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Article 1) European Shito ryu Karate Federation

- 1.1** European Shito Ryu Karate Federation (the “ESHRKF”): The ESHRKF is an international non-governmental, non-profit organization composed of autonomous and independent international karate Federations, Groups and Individual persons* based on Shito Ryu Karate. The ESHRKF is governed by these Statutes and the rules promulgated hereunder.
- 1.2** Location: European Shito Ryu Karate Federation
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940 65 Nové Zámky
Slovakia
- 1.3** Seats: The ESHRKF headquarters are in the city of the elected president.

Article 2) Mission and Objectives

- 2.1** The ESHRKF shall observe the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and propagate the Shito Ryu Karate Movement through sport in Europe.
- 2.2** Autonomy: In accordance with the Olympic Charter, the ESHRKF maintains its independence and autonomy in the administration of the sport of Shito ryu Karate in its Member Federations (MF) and Individual members*.
- 2.3** The mission of the ESHRKF is enable to Karatekas from all schools of Shito Ryu Karate in Europe train and show their skills at International competitions in Sport and Traditional forms. The objectives of the ESHRKF are the following:
- a) to promote, expand, and improve the practice of Shito Ryu Karate of its educational, cultural, and sports values in Europe (the “Karate movement”);
 - b) to promote fair play, youth development, and education;
 - c) to encourage peace and cooperation through participation in sport ;
 - d) to draw up technical rules regulating Kumite competitions and Kata competitions;
 - e) to engage in other activities in support of the objectives above.



Article 3) Statutes, Rules, and Codes

- 3.1** Statutes: The Statutes (these “Statutes”) is the fundamental and universal document upon which the administration of the sport of European Shito ryu Karate Federation is based. These Statutes are intended to be specific enough to achieve complete harmonization on issues where uniformity is required.
- 3.2** Competition Rules: All Championships promoted or sanctioned by the ESHRKF shall observe the ESHRKF Competition Rules and Interpretations (the “Competition Rules”).
- 3.3** WADA: The ESHRKF shall observe the World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”) Code as prescribed by the IOC and other anti-doping codes relevant in preserving the intrinsic value of the spirit of the sport.

Article 4) Languages

- 4.1** Official Language: English is the official language of the ESHRKF.
- 4.2** Statutes and Rules: The ESHRKF Statutes and the ESHRKF Competition Rules and amendments are published in the official language. Japanese technical terms may be used for competition as prescribed by the Competition Rules.
- 4.3** Proceedings and Etc.: English is the operating language of the General Assembly, Council, and Secretariat.
English is the official language for the minutes, correspondence, seminars, trainings and announcements of the ESHRKF. Members are responsible for translation of the aforesaid into the language of their country.
Any MF shall have the right to speak or write in its mother tongue, but the contents must be translated by the MF and provided in the official language.

Article 5) Composition

- 5.1** Main Constituents: The main constituents of the ESHRKF are the following: the General Assembly (hereinafter from time to time referred to as “the GA”. See Article 7); the ESHRKF Council (hereinafter from time to time referred to as “the Council”. See Article 8); the President (See Article 9); and the Secretariat (See Article 13).

Article 6) Officials

- 6.1** The following officials shall be incepted at the ESHRKF:

a) One President



- b) Two Vice Presidents
- c) One Secretary General
- d) One Treasurer
- e) Four Council members
- f) Three Auditors

6.2 Status: The Officials shall be elected or appointed as individuals and not as representatives of MF. For replacement of officials the following apply:

- i.) if a member resigns or is otherwise unable to continue as an Official, the post shall not necessarily be filled by another individual of the same "MF".
- ii.) if an elected Official is to be replaced, unless otherwise provided for, the by-election shall be held in the Council.
- iii.) The term of office for a replacement Official will be the remaining period of his or her predecessor.

6.3 Term: The term of office of elected Officials is four years.

- i.) All elected Officials begin their terms of office at the end of the GA which elected them.

6.4 Appointed Officials: The President is empowered to appoint and remove certain officials. During the appointment process, the President shall take into consideration the distribution of gender and special skills/qualifications. The President is empowered to appoint the following:

- a) The Secretary General
- b) The Treasurer
- c) Chairman of Sub-committee

6.5 Elected Officials: The following shall apply for elected officials:

- i.) Only MF executive board members may be nominated as candidates for elected ESHRKF Officials, including the presidency, with the recommendation of the pertinent MF.
- ii.) The completed application documents for candidature should arrive at the ESHRKF Secretariat no later than 60 days before the election date.



