

International Police Association



International Statute

International Rules

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applies to both males and females.**

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A. Fundamental Principles

Article 1 – Title, Motto, Emblems and Languages

1. The Association shall be called the “International Police Association” (IPA).
2. The motto, in Esperanto, shall be “SERVO PER AMIKECO” (service through friendship).
3. The emblems of the IPA are protected as registered trademarks and may only be used within the framework of the Association.
4. The official working languages of the Association shall be English, French, German and Spanish. Should a difference of interpretation occur between language versions of the documents, the English version shall be applied.

Article 2 - Aims of the Association

1. The IPA is an independent body made up of members of the police service belonging to National Sections, whether in employment or retired, and without distinction as to rank/position, sex, race, colour, language or religion. Its purpose is to create bonds of friendship and to promote international co-operation.

It is committed to the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations in 1948 and recognises that any form of torture is absolutely inconsistent with these principles.

Its aims include the development of cultural relations amongst its members, a broadening of their general knowledge, and an exchange of professional experience; in addition, it seeks to foster mutual help in the social sphere and to contribute, within the limits of its possibilities, to peaceful co-existence between peoples and to the preservation of world peace.

2. To this end it undertakes to
 - a) encourage personal contacts by organising exchange visits of individuals and groups, arranging group holidays and initiating pen-friendships;
 - b) promote among the police services of all the National Sections respect for law and order;
 - c) develop social and cultural activities and to encourage the exchange of professional experiences;
 - d) enhance the image of the police in the countries of its Sections and to help improve relations between the police and the general public;
 - e) foster youth exchanges and international youth meetings with a view to promoting greater tolerance and understanding between people, and understanding for the work of the police;
 - f) facilitate a regular exchange of publications between the National Sections and to provide an information service, for the national IPA publications, containing news on all subjects of relevance to the Association;

- g) promote international publications, and to help with the preparation of a bibliography of police works and, wherever possible, of all works connected with the law or legal matters;
- h) facilitate international co-operation through friendly contacts between members of the police service of all continents and to contribute to a mutual understanding of professional problems.

Article 3 - Composition and Seat

1. The Association shall consist only of National Sections (hereinafter called Sections) which work together in the International Executive Council (IEC) in order to attain a common set of goals. All decisions taken by the IEC are binding on the Sections in so far as they do not contravene their national law.
2. The seat of the Association shall be in Geneva, Switzerland and Swiss law shall apply. (Article 60 onwards of the Swiss Civil Code - CCS).
3. The liabilities of the Association shall be limited to the assets of the Association (Article 75a - CCS). The liabilities of any Section are limited to the amount of their annual levy.

B National Sections

Article 4 - Foundation and Affiliation

Sections may be founded in any country, which does not already have an IPA Section. The procedure to be followed shall be in accordance with the Directive for the Foundation and Affiliation of National Sections.

Article 5 - Membership

Sections shall recruit members from among members of the police service of their own country on the basis of the principles embodied in the International Statute (IS), Article 2.1.

There shall be the following categories of membership;

- a) Ordinary Membership,
- b) Foreign Associate Membership,
- c) Extraordinary Membership.

The definition and conditions of membership are as shown in the International Rules (IR), Article 2.

Article 6 - Statutes

1. Sections shall draw up statutes which shall not be in contradiction with the International Statute.

2. A violation of the International Statute, Rules or Directives shall be dealt with by the Section to which the member belongs. If the Section does not act, it will be held responsible for the violation and dealt with in accordance with IR, Article 5.1.a)
3. All National Sections shall include in their National Statutes the following: *‘The members are committed to the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations in 1948 and recognise that any form of torture is absolutely inconsistent with these principles’.*

Article 7 - Administration and Structure

1. Sections shall elect a National Executive Committee whose term of office shall be limited in time by the statutes and which shall consist of at least a
 - President
 - Secretary General
 - Treasurer
2. Sections are independent as regards their administration.
3. Sections shall conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions contained within the Rules.

Article 8 - Suspension

1. A Section may be suspended by the IEC, or in exceptional cases, by the International Executive Board (IEB).
2. The reasons for suspension and the procedure to be followed shall be as defined in IR, Article 5.

