S T A T U T E OF THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Chapter 1

PREAMBLE

- 1.1 The National Olympic and Sports Committee of the Republic of Moldova (NOSC), previously known as the National Olympic Committee, was founded on 29.01.1991, recognized provisionally by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1991 and receiving final recognition in 1993. NOSC is a social organization of national interest, unique on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, a legal entity, national Non-Government Organization, non-commercial, autonomous and independent from public authorities, of public utility, not-for-profit, apolitical, without a lucrative purpose, established according to the law of the Republic of Moldova for an undetermined period of time. NOSC belongs to the Olympic Movement, being organized and operating on the basis of its own Statute, developed in accordance with the Olympic Charter and provisions of the current legislation of the Republic of Moldova.
- **1.2** NOSC keeps the same symbols, emblem and flag as the ones approved by the IOC Executive Board for NOSC. These are registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova and State Agency for Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova according to the national legislation in force.
- **1.3** The NOSC office of the Republic of Moldova is located in Chisinau municipality, on 11 Puskin St.

1.4 Fundamental Principles of Olympism

- **1.4.1** Olympism is a philosophy of life, exalting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, will and mind. Blending sport with culture and education, Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy of effort, the educational value of good example, social responsibility and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles.
- **1.4.2** The goal of Olympism is to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind, with a view to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity.
- **1.4.3** The Olympic Movement is the concerted, organised, universal and permanent action, carried out under the supreme authority of the IOC, of all individuals and entities who are inspired by the values of Olympism. It covers the five continents. It reaches its peak with the bringing together of the world's athletes at the great sports festival, the Olympic Games. Its symbol is five interlaced rings.
- 1.4.4 The practice of sport is a human right. Every individual must have the

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possibility of practising sport, without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.

- **1.4.5** Recognising that sport occurs within the framework of society, sports organisations within the Olympic Movement shall have the rights and obligations of autonomy, which include freely establishing and controlling the rules of sport, determining the structure and governance of their organisations, enjoying the right of elections free from any outside influence and the responsibility for ensuring that principles of good governance be applied.
- **1.4.6** Any form of discrimination with regard to a country or a person on grounds of race, religion, politics, gender or otherwise is incompatible with belonging to the Olympic Movement.
- **1.4.7** Belonging to the Olympic Movement requires compliance with the Olympic Charter and recognition by the IOC.

Chapter 2

NOSC GOAL

2.1 NOSC supports and contributes to the development of the Moldovan sport and National Olympic Movement, according to the Olympic Charter; promotes Olympism through training and educational programs; supports the activity of institutions providing Olympic education and cultural programs in relation with the Olympic Movement.

Acts against all forms of discrimination and violence in sports, as well as against using substances and procedures prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Code; ensures compliance with the Olympic Charter, defining in accordance with it the ethical rules in sports and supervises their implementation.

- 2.2. NOSC promotes unity of Sports Movement on the national arena, whose components are National Sports Federations, other sports structures and their legitimate athletes; represents the Sports Movement in relation to the institutions/organizations that contribute directly or indirectly to sports development or harnessing of the recognized social functions; facilitates the conflict resolution in the Sports Movement by reconciliation, mediation or arbitrage; files a lawsuit, if necessary, against third parties, public or private institutions, authorities, to defend the collective interests of the Olympic and Sports Movement.
- 2.3 NOSC carries out, in cooperation with National Sports Federations, respecting their autonomy and prerogatives, all activities of common interest able to encourage the development of high-level sports, as well as Sports for Everyone. It carries out activities aimed at promoting sports in the social area as a factor contributing to education, health and social cohesion; initial and ongoing education of managers, staff and technicians in the area; research, design, documentation and communication in sports.

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2.4. Fulfilling its goal, NOSC takes actions to maintain relations of cooperation with Central and Local Public Authorities, positioning itself as a partner for discussions and representing the non-government sports organizations in their relations with Public Authorities and Institutions. At the same time, NOSC shall maintain its autonomy and resist any pressures, of any types, including, but not limited to legal, political, religious or economic pressures that could prevent it from complying with the Olympic Charter.

Chapter 3

NOCS DUTIES

3.1. NOSC ensures application and observance in the Republic of Moldova of the Olympic Charter, decisions of the IOC and International Sports Federations, World Anti-Doping Code, and other provisions and regulations of the national legislation on sports activity. According to its goal and role at the national level, NOSC supports and encourages initiatives promoting peace, sports ethics, fight against doping, environment protection; commits itself to apply a nondiscriminatory behavior in the area, regardless of the race, religion, politics, gender or other criteria and takes actions against violation of moral values and against manifestation of violence in sports; promotes and supports the social integration of athletes and promotes women in sports. NOSC controls the activity of its members through its governing bodies in order to ensure compliance with and implementation of this Statute, the Olympic Charter, the values and tasks of the Olympic Movement.

Chapter 4

NOSC ROLE

- 4.1 NOSC has the role to promote the fundamental principles of Olympism at the national level through training and educational programs in physical education and sports, in schools and universities, supporting the activity of specialized organizations and institutions. In addition, NOSC supports the establishment and activity of institutions involved in Olympic education, Physical Culture and Sports.
- 4.2 NOSC must participate in the Olympic Games by sending athletes.
- **4.3** NOSC constitutes, organizes and leads the Moldovan delegations to the Olympic Games and other international competitions held under the patronage of the IOC; it is responsible for the behaviour of the members of its delegations to these competitions.
- 4.4 NOSC has the exclusive authority to represent the Republic of Moldova at the Olympic Games and at other competitions, activities and programs organised under the patronage of the IOC, as well as in the relations with the

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International Olympic Committee, Continental Olympic Associations or with National Olympic Committees.

- **4.5** NOSC has the exclusive authority to designate the settlement, city from the Republic of Moldova which may apply to organize competitions, activities and programs under the patronage of the IOC.
- **4.6** NOSC is the only holder on the territory of the Republic of Moldova of the rights to use the insignia and all Olympic symbols, name, flag, motto and anthem, and other elements of identification according to this Statute, Olympic Charter and other regulatory documents of the Olympic Movement.
- 4.7 Individuals or legal entities from the territory of the Republic of Moldova or from abroad may not use the NOSC insignia or emblem and any other of its patrimonial or non-patrimonial rights of intellectual property rights without the prior consent of NOSC.
- **4.8** The litigations generated by the unauthorized use of the Olympic insignia and other rights mentioned above, shall be settled in accordance with the NOSC Statute, Olympic Charter and the current legislation of the Republic of Moldova.
- **4.9** NOSC organizes and coordinates the activity of the Olympic Academy of the Republic of Moldova, which is in its subordination, does not have legal personality, and is tasked with the development and promotion of the fundamental principles of Olympism.

The Olympic Academy shall operate on the basis of its Statute and Regulation on the Organisation and Modus Operandi, approved by the NOSC Executive Board according to the Olympic Charter and its Statute.

- **4.10** With the view of achieving its statutory objective, NOSC cooperates with national and international institutions, Government and Non-Government and other public or private organisations, develops cultural programs related to the Olympic and Sports Movement and supports the NOSC Olympic Museum.
- **4.11** NOSC supports financially, whenever possible, on the basis of contracts or funding programs, the activity of national Olympic centers that provide Olympic training. According to its strategy, it provides organisational, technical and material-financial support to National Sports Federations; scholarships to athletes, coaches and other sports professionals, prioritizing programs focused on training, qualification and participation of athletes in Olympic Games and other competitions, activities and programs organized under the patronage of the IOC, as well as at for participation in world and European championships, and other international sports events.
- **4.12** NOSC recognizes only one National Sports Federation for each sport, recognized by the Specialised Central Public Authority (SCPA) and the relevant International Sports Federations or similar international sports organizations, as applicable.
- 4.13 NOSC supports training and ongoing education programs for professionals in physical education and sports, as well as scientific researches in this area and in sports medicine. NOSC will adopt and implement the World Anti-Doping Code to make sure that policies and regulations are aligned to it, will ensure

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the membership and/or funding requirements and results management procedures, respecting all the roles and responsibilities assigned to National Olympic Committees listed in the World Anti-Doping Code.