- iii.) All candidates are expected to act with utmost integrity and responsibility and to reflect the values and ethics of the ESHRKF. Those that fail to do so shall face disciplinary actions, such as disqualification of their candidacies.

Article 7) General Assembly

7.1 The General Assembly (the “GA”): The GA is the general meeting of the Council and representatives of the ESHRKF. The GA is the ESHRKF supreme decision making organ its decisions are final. Quorum for GA is a simple majority of the full members are present. In case when within 30 minutes from the scheduled start of GA are not present simple majority delegates, quorum of GA will be able with the number of delegates present.

7.2 Powers: The powers of the GA are the following:

- i.) election of President and Officials;
- ii.) formulation and amendment of the Statutes and Competition Rules;
- iii.) approval of the financial budget and financial report;
- iv.) approval of the operations report and operations projects;
- v.) other matters of importance;
- vi.) control activities of President and the Council.

7.3 Chairman: The President of the ESHRKF shall be the Chairman of the GA.

- 1. The Chairman may conclude GA discussion if deemed necessary for smooth progress of the meeting.
- 2. If the President is unable to attend he or she shall delegate the responsibility to a Vice President.

7.4 MF Representatives: Member Federations (“MF”) eligible to vote may delegate up to two representatives to attend the GA. Only one of the representatives shall be allowed to speak and to cast a vote (the “Voting Representative.”) Provisional MF may dispatch only one, non-voting, representative. Individual member may take part at the GA as non-voting representative.

- 1. Representatives must submit their credentials, signed by the president of the MF that he or she represents, to the ESHRKF.



7.5 Ordinary Meetings: Ordinary Meetings of the GA shall be held every year at the same location where the European Shito Ryu Karate Championship is to be held.

7.6 Extraordinary GA Meetings: For Extraordinary GA Meetings, the following apply:

Extraordinary Meetings may be convened whenever deemed necessary by the President, or:

i.) within 3 months following the request of more than two-third (2/3) of the ESHRKF Council members with clear reasons for the summons; or

ii.) within 3 months following the request of more than one-third (1/3) of the member Federation with clear reasons for the summons.

iii.) The date, place and agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly shall be designated by the President.

Matters that are not included in the written agenda of the GA meeting shall not be deliberated without the approval of two-third (2/3) of the representatives.

7.7 Voting: Unless otherwise provided herein, Officials (except auditors) and the Voting Representatives of those MF that have satisfied the necessary eligibility requirements are entitled to vote.

i.) Voting at the GA shall be conducted by open ballot in general. Secret ballot voting is also used for elections, GA shall vote on this matter, and a simple majority shall decide.

7.8 Quorum and Decisions: For GA voting, the following shall apply:

i.) A quorum required for the General Assembly shall consist of no less than one-third (1/3) of members eligible to vote.

ii.) A simple majority of members present and voting is required for passage of resolutions and other decisions.

iii.) The chairman has the deciding vote in case of a tie.

7.9 Effect: Any decision of the GA comes into effect immediately unless otherwise decided by the GA. Minutes of all meetings and other proceedings of the GA are established under the authority of the Secretary General.

The minutes shall be distributed to each member no later than two (2) months after the GA.



Article 8) Council

- 8.1** Composition: The Council shall consist of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Secretary General, the Treasurer, and the four Council Members.
- 8.2** Responsibilities: Council members shall attend the meetings of the Council and GA and observe their responsibilities as prescribed herein. Council members owe a duty of care to the ESHRKF. The Council shall decide upon the following:
- a) Planning and management of organization and operations.
 - b) Financial budget and financial reports.
 - c) Formulation, amendments and repeal of the ESHRKF Statutes and Competition Rules, and by-laws.
 - d) Jurisdiction over ESHRKF-promoted championships and selection of Host Countries of the Championship.
 - e) Agenda of the GA.
 - f) Matters referred to the Council by the GA or the President.
 - g) Other matters under its jurisdiction or responsibility as prescribed in ESHRKF Statutes.
- 8.3** Attendance: An elected or appointed Council member who fails to attend two consecutive meetings without approval of the ESHRKF shall cease to be a Council Member. Ex-official Council members who fail to attend two consecutive meetings without approval of the ESHRKF shall have no voting rights for the following Council meeting.
- 8.4** Meetings: Ordinary Council meetings shall be called by the President before or after an Ordinary GA. Extraordinary Council meetings shall be called by the President before or after an Extraordinary GA, or whenever the President deems necessary.
- 8.5** Voting: For voting at Council Meetings the following shall apply:
- i) A majority of all Council members shall constitute a quorum for a meeting.
 - ii) A simple majority of members present and voting is required for passage of resolutions and other decisions.