Article 9 - Expulsion

1. Expulsion can only follow suspension and shall only be applied if the reason for suspension still exists. Expulsions must be decided by a two-thirds majority of all the votes of the Sections present or represented at an IPA World Congress.
2. Once a Section has been expelled, its members may become Foreign Associated Members of other Sections as provided for in IR, Article 2.1.b)

C International Executive Council (IEC)

Article 10 - Tasks and Composition

1. The IEC is the supreme body of the Association and shall have overall responsibility for it.
2. The IEC is composed of one delegate from each Section and of the IEB. It shall meet every year at an IPA World Congress.

3. For the purpose of an IPA World Congress, a minimum of three-quarters of all Sections must be present or represented, plus a minimum of five members of the IEB.
4. The International Executive Board (IEB) shall convene the IPA World Congress at the time and place approved by the IEC. If changes need to be made for important reasons, the decision shall be taken by the IEB.
5. An Extraordinary IPA World Congress shall be convened if;
 - at least one half of all Sections submit a written proposal to this effect to the IEB, or
 - new elections become necessary after the setting up of a crisis committee in accordance with IS Article 13.1. Such new elections shall be organised no later than one year after a crisis committee has been set up.
 - there is a need to resolve conflict between Articles within the International Statute, as described in IS, Article 21.4.
6. Each Section and the IEB shall have one vote in the IEC.
7. A representative of the “IBZ Schloss Gimborn” (International Educational Centre at Gimborn Castle) shall also be invited to attend IPA World Congresses at the expense of the Association. This representative may only speak on matters concerning the IBZ Schloss Gimborn and shall have no voting rights.
8. Conditions of attendance at IPA World Congresses shall be as defined in the IR, Article 10.

D International Executive Board (IEB)

Article 11 - Election and Composition

1. The IEB shall be elected at the IPA World Congress for a period of four years.
2. It shall be composed of
 - President,
 - Secretary General,
 - ERC Chairman,
 - IPC Chairman,
 - ISCC Chairman,
 - Head of Administration,
 - Treasurer Finances
 - Treasurer Social Affairs

On completion of the election to the IEB, delegates will be asked to elect the Vice President from one of the three Chairmen.

IEB members may be re-elected.

3. A candidate can only run for one position on the IEB.
4. The procedure for elections shall be as defined in IR, Article 15.
5. Once a new President has been elected, the outgoing President may be appointed by the IEC to the IEB as Advisor, without voting rights. He may also carry out any other IPA mission entrusted to him by the IEC or the IEB.

Article 12 - IEB Responsibilities

1. The IEB is responsible for the management of the Association and for the implementation of decisions taken by the IEC. It shall have the power to act on behalf of the IEC in any matter requiring immediate action.
2. The President and an additional member of the IEB shall represent the Association in and out of court.
3. The working methods of the IEB shall be as defined in the Rules.

Article 13 - Crisis Committee

1. In the event that the IEB is unable to continue its work, a Crisis Committee shall be formed consisting of the Presidents of the five oldest Sections (United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Belgium, France and Norway). Should one of these Sections be eliminated by dissolution or expulsion, its place shall be taken by the next most senior Section.
2. The Crisis Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of business until new elections can be held in accordance with IS, Article 10.5.

Article 14 - Statutory Bodies

A. *Internal Relations - International Commissions*

1. In furtherance of the aims of the Association there shall be **two** standing commissions which shall support the work of the IEB regarding professional, cultural and social matters:
 - International Professional Commission (IPC)
 - International Socio-Cultural Commission (ISCC)
2. The chairmen of the commissions will select commission members according to the projects they plan to develop. These members will not be permanent, their responsibilities and working methods shall be in accordance with the Directive for International Commissions.

B. *External Relations - Non-governmental organisation (NGO)*

1. In furtherance of the aims of the Association there shall be one External Relations Commission which shall support the work of the IEB for international relations within the international institutions.

2. The Association shall endeavour to maintain its statutory obligation as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) with those international bodies which the IEC has approved.
3. The Association is: an NGO with Consultative (Special) Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations; in Consultative Status with the Council of Europe, the Organisation of American States (OAS) and UNESCO; an International NGO maintaining operational relations within EUROPOL.
4. The Representatives of the Association should be residents of the location of the international bodies. They shall all be approved by their respective Sections.
5. The Representatives shall be approved by the IEB.
6. The IPA representation within international organisations is approved by the IEC.