- **4.14** NOSC fights against using prohibited substances and methods, as defined in the World Anti-Doping Code or by International Sports Federations, intervening at competent national forums for medical check-ups of athletes to be conducted in the best conditions.
 - 4.15 It encourages and supports promotion of ethics and good governance in sports, as well as education of young people through sports, and invests efforts to make sure that fair-play dominates and violence is prohibited in sports.
 - **4.16** It encourages and supports the organisation, development and coordination of Olympism, Sports and sports competitions.
 - **4.17** It cooperates with the competent public or private organizations and authorities, on local and international level, to put Olympism and Sports at the service of humanity and peace-promotion.
 - **4.18** It acts to strengthen the unity and protect the independence of the Olympic Movement; and to preserve the sports autonomy.
 - **4.19** It opposes any forms of discrimination affecting the Olympic and Sports Movement in the Republic of Moldova.
 - **4.20** It encourages and supports promoting women in sports, at all levels and in all structures, with the purpose to apply the gender equality principle.
 - **4.21** It encourages and supports measures aimed at protecting the health of athletes and opposes the abusive use of sports and athletes for political or commercial purposes.
 - **4.22** It encourages and supports the efforts of sports organizations and Public Authorities to ensure the social and professional future of athletes and former athletes.
 - 4.23 It organizes annually the Olympic Day and/or Week.
 - **4.24** It encourages the development of the national Performance Sports and Sports for All, practiced in the Olympic spirit.
 - **4.25** It supports, together with National Sports Federations, the SCPA, other sports organisations, in order to select and prepare athletes for the Olympic Games and other competitions, activities and programs held under the patronage of the IOC.
 - **4.26** It promotes recommendations of any kind to the IOC, including recommendations with direct reference to the Olympic Charter, Olympic Movement in general.
 - **4.27** It organizes and carries out, via the Olympic Academy and other specialised institutions, scientific conferences and workshops on topics of interest for NOSC.
 - **4.28** It establishes and supports, whenever possible, charity foundations and organizations for the benefit of sports for all and performance sports.
 - 4.29 It defends the interests of athletes, coaches, referees, other professionals, veterans of physical culture and sports, on national and international levels.

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- 4.30 It implements Olympic Solidarity Programs.
- 4.31 It participates actively in environment protection programs.
- 4.32 It ensures compliance with the Olympic Charter in the Republic of Moldova.

NOSC RIGHTS

5.1. In its international relations with the International Olympic Committee, NOSC has the right:

- **5.1.1** To formulate recommendations to IOC on the content of the Olympic Charter, the issue of Olympic Movement in general, including organisation and conduct of the Olympic Games.
- **5.1.2** To participate, at the IOC request, via its elected or appointed representatives, in the activities of IOC or its commissions, as well as in specialized commissions of the continental associations of National Olympic Committees.
- **5.1.3** To cooperate for the preparation of Olympic congresses and other international activities under the patronage of IOC.
- 5.1.4 To represent the collective interests of its members in other international bodies.
- 5.1.5 To send competitors, representatives and other team members to the Olympic Games, according to the provisions of the Olympic Charter.
- 5.1.6 To benefit of assistance from the Olympic Solidarity.
- **5.1.7** To use certain Olympic properties as authorised by the IOC in compliance with the Olympic Charter.
- **5.1.8.** To participate in the activities conducted or supported by the IOC, including regional games.
- **5.1.9** To be part of the Associations of National Olympic Committees, recognized by the IOC, to express its opinion regarding the candidate for the organization of the Olympic Games.
- 5.1.10 To participate in Olympic Solidarity Programs.
- 5.1.11 To raise funds compatible with the fundamental principles of Olympism.
- **5.1.12** To exercise any other rights and missions assigned by the Olympic Charter or IOC.

5.2 At the national level, NOSC has the following competences and duties:

5.2.1 Cooperates with SCPA of the Republic of Moldova for the implementation of Programs aimed at preparation and participation of Moldovan athletes in Olympic Games, as well as for the promotion of educational aspects of Olympism.

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- **5.2.2** Cooperates via its local structures or members with Local Public Authorities; organizes together with them sports activities and competitions, attended by professional athletes and promotes the Olympic Movement, ideals and values of the Olympism.
- **5.2.3** Monitors, jointly with the SCPA and national sports federations, recognised by SCPA, the implementations of athletes preparation and participation plans in terms of achieving the performance objectives at the Olympic Games and official international competitions.
- **5.2.4** Initiates proposals and participates in the development of Government policies on sports and physical education.
- **5.2.5** Develops, jointly with SCPA, the draft National Program on the Preparation and Participation of athletes from the Republic of Moldova in the Olympic Games.
- **5.2.6** Develops, jointly with SCPA, recommendations on the distributions of the funds, appropriated by the Government of the Republic of Moldova from the state budget to fund the Olympism and Sports.
- **5.2.7** Develops and supports, jointly with the SCPA, the National Anti-Doping Program, based on the provisions of World Anti-Doping Code, the Antidoping Convention of the Council of Europe in order to prevent and eliminate doping from the sports activity.
- **5.2.8** Cooperates, on the basis of contracts concluded with National Sports Federations, which operate in sports included in the Olympic Program, for the preparation and participation of athletes in the Olympic Games.
- **5.2.9** Has in its subordination Olympic Training Centers and specialized organizations that ensure the preparation of the Olympic reserves and national Olympic teams in the sports recognised by the IOC.
- **5.2.10** Supports financially, whenever possible, the activity of Olympic Training Centers.
- **5.2.11** Benefits of financial support from the state budget to implement its statutory goals and the current legislation of the Republic of Moldova.
- **5.2.12** Benefits, together with its sports structures, of appropriations from the state budget and local budgets to fund sports programs. These amounts will be provided on the basis of the contracts concluded between the respective structures and Central and Local Public Authorities, as appropriate.
- **5.2.13** Carries out economic activities organized in own units, with or without legal personality, to obtain revenue that can be used to fulfill the statutory and legal objectives, for which it was established.
- **5.2.14** May receive and own, lease or use real estate, sports bases, buildings and facilities and other sport infrastructure of national interest from the public property of the state on the basis of a special law.

5.3. As a Non-Governamental Organization, NOSC has the right:

- 5.3.1 To disseminate freely information about its activity.
- 5.3.2 To set up its own media outlets.

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- 5.3.3 To carry out publishing activity.
- **5.3.4** To represent and defend the legitimate interests of its members in the state bodies and organizations.
- 5.3.5 To take disciplinary actions via its commissions.
- **5.3.6** To obtain from public authorities the necessary information for its statutory activity, with the omissions regulated by the law.
- **5.3.7** To establish, depending on its needs and on its own account, local structural units.
- **5.3.8** To carry out economic activities resulting directly from the goals stipulated in the Statute, including with the help of some trade companies and cooperatives, established for this purpose.
- **5.3.9** To participate in national and international competitions in order to obtain social orders and grants from the Government, as well as to obtain grants and scholarships from other countries, from national, foreign and international foundations and organizations, and private persons.
- **5.3.10** To conclude with individuals and legal entities bilateral and multilateral agreements of technical-scientific, economic and financial cooperation, as well as for production, performance of works and provision of services in order to fulfill the statutory goals and duties.
- **5.3.11** To conclude with individuals and legal entities contracts on the use of intellectual property and other types of objects, which are owned by it exclusively.
- **5.3.12** To carry out scientific researches and design, social expert review of projects and programs of social importance, to participate in the joint commissions when such projects are considered, provided that such activities are included in the Statute or in its regulations.
- 5.3.13 To have its own name and symbols.
- **5.3.14** To carry out fully its duties, provided that they do not violate the legislation on social associations.
- 5.3.15 To organize, under the law, meetings and other public actions.
- **5.3.16** Perform other rights provided for in this Statute and the legislation of the Republic of Moldova.