8.6 GA Meetings: The members of the Council shall attend GA meetings as Council members and shall not be delegated as MA representatives.

8.7 E-Voting: For matters that require urgent resolution of the Council, the President may call for a resolution via voting by E-Vote.

Article 9) President

9.1 President: The GA elects, by secret ballot, a President from among its members for a term of four years. A simple majority is required for election of the President.

The duties of the President include the following:

- a) To lead and represent the ESHRKF.
- b) To concurrently lead the GA and the Council as its chairman, and preside over the meetings and other activities.
- c) To designate official duties to Vice Presidents on an ad-hoc basis for the betterment of the development of Shito Ryu Karate as sport.
- d) To appoint the chairmen and members of the ESHRKF sub-committees.

9.2 Emergency Measures: In case disputes occur over matters not specified in these Statutes, or matters that require urgent solution during the period between the two General Assemblies, the President may take emergency measures subject to later submission to and approval at the next Council meeting and the GA.

9.3 Advisors: The President may appoint advisors or special assistants, as the case may be, to seek advice on matters of importance.

9.4 Succession: If the President resigns or is incapacitated and thus unable to fulfill the duties of his office, the Vice Presidents shall elect from among their members, by simple majority, an acting president, such election to be ratified by the Council by simple majority.

Article 10) Vice Presidents

10.1 Duties: The Duties of the Vice Presidents include the following:

- a) To assist and to fulfill missions delegated by the President.
- b) To concurrently be included in the Council as vice chairmen.



- c) To preside over the ad-hoc duties designated by the President and submit a report thereafter.

Article 11) Secretary General

11.1 The Secretary General shall:

- a) Plan, perform and manage the secretarial affairs regarding ESHRKF organizations and operations and other general affairs related to the ESHRKF Secretariat.
- b) Submit a report to the Council and GA on the activities of the Secretariat.
- c) Together with or with the approval of the President, as the case may be, negotiate and sign all contracts between the ESHRKF and other organizations or companies.

Article 12) Council Members, Treasurer, and Auditors

12.1 Council Members: Council Members shall attend Council and GA meetings and observe their responsibilities as prescribed in Article 8 above.

12.2 Treasurer: The Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget and balance sheet to be presented to the Council and GA.

12.3 Auditors: The Auditors have the following duties:

- a) Conduct audits on the ESHRKF balance sheets and budget as prepared by the Treasurer.
- b) Submit audit statements at the Council and GA meetings, when necessary.

Article 13) Secretariat

13.1 Secretariat: The ESHRKF shall install the Secretariat at the location of the ESHRKF Headquarters for the execution of the secretarial affairs and duties of the President and the Secretary General.

Article 14) Member Federations and Individuals

14.1 Member Federations /Groups* and Individuals (abbreviation for Federations



and Groups will be toward “MF”):

Member shall be those Shito Ryu Karate Federations/Groups/Individuals which support objectives mentioned in Article 2. “MF” should have official registration and recognition in their respective country.

14.2 ESHRKF have limit for number of registered Federation from one country to one. As general rules, when ESHRKF has from the country registered Federation, hereinafter can not be registered more Groups or Federations. ESHRKF may approve more Groups from country when such a country have not registered Federation, for such a Group will be given statutes of provisional member for two years. During period of two years, should change their statutes from Group to the Federation. Members from Groups will have limit the number of participant at the Championships. General Secretary after deadline of confirmation of participation at the Championships will allot them number of potential participant for each Championships category. The number of participant will depend from number of MF which confirm participation at the Championships.