E Finances

Article 15 - Financial Management

1. The International Treasury shall manage the assets of the Association in accordance with the decisions of the IEC and IEB.
2. All payments made by the International Treasury for travel and accommodation shall be in accordance with the Directive for Travel and Accommodation Expenses.
3. The annual contribution of the members shall be fixed by the IEC. Each Section shall deposit their annual contribution to the International Treasury as provided by Article 20 of the International Rules.
4. The financial year shall be the same as the calendar year. The International Treasury shall close the accounts on 31 December each year and shall submit a set of reports on the financial situation of the Association to the IEC.

Article 16 - Audit of Accounts

1. The accounts, vouchers, bank statements, etc., shall be examined annually by an external accountant.
2. Internal Auditors shall be elected at the IPA World Congress for a period of four years. Their term of office shall be renewable once only. The procedure for elections and their responsibilities shall be as defined in IR, Article 17.

F Other Regulations

Article 17 – Impartiality

IEB members, International Commission members, Internal Auditors and members of a Crisis Committee, shall carry out their duties independently of the interests of their Sections and for the exclusive good of the Association.

Article 18 - Publications

1. Statements on political, religious or race issues may not be made or published on behalf of the Association.

The Association's strict policy of neutrality shall be observed in all publications.

2. Reports and minutes which are marked "internal" may neither be published, nor passed on to unauthorised persons.

Article 19 - Dissolution

1. The dissolution of the IPA may only occur at an Extraordinary IPA World Congress with a two-thirds majority of all votes of the Sections present or represented.
2. In the event of dissolution, the assets of the Association shall be given to one or more international relief organisations chosen at the Extraordinary IPA World Congress.

Article 20 – Rules, Directives and Procedural Documents

1. International Rules shall be established in support of the International Statute.
2. Complex procedures or matters requiring greater explanation than can reasonably be covered in the International Statute or Rules may be dealt with by way of a Directive or Procedural document.
3. The International Rules, Directives and any Procedural document are an integral part of the International Statute.

Article 21 - Revision of the Statute

1. A revision of the Statute may only be decided at an IPA World Congress with a two-thirds majority of all the votes of the Sections present or represented at the Congress.
2. Any amendment shall enter into force at the end of the congress or at a later date as specified in the motion.
3. The SG on behalf of the IEB must examine if any amendment to the International Statute is found to create a contradiction with any other Article of the International Statute and Rules. If this is the case and the proposing section has submitted the original motion within the time limit, they shall be allowed to alter/change their motion and resubmit it without prejudice.

4. All matters of interpretation arising in conjunction with the Statute shall be settled provisionally by the IEB pending a decision by the IEC.

Article 22 - Entry into Force

This International Statute was adopted by the 18th IPA World Congress, in Ljubljana, Slovenia and entered into force on 22 September 2006

Amended October 2009, World Congress, Antalya, Turkey.

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Amended September 2014, Extraordinary World Congress, Potsdam, Germany.

REVISIONS

Year	Revised IS Article(s)	
2009	IS Art 2.1 IS Art 2.2 h) IS Art 20.2 IS Art 20.3 IS Art 22	amended amended amended amended addition
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A Fundamental Principle

Article 1 - Fundamental Principle

The basis of the International Rules is Article 20 of the International Statute.

B National Sections

Article 2 - Membership

1. There shall be the following categories and conditions of membership:

a) Ordinary Membership

Each Section shall determine for itself who is to be considered as belonging to the police service and who can be accepted as a member. Each Section may also restrict membership to police officers only. Conditions of membership, and any changes made to them, must be notified to the IEB.

Members of the police service, whether an IPA member or not, who transfer their residence to another country may be accepted as a member of that country provided they satisfy their conditions of membership. If they are already a member, they may choose to retain membership with their original Section. This shall also apply to members of a police service on secondment to another country.

b) Foreign Associate Membership

Members of the police service of a country where there is no IPA Section may be admitted to the membership of existing Sections as Foreign Associate Members. Such membership shall not be continued once a Section has been established.

c) Extraordinary Membership

Sections are permitted to admit widows and widowers of members as Extraordinary Members. Extraordinary members will have the same rights and obligations as ordinary members. However, such membership shall not entitle them to hold any governing office.

Article 3 - Statutes

1. The statutes of Sections shall be submitted to the IEB in one of the official working languages as soon as they have been adopted or modified.
2. Clashes between the National and the International Statutes resulting from national legislation shall be examined by the IEC. They may not call into question the fundamental principles set out in Part A of the International Statute.

