not inform the organiser of his possible withdrawal, for whatever reason. The National Federation or national association at fault will have to settle with the organiser the expenses incurred on presentation of documentary proof. However, in the event of circumstances beyond their control such as: epidemic, collective accident, official ban, etc., the one month deadline indicated above will not be impossible and the fine may not be imposed.

Article 21 – International tournaments

The organiser must send the plane tickets 1 month before the competition:

- to the appointed referee
- to the instructor (if a course is organised)

Failure to send the tickets will mean the following sentences being applied:

- the referee training will be cancelled
- the control of the participating referees will not be regarded as valid

The organising Federation will be fined between 1,000 and 5,000 Swiss Francs.

Article 22 – Cancellation of a tournament registered with the FILA calendar

Tournaments registered with the calendar and published in the Official FILA News Bulletin cannot be cancelled, nor can the dates be changed in the year they take place without a valid and acceptable reason. The following are considered events of "force majeure": war, epidemic, natural disaster, public safety.

In the event of a tournament being cancelled or the dates being changed without a valid reason, a fine of 1,000 to 5,000 Swiss Francs will be imposed on the National Federation or associated national association at fault. Moreover the Judge may suspend the federation concerned from one month to three years.

Article 23 - Badly organised Championships and Cups

In the event of badly organised Championships and Cups, the National Federation or associated national association concerned will be suspended from organising Championships and Cup for a 1 month to 3 years period and will be fined 5.000 to 50.000 Swiss Francs.

Article 24 - Misrepresentations on the age or the nationality of wrestlers

The Federation or associated national association concerned will be fined 2,000 to 15,000 Swiss Francs per noted infringement. The Judge may suspend the athlete concerned for one month to three years.



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Article 25 - Non respect of the schedule of conditions by the organising federation of the Championship or Cup

The organising Federation or organizing associated national association must cover the transport expenses of the President or his substitute, of the two technical deputies, one or two officiating delegates depending on the circumstances.

If the people concerned do not hear to the contrary one month before the event, they will purchase their own tickets which will then be billed to the National Federation or to the organizing associated national association by the FILA.

A fine for non-respect of its obligations could be imposed on the National Federation or on the associated national association in question of between 1,000 and 5,000 Swiss Francs.

Article 26 - Absence of television coverage and of the international electronic feed

For Senior Men's and Women's World and Continental Championships, the organising National Federation must, at the time of attribution, sign contracts with FILA and the host broadcaster of its choice.

These contracts guarantee the televised coverage of the event and all the obligations which are attached therein, as well as the provision of the international electronic feed and the production.

If the televised coverage or the international feed are not provided, for whatever reason, the organising Federation will be fined for damages of 100,000 Swiss Francs (one hundred thousand Swiss francs) for a World Championship or 75,000 Swiss Francs (seventy five thousand Swiss francs) for a Continental Championship.

Concerning the Continental Championships other than the European Championships, exemptions from the present obligations can be made according to the countries where Continental Championships will be organised.

For World and Continental Cups televised coverage of the event is preferable. The rights are yielded by the FILA to the organiser.

Only FILA's Executive Committee is qualified to make decisions on the situation and decide case by case.

Article 27 - Non presentation of referees to competitions

Any Federation which does not conform to the table set up in the Regulations for Organising Championships and International Competitions with regard to the number of referees which must accompany their participating national delegations, where the nation has referees in the category concerned, will be fined as follows depending on the number of wrestlers entered:

- for tournaments, Championships, Cups and Regional Games : a fine of 2.000 Swiss Francs per missing referee

Article 28 - Participation of a suspended individual

The National Federation (or one of its clubs) which agrees with and allows the participation in an international event of one of its members (wrestler, referee, trainer, leader) who has been suspended by the FILA, will be liable to being banned from participating in international competitions and will have



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to pay the FILA a fine between 2.000 and 50.000 Swiss Francs. Moreover the Judge may pronounce a suspension from one month to three years.