NOSC DUTIES

NOSC carries out the following duties:

6.1 Establishes, organises and leads the delegations at the Olympic Games and at the regional, continental or world multi-sports competitions patronised by the IOC; Decides upon the entry, in the above-mentioned competition, of athletes proposed by National Sports Federations. Such selection shall be based not

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only on the sports performance of an athlete but also equally on their ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of their country.

- 6.2 Provides the equipment, transport and accommodation of the members of its delegations. For this it shall conclude an appropriate insurance contract covering the risks of death, disability, illness, medical and pharmaceutical expenses and third party liability.
- 6.3 Has the sole and exclusive authority to prescribe and determine the clothing and uniforms to be worn, and the equipment to be used, by the members of its delegations on the occasion of the Olympic Games and in connection with all sports competitions and ceremonies related thereto. This exclusive authority does not extend to specialised equipment used by athletes of their delegations during the sports competitions. Any publicity in respect of any such specialised equipment must be submitted to NOSC for approval if there is any reference, express or implied, to the Olympic Games.
- 6.4 Assists the IOC in respect to the protection of Olympic properties in the territory of the Republic of Moldova.
- 6.5 For the fulfilment of its tasks, goals and duties, NOSC, besides its governing, control, disciplinary and other bodies, also has staff employed in administrative and organisational, executive, financial and accounting, and housekeeping positions.

Chapter 7

NOSC MEMBERS

7.1 NOSC members are individuals (citizens of the Republic of Moldova) and legal entities that are affiliated to NOSC, adhere to this Statute and understand to comply with its provisions and with the IOC Olympic Charter. NOSC, as a social organisation, is established and operates on the basis of volunteering, self-management and equality of members' rights. NOSC is free to establish its internal structures and components, goals, forms and methods of activity. The number of NOSC members is approved and established at the proposal of the Executive Board by the NOSC General Assembly and is constant in order to respect at all times the voting majority of 50 % +1 of the votes expressed by the National Sports Federations recognised by IOC and included in the Olympic Program or its representatives.

7.2. Categories of NOSC Members

a) The National Sports Federations for sports that are included in the programme of the Olympic Games, affiliated to the International Federations, recognised by IOC, through the representative of each federation.

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- b) The National Sports Federations that are not included in the programme of the Olympic Games, affiliated to the International Federations for sports, recognised by IOC, through the representative of each federation.
- c) Local Olympic and Sports Agencies through the representative of each agency.
- d) Individuals active Olympic athletes recommended by the NOSC Athletes Commission according to the IOC Charter, maximum 3 persons.
- e) Woman and Sports Association, represented by 5 persons.
- f) National Olympic Athletes Association represented by 3 persons.
- g) Individuals: Olympic champions and Olympic medalists who represented the Republic of Moldova at Olympic Games, maximum 15 persons.
- h) IOC members from the Republic of Moldova, if any. Such members have the right to vote in the NOSC General Assemblies. In addition, the abovementioned IOC members from the RM are ex officio members of the NOSC Executive Board, within which they have the right to vote;
- i) Other organizations that contributed to the NOSC strengthening or provided outstanding services to promote the cause of Sports and Olympism, whose activity coincides with the NOSC duties and statutory goals.

NOSC members, individuals and representatives of affiliated legal entities must be citizens of the Republic of Moldova.

- 7.3 NOSC membership means unconditional acceptance, according to the law, of this Statute, any amendments to it, and the decisions of the NOSC General Meeting, Executive Board and Olympic Charter and other IOC documents.
- 7.4 NOSC members carry out their obligations voluntarily, except for the persons who manage the NOSC.
- 7.5 NOSC members do not bear personal liability for the NOSC obligations and debts and, respectively, NOSC does not bear any liability for the debts and obligations of its members.
- 7.6 NOSC members, legal entities, may be represented at the General Assembly only by a single representative who will be accepted as such by the decision of the Executive Board based on the criteria established by the NOSC General Assembly. This quality shall be subject to subsequent approval by the NOSC General Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Board.
- 7.7 National Sports Federations may delegate their representatives for a period from 1 to 4 years, based on an official letter, accompanied if necessary by a

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Letter of Attorney or the relevant minutes of the competent management body. Besides, by the decision of their management body, the representative may be replaced for another. The delegation of another person shall be communicated in writing to NOSC at least 30 days before the General Assembly is convened.

7.8 The rayons, municipalities and towns of the Republic of Moldova shall be represented in the NOSC membership via the Local Olympic and Sports Agencies. Representatives shall be elected in the Local Olympic and Sports Organizations on the basis of their merits in the Olympic and Sports Movement of the Republic of Moldova. The activity of the Local Olympic and Sports and Sports Agencies shall be based on a sample Statute, approved and recommended by NOSC.

7.9. Membership can be acquired in the following conditions:

- **7.9.1** To be eligible, individual NOSC members shall be aged between 18 and 70 years. Any NOSC member shall give up on his/her membership at the end of the calendar year when he/she turned 70 years old. As an exception from this rule, if a member turns the above-mentioned age during his/her mandate of NOSC President, First Deputy President, Deputy President, or Executive Board member, he/she shall withdraw upon expiry of the mandate for which he/she was elected.
- **7.9.2** According to the Olympic Charter, Government bodies or other public authorities shall not designate any members into NOSC. NOSC Executive Board may invite Special Guests to participate in the General Meeting, without the right to vote, representatives of those Authorities. Members of NOSC or governing bodies may work, under the law, in state bodies, provided that this activity does not damage NOSC.
- 7.9.3 An IOC member, a honorary member or an honorary member excluded from IOC cannot be a NOSC member.
- 7.9.4 An individual or legal entity that meets the conditions and complies with the provisions of this Statute, other NOSC documents and regulations may apply for NOSC membership by submitting an application and a set of documents established by the General Assembly or the NOSC Executive Board. After checking the application by the NOSC Executive Board, if the candidate has fulfilled all the established criteria, it may be proposed to the General Assembly to be affiliated as a NOSC member. The candidate may be heard in connection with its application for membership by the General Assembly or by the NOSC Executive Board.

7.10 NOSC membership is lost in cases of:

- 7.10.1 Dismissal, voluntary withdrawal or death.
- 7.10.2 Renunciation on the citizenship of the Republic of Moldova.
- 7.10.3 Exclusion by the General Assembly for justified reasons related to the failure to comply with the NOSC Statute, Codes, regulations or Olympic Charter,

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including the cases of termination or lack of activity for more than one year in the field of the Olympic and Sports Movement.

- **7.10.4** Legal dissolution of the National Sports Federation or of the organization that it represents, other similar situations regulated by the legislation in force of the Republic of Moldova.
- 7.10.5 Exclusion, loss of membership, acceptance of disaffiliation, withdrawal, and dismissal shall be done on the basis of a Decision of the NOSC General Assembly.
- 7.10.6 An individual NOSC member shall be regarded as disaffiliated and shall lose his/her membership, without any declaration from the latter, if he/she changes his/her citizenship or transfers his/her domicile to another country. This consequence is also valid in the case when he/she does not participate in the General Assemblies and does not participate in the NOSC works during a two-year period.
- **7.10.7** The decision to exclude a NOSC member or a NOSC honor or honorary member is taken with a majority of 2/3 of votes cast by the voting members (representatives) present at the General Assembly, after having given an opportunity to be heard in his/her defense.