Article 4 - Administration and Structure

1. Sections shall be subdivided geographically into Regional groups if this is in the best interest of the membership and a properly-run administration.

2. These Regional groups must limit their activities to their respective areas; they are not independent and may only be represented by the National Executive Committee as far as the Association is concerned.
3. No Section or Regional group shall be permitted to commit itself or the Association to becoming a member of any other organisation, without the prior consent of the IEC.
4. Working groups or other special interest groups, even if they have an international membership, may only raise issues through their Sections.
5. Sections may establish IPA Houses within their respective countries, in accordance with the Directive for IPA Houses.

Article 5 - Suspension

1. A Section may be suspended by the IEC -
 - a) for a breach of the International Statute, Rules or Directives;
 - b) when external circumstances prevent a Section from carrying out its statutory activities in the foreseeable future, in particular when national legislation stands in the way of the implementation of the fundamental principles set out in Part A of the International Statute;
 - c) when the Section has not paid its international dues for a period of two years and does not meet its financial obligations after being invited by letter to do so by the International Treasury;
 - d) when the Section fails to supply any Progress Reports or other information required by the IEB for a period of 2 years;
 - e) when the membership of a Section falls below the minimum of 50 members, as required by the Directive for the Foundation and Affiliation of National Sections;
 - f) when the Section so requests. The reason for the request need not be given.
2. Upon the recommendation of the IEB, the IEC shall appoint a Section to represent the interests of a Section which has been suspended - but without the right to vote on its behalf - and to seek the lifting of the suspension measure.
3. In exceptional circumstances, the IEB may impose an immediate suspension of a Section if a situation is considered to contravene Part A of the International Statute and the decision cannot wait for the next IPA World Congress. Under these circumstances, the IEB shall immediately appoint another Section to represent the suspended Section, as required in IR, Article 5.2.

4. Once a Section is suspended, voting rights shall be lost; only observers may attend IPA World Congresses and expenses shall not be paid.
5. Members of a suspended Section shall continue to be treated as IPA members by the other Sections, admitted to events, and enjoy the same consideration, even if their membership card is no longer valid.
6. International posts or membership of International Commissions, held by members of a suspended Section, shall not be affected.
7. Suspended Sections shall continue to receive information, circulars and the like, provided their NEC is still operational.
8. Every case of suspension shall be reviewed at the following meeting of the IEC. To this end, the Section appointed to represent the interests of the suspended Section shall present a report. If the reason for the suspension still exists, the IEC may extend the period of suspension or consider expulsion of the Section in accordance with IS, Article 9.
9. Suspension may only be lifted by a decision of the IEC.
10. If suspension is to be lifted, the IEC shall, upon the recommendation of the IEB, first settle the question of any outstanding dues to be paid by the suspended Section.

Article 6 - Protection of the Emblems

1. The IPA emblems must not be utilised for commercial purposes.
2. Sections may authorise their Regional groups and members to use the emblems only under the above-mentioned expressed condition.
3. Any change made to the emblems jeopardises trademark protection and is therefore not permitted. Models of the two protected forms are kept by the Head of Administration.

Article 7 - Membership Cards

1. There shall be two types of membership card.
 - a) Linen blue card with the facility to adhere annual stamps,
 - b) Credit card style membership card, valid for one year only.

Each Section shall decide which membership card system they will use.

2. Only these standard international IPA membership cards, valid for the current year, are proof of membership in the Association.
3. The International Treasury shall be responsible for having the linen blue IPA membership cards printed. The Sections shall order their membership cards and year stamps from the International Treasury.

The International Treasury shall be responsible for providing the template for the credit card style membership card, in print ready format. Sections using this card shall then be responsible for the printing.

4. Membership cards shall show the member's name, section, membership number and year of joining the IPA, which must be in one of the official working languages. The reverse side of the card may contain other information as required by the Section. Each Section may also decide to have membership cards displaying a photograph of the member.
5. The cards remain the property of the issuing Section.
6. IPA membership cards not valid for the current year may be retained and returned to the issuing Section provided that they have been invalid for at least one year. This does not apply to members of suspended Sections (see IR Article 5.5).

Article 8 - Representation

1. The National President shall represent the Section in the IEC as the IEC delegate and be the voting representative at IPA World Congresses.
2. As an IEC delegate, a National President may be represented at IPA World Congresses, in accordance with IR, Article 10.4.