14.3 Levels of Membership: The following shall be the levels of membership within the structure of the ESHRKF:

a) Full Membership: Full members shall have voting rights at the GA and shall have the right to participate in all official events of the ESHRKF. Full members shall be required to pay annual membership fees, as prescribed in these Statutes.

b) Individual members: shall take part at the GA but have not voting rights. All individual members have rights to take part in all official events of ESHRKF.

c) Demoted Membership: An MF shall be demoted if it does not fulfill its financial or Championship participation requirements, or if it is found by the Sanctions Committee to have engaged in a gross violation of these Statutes. Demoted members shall no longer be able to exercise voting rights in official meetings, such as at the GA, but they still retain the right to participate in all official ESHRKF events. Demoted members are still required to pay their membership fees. Demoted members may restore their membership status in full when they fulfill the requirements prescribed in these Statutes.

d) Provisional Membership: Provisional members are MF that have fulfilled all application requirements as prescribed in these Statutes, and are awaiting final approval of the Council and GA for their membership. Provisional members have no voting rights in official meetings, such as at the GA, but they shall have the right to participate in all official ESHRKF events. Provisional members are not required to pay annual



membership fees. Provisional members will become full members when they have fulfilled the requirements prescribed in these Statutes and their applications have been approved by the Council and the GA.

e) **Suspended Membership:** An MF may be subject to suspension of its ESHRKF membership if the Sanctions Committee concludes that the MF had not fulfilled its financial or other outstanding. Suspended members shall no longer be able to attend official meetings, such as at the GA, nor will they be able to participate in all official events of the ESHRKF. Suspended members are not required to pay annual membership fees for the period of their suspension. Suspension can be removed by decision of the Council on recommendation of the President.

♦ see Article 29.1.

Article 15) Becoming a Member

15.1 Membership Applications: Admittance into the ESHRKF shall require the approval of the Council and GA. Federation, Group or Individuals applying for ESHRKF membership is required to present designated application documents to the ESHRKF. Federations that would like to join the ESHRKF must submit the following to the Secretary General:

- i.) Federations or Groups a completed membership application along with a 200€ application fee;
- ii) Individuals a completed membership application forms along with a 30€ application fee;
- iii) a commitment letter pledging that the Member Federation or Group intends to dispatch competitors and minimum one judge to ESHRKF Championship;

15.2 Admittance Procedure: Once a completed application form has been received by the Secretary General it shall be submitted to the Council for contingent approval. If membership is approved by the Council a resolution for admittance shall be submitted to the GA for final approval.

Article 16) MF Rights and Responsibilities

16.1 MF Rights

- a) Attend GA, take part at the election and be elected to the position in ESHRKF organs.
- b) Submit proposal and vote about proposal at the GA.



- c) Receive information about activities of ESHRKF.
- d) Require from ESHRKF organs to fulfill their responsibilities.
- e) Full MF have right to apply for organization of promoted ESHRKF Championships.
- f) New Federations shall be given ESHRKF membership at the time of the General Assembly called to ratify the membership, but shall not be eligible to vote until the next GA is convened.
- g) MF may delegate maximum three competitors for each competition category at the European Shito Ryu Karate Championship.

16.2 MF Responsibilities

- a) Each MF is required to pay an annual membership fee by the end of each calendar year.
 - i.) Annual Federations and Groups Membership fees are 200€.
 - ii.) Annual Individual membership fees are 30€
 - iii.) Sanction: MF which not paid their membership fee till 4 month after date will be considered as Demoted MF.
- b) MF Championship: MF with Full Membership and Demoted Membership have obligation to send competitors and minimum one Referee to the ESHRKF Championship.
- c) MF should take such actions which not violate these Statutes or approved rules.
- d) Protect the good name, interests and mission of ESHRKF.

16.3 Withdrawal: Any MF may withdraw its membership provided that it has fulfilled its financial and other outstanding obligations to the ESHKF. To be effective notice of withdrawal must be provided within two months of the end of a calendar year.

Article 17) Equal Protection

17.1 Equal Protection: All ESHRKF Members shall be equal before these Statutes. The ESHKF shall be free of any form of discrimination with regard to a country or person on the grounds of race, religion, politics, gender or otherwise.



Article 18) ESHRKF Requirements

18.1 Calendar: The dates and locations of Championship and other tournaments and events shall be subject to the approval of the ESHRKF. A calendar of events shall be submitted to the ESHRKF at the beginning of each calendar year. A report on the results of all completed events shall be submitted to the ESHRKF within one month of the completion of the event.