7.11 Membership shall be suspended in cases of:

- 7.11.1 Severe violation of the Olympic Charter, the IOC Code of Ethics and/or this Statute, codes, regulations, directives and decisions of NOSC and its bodies may results in suspension of NOSC membership for a determined or undetermined period of time, as decided by the General Assembly after having given an opportunity to the member concerned to be heard in his/her defense.
- 7.11.2 The General Assembly of NOSC shall take the decision to suspend the NOSC membership at the recommendation of the Executive Board. During the period between meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Board may decide on its own to suspend temporarily the membership, with immediate effect, including in the cases of withdrawal or termination of their activity. The suspension shall be effective until the next meeting of the General Assembly and shall be confirmed by it. This does not refer to the cases when the suspension expired or was lifted by the Executive Board before the date of the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- 7.11.3 The suspension shall be validated by the following meeting of the General Assembly with at least 50%+1 of valid votes, expressed by the members and representatives with a voting right attending the meeting concerned. If the suspension is not validated, it shall be regarded as annulled automatically, without any consequences.
- 7.11.4 The suspended member shall deprived of all membership rights during the suspension period. Other affiliated members may not maintain any contacts, in particular of Olympic or sports nature, with the suspended member.

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- 7.11.5 Suspension leads to the canceling of the right to participate in the competitions systems of NOSC during the suspension period, deprivation of the suspended member and his/her representatives of the right to attend and vote in the meetings of the General Assembly, meetings of the Executive Board and other working commissions of NOSC that he/she is part of; cancellation of the right to elect and be elected in NOSC Committees during the period of punishment by suspension.
- 7.11.6 The General Assembly may decide to continue, extend or terminate the suspension. If necessary, the General Assembly may decide to exclude the suspended members.

7.12 Members with the right to vote

- 7.12.1 Each individual member of NOSC or representative of a legal entity has the right to vote at the General Assembly. As a rule, the representative of a legal entity, member of NOSC, shall be its manager, however under certain circumstances, the NOSC affiliated member may delegate another person from its management bodies to attend the NOSC General Assembly. The composition and the nominal value of the vote of each NOSC member from the Republic of Moldova during the voting process is made according to the following weight:
- a) The National Sports Federations for sports that are included in the programme of the Olympic Games, affiliated to the International Federations, recognised by IOC, that have Olympic medalists, through the representative of each federation - 4 votes;
- b) The National Sports Federations for sports that are included in the programme of the Olympic Games, affiliated to the International Federations, recognised by IOC, that have participants in the Olympic Games, through the representative of each federation 3 votes;
- c) The National Sports Federations that are included in the programme of the Olympic Games, affiliated to the International Federations for sports, recognised by IOC, through the representative of each federation 2 votes.
- d) The National Sports Federations affiliated to the International Federations, recognized by IOC, the sports of which are not in the programme of the Olympic Games depending on the performances obtained in international competitions, on the basis of criteria established by the NOSC Executive Board, through the representative of each federation 1 vote.
- e) Local Olympic and Sports Agencies, through the representative of each agency 1 vote;

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- f) Individuals active Olympic athletes recommended by the Athletes Commission. These members must have taken part in the Olympic Games. They must withdraw from membership at the end of the third Olympiad following the last Olympic Games that they attended, according to the IOC Charter, maximum 3 persons - 1 vote each;
- g) Woman and Sports Association, represented by 5 persons 1 vote each;
- h) National Olympic Athletes Association represented by 3 persons 1 vote each;
- i) Olympic champions of the Republic of Moldova and holders of silver and bronze medals at the Olympic Games, maximum 15 persons 1 vote each;
- j) IOC members from the Republic of Moldova, if any 1 vote each;
- **k)** Other organizations that contributed to the NOSC strengthening, or provided outstanding services to promote the cause of Sports and Olympism, whose activity coincides with the NOSC duties and goals 1 vote each.
- **7.12.2** The majority of votes of the General Assembly shall consist of the votes of the representatives of National Federations affiliated to International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games.

HONOR PRESIDENT, HONOR MEMBERS AND HONORARY MEMBERS

- 8.1 At the recommendation of the NOSC Executive Board, the General Meeting may elect, with the status of Honor President, a former NOSC President for exceptional merits; the Honor President has the right to express his/her opinion during the meetings of the General Assembly on issues included on its agenda.
- 8.2 Honor President, Honor Members and Honorary Members may participate in the meetings of the General Assembly only with an advisory right.

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- 8.3 Honor members may be: former Presidents, Deputy Presidents of NOSC, members of the NOSC Executive Board and Commissions, remarkable personalities of the sports, social, cultural, scientific, economic or political life, who encourage and support the NOSC activity. At the recommendation of the NOSC Executive Board, the General Assembly may elect, with the status of honor members, high personalities from outside NOSC, who brought outstanding services.
- 8.4 Any representative of NOSC member or NOSC member who retires after serving the NOSC for at least ten years and having rendered exceptional services to it may, upon the proposal of the NOSC Executive Board, be elected by the General Assembly as honorary member.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS

9.1. NOSC members shall exercise their rights and obligations, provided for in this Statute, with good faith and in the interest of NOSC.

9.2. NOSC members have the following rights:

- a) To be elected in the management, administration or control bodies of NOSC, according to this Statute;
- b) To carry out the competences provided for by the Statute, regulations and decisions of NOSC, as well as the right to vote in the NOSC bodies they belong to;
- c) To submit to the Executive Board proposals related to the competences offered by the membership to NOSC General Assembly;
- d) To formulate proposals regarding amendments and/or addenda to the NOSC Statute;
- e) To participate in the activities organised by NOSC;
- f) To express freely and in good faith his/her opinions in the NOSC;
- g) To participate in the meetings of NOSC General Assembly and to make relevant proposal regarding its agenda, within prescribed terms;
- **h**) To benefit of NOSC support and other rights according to this Statute and legislation of the Republic of Moldova.

9.3. NOSC members have the following obligations:

- a) To comply with the Statute, Regulations, Code of Ethics and decisions of NOSC bodies, as well as with the Olympic Charter, IOC Codes and the World Anti-Doping Code, to fight against doping in sports;
- b) To participate in the works of the NOSC General Assemblies and of the bodies where they were elected;

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- c) To contribute to strengthening and enhancing the prestige of NOSC and Olympic Movement;
- d) Not to carry out actions that, by their character, may affect the goals, interests or professional reputation of NOSC;
- e) To contribute to the implementation of the programs of the specialized commissions they belong to;
- f) To follow and support the development of Olympic Movement and sports activity at the national and/or local level, as appropriate, by implementing the relevant programs adopted by NOSC;
- g) To cooperate for the preparation of the activities organized by NOSC, contributing to the fulfillment of the statutory objectives, enforcement of the decisions of the General Assembly, Executive Board and specialized NOSC commissions;
- h) To have a decent civil behavior, support and promote Olympism and Sports in the communities where they live and in the professional environment where they work;
- i) The NOSC members, except for the professional sports managers, shall not accept any compensation or reward for the services performed or functions fulfilled. They may be reimbursed the transportation and accommodation expenditures, as well as the justified expenditures related to the fulfillment of their functions;
- j) To inform regularly in writing the NOSC management (President, First Deputy President, Deputy Presidents or Executive Board) at the end of the year about the personal activity in the Olympic and Sports Movement.
- k) To inform, without delays, the President about any events that may prevent the implementation of the Olympic Charter or affect in any way the Olympic Movement in the Republic of Moldova or in the organization they belong to;
- I) To carry out other duties assigned by the General Assembly, Executive Board, President, First Deputy President, Deputy Presidents or other competent NOSC bodies.

CHAPTER 10

MANAGEMENT BODIES

- **10.1.** The NOSC management, administration, control and disciplinary bodies are the following:
- a) General Assembly;
- b) Executive Board, consisting of the President, First Deputy President, 2 Deputy Presidents, NOSC Secretary General, other members;
- c) Supervisory Board;
- d) Censor Commission;
- e) Ethics Commission.

10.2 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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- **10.2.1** The General Assembly is the supreme management body of NOSC. It consists of all categories of affiliated members, envisaged in this Statute.
- **10.2.2** The General Assembly is led by the NOSC President or by another person empowered by him/her. They shall stay in front of the General Assembly, in the Presidium, together with members of the NOSC Executive Board.