Article 29 - Federations and people who harm the FILA's reputation and interests

In the event of, contrary to any deontological rule, certain members of the FILA Bureau, members of the Continental Councils, members of the National Federations, the National Federations themselves, violate one of the FILA's statutory principles, harm the reputation of the FILA, incite the separatist and divisive actions, act against the integrity of FILA, defame or gravely offend FILA members, they will be sentenced as follows:

a. Against National Federations:

- a warning
- suspension from participating in the FILA programme and competitions from one month to three years
- suspension from the FILA from one month to three years plus a fine of between 5.000 to 15.000 Swiss Francs

b. Against people on a purely individual basis:

- a warning
- suspension from participating in FILA meetings and competitions, from one month to three years, plus a fine between 5.000 and 15.000 Swiss Francs
- expulsion for life

Article 30 - Suspension and expulsion of a Federation

Notwithstanding the provisions of articles 14 and 31 of these Regulations, any proposal from the Sports Judge suggesting the

- Expulsion from FILA

will be studied by the FILA Bureau which will decide upon its submission to the Congress which will decide whether to ratify this decision or not, as stated in the Constitution.

Any National Federation which has been suspended cannot be readmitted until after the expiry of the suspension period.

Any National Federation which has been expelled can only be reintegrated in to the FILA at its request following a decision by Congress which voted for its expulsion and which will be called upon to re-affiliate the National Federation in question.



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TITLE III – FURTHER MATTERS

Article 31 - General prohibition

a. FILA affiliated Federations are forbidden from maintaining an unspecified sports relationship with a suspended or expelled National Federation, the latter not being allowed to organise international events nor to enter competitors for international competitions

b. In accordance with article 2 of the Constitution, the FILA bans any official leader, referee, trainer, during competitions, training courses, seminars and other events to express political, racial or religious convictions.

Any FILA affiliated National Federation which does respect this regulation will be liable to a disciplinary measure, even expulsion in certain cases.

c. All FILA affiliated National Federations commit themselves to behaving with dignity and respect towards all the other members of the FILA and accept all FILA's decisions and Regulations.

The following measures could be applied:

- written reproach with payment of a fine from 1.000 to 5.000 Swiss Francs
- a one month to three year suspension
- life ban

Article 32 - Disciplinary actions against individuals, officials and coaches

The disciplinary actions likely to be imposed on officials and coaches are:

- warning
- from one month to year suspension
- ban on officially representing his National Federation at events organized under control of the FILA for one month to three year period plus a fine from 1.000 to 10.000 Swiss Francs
- expulsion for life in extremely serious cases

Article 33 - Indiscipline

The official leader or the coach who leaves an event inopportune for an unspecified reason will be suspended and an investigation will be opened against him in co-operation with his National Federation.

In the same way, any leader or coach who incites a wrestler to carry out his bout with the intention of letting his opponent win will be disqualified for the duration of the event and the case will be referred to the Judge.

Article 34 - Inciting abandonment

The leader or the coach who is guilty of inciting abandonment will not be allowed to represent his team in any FILA controlled competition for a one month to three year period, notwithstanding the additional



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sentences which will be taken by his National Federation, notification of which will be made to the FILA.

Article 35 - Impropriety or assault

Any leader or coach found guilty of impropriety or assault will be banned from representing his team in any FILA controlled competition for a period between one month and three years and fined between 5.000 to 20.000 Swiss Francs.

Article 36 - False declarations

Any leader or coach called to take part in disciplinary proceedings noted above as a witness and who makes misrepresentations will be banned for one month to three years from representing his National Federation at FILA controlled competitions.

TITLE IV – REFEREES

The disciplinary measures against referees can be requested by the Refereeing Department, the Appeal Jury, the FILA Bureau or any other individual member of FILA. Any request for disciplinary measures must be caused by a detailed report lodged at the FILA Secretariat which will hand it over to the Prosecutor.

Article 37 - Disciplinary actions

The sentences imposed on referees are:

- Verbal caution
- Written notice
- Official warning
- suspension from functions throughout the competition
- banned from officiating in international events from one month to three years
- expulsion from the list of international referees

37.1 It is strictly reminded that decisions made during a match by the Refereeing Body or the Appeal Jury unanimously are not subject to change. No legal authority, be it the FILA or the CAS, is competent for judging a referee decision made at the majority of the Refereeing Body.

Article 38 - Infringements

The referee is guilty of the infringements indicated in:

- article 33 will be suspended from his functions throughout the competition
- article 34 will be suspended from his functions for one month to three years



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- articles 35 and 36 above, will be removed from the list of international referees, suspended by the Sports Judge and banned from representing his Federation at all FILA controlled competitions

Article 39 - Exclusion

Any referee convicted of partiality and injustice while performing his duties as a referee will be excluded from the FILA for life.