Article 19) Activities

19.1 Activities: The ESHRKF engages in the following activities:

- i.) promoting Championship and other events;
- ii.) recognizing, or otherwise supporting organizations designed to further development of sport Shito Ryu Karate Do;
- iii.) developing education, training and certification programs for members of the ESHRKF;
- iv.) other activities authorized by the Council in furtherance of the ESHRKF mission and objectives as defined in Article 2.

Article 20) ESHRKF Promoted Championships

20.1 ESHRKF Promoted Championship will be organized each year at the 3rd weekend of Jun.

20.2 Host City Selection: Any MF applying to host a ESHRKF promoted championship shall abide by the following procedure:

- i) Organizing Committee applies to host the ESHRKF-promoted championship by submitting a written Host City Application with prescribed terms and conditions and proposing a specific amount of monetary contribution to the ESHRKF, along with required documents, to the ESHRKF.
- ii) ESHRKF inspection team reviews the prospective Host City facilities and plans and gives a report to the Council.

20.3 Host City Agreements: Selected Host Cities shall enter into a Host City Agreement with the ESHRKF with prescribed terms and conditions, ideally no later than six months prior to the event.

Article 21) Referees, Coaches, Competition Rules



21.1 Competition Rules: Championship promoted or sanctioned by the ESHRKF shall observe the Competition Rules of the ESHRKF.

21.2 Referees: ESHRKF Championship shall be officiated only by ESHRKF-approved Referees.

21.3 Referee Training: Only the ESHKf shall conduct or authorize Referee training courses, refresher courses and seminars.

21.4 Referee Qualification: The Referee Committee shall grant the qualification of "Referee" to those who have successfully completed a Referee Seminar and who have passed all the prerequisite tests and criteria deemed necessary by the ESHRKF.

21.5 Coach: The Sport Committee shall grant the qualification of "Coach" to those who have successfully completed the Coach Training Course and who have passed all the prerequisite tests and criteria deemed necessary by the ESHRKF.

21.6 Related Rules and Regulations: The rules for organizing the championships and regulations for the Referee and Coach shall be enacted by the Council.

Article 22) Finances

22.1 Financial Budget: ESHRKF shall be bound within the limits of approved budget by General Assembly.

22.2 Income Sources: The income of the ESHRKF shall be derived from the following sources: membership fees; entry fees; referee license, coach license, donations and subsidies; other income.

22.3 Financial Year: The financial year of the ESHRKF shall start on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year.

Article 23) Committees

23.1 Standing Committees: The ESHRKF Council shall constitute the following standing committees as auxiliary apparatuses:

a) Sport Committee: The task of this committee is to formulate revisions to the ESHRKF Competition Rules and review the organization and management of European Shito Ryu Karate Championships. The committee shall analyze



various issues in the effective management of referees and study the improvement of techniques related to competitions.

Sub-Committees: For systematic achievement of its function, the committee may compose of sub-committees as follows:

1. Organizing Committee: The Organizing Committee is tasked with studying the requirements for further improvements of the organization and management of competitions.

2. Referee Committee: The Referee Committee is tasked with studying the conditions for consistent application of the ESHRKF Competition Rules, researching methods of effective management of and conducting training courses for Referees.

3. Technical, Education and Development Committee: The Training, Education and Development Committee is tasked with studying the requirement for cultivation of competent athletes, coaches and general Shito Ryu Karate practitioners, etc, and preparing educational materials of Kumite and Kata competition for the further development of Shito Ryu Karate as sport.

i.) Reporting: The chairman of the Sport Committee, when needed, shall attend the ESHRKF Council meeting. The Sport Committee proposes a technical delegate of the Competition Supervisory Board to the Secretary General for ESHRKF Championships.

ii.) Supervision: The chairman of the Sport Committee is required to report to the Secretary General and can hold meetings, when deemed necessary, with the vice chairmen of the committee and members of the sub-committees. The chairman of the Sport Committee is also obliged to draft the amendments to the ESHRKF Competition Rules for deliberation at the ESHRKF Council meeting, the General Assembly or the Joint Technical Meeting, in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary General.

iii.) Annual Plan: The chairman of the Sport Committee should prepare working plan and put it into practice upon the approval of the Secretary General.

iv.) Composition: The Sport Committee shall be composed of one chairman and one vice chairman who are the chairman one of the sub-committee. Each of the sub-committees shall be composed of one chairman, two or more members respectively. The chairmen of sub-committees are proposed by President and delegated by Council. Sport Committee shall meet at last two day before Council meeting.