10.2.3 Duties of the General Assembly:

- a) Approves the NOSC strategy and general objectives; annual plan or activity plan for the Olympic cycle;
- b) Approves the annual budget, financial statements for the previous year, the amount of the annual NOSC membership fee;
- c) Approves the Activity Report of the Executive Board;
- d) Approves the election and dismissal of members of Supervisory Board and Censor Commission;
- e) Approves the Annual Control Report of the Censor Commission or the Audit Report;
- f) Approves amendments to the Statute with the vote of 2/3 of the NOSC affiliated members;
- g) Elects, affiliates, suspends and excludes members; this duty may be delegated to the NOSC Executive Board.
- h) Elects and revokes the President, First Deputy President, Deputy Presidents and Executive Board members;
- i) Elects and approves the Honor President, honorary members and honor members;
- j) Decides on the reorganization, liquidation, closure or termination of NOSC activity with the vote of 3/4 of affiliated members.
- **10.2.4** The General Assembly has a quorum and is deliberative if attended by 2/3 of members with the right to vote, affiliated to NOSC.
- 10.2.5 The ordinary meeting of the General Assembly shall be convened once a year; it validates the Activity Report of the Executive Board and report of the Supervisory Board and Censor (Audit) Commission, if needed approves the annual plan and budget of revenue and expenses of NOSC.
- **10.2.6** The ordinary meeting of the General Assembly shall be convened in writing by the Executive Board, at least 30 days before its planned date, and then communicated to all members by registered mail, e-mail and published on the NOSC website.
- **10.2.7** The invitation shall contain the date, time, and venue. The agenda of the General Assembly meeting shall be communicated to the NOSC members at latest **10** days before the meeting of the General Assembly.
- **10.2.8** If the agenda contains new proposals to amend/complement the Statute and/or other documents, which shall be adopted by the General Assembly, their whole text shall be submitted to all members or placed on the NOSC website at least 4 days in advance.

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- **10.2.9** The agenda of the ordinary meeting of the General Assembly or report and elections shall be established by the NOSC Executive Board and shall be approved by the General Assembly.
- **10.2.10** The agenda proposed by the Executive Board may be changed during the meeting of the General Assembly only with respect to the issues proposed within the set terms by the NOSC members, but which were not included on the agenda by the NOSC Executive Board and if voted by 2/3 of the members with the right to vote present at the General Assembly.
- **10.2.11** The proposals to the agenda shall be submitted to the Executive Board through the NOSC secretariat at least 20 days before the date of the General Assembly meeting. The proposals submitted later may be not taken into account by the Executive Board.
- **10.2.12** The issues that were not included in the agenda may not be debated and voted during the meeting of the General Assembly.
- 10.2.13 Access to the meeting of the NOSC General Assembly is based on invitations.
- 10.2.14The decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken with the absolute majority (50 % +1) of the votes cast by the voting members present at the General Assembly, with the exceptions foreseen in the this Statute. As a rule the voting is open. The General Assembly may decide for a vote by secret ballot especially for the elections, if the majority (50 % +1) of the votes cast by the voting members present at the NOSC General Assembly take this decision.
- **10.2.15**If the General Assembly meeting is not convened statutory, a new General Assembly meeting shall be convened within 15 days with the same agenda. In this situation the General Assembly is deemed to be convened statutory, regardless of the number of voting members present.
- **10.2.16**In a repeated meeting of the General Assembly, conducted as prescribed in Article 10.2.15 of this Statute, a valid and legal decision may be taken only if voted unanimously by the NOSC voting members present at the meeting concerned.
- 10.2.17 When dealing with questions relating to the Olympic Games, the decision within the General Assembly or the NOSC Executive Board shall be taken only by the votes cast by the National Sports Federations affiliated to International Federations governing sports included in the program of the Olympic Games, recognised by IOC.
- **10.2.18**The decisions taken by the General Assembly, within the limits of the this Statute and the Olympic Charter, are binding for the members who did not attend the meeting, abstained from voting or voted against certain issues.
- 10.2.19 The General Assembly has the right to dismiss or suspend for a definite or indefinite period of time one or more members of the NOSC bodies. The Executive Board may include the issue concerning the dismissal or suspension of a person or a body in the General Assembly agenda. The Executive Board, during the period between the meetings of General Assembly may also suspend one or several members of a management (Executive Board) or control body for a provisional period, except for the

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NOSC President. The initiative for dismissal or suspension shall be justified. The initiative for dismissal or suspension shall be sent in written form by the Executive Board President or Secretary, along with the agenda of the General Assembly to the affiliated members or members of the Executive Board, as appropriate. The respective person or body has the right to defend its position in front of the General Assembly or Executive Board, as appropriate. If the initiative for dismissal or suspension is supported, the General Assembly or the Executive Board shall take the appropriate decision by voting. To be adopted, the motion shall be supported by the valid votes of a majority of 2/3 of NOSC voting members and official representatives present at the General Assembly or members present at the Executive Board meeting. The dismissed person or body shall be released of its functions or shall be suspended from the moment when the respective decision is taken.

10.2.20During the period between meetings of the General Assemblies, the NOSC activity shall be managed by the NOSC Executive Board, President, First Deputy President, Deputy Presidents and Secretary General in accordance with the provisions of this Statute.

10.3 Procedure of convening the Election and Reporting General Assembly.

- **10.3.1** The Election and Reporting General Meeting shall be convened once in four years, as a rule the following year after the summer Olympic Games. The General Assembly shall be convened 60 days before its planned date. For the category of members as legal entities, the NOSC Secretariat shall request in writing, 60 days before the set date of the General Assembly, to propose their representatives delegated to the General Assembly of NOSC via a letter, accompanied by Power of Attorney and/or relevant minutes, if necessary. The respective organizations shall send the reply notifications within at least 30 days before the set date of this General Assembly meeting. The respective members shall confirm or appoint new representatives, following the above procedure, at each General Assembly, every fourth year or every year, at its decision, taking into consideration the delegation validity, etc.
- **10.3.2** For individual members, the NOSC Secretariat shall notify directly the respective persons, complying with the same deadlines and procedures as in the previous paragraph.
- **10.3.3** The other categories of members, such as Honor President, honorary and honor members, may be invited to the meeting of the General Assembly 7 days before its conduct.
- **10.3.4** The voting is done by open or secret voting, as provided by this Statute and the Regulations on the Organization and Conduct of General Assembly Meetings.
- **10.3.5** The distribution, counting and validation of the ballots is done by the validation-counting commission, established by the Election General Assembly specifically for purposes of election and voting.

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- **10.3.6** At the proposal of the NOSC President, the NOSC General Assembly may set up an Electoral Commission for managing the elections within the NOSC governing bodies, and choose its membership. This commission shall deal with the registration of candidates, receiving the necessary documents, performing other formal duties related to elections. The Commission shall act on the basis of its own regulation, approved by the NOSC General Assembly.
- **10.3.7** The election results shall be confirmed by the validation-counting commission and shall be documented in the minutes of the General Assembly, prepared by a secretary elected by the General Assembly. The minutes and decisions of the Elections and Reporting General Assembly shall be communicated to the IOC.
- **10.3.8** Any vacancy for the position of the President, First Deputy President, Deputy President or any other member of the NOSC Executive Board shall be filled by election for the particular vacancy during the next meeting of the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of this Statute.

10.4 Extraordinary General Assembly

- **10.4.1** The extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at the request of the NOSC President, of 2/3 of Executive Board members or at the written request of 2/3 voting members affiliated to NOSC.
- **10.4.2** The extraordinary General Assembly shall take place in at least 30 days since the date it was convened or in 60 days at most since the submission date of convocation request, provided that the requirements of this Statute are met.
- **10.4.3** The agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly shall be communicated when it was convened and may not be changed.
- **10.4.4** The procedure and other documents or additional conditions for the organization of elections in the NOSC and for conducting the ordinary, extraordinary or Elections and Reporting General Assemblies shall be detailed in the Regulations on the Organization and Conduct of NOSC General Assemblies.

