

Statutes (S)

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S.1 Abbreviations

USIC	Union Sportive Internationale des Cheminots
CTT	Core Technical Team

S.2 Name, Registered Office and Purpose

S.2.1 Name and Registered Office

¹ UNION SPORTIVE INTERNATIONALE DES CHEMINOTS (hereinafter referred to as USIC) is an international railways sporting association with members from various countries.

² The USIC registered office is always in the member country performing the duties of the General Secretariat at any one time.

S.2.2 Purpose

¹ USIC is a transnational, politically independent, non-denominational, non-profit making organisation.

² The purpose of USIC is to encourage the practice of amateur sport among railway employees in a spirit of comradeship and in accordance with the Olympic ideal and to develop among them a spirit of loyalty, tolerance and democracy.

³ USIC is the international umbrella organisation of its national railway member associations. It is not affiliated to any other organisation. It may join other sports associations, if this is deemed to be beneficial to USIC.

⁴ USIC organises international rail sport events which shall take place in accordance with the provisions laid down in the relevant sporting rules. USIC expressly supports humane sporting activities free from manipulation and drugs and recognises national and international anti-doping rules, in particular the World-Anti-Doping-Code (WADA).

S.3 Membership

S.3.1 Members

¹ The following may be elected as members to represent each country:

- 1 national railway sports association or
- 1 national railway leisure association or
- 1 national railway administration or
- 1 national railway trade union

² Honorary Members

An honorary member is an individual or legal entity that by reason of services rendered to USIC has been appointed as such.

S.3.2 Rights of Members

Members shall enjoy all rights laid down in these Statutes.

S.3.3 Duties of Members

¹ Association members shall undertake to observe the provisions contained in these Statutes and in the Internal Rules of Procedure and shall adhere to resolutions passed by the General Meeting and shall play an active role in implementing the purpose of the Association.

² Members shall pay an annual Membership Fee.

³ The member has to pay a Participation Fee or increased Participation Fee (IP.3.1.2.1) for participating in a USIC Championship.

⁴ If a member agrees to organise a USIC Championship he has to pay a deposit referred to here as an Organisation Fee. A confirmation letter will be sent to the organising country on receipt of the deposit.

⁵ Members who do not pay their annual Membership Fee will not be permitted to take part in any USIC events for the year in question.

⁶ Members who have not paid the Participation Fee or increased Participation Fee to an organiser are not permitted to take part in the relevant USIC Championship.

⁷ The annual Membership Fee, the Participation Fee, increased Participation Fee and the Organisation Fee will be determined by the General Meeting and published in Annex 1.

S.3.4 Acceptance of Membership, Ceasing Membership

¹ Member status shall commence on the day the member's application is accepted by the General Meeting.

² Annual Membership Fee is due to be paid immediately after the definite acceptance of membership by the General Meeting by the due date stated on the invoice.

³ If the respective country fails to pay this Fee in due time, the membership of this country will become invalid.

⁴ Membership shall cease as follows:

- Either by resignation addressed in writing to the General Secretariat to take effect at the end of the current year. The member shall thereby waive any rights acquired by membership. However, any payment obligations as at the time of resignation in respect of membership fees and any other payment obligations, if applicable, shall be met.
- Or by expulsion decided by the General Meeting, on request of the USIC Board, if a member fails to observe any provisions laid down in these Statutes and the corresponding Internal Rules of Procedure, if the member harms the activities of USIC or acts against its interests.

⁵ Members to be expelled are to be informed by the General Secretariat in good time, and invited to the respective General Meeting in person.

S.3.5 Suspension of membership

In completely extraordinary cases, the General meeting may, on the proposal of the Board, decide about suspension of the membership of a USIC member. During this time, the member is deprived of the rights and obligations of a USIC member.

S.4. Definition of the term “Railway Sportsman/Woman” and Eligibility

S.4.1 Definition of the Term “Railway Sportsman/Woman”

¹ A Railway Sportsman/Woman shall be eligible to participate in USIC events if selected by an organisation affiliated to USIC. The Railway Sportsman/Woman member must be in active service or retired from a Railway Infrastructure Company or Railway Operating Company. Alternatively, a Railway Sportsman/Woman may be employed by a company that provides a material amount of goods or services directly connected to the main activities of a Railway Infrastructure or Railway Operating Company. A spouse or civil partner, from whom they shall not be separated,

and their children are also defined as Railway Sportsman/Woman. Children shall be largely financially dependent on their parents and must be between 16 and 26 years of age in the calendar year that the USIC event takes place.

² The responsibility for determining the eligibility of a Railway Sports-man/Woman, against the criteria set out above, rests with the member of the country concerned.

S.4.2 Eligibility

¹ Irrespective of their nationality, the afore-mentioned railway sports-men/women may compete within their member organisation. In accordance with USIC rules, membership of two national organisations shall not be permitted. Switching to a different national organisation shall only be permitted at the end of any one calendar year.

² Eligibility shall be evidenced by the national organisation by producing the registration form stating the competitor's name. A known USIC representative who is an authorised signatory shall confirm the accuracy of the details provided on the registration form.

