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ARTICLE 1

General provisions

1.1. International association of sport tourism public organizations “International Federation of Sport Tourism”, hereinafter referred to as “Federation”, is a public, non-profit and independent voluntary association of national federations (unions, associations, etc.) on sport tourism, established on the basis of their common interests for the development of sport tourism at an international level in all its forms, meeting the goals and objectives stipulated by the Charter.

1.2. The Federation shall be established to consolidate the efforts of its members for implementation of social purpose and opportunities of sport tourism as a sport as well as for health, ecological, educational and other types of tourism and travel, to set connections and cooperation in this area with governmental, labor union, sport, youth, children, charity and other public and non-governmental organizations as well as international associations.

1.3. The Federation shall operate in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, legislation of the Russian Federation, Constitutions and legislations of other countries whose associations are the members of the Federation, as well as in accordance with the recognized norms of international law and the Charter, preventing the discrimination of a political, racial, national, religious or other nature. If legislation of the Russian Federation or other member countries of the Federation comes into contradiction with the international law, the international law norms will prevail.

1.4. The Federation is a legal entity from the moment of its registration according to the procedure prescribed by law. It may on its own behalf acquire property and personal non-property rights and take obligations, be a plaintiff or a defendant in court, commercial and arbitration courts; open branches and representative offices, have segregated property, stamps with the name in Russian and English, letterhead stamp, letterhead and other details according to the legislation, independent balance sheet, settlement and other accounts, including foreign currency accounts in banking institutions.

1.5. The Federation shall be liable for its debts by its property, upon which the execution can be levied in accordance with the law. The Federation shall not be liable for the obligations of members of the Federation. Members of the Federation shall be subsidiarily liable for the obligations of the Federation to the extent of their annual contribution.

1.6. Within its competence the Federation shall cooperate with all interested enterprises, public and scientific organizations, legislative and executive authorities, national and international organizations as well as other legal entities and private individuals.

1.7. The Federation is free to determine its internal structure, goals, forms and methods of its activity.

1.8. The Federation may include branches and representative offices, operating in accordance with the Charter.

1.9. The Federation shall respect the independence of its members and may not interfere in their internal affairs. Federation shall operate basing on the principles of equality of rights, respect and guarantees of complete independence and self-government of its members, collective leadership, legality, publicity and transparency.

1.10. The full name of the Federation in Russian: **Международная ассоциация**

общественных объединений по спортивному туризму “Международная Федерация спортивного туризма”

The short name of the Federation in Russian: “МФСТ”

The full name of the Federation in English: “**International Federation of Sport Tourism**”

The short name of the Federation in English: “**IFST**»”.

1.11. Registered office of the Federation: Moscow, the Russian Federation

The head office of the Federation is in Moscow.

ARTICLE 2

The main goals, objectives and activities of the Federation

2.1. Goals and objectives of the Federation are:

- coordination of work on interaction of members of the Federation regarding the development of sport tourism at the international level;
- interconnection of organizations that develop the sport tourism in different countries into one international organization;
- consolidation of the efforts in developing the cooperation in tourism, protection of human rights in sport, ecological, health, educational and other types of tourism.
- promotion, all-round development and popularization of sport tourism at international level as a sport recognized by the international community;
- assistance to the Federation members to arrange the development of sport tourism in national federations on their territories;
- generation of a positive international image of sport tourism;
- cooperation in development of all types, forms and trends of sport, health, ecological, educational tourism, including children, student, youth, family and other types of tourism as well as tourism for people with disabilities.

2.2. Activities of the Federation are:

- development of all forms and types of sport tourism;
- development of mutual friendly relations with all types of international and national sport tourism organizations;
- implementation of all necessary measures to ensure the availability of hiking and traveling on the territories of countries represented in the Federation; promoting compliance with the principles of a single space and the liberalization of tourist formalities;
- arrangement and holding the international championships and other competitions and events in sport tourism for men, women, juniors, veterans, people with disabilities, etc.
- development and approval of Model rules, Provisions, Regulations, methods and other regulatory documents for sport tourism;
- development and implementation of projects and programs aimed at achieving the goals of the Federation;
- assistance in implementation of international programs and projects meeting the interests of the Federation;
- comprehensive technical, organizational and legal support of the Federation members;

- promotion of ideals and principles of honor and generosity in sport and life;
- operating the sport policy which does not contradict with the rules of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as defined by the Olympic Charter;
- correspondence with WADA Anti-Doping Code, protection of sport tourism from any stimulant drugs;

- training of staff, namely athletes, instructors, guides, coaches, judges, etc.

