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the Founding General Meeting of International Association
of Non-Governmental Organizations
“International Federation of gorodki”
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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
of International Association of Non-Governmental Organizations
“International Federation of gorodki sport”

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ARTICLE 1
General

1.1. International Association of Non-Governmental Organizations “International Federation of gorodki”, hereinafter referred to as the Federation, is a public, non-commercial and independent voluntary association of national federations (unions, associations, etc.) of gorodki set up based on the communion of their interests to develop gorodki on an international level in all forms of this sport and to meet the tasks and objectives set out herein.

1.2. The Federation is set up with an aim to consolidate efforts of its members to implement social potential and opportunities of gorodki as a sport and to establish connections and co-operation in this area with public, trade union, sport, youth, children, charity and other public and non-governmental organizations and international associations.

1.3. The Federation shall perform its activities in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, laws of the Russian Federation, Constitutions and laws of other states, associations of which are members of the Federation, acknowledged rules of international law and these Articles of Association. In its activities, the Federation shall not allow any political, ethnical, national, religious or any other discrimination. Should laws of the Russian Federation and other states being members of the Federation run counter to international law, rules of international law shall prevail.

1.4. The Federation shall be a corporate entity upon its registration as prescribed by laws and it shall be entitled to acquire property and personal non-property rights and incur liabilities on its own behalf. It shall be entitled to act as a claimant and defendant at court of justice, commercial and arbitration courts; open branches and representative offices, have independent assets, seals with its name in Russian and English, letterhead stamp, forms and other details in a prescribed legal manner, independent balance, settlement and other, including foreign currency accounts with banking institutions.

1.5. The Federation shall be liable within the limits of its property, upon which execution may be levied according to applicable laws. The Federation shall not be liable for its members. Members of the Federation shall be jointly and severally liable for the Federation within the limits of their annual contributions.

1.6. Within its competence, the Federation shall co-operate with all interested enterprises, public and scientific organizations, legislative and executive bodies, national and international organizations, other entities and individuals.

1.7. The Federation shall determine its internal structure, objectives, forms and methods of its activities at its own discretion.

1.8. The Federation shall be entitled to have branches and representative offices that shall act subject hereto.

1.9. The Federation respects independence of its members and may not interfere with their internal affairs. The Federation shall perform its activities based on the principles of equality of rights, respect and guarantee of complete independence and autonomy of its members, collective management, legality, publicity and transparency.

1.10. Full name of the Federation in Russian: **Международная ассоциация общественных объединений «Международная федерация городского спорта»**.

Short name of the Federation in Russian: **«МФГС»**.

Full name of the Federation in English: **“International Federation of gorodki”**.

Short name of the Federation in English: **“IFoG”**.

1.11. Place of registration of the Federation: Moscow, Russian Federation.

Location of the headquarters of the Federation: Moscow.

ARTICLE 2

Main objectives, tasks and directions of activity of the Federation

2.1. The Federation shall pursue the following tasks and objectives:

- coordination of activities for the co-operation of Federation members in gorodki development on an international level;
- uniting organizations engaged in gorodki development in different countries into a single international organization;
- consolidation of efforts in the development of co-operation with regard to gorodki;
- propaganda, comprehensive development and promotion of gorodki on an international level as a sport recognized by the international community;
- assistance to Federation members in the arrangement of activities to develop gorodki in national federations in their territories;
- creation of a positive international image of gorodki;
- assistance in the development of all types, forms and directions of gorodki, including for children and youth, students, families, etc., as a sport for people with disabilities.

2.2. Lines of activities of the Federation:

- development of all types and forms of gorodki;
- development of mutual friendly relations with all types of international and national gorodki organizations;
- taking required measures to ensure availability of sport events and competitions in the countries being members of the Federation;
- assistance in compliance with the principles of common space and liberalization of sport formalities;
- arrangement and holding of gorodki international championships and other competitions and events for men and women, juniors, young people, veterans, people with disabilities, etc.;
- elaboration and approval of standard Rules, Provisions, Regulations, methods and other normative documents related to gorodki;
- elaboration and implementation of projects and programs intended to reach objectives of the Federation;
- assistance in implementation of international programs and projects in line with interests of the Federation;
- comprehensive material and technical, procedural and institutional support of Federation members;
- promotion of ideals and principles of honor and nobility in sport and life;
- implementation of the sport policy that does not run counter to rules of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) defined by the Olympic Charter;
- compliance with the Antidoping Code of WADA, protection of gorodki against any dope;
- training of athletes, instructors, coaches, referees, etc.