Article 9 - Observers

Every Section may send no more than two observers, at its own cost, to IPA World Congresses.

C International Executive Council (IEC)

Article 10 - Meetings

1. The delegate from each Section, provided that the Section is not suspended in accordance with IS, Article 8, shall be invited to attend IPA World Congresses at the expense of the Association.
2. The name and address of the delegate and observers of each Section shall be notified to the Secretary General at least 90 days prior to the commencement of an IPA World Congress.
3. Should the name and address of the delegate or any observers not be known 90 days prior to the commencement of an IPA World Congress, then the number of persons intending to participate shall be provided by the deadline set out in IR Article 10.2. The names and addresses shall then be supplied to the Secretary General prior to the commencement of the meeting.
4. If the delegate is not the National President, as defined in IR, Article 8, applications are only valid if signed by the President and Secretary General of the Section.

5. Should a Section wish to be represented by another Section at an IPA World Congress, written notification to this effect must be delivered to the Secretary General at least 90 days prior to the commencement of the meeting. Alternatively, notification may be delivered at any time prior to the commencement of the meeting, provided the Section being represented was already registered to attend in accordance with IR Article 10.2. In either case, the notification is only valid if completed on the appropriate form and signed by the President and the Secretary General of the Section. The form must also bear the written consent of the President of the Section appointed to act as proxy.

Proxies are valid for all votes and elections at IPA World Congresses and cannot be restricted. Each delegate may represent at most one other Section.

6. Should unforeseen circumstances prevent the registered delegate from attending, the substitute sent in his place from the same Section must provide the IEB, before participating in the meeting, with a letter signed by the President of the Section, expressly designating him as delegate.

Article 11 - Loss of Voting Rights

Delegates not registered in accordance with IR, Article 10, and delegates of Sections that have not paid their International Levy as required in IR, Article 20 shall have no voting rights for the duration of the conference. In addition, travelling and hotel expenses in connection with the conference will not be paid.

Article 12 - Agenda

1. The draft agenda may only include motions that have been submitted in writing to the Secretary General at least 150 days before the beginning of the conference. Motions must be justified and discussion points explained. Details of any financial implications must also be given.
2. The timetable thereafter will be as follows:
 - 80 days : Agenda of the Congress to be sent out
 - 50 days : Deadline for sending amendments of motions to the ISG
 - 20 days : Amendments to be sent to sections
3. The agenda shall include reports from the
 - IEB
 - Auditors

Furthermore the agenda will include:

- A draft agenda
- Motions
- A list of the IEB, internal auditors, delegates, observers and names of proxies
- A list of candidates for all positions, when an elective congress takes place.

4. The IEB may include in the Agenda “urgent motions” in case of an emergency or if an important matter arises, up to the beginning of the congress. The delegates will first vote to accept the “urgent motion” and then vote on the contents of the motion.

Article 13 - Chairmanship

The President, or in his absence his representative, shall chair IPA World Congresses.

Article 14 - Conduct of Meetings

The procedure at IPA World Congresses shall be conducted in accordance with the Directive for the Conduct of Meetings.

D. International Executive Board (IEB)

Article 15 - Elections

1. Candidates for positions in the IEB shall be notified to the International Secretary General at least 90 days before an IPA World Congress. After the elapsing of the 90 day limit, no notification for offices in the IEB are permitted unless at the time of the elections there is no candidate for an office, in which case nominations for such office may be submitted by the IEC. Candidates may not be nominated or elected without their consent. No one should be nominated and elected for any International position, without the nomination and support of his/her own National Section.
2. Voting shall be by electronic system. Where this is not possible, voting shall be by secret ballot.
3. The election process shall be directed by a delegate or outgoing member of the IEB, to be chosen by the participants from their midst. He may appoint a suitable number of tellers to help him count the votes.
The election officer and the tellers may not be nominated as candidates and shall not be from the same Section as any of the nominated candidates.
4. The election of the IEB shall be conducted in the following order:
 - President
 - Secretary General
 - ERC Chairman
 - IPC Chairman
 - ISCC Chairman
 - Head of Administration
 - Treasurer Finances
 - Treasurer Social Affairs

 - Vice President (from one of the Commission Chairmen)
5. A candidate who obtains more than one half of the votes cast shall be considered elected.

If there are several candidates and none of them reaches this percentage, a run-off shall be organised between the two candidates with the highest number of votes.