2.3. In order to implement the statutory goals and objectives the Federation shall:

- develop and improve the system of training and selection of highly qualified athletes for participation in international competitions;

- study and promote the history, theory and practice of sport tourism;

- promote the establishing of sport schools' network and other institutions for training the athletes, guides, judges, coaches, etc.;

- develop a system of international sport tourism competitions, set up a summary schedule of sport competitions and other public events on sport tourism, namely expeditions, training camps, seminars, meetings, conferences, exhibitions, fairs, etc.;

- arrange and hold international sport tourism competitions;

- develop and coordinate with the Federation members the common principles for the classification of tourist sport routes, regulatory system for sport tourism, methodological background for training of tourist sport and instructor staff as well as other regulatory documents;

- develop comprehensive programs for development of sport tourism, training programs, training standards and manuals for members of the Federation and other individuals;

- spread information about its public and sport activities;

- represent and protect its rights and legal interests of its members in government bodies and public (including international) organizations, enterprises, institutions;

- hold seminars, conferences and other events to share experiences on topical issues that correspond with the goals of the Federation;

- carry out publishing activities in accordance with the affective legislation, establish mass media;

- collect donations and target contributions from members of the Federation, attract investments in projects and programs that meet the goals and objectives of the Federation;

- carry out charitable activity in accordance with the procedures stipulated by the law;

- solely possess, use and manage own fixed funds and current assets, material and financial resources, have accounts in banks (including foreign currency accounts), acquire, alienate, rent and lease out its movable and immovable property;

- involve in cooperation with the Federation the enterprises, institutions, other organizations and private individuals not only on the territory of the countries whose national federations are the members of the Federation, but also of the other countries;

- assist in arrangement and holding of exhibitions and other events to promote sport tourism;

- in accordance with the established procedure, appoint members and employees of the Federation to all countries where important sport events and sport tourism competitions take place, as well as host partners and specialists of organizations-members of the Federation and other organizations;

- cooperate with international organizations, public organizations, unions,

associations, foundations in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Federation;
- exercise in full the powers stipulated by the laws on public associations in accordance with the decisions of the Council and the Executive Committee of the Federation.

2.4. The Federation shall carry out other activities not prohibited by the effective law, not contradicting the Charter and aimed at achieving goals and objectives mentioned herein.

2.5. Each national federation has the right for its own opinion on any decision made or on its separate clause or part, that may result in limited activity of the mentioned federation.

ARTICLE 3

Members of the Federation, their rights and obligations

3.1. Being an international association of public organizations, the Federation is established and acts based on the principles of voluntariness, equality of its members, self-government and validity.

3.2. Members of the Federation can be public associations - legal entities involved in development of sport tourism in their country - recognizing the Charter of the Federation and paying an annual membership fee - national federations, associations, unions and other public organizations recognized in their countries as leading public associations of sport tourism, operating in accordance with their own charters and the Charter of the Federation. Entry of a new member to the Federation may be determined by its subsidiary liability for the obligations of the Federation that originated before the entry.

3.3. Members of the Federation.

3.3.1. Members of the Federation shall act in accordance with the Regulations on Members of the Federation, approved by the Council of the Federation.

3.3.2. The status of a member of the Federation shall be available to all authorized or accredited national federations (associations, unions and other public organizations) of sport tourism, that are granted the right to develop sport tourism by the central executive authorities of the corresponding countries.

Each country developing sport tourism as a sport can have only one national federation (organization) as a member of the Federation.

3.3.3. All members of the Federation shall have equal rights and obligations. Members of the Federation shall be equally represented in the Council of the Federation and have an equal number of votes by making decisions.