2.3. In order to reach its statutory tasks and objectives, the Federation shall:

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

- study and promote history, theory and practice of gorodki;
- foster creation of a chain of physical culture schools and other institutions to train athletes, guides, referees, coaches, etc.;
- elaborate a system of international gorodki competitions, make up a summary schedule of gorodki competitions and other public events – learning events, workshops, conferences, exhibitions, fairs, etc.;
- arrange and hold international gorodki competitions;
- develop and agree upon international classification principles in gorodki and other normative documents with Federation members;
- elaborate comprehensive programs for gorodki development, training programs, training standards and guidelines for Federation members and other persons;
- disseminate information on its social and sport activities;
- represent and protect its rights and legitimate interests of its members in state and public authorities, including international organizations, enterprises and institutions;
- hold workshops, conferences and other events to share experience in relevant matters in line with objectives of the Federation;
- perform publishing activities pursuant to applicable laws, set up mass media;
- collect target contributions of Federation members, donations, attract investments into projects and programs in line with tasks and objectives of the Federation;
- perform charitable activities as prescribed by applicable laws;
- independently own, use and dispose of its own fixed and current assets, material and financial resources, have accounts with banks (including foreign currency accounts), acquire, alienate, lease out and let on lease its own movable and immovable property;
- engage enterprises, institutions, other organizations and individuals in activities of the Federation both in the territory of the countries, national federations of which are members of the Federation and other countries;
- assist in arrangement and holding of exhibitions and other events to promote gorodki;
- as applicable, delegate Federation members and employees to all the countries where important gorodki events and competitions are held and host partners and specialists of organizations being members of the Federation and other organizations;
- co-operate with international organizations, public associations, unions and funds in line with tasks and objectives of the Federation;
- exercise all the powers set out in public association laws pursuant to resolutions of the General Meeting and Presidium of the Federation.

2.4. The Federation shall perform other activities that are not prohibited by applicable laws, do not run counter to these Articles of Association and are intended to reach its statutory tasks and objectives.

2.5. Each Federation member shall have a right of opinion on each resolution passed or its individual point or part, which may render these resolutions restrictedly applicable to this member.

ARTICLE 3

Federation members, their rights and obligations

3.1. The Federation as an international association of non-governmental organizations shall be set up and operate based on the principles of voluntariness, equality of its members, autonomy and legality.

3.2. Federation members may be public associations – entities engaged in gorodki development in the territory of their country and recognized in their countries – acting in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Federation and their own articles of association and paying an annual membership fee. Admission of a new member to the Federation may be conditioned by its joint responsibility for obligations of the Federation that have arisen prior to its admission.

3.3. Founders and members of the Federation

3.3.1. Federation members shall act pursuant to the Regulation on Federation members approved by the Presidium of the Federation.

3.3.2. Status of a Federation member shall be available to all officially recognized or accredited national federations (associations, unions and other non-governmental organizations) engaged in gorodki that have been authorized to develop gorodki by central executive authorities of relevant states.

Only one national federation (organization) of each state engaged in gorodki development as a sport may be the Federation member.

3.3.3. All Federation members shall have equal rights and obligations. Federation members shall have a balance of representation in the General Meeting of the Federation and equal votes on resolutions.

3.4. Founders and members of the Federation shall be entitled to:

- take part in activities of the General Meeting, Presidium and other governing bodies of the Federation with a right to vote;

- elect governing, auditing and other bodies of the Federation;

- introduce any matters to the agenda before it has been approved;

- put forward their representatives for election as applicable to governing and other bodies of the Federation;

- have liberty in discussing and persisting in their opinions, criticize shortcomings;

- submit matters of development of the Federation to its governing bodies;

- take part in all events held by the Federation on the terms determined for its members;

- delegate official teams (representatives) of their states to the international events held by the Federation;

- hold international events of all levels in their states in line with schedules and plans of the Federation;

- take part in activities of committees, boards and other standing and provisional consulting and advisory bodies set up on a permanent or temporary basis by governing bodies of the Federation;

- withdraw from the Federation at their own discretion.

