



**EUROPE**

Founded in 1999

## **INAS EUROPE CONSTITUTION**

**“EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR ATHLETES WITH INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENTS”**

## **Article 1. Name, Seat, Duration**

- a. The organization is called: “European Federation for Athletes with intellectual impairments” or “INAS Europe” and is registered in the Netherlands and its head quarters operation is located in Paris
- b. The association was established on January 26, 1999 and is subject to Dutch law. It was registered in the Netherlands at the Chamber of Commerce in Rotterdam number 24290610.
- c. The duration of the association is unlimited.

## **Article 2. Objectives**

The aim of the association is:

- a. To support the aims and objectives of the world organisation of the “International Federation for Athletes with Intellectual Impairments (INAS)”, in this constitution indicated as INAS, in Europe.
- b. To provide a liaison between INAS and its European members.
- c. To deal with any matter referred to it by INAS and with any European matter referred to it by a European member.
- d. To act always in accordance with the policies and procedures of INAS as set out in the membership agreement.

## **Article 3. Membership and Finance**

- a. Every National Member Organisation of INAS within Europe is automatically a member of INAS Europe, but only those members in good standing with INAS Europe may vote at a General Assembly, subject however to the stipulation below in 3b.
- b. INAS Europe may levy a membership subscription on its members the amount of which will be set by the European General Assembly. Non-payment of this subscription does not prevent a member participating in any Championship or Competition, but voting rights will not be granted at the European General Assembly.

## **Article 4. Organisation**

INAS Europe shall be made up of

- a European General Assembly
- a European Executive Committee, not appointed from the members
- a European Technical Committee
- such other committees as the European General Assembly shall decide.

## **Article 5. The European General Assembly**

a. The European General Assembly will meet at least every two years at a time agreed by the European Executive Committee. In so far as this is possible it will meet during the period of the INAS European Games.

Each European member shall have one vote, subject however to the stipulations above in 3a and 3b, but may be represented by up to three persons.

b. The European General Assembly will

- receive a report of all activities since the last Assembly
- receive audited accounts for the past two years
- discuss and decide the budget of the organization for the next two years
- discuss plans for the next two years
- determine any membership subscription or any capitation tax
- discuss and decide on resolutions submitted by members
- undertake any other business which falls within the objectives of INAS Europe
- elect or dismiss the officers, members of the European Executive Committee, and other representatives as required.

c. The European General Assembly elects a European President.

d. Resolutions for the European General Assembly must be sent to the European Secretary General in writing at least three months prior to the Assembly.

e. The European General Assembly shall be called in writing at least four months in advance.

## **Article 6. The European Executive Committee**

a. The European Executive Committee shall have the responsibility of conducting the affairs of INAS Europe within any policy laid down by the European General Assembly.

b. The European Executive Committee will:

- decide the location of the headquarters of INAS Europe
- meet at least once per year

- consult with the representative of the European Paralympic Committee on matters relating to the European Paralympic Committee
- assist the world organisation (INAS) in evaluating information in respect of new applicants for membership
- submit a report to the European General Assembly every two years, or more frequently if necessary
- make recommendations to the world organisation (INAS) or to the European General Assembly as appropriate relating to Championships, Competitions and any other relevant matter
- act as necessary between European General Assembly meetings.

c. The association may be represented by either the European Executive Committee, or by the European President and Secretary General jointly, or in the absence of one of them by the remaining one jointly with another member of the European Executive Committee.

### **Article 7. The European Technical Committee**

The tasks of the European Technical Committee and the way it will be made up, will be laid down, by the European Executive Committee, in a by-law.

### **Article 8. Finance**

a. The sources of finance will be

- any sum allocated by INAS
- donations, grants and sponsorship
- levies on members
- capitation taxes on competitors in European Championships.

b. Until finances of INAS Europe permit otherwise, each member sending a delegate or representative to a meeting shall meet that individual's expenses.

c. In case of dissolution of INAS Europe the European General Assembly shall decide on the use of assets remaining after payment of liabilities whilst observing any relevant national and local laws.

### **Article 9. Officers of the European Executive Committee**

- a. The Executive Committee of INAS Europe is comprised of:
- President (chairman of the European Executive Committee)
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary General
  - Treasurer
  - Technical Officer (chairman of the European Technical Committee)
  - Four Members at Large

b. The members of the European Executive Committee shall be elected to their specific positions by the European General Assembly for a period of four years, on a rotating basis of elections every two years.

#### **Article 10. Elections**

- a. The officers of the European Executive Committee will be elected by the European General Assembly by the following procedure.
- Nominations by European members will be submitted in writing to the European Secretary General at least three months prior to the European General Assembly. Only nominees from members in good standing, i.e. full members of INAS will be accepted.
  - Individuals may be nominated for more than one position but may stand only for those positions for which they have been nominated. Nominations are binding.
- b. Vacancies arising may be filled by the European Executive Committee until the next European General Assembly.
- c. Voting shall be by secret ballot at the European General Assembly.

#### **Article 11. Relations with the world organisation of INAS**

- a. INAS Europe is made up solely of members of the world organisation INAS in Europe. It will at all times operate within the policies of the world organisation of INAS.
- b. Subject to the above INAS Europe is free to conduct its own business as it wishes, whilst at all times observing the strictest democratic procedures.
- c. INAS Europe shall appoint its President to the Executive Board of INAS in accordance with the relevant policy of INAS.
- d. The European General Assembly, or in between meetings of the Assembly the European Executive Committee, shall appoint its own representatives to any committee or body of the world organisation (INAS) where a regional representative is required.