3.4. Members of the Federation have the right:

- to participate in operation of the Council, the Executive Committee and other governing bodies of the Federation with a right to vote;

- to elect the governing, controlling and auditing as well as other bodies of the Federation;

- to put on the agenda any issue before the agenda is approved;

- to advise their representatives for election according to the established procedure to the governing and other bodies of the Federation;

- to discuss and persist their opinion, to criticize the shortcomings;

- to submit for consideration of the governing bodies of the Federation the issues

of the development of the Federation;

- to participate in all events held by the Federation according to the conditions defined for the members;
- to provide the official teams (representatives) of their countries to international events held by the Federation;
- to hold international events at all levels on the territory of their countries in accordance with the schedules and plans of the Federation;
- to participate in operation of commissions, boards as well as other permanent and intermediate working, consultative and advisory bodies established on a permanent or intermediate basis by the governing bodies of the Federation;
- at their own discretion to freely withdraw from the Federation according to the procedure similar to the procedure for receiving the membership.

3.5. Members of the Federation are obliged to:

- comply with the Charter of the Federation;
- widely participate in operation of the Federation;
- implement the decisions of the elected bodies of the Federation;
- inform the governing bodies of the Federation about their activity;
- pay the annual membership fee.

3.6. Entry to the Federation and termination of membership in the Federation shall be carried out by a decision of the Council of the Federation by a majority of votes after consideration of the issue by the Executive Committee of the Federation based on the submitted application and other documents according to the prescribed procedure.

National federations (organizations) that wish to join the Federation as a member shall submit to the Executive Committee of the Federation the documents according to the list approved by the Council of the Federation.

3.7. National federations (organizations) of countries that are the founders of the Federation shall automatically become the members of the Federation.

3.8. Any member of the Federation shall have the right to withdraw from the Federation. Membership in the Federation shall terminate one month after the submission of a written notice of withdrawal to the Executive Committee. Organizations that withdraw from the membership of the Federation take the liability for the obligations of the Federation to the extend of the annual contribution within two years from the date of the withdrawal from the membership of the Federation.

3.9. Membership in the Federation can be terminated by decision of the Council of the Federation because of:

- the activities that contradict the Charter of the Federation;
- the actions that cause direct or indirect damage to the reputation of the Federation or that resulted in substantial moral and/or material damage;
- longterm (more than 2 years) non-participation in operation of the Federation;
- failure to pay the membership fees within 2 years.

ARTICLE 4

Structure of the Governing bodies of the Federation

4.1. The Governing bodies of the Federation are:

- the Council of the Federation;
- the Executive Committee of the Federation;

- the President of the Federation;

The Council of the Federation

4.2. The Council is the highest governing body of the Federation.

4.3. Heads or duly authorized representatives of members of the Federation - national sport tourism federations shall participate in operation of the Council with the right to vote. At a meeting of the Council each member of the Federation shall have one vote. The authorities of the delegates shall be confirmed by the established mandate. The President of the Federation shall participate in the Council with a decisive vote, without affecting the definition of a quorum.

4.4. One of the representatives of national federations-members of the Federation shall manage the operation of the Council within one year and shall be the Chairman of the Council for the mentioned period. The order of management of the Council of the Federation for a three-year period shall be set by the report and election meeting of the Council.

4.5. Meetings of the Council of the Federation shall be held not less than once per year. Report and election meetings of the Council of the Federation shall be held not less than once every three years.

4.6. An extraordinary meetings of the Council of the Federation shall be convened upon advice of the Chairman of the Council, the President of the Federation, or at the request of more than 1/2 of the Executive Committee members or more than 1/3 of the members of the Federation. The date and place of the meeting of the Council of the Federation and its agenda shall be announced not later than one month before the meeting.

4.7. The meetings of the Council shall be deemed quorate if not less than half of the representatives of the Federation members are present.

The form of voting (open or secret) shall be determined by the Council.

4.8. Exclusive competence of the Council of the Federation shall include the following issues:

- approval of the Charter of the Federation, changes and amendments to it;
- determination of the priority directions of the Federation's activities and the principles of formation and use of the property of the Federation;
- approval of the Chairmen of the Councils of the Federation;
- election of members of the Executive Committee of the Federation and its early termination;
- election of the president, first vice-president, vice-presidents and early termination of their powers;
- election of the inspection commission of the Federation, its chairman and its early termination;
- making decisions on the reorganization and termination of the Federation's activities, appointment of a liquidation commission, approval of the liquidation balance sheet.