Chapter 11

NOSC EXECUTIVE BOARD

11.1 The NOSC Executive Board members consists of NOSC members, elected by the NOSC General Assembly for a period of 4 years, according to the provisions of this Statute. The majority of voters (50%+ 1) of the Executive Board shall be composed of representatives of national sports federations affiliated to the International Federations recognized by the IOC, governing sports included in the program of the Olympic Games.

The Executive Board consists of the following members with the right to vote:

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- President; First Deputy President; two Deputy Presidents;

- seven ordinary members elected by the General Assembly, of whom one is appointed as the NOSC General Secretary; the IOC members in the Republic of Moldova, if any, are ex-officio among the seven members of the NOSC Executive Board.

11.2 The Executive Board members are elected by the General Assembly, at the proposal of the NOSC President, from among NOSC members or their representatives (in case of legal entities) via open vote of the majority NOSC members and their representatives present at the General Assembly concerned. They may be re-elected.

The Executive Board meets at the request of the NOSC President, at least once in 3 months or whenever necessary. The meetings of NOSC Executive Board are deliberative if attended by at least 50% +1 of members. In case of a tie, the vote of the President shall be decisive. The Secretariat shall communicate to the Executive Board members, at least 7 days before the meeting, the date, time, venue and agenda of the meeting.

11.3 The NOSC Executive Board has the following duties:

- **11.3.1** Presents to the General Assembly the Activity Report for the previous period, report on the implementation of the budget of revenue and expenses, audited annual financial statements, and draft NOSC programs.
- **11.3.2** Approves or takes note, as appropriate, of legal papers on behalf and account of NOSC, signed by the President, First Deputy President, Deputy Presidents, or other empowered persons.
- **11.3.3** Develops the Human Resources Strategy, approves the organizational chart and staffing policy for the NOSC management, on the basis of the proposals made by the President, First Deputy President or Deputy Presidents.
- **11.3.4** Approves the membership, regulations, codes and annual programs of the standing commissions or ad-hoc working groups of the NOSC.
- **11.3.5** Approves and offers diplomas, distinctions, honors, merit orders and other motivational, appreciation and courtesy measures.
- **11.3.6** Decides on the proposal to the General Assembly on the issues of membership, suspension or expulsion of members from NOSC.
- 11.3.7 Arranges the implementation of General Assembly decisions.
- **11.3.8** Prepares and approves the agenda; sets the date and venue of the NOSC General Assembly.
- **11.3.9** Considers and adopts decisions related to the preparation and participation of athletes of the Republic of Moldova in the Olympic Games and other competitions under the patronage of the IOC.
- **11.3.10** Approves the regulations and activity programs for the NOSC commissions.
- **11.3.11**Makes proposals to encourage and sanction NOSC members; proposes and approves the directors of Local Olympic and Sports Agencies.

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- **11.3.12** Carries out other duties, measures that are not assigned expressly to the NOSC General Assembly.
- **11.3.13** Based on its decision, the NOSC Executive Board may delegate some of its duties to the NOSC President.
- **11.3.14** The Executive Board decisions may be annulled only by the General Assembly of NOSC with the vote of 2/3 of representatives and members affiliated to NOSC. Only decisions approved during the period of last mandate of the respective NOSC Executive Board may be annulled.
- **11.3.15**The Executive Board meetings may be convened also at the request of 2/3 of its members.

11.4 General eligibility procedure in the Executive Board and for the positions of NOSC First Deputy President and Deputy Presidents

- **11.4.1** Eligible members of the Executive Board for a period of four years are the following: First Deputy President, Deputy Presidents, Secretary General and other members of the Executive Board, NOSC members or their representatives with the right to vote, proposed by the NOSC President from among the candidates submitted by NOSC members, who agree with this position.
- **11.4.2** The First Deputy President and Deputy Presidents of NOSC are elected, at NOSC President's proposal, from among the Executive Board members, already elected by the General Assembly.

Chapter 12

NOSC PRESIDENT

- 12.1 The NOSC President is elected by the Elections and Reporting General Assembly, according to the provisions of this Statute and the Regulation on the Organization and Conduct of the General Assembly of NOSC. The Elections and Reporting General Assembly shall decide the manner of NOSC President election: by secret vote or open vote.
- 12.2 The NOSC President is elected for a four-year period from among NOSC members or their representatives. Each NOSC member has the right to apply for the position of President in accordance with the provisions of this Statute and the Regulation on the Organization and Conduct of the General Assembly of NOSC. The candidate for the position of President is voted after the candidates are discussed at the General Assembly. The candidate who accumulated more than 50% of votes of the voting members present at the respective General Assembly is declared to be elected. If none of the candidates accumulated the necessary number of votes, repeated voting shall be organized for the first two candidates who accumulated most of the votes

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during the first round. The candidate who accumulated most of the votes shall be declared President.

- 12.3. The President may be re-elected for successive four-year periods.
- **12.4.** At the proposal of the President, the Reporting and Election General Assembly elects by open voting the Supervisory Board, Censor Commission and Election Commission, the activity period of which, like the President's, ends at the next Reporting and Election General Assembly in **4** years.
- 12.5. As an exception from the general rule stated in point 12.4 of this Statute, regardless of the time they were elected, the mandates of the NOSC President, Executive Board members, First Deputy President and Deputy Presidents of NOSC, members of the Supervisory Board, Censor Commission shall be extended until the election of new members of NOSC management bodies, commissions and boards.

12.6 Minimum Conditions to apply for the position of NOSC President

- **12.6.1** To apply for the position of NOSC President, the candidates shall meet the following minimum conditions:
- a) Have the citizenship of the Republic of Moldova;
- b) Have a diploma of high education;
- c) Be a remarkable personality in Olympic and Sports Movement on the national or international arena;
- d) Have an undeniable moral profile;
- e) Not have a criminal record;
- f) Have experience in sports and Olympic and Sports management of at least 4 years;
- g) Speak two languages of international circulation, including one official IOC language.
- h) Be a NOSC member (individual) or representative of the member (legal entity);
- i) Be presented to this position by the decision or minutes of at least 15 NOSC members, of which 8 being National Sports Federations affiliated to the IFs recognized by the IOC governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games.
- j) Not exceed the age of 70 years.
- **12.6.2** The candidates for the position of President shall submit personally at the NOSC Secretariat, at least 30 days before the planned date of the Reporting and Elections General Assembly, at least the following:
- a) Curriculum Vitae;
- b) Letter of Motivation;
- c) An Activity Program or draft Strategy for NOSC Development during the current Olympic cycle and further (summary), which shall be disseminated to

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NOSC members before the Elections General Assembly or placed on the NOSC website;

d) The procedure, other conditions or additional documents required shall be detailed in the Regulation on the Organization and Conduct of the General Meeting of NOSC.

12.7 Duties of NOSC President

- a) Represents NOSC in relations with third parties, during official national and international events;
- b) Convenes the Executive Board and chairs its meetings;
- c) May convene the General Assembly at his/her own initiative and chairs its meeting;
- d) Exercises his/her entire authority and competence to ensure fulfillment of NOSC goals;
- e) Ensures the management of the current activity of NOSC;
- f) Acts on behalf of NOSC without special mandate and represents its interests in all circumstances in front of national, international or private bodies and institutions, concludes contracts, conventions and other documents needed at this level;
- g) Ensures implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly and Executive Board; ensures the regular and efficient operation of NOSC bodies to allow the achievement of the objectives stated in this Statute;
- **h**) Proposes candidates for vacancies in NOSC, NOSC Commissions and substructures, created new positions when necessary;
- i) Controls the activity of the NOSC management and staff; Olympic Academy, Olympic Museum and other sub-structures of the NOSC,
- j) Represents the NOSC without special mandate in its relations with IOC, Government bodies and other national or international organisations;
- k) As the authorized spender of the NOSC funds, signs accounting documents, contracts and other documents that do not violate the current legislation of the Republic of Moldova, this Statute and the Olympic Charter;
- Has the right to delegate his/her powers and signature to the First Deputy President, one of the Deputy Presidents or one member of NOSC Executive Board;
- m) Checks the implementation and compliance with the NOSC Statute and regulations;
- n) Employs, concludes various contracts and other documents to carry out the NOSC activity and fulfill the statutory or decisional objectives;
- o) Ensures the legality of NOSC activity according to the requirements of this Statute;
- **p**) Directs the implementation of NOSC activity programs;