3.5. Federation members shall:

- comply with the Articles of Association of the Federation;

- take an active part in Federation activities;

- fulfil resolutions of elected bodies of the Federation;

- inform governing bodies of the Federation on their activities;
- pay the annual membership fee.

3.6. Federation members shall be admitted and expelled by the resolution of the General Meeting of the Federation passed by a majority of votes following consideration of this matter by the Presidium of the Federation subject to an application and documents filed as applicable.

National federations (organizations) willing to join the Federation as a member shall submit documents to the Presidium of the Federation according to the list approved by the General Meeting of the Federation.

3.7. National federations (organizations) of the states that have founded the Federation shall be automatically recognized as its members.

3.8. Any Federation member shall be entitled to withdraw. Federation membership shall terminate upon expiration of one month upon filing of a written withdrawal notice to the Presidium. Withdrawn Federation member shall bear joint responsibility for obligations of the Federation in the amount of an annual fee during two years upon its withdrawal from the Federation.

3.9. Federation membership may be terminated as resolved by the Presidium of the Federation:

- for the activities that run counter to the Articles of Association of the Federation;
- for the actions that directly or indirectly do harm to reputation of the Federation or result in substantial moral and/or material damage;
- for long-term (during more than 2 years) failure to take part in Federation activities;
- for failure to pay membership fees during 2 years.

ARTICLE 4

Structure of governing bodies of the Federation

4.1. Governing bodies of the Federation shall be as follows:

- General Meeting of the Federation;
- Presidium of the Federation;
- President of the Federation.

General Meeting of the Federation

4.2. General Meeting shall be a superior governing body of the Federation convened by its Presidium at least once a year.

4.3. Managers or duly authorized representatives of Federation members – national gorodki federations – shall take part in activities of the General Meeting with a right to vote. At the General Meeting, each Federation member shall have one vote. Delegates’ powers shall be confirmed by a mandate of a standard pattern. President of the international Federation shall take part in activities of the General Meeting with a right to vote. Such participation shall not affect quorum determination.

4.4. General Meeting activities shall be governed by the Chairman of the General Meeting elected at the regular General Meeting held to hear reports and elect new officers.

4.5. General Meeting of the Federation held to hear reports and elect new officers shall be held at least every four years.

4.6. Extraordinary General Meeting of the Federation shall be convened at the proposal of the President of the Federation or as requested by more than 1/2 of Presidium members or more than 1/3 of Federation members.

The date and place of the General Meeting of the Federation shall be announced at least two months before its start.

4.7. Meetings of the General Meeting shall be valid if attended by more than a half of representatives of Federation members.

Form of voting (open or secret) shall be determined by the General Meeting.

4.8. The following shall fall within exclusive competence of the General Meeting of the Federation:

- approval of the Articles of Association of the Federation, amendments and supplements to it;
- determination of priority lines of activity of the Federation, principles of formation and use of its property;
- election of the Chairman of the General Meeting of the Federation;
- election of members of Presidium of the Federation and early termination of their powers;
- election of the president, first vice-president, vice-presidents and early termination of their powers;
- election of the audit committee of the Federation, its chairman and early termination of their powers;
- passing resolutions on restructuring and dissolution of the Federation, appointment of the liquidation committee and approval of the liquidation balance sheet.

4.9. The following shall fall within the competence of the General Meeting:

- determination of a strategy, tactics and ideology of development of various gorodki directions, elaboration of gorodki development programs;
- hearing and approval of reports of the president of the Federation, vice-presidents, Presidium, committees and commissions, including audit committee;
- approval of annual performance of the Federation;
- admission of new members of the Federation and expulsion from the Federation;
- determination of the amount of admission fees and annual contributions;
- passing resolutions on participation of the Federation in other organizations;
- approval of the Regulation on membership in the Federation;
- review of appeals filed by Federation members.