- b) Finance Committee: The Finance Committee is tasked with reviewing financial affairs of the ESHRKF and seeking ways to secure enough resources for various projects.
- c) Athletes Committee: The Athletes Committee is tasked with studying requirements for the athletes' safety, participation in competitions and technical enhancement.
- d) Ethics Committee: The Ethics Committee is tasked with creating the ESHRKF Code of Ethics and recommending sanctions against individuals or institutions that have violated the ethical principles.
- e) Medical committee: The Medical Committee is tasked take care that our sport is practiced without danger to the health of athletes and with respect for fair play and sports ethics. Takes measures necessary to preserve health of the athletes to minimize the risks of physical injury and psychological harm.

23.2 General Guidelines: For Committees the following shall apply:

- a) Composition: All the committees, with the exception of the Sport Committee, shall consist of one chairman, two members for a four-year term, as designated by the President. Each committee is entitled to set up sub-committees.
- b) Meetings: The committees, with the exception of the Sport Committee, shall meet at least once one day before the opening of the Council meeting to be held on the occasion of the ESHRKF Championships. When necessary, committees may be requested to make verbal or written reports on their activities or provide recommendations to the Council. Each committee, when necessary, may conduct studies and analyses exclusively or jointly with other related committees. The chairmen of the respective meetings have the deciding vote in case of a tie.
- c) Role and Responsibility: The Council or the President may entrust each committee with execution of the matters under its jurisdiction and/or responsibility.

23.3 Ad-Hoc Committees: The ESHRKF Council or GA may from time to time form special purpose Ad- Hoc committees.

Article 24) Joint Sport Meeting

24.1 Joint Sport Meeting: A Joint Sport Meeting, consisting of the ESHRKF Sport Committee members and the chairmen of the Sport Committees of MF, may



be convened one day before Championship. For a Joint Sport Meeting, the following shall apply:

- i) All the representatives attending the Joint Sport Meeting shall submit their credentials to the Secretariat.

Article 25) Sanctions

25.1 Cause of Action: The ESHRKF may sanction its members for any violation of the these Statues, the Competition Rules, or other ESHRKF regulation or bylaw including anti-doping codes are contrary to the ESHRKF Mission and Objectives, Ethics, Values, and/or that bring the ESHRKF into disrepute.

25.2 Sanctions. As the case may be, the measures which may be taken by the ad-hoc Sanctions Committee, the ad-hoc Election Committee, the Doping Panel or any relevant organ of the ESHRKF include the following:

- a) Warning
- b) Rebuke
- c) Fine
- d) Suspension
- e) Expulsion
- f) Disqualification
- g) Any other sanction deemed appropriate

25.3 Sanctions Committee: The ad-hoc Sanctions Committee shall consist of no more than three Council members to be designated by the President, with the exception of sanctions against the Secretariat staff, whereby a Sanctions Committee may be constituted by the officials of higher rank than the offending individual(s).

Article 26) Dissolution

26.1 Dissolution: The dissolution of the ESHRKF can only be decided at the General Assembly by the unanimous resolution of all the members that comprise the General Assembly.



26.2 Residual Funds/Properties: Exclusive right over the use of any funds or ESHRKF properties shall be given by the General Assembly that has reached the resolution for the dissolution.

Article 27) Modifications

27.1 Amendments: The Council shall formulate drafts, amendments or repeals of the bylaws and rules and regulations. Approval of the GA shall be required for formulation of Competition Rules and Rules on Organization and Operation of European Shito Ryu Karate Championship.

Article 28) Interpretation of Statutes

28.1 Interpretation Authority: The authority for settling any dispute arising out of the interpretation of these Statutes shall reside with the President, who shall seek the advice of the Council or appropriate Committees before taking a final decision.

Article 29) Definitions and Abbreviations

29.1. Minimum three Karate Clubs from respective country may constitute Group. Each Group applying for memberships will send to the Secretariat Application form with prescribed Agreement signed by presidents of Clubs who constitute the Group. From those countries who have not registered Federation or Group in ESHRKF Individual persons may apply for memberships.

29.2. The following are commonly used abbreviations and definitions used in these statutes:

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| GA | General Assembly |
| MF | Member Federation and Group |
| WADA | World Anti-Doping Agency |
| The ESHRKF | European Shito Ryu Karate Federation |

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