TITLE V - WRESTLERS

Article 40 - Disciplinary sanctions

Disciplinary sentences which can be imposed on wrestlers are:

- warning
- reprimand
- disqualification from the competition
- suspension from participating in international competitions for a fixed length of time
- disqualification for life

The various sentences can be cumulated.

Article 41 - Indiscipline

Any wrestler who refuses without a valid and justified reason to compete in one the matches in a competition in which he is participating will be sentenced by disqualification from the competition and by being banned from taking part in international competitions from one month to three years.

Any wrestler showing characterised indiscipline and who abandons competitions in an inopportune way will be suspended and an investigation will take place. He could be sentenced by being banned from taking part in international competitions from one month to three years.

Article 42 - Impropiety

Any sports impropriety during a match: insult, undesirable gesture, opposition to referees' decisions, opposition to the requirements of a qualified official, provocation of the opponent, of the witnesses or of an official, etc. i.e. any act contrary to the propriety of the sport of wrestling will be sentenced as follows:

- Disqualification for the duration of the combat: this decision is taken by the refereeing body
- Disqualification for the duration of the competition: this decision will be taken by the refereeing body and the Head of the refereeing body. This decision could be appealed against and studied by the FILA Executive Committee
- A suspension from one month to three years will be pronounced by the Judge



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Article 43 - Infringements with the wrestling rules

The wrestler who competes with the intention of letting his opponent win will be sentenced in the following way:

- from disqualification to a ban from participating in any competition between one month and three years

If the aforementioned opponent is also recognized as being at fault, he will be eliminated from the match or will be disqualified for the duration of the competition or will be banned from taking part in any meeting from one month to three years.

Any wrestler who attacks and strikes or intentionally and brutally tries to wound his opponent will be disqualified from the competition and will be banned from taking part in all meetings from one month to three years during which time he will be banned from taking part in international meetings.

In the event of a serious injury caused voluntarily by a wrestler, disqualification for life can be pronounced.

Article 44 - Assault

Any wrestler who assaults his opponent, a member of the opposing team or any other FILA member in the competition venue or in its surroundings, will be sentenced to a ban from any competition between one month and three years and will be fined 1.000 to 10.000 Swiss Francs.

If the assault causes serious injury, disqualification for life can be pronounced.

Any wrestler who assaults a referee, a judge or competition official, inside or outside the competition venue, will be sentenced by being banned from participating in international competitions from one to three years and will be fined 1.000 to 10.000 Swiss Francs and could be suspended for life depending on the gravity of the offence.

Any wrestler who vandalises the competition venue or its surroundings, a hotel etc., will be suspended from one month to three years and will be fined 5.000 to 10.000 Swiss Francs notwithstanding the payment of the damage caused. It is specified that in the event of the wrestler's no solvency, the National Federation concerned will be responsible.

Article 45 – Non-observance of sanctions

Any wrestler suspended following a sentence and who takes part in competitions nevertheless will have a heavier punishment, without prejudice to the penalty pronounced against his club or National Federation.

Article 46 – Anti-doping controls

Pursuant to the Constitution, any wrestler who refuses to subject himself to an anti-doping test, carried out in compliance with the methods stipulated in the Code, will be considered guilty of being doped, will be disqualified for the whole of the competition and, for the first infringement, will be banned from participating in wrestling competitions for two years, adjustable.

In addition, when the examinations or tests undertaken under the conditions laid down by the FILA Anti-doping Regulations and the IOC / WADA World Anti-doping Code show a positive result, the doped wrestler will be disqualified for the whole of the competition, will have his results cancelled for a first infringement and will be banned from participating in competitions for an adjustable period up to two years.



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When an international wrestler (man or woman) has a positive result further to a doping test carried out during a Championship, an international competition, a training course, or if he/she is included in the registered testing pool, his/her National Federation is considered as responsible and will be sanctioned with a fine of 10,000 Swiss Francs and the wrestler (man or woman) will be suspended from participating in any international competition according to the FILA Sports Judge's decision.

In the event of repetition, the wrestler at fault will be suspended for life.

In team competitions (World Cups, etc.), when a wrestler (man or woman) is tested positive, this wrestler or these wrestlers (men or women) will be sanctioned by the FILA Sports Judge according to the provisions of the FILA Anti-doping Regulations and the team will be disqualified from the competition concerned.

Article 47 - Misrepresentation

Any competitor involved in the disciplinary proceedings noted above as a witness and making misrepresentations will be banned from one month to three years from any international competitions.