Article 16 - Advisor

When an Advisor has been appointed by the IEC, a new decision can be made each year to extend her/his term, if this is found to be necessary. This extension would be on the recommendation of the IEB to the IEC each year, to a maximum of three (3) years.

Article 17 - Internal Auditors

1. Two Internal Auditors will be elected at the IPA World Congress. The procedures contained in IR, Articles 15.1, 15.4 and 15.5 shall apply to such elections.
2. They shall be responsible for examining the substantive accuracy of the income and expenditure of the International Treasury and ascertain that the accounts are in conformity with the International Statute, the Rules and the decisions of the IEC and IEB. They shall also submit a written report to the IEC at each IPA World Congress.

Article 18 - Chairmanship and Alternates

1. The IEB shall meet at least once a year to review the administration of the Association. Between meetings, business shall be conducted by correspondence or by any other manner.
2. The President shall chair meetings of the IEB and shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.
3. The question of alternates shall be resolved as follows:-
 - the International President shall be replaced by the Vice President,
 - the Secretary General by the Head of Administration,
 - the Treasurer Finances by the Treasurer Social Affairs.

If a position falls vacant, the alternate shall stand in until the period of office expires.

Article 19 - International Administration Centre (IAC)

1. The IEB shall maintain an International Administration Centre (IAC).
2. The IAC shall be under the control of the Head of Administration and shall facilitate the work of the Association.

3. The IEB shall have responsibility for negotiating the lease, rent and employment contracts.
4. The report of the Head of Administration (IR, Article 12.3) shall also provide the IEC with information about the work of the IAC.

E. Finances

Article 20 - Payment of the annual International Levy

Each Section must deposit, not later than the commencement of the IPA World Congress, its International Levy, as fixed by the IEC.

F. Other Regulations

Article 21- Business Enterprises

The IEB, Sections and Regional groups are permitted to enter into contracts and agreements with any other organisation or business, provided that such organisations or businesses shall not have any control or influence over any part of the IPA.

Article 22- Internal Affairs

1. Reports and minutes, which are considered internal under IS, Article 18.2, shall be marked with the word “internal” on each page, and at the end shall cite the decision by which that status was determined. The list of authorised recipients must be attached.
2. The status of reports and minutes shall be determined by the IEB, with the exception of reports submitted to the IEC, when the decision shall be taken by that body.
3. The status of documents fixed by Sections or their Regional groups shall be respected by all members of the Association.
4. Restricted status of documents should only be used in cases where publication could damage the Association.
5. The Minutes of all IEB meetings shall be kept and be available at the IPA World Congresses that follow the meetings, subject to privacy laws.

Article 23- Revision of the Rules, Directives and Procedural documents

1. A revision of the Rules, Directives and Procedural documents may only be decided at an IPA World Congress with a two-thirds majority of all the votes of the Sections present or represented at the meeting.

2. Any amendment shall enter into force at the end of the congress or at a later date as specified in the motion.
3. Once a motion to amend the Rules has been placed before an IPA World Congress, the same issue cannot be discussed for a period of 3 years, unless to prevent or correct a contradiction with another Article within the International Statute and Rules.
4. All matters of interpretation arising in conjunction with the Rules, Directives and Procedural documents shall be settled provisionally by the IEB pending a decision by the IEC.

Article 24- Entry into Force

These International Rules were adopted by the 18th IPA World Congress, in Ljubljana, Slovenia and entered into force on 22 September 2006.

Amended September 2008, IEC Moscow, Russia.

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2009	IR Art 2.1.a) IR Art 12.3 IR Art 22.1 IR Art 22.4 IR Art 23	amended amended amended amended amended
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2013	IR Art 15.4	amended
2014	IR Art 2a) IR Art 5.1.d) IR Art 5.2-5.4 IR Art 5.10 IR Art 6 IR Art 8.1-8.2 IR Art 10.1-10.3 IR Art 10.5 IR Art 10 IR Art 12.1-12.2 IR Art 12.5-12.7 IR Art 14 IR Art 15.1-15.4 IR Art 16 IR Art 17.2 IR Art 18.1-18.3 IR Art 19.1-19.4 IR Art 20 IR Art 21 IR Art 22.2 IR Art 22.5 IR Art 23.1-23.4	amended amended amended amended amended amended amended amended amended amended deleted amended amended amended amended amended amended amended amended amended amended amended amended amended amended amended amended