

International Young Physicists' Tournament Association IYPT

Statutes

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INTRODUCTION

The International Young Physicists' Tournament Association is convinced that competitions in physics for students in the upper secondary grades can stimulate both students and physics teachers and raise the interest for physics and related disciplines. For this reason IYPT has adopted as its aims to

- Organize annually a competition in physics between teams of students,
- Call on interested physicists to list problems for next year's competition,
- Provide a natural link between schools and physics research institutions.

the International Organizing Committee (IOC) has adopted the following Statutes.

CHAPTER I – OFFICIAL DEFINITIONS

1. Name

“The International Young Physicists' Tournament Association” (hereafter IYPT), a not for profit association, is hereby established in accordance with Articles 21 and following of the local civil code of Alsace/Moselle. The Association is registered at the Associations Register at the Tribunal d'instance in Mulhouse. It is established for an unlimited duration. The fiscal year is from 1 November to 31 October.

2. Type of Organization

IYPT is an apolitical worldwide international organization of members, who share the aims of the Organization.

3. Aim

IYPT aims to arrange annual physics competitions between teams of secondary school students. In order to achieve this aim the following measures are to be taken:

- Each year the International Organizing Committee (IOC) assigns the place for next year's competition among those who have offered their services,
- The selected place sets up a Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for assuring the event,
- At its annual meeting the IOC decides about the problems to be used for next year's event,
- The problems are to be published on the web as soon as possible after the meeting of the IOC,
- The LOC invites the teams, the International Jury and observers to the event.

4. Legal Seat

The legal seat of IYPT is established in Mulhouse (68100) France..

5. Language

The official language of IYPT is English.

CHAPTER II – ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

6. Major Administrative Components

The IYPT administration consists of the following units:

- a. The International Organizing Committee IOC
- b. The Local Organizing Committee LOC
- c. The Executive Committee EC

6.1 International Organizing Committee IOC

The IOC is the supreme governing body of IYPT.

Its membership consists of one representative from each of the countries having participated in IYPT during that year or the preceding one. Three additional members can be co-opted.

It meets at least once per year, namely during the competition.

It decides about the location and about the problems to be used for next year's event.

It decides about changes in the Regulations of IYPT.

The minutes of a meeting of the IOC are submitted for approval in the following meeting of the IOC. They should be distributed to the IOC members at least one month before the next meeting.

Each member present has one vote. All decisions are taken by a simple majority, except for a modification of the statutes or the regulations which require a 2/3 majority.

6.2 Local Organizing Committee LOC

The LOC decides about the dates of the competition which is held in the months May to July.

It presents a plan for the organization of next year's event to the IOC at least six months in advance.

It invites teams, team leaders, an International Jury and observers to the competition.

It provides board and lodging as well as travels related to the event (inside the host country) for all participants. If necessary the LOC can claim a fee for participation.

6.3 Executive Committee EC

The executive committee consists of the following eight members:

- a) President,
- b) Secretary General,
- c) Treasurer,
- d) Two members elected by the IOC,
- e) The three chairpersons of the past, present and future LOC's.

President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and the two members elected by IOC have a term of four years. They can be re-elected.

The executive committee prepares the agenda to be brought up at the IOC Meeting.

It conducts current work between the Meetings of the IOC, normally by e-mail.

The President represents the Organization in law and chairs the meetings of the EC and the IOC.

The Secretary General prepares the minutes of IOC and Executive Committee Meetings.

The Treasurer prepares an annual financial statement and the budget for the following year.

All decisions of the Executive Committee are taken by simple majority. The President has a casting vote in case of a tie.

7. Finances

The financial resources of IYPT derive from gifts, annual contributions of members fixed from time to time by the General Assembly, legacies and earmarked funding. The accounts of IYPT need to be certified by two auditors among the members of the IOC. They are elected by the IOC. The IYPT funds can be managed by an external agency, in collaboration with the Treasurer of IYPT, in accord with a special agreement approved by the IOC.

8. Regulations

Details of the working procedures of the tournament in accord with the Statutes are the subject of the Regulations. Proposals for alterations should be addressed to the President or the Secretary General who submits them to the IOC for approval. Alterations of the Regulations take effect on next year's competition, after having been adopted by a majority of the IOC.

CHAPTER III – EXTERNAL RELATIONS

9. Affiliation to WFPPhC

IYPT establishes and maintains close relations with international organizations which pursue aims equivalent to its own. These contacts are normally channelled through the World Federation of Physics Competitions (WFPPhC). IYPT is a member of this organisation. The Executive Committee appoints representatives to the meetings organised by WFPPhC and reports back to the IOC.

CHAPTER IV – DISSOLUTION

10. Procedure for dissolution

The proposal to dissolve needs to be addressed to the President, signed by at least 20% of the members of the IOC. The President will bring this proposal on the agenda for the next official meeting of IOC.

In the case of dissolution, the assets of IYPT devolve to an international organization which has comparative aims. For this purpose, the Executive Committee is invested with all necessary powers.

CHAPTER V – LEGAL CLAUSES

11. Liability

IYPT and its Executive Committee have neither liability nor responsibility for the actions of individual IOC members or IYPT participants. Members of the IYPT have no personal financial obligations to the IYPT. The IYPT is responsible for debts only to the extent of its assets.

12. Amendments

For amendments to the Statutes to be approved, at least 2/3 of the votes cast at a meeting of the IOC must be in favour of the amendment.

13. Validity

If one of the above paragraphs is no longer valid it would not influence the validity of the other paragraphs.

14. Date when taking effect

The current Statutes, have been adopted by the IOC in a meeting at Seoul, Korea on 12 July 2007.