4.9. Competence of the Council of the Federation shall include the following:

- definition of strategy, tactics and ideology for development of various directions of sport tourism, making the sport tourism development programs;
- hearing and approval of reports of the president of the Federation, vice-presidents, the Executive Committee, committees and commissions, including inspection commission;

- approval of annual performance of the Federation;
- entry of new members of the Federation and termination of membership in the Federation;
- setting the amount of entry and annual fees;
- making decisions on the participation of the Federation in other organizations;
- approval of the Regulations on membership in the Federation;
- proceeding of appeals of members of the Federation.

4.10. The Council of the Federation may also consider other issues on operation of the Federation.

4.11. Decisions on the issues of exclusive competence of the Council of the Federation shall be deemed adopted if not less than two thirds of the representatives of the Federation members vote for them, if a quorum is present.

Decisions on all other issues shall be made by a simple majority of the representatives of the Federation members.

The Executive Committee of the Federation

4.12. The Executive Committee shall manage operation of the Federation within the period between the meetings of the Council. The president of the Federation shall manage the operation of the Executive Committee.

4.13. The Executive Committee is a permanent collegial governing body of the Federation. It shall exercise on behalf of the Federation the rights of a legal entity as well as perform its duties in accordance with the Charter.

4.14. The Executive Committee of the Federation shall include the president of the Federation, first vice-president, vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee.

4.15. The Executive Committee of the Federation shall be elected for three years by the Council of the Federation.

4.16. Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Federation shall be held not less than twice per year. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held by the president or one of the vice-presidents on behalf of the president.

4.17. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be deemed quorate if more than a half of members of the Executive Committee are present.

Decisions at meetings of the Executive Committee of the Federation shall be made by a simple majority of votes of the members of the Executive Committee present, unless otherwise stipulated by the Charter and effective legislation. The form of voting shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

4.18. Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Federation shall be convened by the president of the Federation (or his/her deputy), or at the request of more than half of members of the Executive Committee of the Federation.

4.19. The president of the Federation is obliged to determine the specific time, place for the next meeting of the Executive Committee and the agenda as well as to inform the members of the Executive Committee no later than two weeks prior the meeting.

4.20. The Executive Committee of the Federation shall:

- bring into effect the measures aiming the implementation of decisions of the Councils of the Federation;
- make decisions on regulatory, sport and technical, organizational, economic and other activities aiming the implementation of the goals mentioned in the Charter;
- decide on the establishment within the Federation the committees, commissions, boards, working groups and other bodies of the Federation according to directions of activity, approve the Regulations on their activities and their composition;

- decide on the approval of provisions to award honorary titles and marks and awards the mentioned titles and marks;
- under approval of the members of the Federation develop and approve a common calendar plan of international physical training and sport events on sport tourism;
- arrange the preparation of Regulations on Committees, Commissions, Boards and other bodies of the Federation according to directions of operation and carry out the selection of applicants to the positions;
- consider reports of the president of the Federation, vice-presidents and submits them for approval by the Council;
- consider entry of new members of the Federation and termination of membership in the Federation for subsequent approval by the Council of the Federation;
- prepare proposals to the chairman of the Council and the president of the Federation on the agenda, date and place of the meeting of the Council, prepare issues for consideration at the Council meeting of the Federation;
- carry out practical preparation of the meetings of the Council of Federation;
- solve other issues of the current activity of the Federation.

The president of the Federation

4.21. The President of the Federation shall manage operation of the Federation within the period between the meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee.

4.22. The president of the Federation is a senior representative and managing official of the Federation, elected by the Council of the Federation for three years. The president's term of office expires at the next report and election Meeting, regardless of when the president was elected.

4.23. The president of the Federation shall:

- perform the highest representative functions, represent the Federation in cooperation with legal entities and private individuals, sign contracts, agreements and other documents on behalf of the Federation, issue the powers of attorney;
- exercise rights and obligations of a legal entity on behalf of the Federation;
- represent the Federation in government and other authorities;
- act on behalf of the Federation without power of attorney as well as dispose of the property and assets of the Federation within his/her competence;
- issue orders, instructions and other documents of the Federation regulating its activity;
- arrange implementation of decisions of the Council and the Executive Committee of the Federation;
- inform annually the authorized body about the continuation of the Federation, providing the actual location of the permanent governing body and information about the leaders;
- distribute duties between first vice-president, vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee;
- approve the regulations on structural units and staffing chart of the Federation, consider staff issues;
- issue orders for hiring full-time employees;
- appoint the accountant of the Federation;
- perform other functions that are not within the competence of other bodies of the Federation.