4.10. The General Meeting of the Federation may consider other matters pertaining to its activities.

4.11. Resolutions on the matters falling within exclusive competence of the Federation shall be deemed to have been passed if at least two thirds of attending representatives of Federation members have voted for them subject to quorum.

Resolutions on all other matters shall be passed by a simple majority of votes of representatives of Federation members.

Presidium of the Federation

4.12. All activities of the Federation in between General Meetings shall be governed by the Presidium of the Federation. President of the Federation shall govern Presidium activities.

4.13. The Presidium shall be a standing collective governing body of the Federation. It shall exercise rights of entity and perform obligations of the Federation on its behalf in accordance with the Articles of Association.

4.14. Presidium of the Federation shall comprise president of the Federation, first vice-president, vice-presidents and Presidium members.

4.15. Presidium of the Federation shall be elected by the General Meeting of the Federation for four years.

4.16. Meetings of the Presidium of the Federation shall be held at least every three months. Meeting of the Presidium shall be held by the president or one of vice-presidents as instructed by the president.

4.17. Meetings of the Presidium of the Federation shall be valid if attended by more than a half of Presidium members.

Resolutions at meetings of the Presidium of the Federation shall be passed by a simple majority of votes of attending Presidium members unless otherwise specified in the Articles of Association and the applicable laws. Pattern of voting shall be determined by the Presidium of the Federation.

4.18. Meetings of the Presidium of the Federation shall be convened by the president of the Federation (or his/her substitute) or if requested by more than a half of Presidium members.

4.19. President of the Federation shall determine a particular time and place of the regular Presidium meeting, its agenda and bring them to the notice of Presidium members at least two weeks before its start.

4.20. Presidium of the Federation shall:

- implement activities targeted at fulfillment of resolutions of the General Meeting of the Federation;
- pass resolutions related to regulatory, sport and technical, organizational, economic and other activities intended to reach statutory objectives;
- pass resolutions on setting up of Federation committees, commissions, boards, task groups and other bodies by lines of activity, approve Regulations on their activity and their composition;
- pass resolutions on approval of regulations on awarding titles and badges of honor and award them;
- as agreed upon with Federation members, make up and approve the uniform schedule of international physical culture and sport events and gorodki competitions;
- approve the annual report and annual balance sheet;
- approve the non-commercial organization financial plan and revise it;
- pass resolutions on opening of Federation branches and representative offices;
- pass resolutions on participation of the Federation in other organizations;
- review reports of the Federation president, vice-presidents and submit them for approval to the General Meeting;
- consider admission of new Federation members and termination of Federation membership for further approval of these matters at the General Meeting of the Federation;
- prepare proposals to the chairman of the General Meeting and president of the Federation on agenda, date and place of the General Meeting, prepare matters to be considered at the General Meeting of the Federation;
- arrange practical preparation of the General Meeting of the Federation;
- settle other matters related to daily routine of the Federation.

President of the Federation

4.21. All activities of the Federation in between General and Presidium Meetings shall be governed by the president of the Federation.

4.22. President of the Federation shall be a representative top manager of the Federation elected by the General Meeting of the Federation for four years. Term of office of the president shall expire at the regular General Meeting held to hear reports and elect new officers irrespective of the time of his/her election.

4.23. President of the Federation shall:

- act in superior representative capacity, represent the Federation in relations with entities and individuals, make contracts, agreements and other transactions on behalf of the Federation, issue powers of authority;
- represent the Federation in public authorities and other bodies;
- act on behalf of the Federation without a power of attorney and dispose of its property and funds within his/her competence;
- issue orders, instructions and other documents of the Federation that regulate its activities;
- arrange activities to fulfil resolutions of the General Meeting and Presidium of the Federation;
- annually inform a competent authority on continuation of the Federation specifying the valid location of the standing governing body and details of managers;
- allocate duties between the first vice-president, vice-presidents and members of the Presidium;
- approve regulations on units and manning table of the Federation, consider personnel matters;
- issue orders concerning acceptance for employment of salaried employees;
- appoint accountant of the Federation;
- perform other duties outside of the competence of other Federation authorities.