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- q) Approves the structure and staffing schemes, payment terms of NOSC staff;
- r) Assumes a part of the competences of the NOSC Executive Board, according to the decision approved by the latter;
- s) The administrative power in all the NOSC areas of activity is represented by the President in accordance with this Statute;
- t) The President also has other duties provided for in this Statute, decisions of the General Assembly and current legislation of the Republic of Moldova.
- **12.8** The President may delegate some of his/her powers to other persons, besides the members of NOSC governing bodies, according to this Statute and the current legislation of the Republic of Moldova.
- **12.9** The NOSC President has only one vote during the Executive Board meetings. But, in the event of a tie, his/her vote is decisive.
- 12.10 In the absence of the NOSC President, his/her duties shall be carried out by the First Deputy President, whose role is to help the President in his/her activity. If the First Deputy President is also absent one of the Deputy Presidents, if they are absent as well one of the members of the Executive Board, who was duly empowered by the President or Executive Board.
- 12.11 If the NOSC President is temporarily unable to carry out one or several duties, he/she may delegate the respective duty/duties to the First Deputy President or another Deputy President during the unavailability period.
- **12.12** The First Deputy President of NOSC keeps records of NOSC members by recording their quality in a special register.
- 12.13 If the position of NOSC President becomes vacant before the established terms, an extraordinary Elections General Assembly shall be convened to elect a new President within a period of up to four months. If the position of NOSC President becomes vacant less than four months until the Reporting and Elections General Assembly, the new President shall be elected at the next meeting of the General Assembly, convened according to this Statute. During the above-mentioned period, the duties of the NOSC President shall be carried out by the NOSC First Deputy President.
- 12.14 NOSC President may be dismissed only by the NOSC General Assembly, at the request of at least 50%+ 1 of the voting members affiliated to NOSC, who shall submit an appropriate motion of no confidence. This decision shall be approved by the vote of at least 2/3 of voting members affiliated to NOSC. If the motion of no confidence is not supported by at least 50 %+ 1 of voting members affiliated to NOSC, this issue shall not be discussed and not submitted to voting at the NOSC General Assembly.

GENERAL SECRETARY OF NOSC

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13.1 At the proposal of the NOSC President, the General Secretary shall be elected by the Executive Board from its members, during the first meeting after the Reporting and Elections General Assembly.

The General Secretary has the following functions:

- a) Develops the annual report of the NOSC Executive Board; represents NOSC in various institutions, together with the President;
- b) Prepares the necessary documents for convening, organizing and conducting the meetings of the NOSC General Assembly and of Executive Board;
- c) Together with the President, signs the minutes of the NOSC Executive Board meetings;
- d) Carries out the secretarial functions at the Executive Board meetings and cosigns the minute of General Assemblies;
- e) Prepares the NOSC activity programs, Olympic and sports program and other activities at the request of NOSC governing bodies;
- f) Issues other regulatory acts within his/her competence.

Chapter 14

SUPERVISORY BOARD

- 14.1 The NOSC Supervisory Board is a control body that operates on a voluntary basis or against payment and, if necessary, has the goal to supervise, at least once a year, the activity of NOSC in terms of its compliance with the statutory interests, objectives, functions and obligations, as well as the status of public utility.
- 14.2 Members of the NOSC Supervisory Board are elected for a period of one to four years by the NOSC General Assembly at the proposal of the NOSC President. The NOSC General Assembly has the power to dismiss them according to the statutory or legal norms of the Republic of Moldova.
- 14.3 The Supervisory Board consists of 3 individuals. They shall avoid conflict of interests and may not be simultaneously members of the NOSC Executive Board.
- 14.4 The Supervisory Board shall operate on the basis of its own Regulation approved by the NOSC General Assembly.

Chapter 15

NOSC COMMISSIONS

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- **15.1.** NOSC, via the Executive Board, establishes specialized commissions, permanent or for a determined period, as working and consultative forums, with the role to:
- a) Develop strategies for the development of the area they are responsible for;
- b) Draft programs and implementation norms, as well as special programs or projects;
- c) Evaluate periodically the progress and efficiency of NOSC programs, and the level of their implementation;
- d) Develop projects, make qualified recommendations to the NOSC Executive Board;
- e) Apply disciplinary sanctions, not included in the competence of other NOSC bodies;
- f) Other duties foreseen in their activity regulations.
- **15.2** The NOSC Commissions consist of members of the General Assembly or specialists and experts, independent or affiliated to NOSC, with knowledge in various areas: sports, law, economy, medicine, teachers' science, psychology, etc. These commissions are chaired, as a rule, by a member of NOSC Executive Board.
- 15.3 NOSC Commissions operate according to their own regulations. The mandate duration of the commission members corresponds with the mandate of the Executive Board. Commission presidents have the right to involve subject-matter experts in order to find the most optimal solution for the discussed situations. These experts do not have the right to vote and can provide services during the mandate of the commission President.
- 15.4 NOSC can establish the following specialized commissions, if necessary:
- a) Athletes Commission, established as per IOC guidelines and the provisions of the Olympic Charter;
- b) Olympic Technical Specialized Commission and High Performance Sports Commission;
- c) Finance, Marketing, Economy and Investments Commission;
- d) Education, Science, Promotion and Development Commission;
- e) Medical and Anti-Doping Commission;
- f) Non-Olympic Sports Commission;
- g) Sports for All Commission;
- h) Media and Fair Play, Statistics Commission;
- k) School and University Sports Commission;
- I) Legal and Conciliation Commission.
- 15.5 In specialized situations and for well defined topics, the Executive Board may decide to establish ad-hoc working groups or commissions for a determined period of time.

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15.6 The nominal membership of specialized commissions and their own regulations regarding their organization and operation are approved by the NOSC Executive Board.

Chapter 16

ETHICS COMMISSION

- 16.1 The Ethics Commission of NOSC is established in order to promote and defend the principles stipulated in the Olympic Charter, as well as the recognized national and European life style and behavioral norms. The Ethics Commission shall operate on the basis of its own regulations, approved by the NOSC General Assembly. The members of the Ethics Commission shall be appointed by the NOSC General Assembly, at the proposal of the NOSC President.
- 16.2 The Ethics Commission is competent to investigate the complaints related to the violation of the ethics principles, violation of the Statute, Ethics Code, Regulations and other NOSC documents. It applies disciplinary and other sanctions according to the Statute, Regulations and appropriate Codes of the NOSC.

Chapter 17

CENSOR COMMISSION OF NOSC

- 17.1 The Censor Commission is elected at the proposal of NOSC President by open voting by the General Assembly of NOSC from the list of candidates proposed by the NOSC members. The Censor Commission consists of 3 persons, most of whom are voting members of NOSC and at least one censor should be an authorized accountant or accounting expert under the law. Censors cannot be part of the NOSC Executive Board;
- 17.2 The censors are elected by the NOSC General Assembly for a 4-year period and ensure the internal financial control of NOSC.

17.3 The Censor Commission has the following duties:

- a) verifies the financial-accounting activity of NOSC, and how it manages the property;
- b) prepares and submits reports to the NOSC General Assembly;
- c) may participate, via the President, in the meetings of the Executive Board with a consultative vote;
- d) carries out any other duties set by the General Assembly;
- 17.4 If the General Assembly decides otherwise, the NOSC activity may be checked by a specialized audit company, rather than by the Censor

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Commission. The audit company shall be appointed by the NOSC General Assembly, at the proposal of the NOSC President;

17.5 The financial statement or audit report shall be approved and validated by the NOSC General Assembly, only after the verification of the NOSC accountant and approval of the NOSC President.