Article 48 - Degree of sentences – repeat offending

- 48.1** The quality and the degree of the sentences are drawn up by the judicial bodies according to the objective and subjective gravity of the facts of the case, bearing in mind the possibility of possible repeat offending.
- 48.2** A repeat offender is an individual who, having previously been the subject of a disciplinary lawsuit which ended in the application of a sentence, is subjected to a lawsuit for another offence. The repetition is specific when the new charge relates to a violation of the same type as the previous offence.
- 48.3** A warning does not count towards repeat offending.
- 48.4** The Federation or wrestler who, after being punished for an unspecified violation of the standards contained in the FILA Constitution or Regulations repeats the same offence during the same sports season will have his punishment increased. It is the judicial body which fixes the limits of the increased sentence, by taking account of the gravity of the offence and the disciplinary precedents.

Article 49 - Attempt at infringement

The affiliated member or licence holder who carries out an appropriate and directed act, in an unambiguous way, in order to commit an offence, or who is in any event responsible, will be punished, even if the act is not completed or if the event does not occur, with a punitive sentence less serious than that which would have been inflicted if the offence had occurred.

Article 50 - Aggravating circumstances

Facts which increase the sanctions are:

- a. having committed the offence through abusing power or violating duties coming from or consequential to exercising the function of the guilty party
- b. having committed the offence during a previous disciplinary action
- c. having benefited from extra-sports situations



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- d. having injured people or goods
- e. having persuaded others to violate the federal standards and provisions in any kind i.e.: having damaged the organisation
- f. having acted for futile reasons
- g. having, at the time of the lawsuit, even only tried to contaminate the evidence
- h. having committed the offence through the press or any other means of communication, while making statements which injured the image and the authority of the FILA or any other member
- i. having caused significant damage to the patrimony
- j. by this infringement caused, or helped to cause, violent public disorder
- k. having worsened or tried to worsen the illicit consequences committed
- l. having committed an illicit to make or hide another, or having obtained or sought an advantage for himself or others

Article 51 - Attenuating circumstances

The following circumstances attenuate the disciplinary sanction:

- a. having been provoked
- b. spontaneously and efficiently attempting to cancel and attenuate the prejudicial or dangerous consequences of his actions or those of others
- c. to have renounced

Article 52 - Evaluating the circumstances

- 52.1** The circumstances which may attenuate or remove the sentences are evaluated by the judicial body towards those responsible, even if they are not known or are judged without ground.
- 52.2** The circumstances which may increase or attenuate the sentences are evaluated by the judicial body only if they are known, or for guilty ignorance or if they are judged non-existent.
- 52.3** In the event of third parties taking part in the breach, the circumstances which worsen or lessen the sentence, the intensity and degree of the breach and the circumstances inherent to the culprit are evaluated only with regard to the person to whom they refer.

Article 53 - Combination of worsening and attenuating circumstances

The judicial body which considers the existence of aggravating and attenuating circumstances of an offence at the same time must establish equivalence between them.

If there are more aggravating circumstances, they will be taken into account. Otherwise, only the attenuating circumstances are taken into consideration.



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Article 54 - Conservatory suspension

- 54.1** The Federal Prosecutor, in the event of particular gravity and by a justified measure, can suspend the sports activity of a Federation and a licence holder on a purely conservatory basis with regard to the relevant disciplinary proceedings.
- 54.2** Appeals against conservatory suspension imposed by Prosecutor may be lodged before the Sports Judge.
- 54.3** The appeal, accompanied by a brief explanation, must be sent to the FILA Secretariat by registered post with acknowledgement of delivery and be delivered within the 10 days of receipt of information about the disputed lawsuit.
- 54.4** Measures of conservatory suspension automatically lose their effectiveness ninety days after their emission.

The final period of suspension will be decided later in compliance with the procedure, taking into account the time already elapsed.

Article 55 - Prescription

Disciplinary offences fall into prescription in all cases where, starting from the date of the breach, four years have passed without disciplinary proceedings being opened.

Article 56 - Notifications

- 56.1** The Secretariat undertakes the notifications
- 56.2** The Secretariat assists the activity of the sports judicial bodies by carrying out the tasks which are necessary for them to function correctly.
- 56.3** The notifications are sent by post, by email or by registered mail with acknowledgement of delivery to the National Federation's address as known to the FILA.