4.24. The President of the Federation may delegate part of his/her powers to the first vice-president, vice-presidents of the Federation.

The first vice-president, vice-presidents of the Federation

4.25. The first vice-president and vice-presidents of the Federation are the managing officials of the Federation and shall be elected by the Council for three years. Their term of office shall expire at the next report and election meeting, regardless of when they were elected.

4.26. The number of vice-presidents of the Federation and their responsibility shall be established by the Council depending on the organizational needs of the Federation, the scope and complexity of the tasks to be solved.

4.27. The duties of the first vice-president and vice-presidents shall be approved by the president of the Federation.

Secretary of the Federation

4.28. The secretary of the Federation is an administrative official of the Federation and shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the Federation under the advice of the President of the Federation.

4.29. The Secretary of the Federation shall prepare the issues provided for consideration of the Council and the Executive Committee of the Federation, inform the interested parties about the decisions of the Executive Committee of the Federation, arrange and ensure the work of the Executive Committee and the President of the Federation, make minutes of meeting of the Council and the Executive Committee of the Federation, and arrange the work of the secretariat if necessary.

Inspection Commission

4.30. Monitoring and auditing in the Federation shall be performed by the Inspection Commission, which shall be elected by the Council of the Federation for three years to inspect and control the financial and economic activity of the Federation, to monitor the implementation of the Charter, regulations, decisions of the Council, to process the proposals and statements to the Executive Committee of the Federation.

The members of the Executive Committee of the Federation, members of the secretariat and executive bodies of the Federation cannot be elected as members of the Inspection Commission.

4.31. The Inspection Commission shall perform full inspection of the financial and economic activity, cash and property of the Federation not less than once per year. The results of inspection shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Federation and provided to the Council of the Federation for approval.

4.32. Upon decision of the Council of the Federation, the independent auditing organizations may be involved on a contractual basis into inspection of the financial and economic activity of the Federation.

ARTICLE 5

Funds of the Federation

- 5.1. Target funds of the Federation shall be based on:
- entry and annual fees;
 - targeted contributions;

- voluntary targeted donations;
- income from holding the sport event, lectures, exhibitions, publishing and other activities not prohibited by law;
- funds of grants and international programs;
- funds received for the development of sport tourism from the budgets and target programs of the countries represented in the Federation;
- other incomes not prohibited by law.

5.2. Funds of the Federation shall be used for:

- achievement of objectives mentioned in the Charter;
- financing of sport, health and fitness, educational and other programs and projects of the Federation;
- other purposes not prohibited by effective law in accordance with the objectives and the Charter of the Federation.

5.3. The Federation and its individual members, as independent legal entities, shall take independent financial and other responsibilities for their activities and are not responsible for the obligations of any other legal entity.

ARTICLE 6

Amendment procedure of the Charter of the Federation

6.1. Changes and amendments of the Charter shall be made upon the majority decision of the Executive Committee of the Federation with 2/3 of votes of the members of the Federation present at the Meeting.

6.2. Registration of changes and amendments to the Charter shall be performed according to the procedure defined by the effective legislation.

ARTICLE 7

Termination of the Federation

7.1. Termination of the Federation may be accomplished by reorganization (merger, accession, division) or liquidation upon the decision of the Council of the Federation. In the event of reorganization, the rights and obligations of the Federation shall be transferred to its successor.

7.2. The Federation shall be terminated by the decision of the Council of the Federation upon not less than two thirds of votes of the delegates that represent the members of the Federation.

7.3. In case of liquidation of the Federation its property and cash (after the claims of creditors are settled) shall be used according to the decision of the Conference of the Federation.

7.4. The Federation may also be liquidated based on other reasons as well as in accordance with the procedure established by law.

7.5. By liquidation of the Federation the Council shall appoint the liquidation commission, which undertakes all the powers for management of financial and economic activity.

7.6. By liquidation of the Federation the staff documents shall be transferred to government custody according to the prescribed procedure..

7.7. Decision on liquidation of the Federation shall be provided to the Ministry of

Justice of the Russian Federation in order to exclude the Federation from the unified state register of legal entities.

7.8. The decision to terminate the Federation shall not entail the termination of the activity of its members.