Chapter 18

FINANCING OF THE NOSC ACTIVITY

- **18.1.** The financing of the NOSC activity is stipulated in its annual budget of revenue and expenses.
- **18.2.** NOSC has the following main annual sources of revenue:
- a) Specific NOSC activities of non-patrimonial nature (fees, taxes, licenses, etc.);
- b) Sponsorships, donations and grants;
- c) Economic activities organized in economic units founded by NOSC, with or without the status of legal entity, according to the current legislation of the Republic of Moldova and NOSC Statute;
- d) Funds obtained by harnessing its right, such as the revenue obtained from assigning the right to use the NOSC emblem and other items of NOSC intellectual property;
- e) Receipts from the organization of public courses, exhibitions, lotteries, auctions, sports and other types of activities, revenue from the organisation and use of sports forecasts and bets, under the law;
- f) Revenue from internal and external economic activity;
- g) Revenue from civil legal acts;
- Material and financial means donated by sponsors and philanthropists in accordance with the Law on Philanthropy and Sponsorship of the Republic of Moldova;
- i) Other sources that do not violate the current legislation of the Republic of Moldova, the NOSC Statutes and the Olympic Charter.
- **18.3** NOSC may obtain the following types of revenue from specific activities according to the provision of the special national legislation, this Statute and the Olympic Charter:
- a) Appropriations from the state budget;
- b) Olympic stamp, from the value of tickets to sports events, according to the provision of the legislation of the Republic of Moldova and the Olympic Charter;
- c) Revenue from the National Lottery of Moldova, determined according to a special law;
- d) Financial contributions from the IOC and Olympic Solidarity Program;
 - e) Unused amounts from the previous financial years.

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- **18.4.** The property and the revenue obtained by NOSC from economic activity shall be used exclusively for the fulfillment of statutory objectives and may not be used to support an electoral candidate or political party. It is allowed to use the revenue for philanthropic purposes, donations and charity.
- **18.5** By Executive Board Decision, NOSC may establish trade companies, under the law. The dividends paid by these trade companies, unless reinvested in the same companies, shall be mandatorily used for the fulfillment of NOSC statutory objectives.
- **18.6** NOSC shall reject any donation provided in conditions that contravene its objectives or the provisions of this Statute, the Olympic Charter or the current legislation of the Republic of Moldova.
- **18.7** NOSC has goals related to public utility activities, the NOSC property and revenue may not be distributed among its members and founders, including in case of liquidation or reorganization, they shall be used only for the statutory purposes.

THE TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL BASE OF NOSC

- **19.1.** NOSC may own, lease or use real estate, sports bases, buildings and facilities of national interest, part of the property of the Government and local public authorities or may refurbish/built real estate from its own revenue (its office, sports bases, buildings and facilities).
- **19.2.** If possible, NOSC may establish, organize and subsidize regional or local associations, organizations, sports complexes and training facilities, as subordinated units, under the law.

Chapter 20 REORGANIZATION AND LIQUIDATION OF NOSC

- 20.1 NOSC ceases its activity in cases of:
- a) reorganization by merger, separation or transformation;
- b) dissolution.
- c) The procedure of the terminating the NOSC activity is established by the General Assembly and is stipulated in this Statute and the current legislation of the Republic of Moldova.

20.2 Reorganisation

NOSC is reorganized by the decision of the General Assembly with the vote of ³/₄ of its members. In case of NOSC reorganization, its property shall be transmitted to the newly-established legal entities in the manner prescribed by the Civil Code of the Republic of Moldova, with prior consultation and coordination of this process with the IOC.

20.3 Dissolution

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- **20.3.1** NOSC is dissolved by a decision of the General Assembly voted by 3/4 of the its members or by a court judgment.
- **20.3.2** The assets remained after the NOSC dissolution and payment of creditors' claims shall be used to fulfill the statutory goals and duties, or to fulfill the goals and duties, established in the Dissolution Decision adopted by the General Assembly of NOSC members or by the court judgment, with prior consultation and coordination with the IOC.
- **20.3.3** The assets and funds remained after the dissolution of NOSC with the status of public utility, after the payment of claims shall be transferred, at the decision of the body that manages the dissolution process, to another social association of public utility with similar purposes with the ones of the dissolved NOSC.

FLAG, EMBLEM AND ANTHEM OF NOSC

- **21.1** The NOSC flag, emblem and anthem adopted by NOSC for use in relation to its activities, including at the Olympic Games, shall be subject to the approval of the IOC Executive Board.
- **21.2** Besides the name, NOSC may have its own anthem, emblem, flag, insignia, letterhead and seal, which are registered legally by the National Agency for Intellectual Property Protection.
- **21.3** The NOSC symbols are approved by the NOSC Executive Board and registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova.

Chapter 22

OLYMPIC GAMES

- **22.1** The Olympic Games are celebrated during the first year of the Olympiad, and the winter Olympic Games during the third year.
- **22.2** The honor and responsibility to house the Olympic Games are entrusted by the IOC to a city that is selected to host the Olympic Games.
- 22.3 The date of the Olympic Games is set by the IOC Executive Board.
- 22.4 The members of the NOSC delegation, who participate in the Olympic Games, assume the responsibility to comply with the Olympic Charter and its Amendments, as well as other IOC Regulations or the Institutions and Organizations accredited by the later.

Chapter 23

FINAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

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- 23.1 On the basis of the Olympic Charter, the new version of the NOSC Statute shall be approved by IOC. Any subsequent change in the Statute shall be communicated to the IOC, together with a request for approval. The eventual omissions or failure to understand the provisions of this Statute shall be interpreted according to the Olympic Charter, the latter having priority.
- **23.2** If certain situations emerge, requiring a regulation or decision, in case of litigations requiring to be settled on issues related to national Olympic and non-Olympic sports activity, the national competent authorities are, as appropriate: NOSC General Assembly or the Executive Board, Ethics Commission, the specialized Court for Arbitrage and Mediation in Sports of the Republic of Moldova. The decisions of NOSC Commissions, including those of the NOSC Ethics Commission may be contested, within 7 days from the day they were pronounced, only at the NOSC Executive Board, the decision of which will be final and irrevocable.

In the case of unresolved disputes at national or international level, the responsible authority will be the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne - Switzerland, the deadline for appealing CAS is 21 days from the receipt of the decision to be contested.

- 23.3 The Executive Board shall develop and submit to the NOSC General Assembly for approval a Regulation on the Organization and Conduct of the General Assembly of NOSC, which will regulate in detail all of the organizational, procedural, election-related and other aspects, not stated in this Statute. The Regulation complements this Statute.
- 23.4 Any issues that are not stated in this Statute or the force majeure cases shall be solved by the NOSC Executive Board or the NOSC General Assembly according to law and justice, this Statute and the Olympic Charter.
- 23.5 The competence of interpreting the clauses of this Statute belongs to the NOSC General Assembly or Executive Board, in compliance with the provisions of the Olympic Charter.
- **23.6** The official language of NOSC is the state language of the Republic of Moldova. The official documents and texts shall be drafted in this language. The working languages of NOSC are the state language of the Republic of Moldova, Russian, French and English. In case of any divergences in the interpretation of texts in different languages, the text written in the state language of the Republic of Moldova shall have priority, provided that, as far as the IOC is concerned, the English version will prevail. If the text of any document is taken from the Olympic Charter, the text written in the official language of IOC shall have priority.
- 23.7 This Statute was approved in new version by the NOSC General Assembly, on 23 April 2014 and shall enter into force on the date of its approval. The NOSC governing bodies continue to exercise their mandate until the expiry of the period for which they were elected or until the election of new governing bodies. After the approval of this Statute, membership of NOSC shall be reconfirmed and determined by the NOSC Executive Board according to this

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Statute and the current legislation of the Republic of Moldova, and shall be subsequently recorded in the Register of NOSC Members. Subsequently, this procedure shall be performed by the General Assembly to affiliate or exclude NOSC members.

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