The Sports Judge's Notification of measures to the Secretary General is deposited at the FILA Secretariat.

For expiry times mentioned in the preceding articles, the post mark is taken as the sending date and the receipt slip as the date of receipt.

- 56.4** All the deadlines outlined above for the presentation of the appeals and complaints are pre-emptory, which means that once the deadline is passed, nobody can, for whatever reason, renew or reiterate them.

Article 57 - Amnesties, reduction of sentence and pardon

- 57.1** The FILA Executive Committee can grant amnesties and reduction of sentences: first, relative to the disciplinary violations for which relative measures are still pending; second for sentences which are not yet completely expired
- 57.2** The amnesty can be total, i.e.: for all the sentences envisaged by any judicial body for offences committed until the day preceding the date when the FILA Executive Committee will meet; or partly, i.e. limited to certain sentences or certain periods. It purges the disciplinary actions and puts an end to the execution of relative measures. The FILA Executive Committee



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must indicate when the amnesty will begin. For which are taking place for an offence which is covered by an amnesty, the judicial body judging the case will pronounce a dismissal. Amnesty cannot be granted for doping cases.

- 57.3** Reducing sentences is a measure of general leniency; it forgives, completely or partly, the sentence imposed or reduces it or commutes it to one which is less serious than the one imposed in the first case. Its effectiveness is limited to the offences committed until the day before the FILA Executive Committee deliberates. In the event of several sentences, the reduction of the sentence is applied to the sentences for which it is requested. It can be subjected to conditions and obligations and does not apply to the case of a repeat offender.
- 57.4** Amnesties and reduction of sentence have a character of absolute generality. During the four years of the Olympic cycle, one cannot concede more than one amnesty and reduction of sentence.
- 57.5** The FILA President, at the request of the interested party, can give a pardon, only if the interested party has carried out at least half of the sentence and, in the event of expulsion, on condition that at least five years have expired since the adoption of the final sentence.

The pardon only concerns the immediate suspension of the sentence.

The pardon is not granted for doping cases.

Article 58 - Unforeseen circumstances

In the event of a dispute on matters not specified in the Articles in these Regulations, only the FILA Bureau is qualified to interpret these Regulations.

Similarly, the FILA Bureau, considering the Constitution, is entitled to make any necessary modification to guarantee the smooth running of the FILA.



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APPENDIX

Expenses rates

Administration expenses

Each party of a dispute appealing to the FILA Appeal Commission shall pay a 1.000 Swiss Francs minimum fee for the appeal petition. This fee shall be taken into account for the final count of administrative expenses.

All the legal expenses mentioned here above will be borne by the National Federation of each party of the dispute and distributed according to the sentence.

Fees and expenses of the members of the Commission

The amount of fees owed to each member of the Appeal Commission is set by the FILA Secretary General and based on the time reasonably devoted to the execution of the mission by the Commission. The following rates per day are taken into account as a rule:

For a dispute value

- From 1'000'000 to 5'000'000 Swiss Francs: 270 Swiss Francs
- From 5'000'000 to 10'000'000 Swiss Francs: 400 Swiss Francs

In certain circumstances the President of the Commission may decide, on the proposition of the Prosecutor, to set the amount of global fees to an inferior or superior amount than the one that would be applied with the hourly rate described here above. In the case of disapproval by a member of the commission, the fees shall set by the Executive Committee.

In addition to the payment of his/her fees each member has the right to be reimbursed his/her expenses on presentation of the documentary evidence and within the following framework:

- Travel by plane for journeys under 2500 km: value of an Economy class flight ticket
- Travel by plane for journeys over 2500 km : value of a Business class flight ticket
- Travel by train: value of a First class return ticket
- Travel by car: 1 Swiss Francs per kilometre within the limit of a train ticket (1st class, return ticket)
- Accommodation: full board in a superior class hotel but maximum 350 Swiss Francs per night
- Meal expenses: 150 Swiss per day maximum

Without documentary evidence the possible phone, fax, stamp, photocopies and other secretarial expenses are reimbursed up to a limit of 200 Swiss Francs per case and per Commission's member.

If a Commission's member does not produce any documentary evidence of his/her expenses within a deadline of 30 days as from the notification of the final decision he/she will be considered as waiving his/her rights to the fees and the reimbursement of the expenses and FILA has the right to abandon every fee.

The possible national taxes such as VAT on the amounts paid by FILA are borne by the members of the commission.