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

First vice-president, vice-presidents of the Federation

4.25. The first vice-president and vice-presidents of the Federation shall be executive officers of the Federation elected by the General Meeting for four years. Their term of office shall expire at the regular General Meeting held to hear reports and elect new officers irrespective of the time of their election.

4.26. Number of vice-presidents of the Federation and their areas of responsibility shall be determined by the General Meeting subject to organizational needs of the Federation, scope and complexity of its tasks.

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

Secretary of the Federation

4.28. Secretary of the Federation shall be its officer approved by the Presidium of the Federation as advised by the president of the Federation.

4.29. Secretary of the Federation shall prepare the matters to be proposed to the General Meeting and Presidium of the Federation, inform stakeholders on resolutions of the Presidium of the Federation, arrange and ensure work of the Presidium and president of the Federation, keep minutes of the General and Presidium Meeting of the Federation, as required, arrange work of the front office.

Audit Committee

4.30. Auditing activities in the Federation shall be performed by the Audit Committee to be elected by the General Meeting of the Federation for four years to inspect and control financial and economic activities of the Federation, control compliance with the Articles of Association, normative documents, resolutions of the General Meeting, handle proposals and statements to the Presidium of the Federation.

Members of the Audit Committee may not be members of the Presidium of the Federation, employees of the front office and executive bodies of the Federation.

4.31. Audit Committee shall conduct detailed audit of financial and economic activities of the Federation, its cash and property at least once a year with its results submitted to the Presidium of the Federation and General Meeting of the Federation for approval.

4.32. As resolved by the General Meeting of the Federation, independent audit organizations may be engaged in auditing of financial and economic activities of the Federation.

ARTICLE 5 **Funds of the Federation**

5.1. Target funds of the Federation shall be generated at the expense of:

- admission fees and annual contributions;
- target contributions;
- target voluntary donations;
- proceeds from sport events, lectures, exhibitions, publishing and other legal activities;
- funds of grants and international programs;
- funds allocated for gorodki development from budgets and target programs of the states represented by Federation members;
- other proceeds not prohibited by the law.

5.2. Funds of the Federation may be allocated for:

- reaching statutory objectives;
- financing of sport, health and fitness, educational and other programs and projects of the Federation;
- other legal objectives in line with objectives and Articles of Association of the Federation.

5.3. The Federation as a whole and its individual members as individual entities shall bear independent financial and other responsibility for their actions and shall not be liable for any other entities.

ARTICLE 6 **Amendments and supplements to the Articles of Association of the Federation**

6.1. These Articles of Association shall be amended and supplemented as resolved by the General Meeting of the Federation by a majority of 2/3 votes of attending members of the Federation.

6.2. Amendments and supplements hereto shall be registered in a prescribed legal procedure.

ARTICLE 7
Restructuring and dissolution of the Federation

7.1. The Federation may be restructured as resolved by the General Meeting of the Federation by 2/3 of representatives of Federation members subject to quorum. Upon restructuring of the Federation, its rights and obligations shall pass to its legal successor.

7.2. Federation activities shall be terminated upon its dissolution as resolved by the General Meeting of the Federation by 2/3 of representatives of Federation members subject to quorum.

7.3. In case of dissolution of the Federation, its property and funds, following satisfaction of creditors' demands, shall be used as resolved by the General Meeting of the Federation.

7.4. The Federation may be also dissolved on other grounds as prescribed by applicable laws.

7.5. During dissolution of the Federation, the General Meeting shall appoint the liquidation committee that shall acquire all the powers to manage financial and economic activities of the Federation.

7.6. Upon dissolution of the Federation, personnel records shall be transferred for state safekeeping according to the established procedure.

7.7. Resolution on dissolution of the Federation shall be submitted to the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation to deregister the Federation with the Unified State Register of Corporate Entities.

7.8. Resolution on termination of the Federation shall not entail termination of activity of its members.

Resolution on state registration of International Association of Non-Governmental Organizations “International Federation of gorodki” was accepted by the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation on October 25, 2013 (account No. 0012070547).

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First Deputy Minister of Justice of the Russian Federation

A.A. Smirnov /signed/

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