³ Any member organisations failing to meet their obligations in accordance with the USIC Statutes in good time shall be precluded from participating in any USIC events.

S.5 Organisation

S.5.1 Executive Bodies

The executive bodies of USIC are the following:

- a) The General Meeting
- b) USIC Board
- c) Core Technical Team

S.5.2 Further Organisational Units

Committees may be set up for the purpose of performing the duties of USIC.

S.5.3 Administrative Arrangements

¹ The Association shall be represented by the President of USIC. S/he shall chair General Meetings as well as meetings of the USIC Board. If s/he cannot attend for some reason, such meetings shall be chaired by the Vice-President. If the Vice-President is prevented for any reason, such meetings shall be chaired by the General Secretary.

² The business of the Association shall be managed by the General Secretary who shall convene the General Meeting and any other meetings. S/he shall draw up the agenda of such meetings in agreement with the President. S/he shall have signing power in respect of the day-to-day business of the Association. Any documents containing matters of principle as well as any documents of great importance shall in addition be signed by the President, and if s/he is unavailable, by the Vice-President.

³ The financial business of the Association shall be managed by the Treasurer who shall have signing power in respect of day-to-day financial transactions.

S.6 General Meeting

S.6.1 Composition

¹ The General Meeting is the highest body of USIC.

² The following individuals may also attend in a non-voting capacity:

- Honorary members
- Committee members
- Invited guests

S.6.2 Duties and Responsibilities

The General Meeting shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) Approval of the General Secretary's annual report of Association activities
- b) Approval of the annual statement of accounts of the previous financial years as well as the budget proposals for the following financial years
- c) In straight years Election of:
 - the President of the Association
 - the Vice-President
 - the General Secretariat
 - the Treasurer
 - the Chairman Core Technical Team
 - the Auditors
 - 4 CTT's members
- d) Appointment of an Honorary President or any honorary members
- e) Conferment of any awards
- f) Deciding on the admission or expulsion of any members
- g) Setting the level of annual membership fee
- h) Setting and handling the level of the, Participation Fee, increased Participation Fee and Organisation Fee
- i) Setting and handling the level of the USIC subventions for organisers of USIC Championships
- j) Deciding on whether any late applications should be included on the agenda
- k) Deciding on all items on the agenda
- l) Amendments to Statutes and Rules of Internal Procedure
- m) Amendments to the delegation size and duration of USIC Championships in Disciplines rules
- n) Dissolution and liquidation of the Association

S.6.3 Chair of the General Meeting

The General Meeting shall be chaired by the President, and if he cannot attend for some reason, by the Vice-President. If even the Vice-President cannot attend for some reason, the General Meeting shall be chaired by the General Secretary.

S.6.4 Voting and Election Rights

¹ Each member country shall have one voting right. Any honorary members may attend in a non-voting capacity.

² Any members temporarily exempt from paying their membership contributions shall neither have a right to vote nor shall they stand for any office.

S.6.5 Quorum for the General Meeting

¹ The General Meeting shall have quorum if a minimum of two thirds of all members are present or represented.

² If those conditions are not met, a new General Meeting with the same agenda shall be convened. At the earliest, it may be held after six hours after reconvening

the General Meeting and it shall have quorum irrespective of the number of members present.

S.6.6 Resolutions

¹ Resolutions shall be passed by the General Meeting on the strength of a simple majority of votes cast. If the same number of votes is cast, the proposal submitted shall be considered to have been defeated.

² A 2/3rds majority of votes shall be required for the following:

- to elect the President, the Vice-President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chairman Core Technical Team.

Procedure of election for two or more candidates for one function

Where it has not been possible to obtain a 2/3rds majority there will be a second vote with all candidates, where the absolute majority is requested. After the second vote and if necessary further votes the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated. If the remaining candidate has not been possible to obtain an absolute majority, an additional vote is required. If the candidate in this last vote has not been to obtain an absolute majority he is eliminated and the function remains free.

Procedure of election for one candidate for one function

If the candidate has not been possible to obtain a 2/3rds majority after the first vote, there will be a second vote.

If the candidate has not been possible to obtain an absolute majority in the first vote he is eliminated and the function remains free.

If the candidate in the second vote has not been to obtain an absolute majority he is eliminated and the function remains free.

³ A two third majority of votes shall be required for the following:

- to amend the Statutes and to dissolve the Association
- to admit any late applications
- to admit or expel any members
- to appoint an honorary member

⁴ The Statutes may only be changed and the Association may only be dissolved, if at least two thirds of members are present. If two consecutive Ordinary General Meetings lack quorum, the simplified procedure for convening a General Meeting with the same agenda after six hours may come into force and the Statutes may then be changed and the Association may be dissolved.

⁵ An absolute majority of the votes shall be required for elections of the following:

- Members of the Audit Board
- Other Committees, Working groups and their members
- CTT's members

⁶ A simple majority of the votes shall be required for the approval of

- the Rules of Internal Procedure
- Amendments to the delegation size and duration of USIC Championships in Discipline rules

If the same number of votes is cast, the proposal submitted shall be considered as having been defeated.

S.6.7 Period of Office

¹ The President of the Association and the Vice-President shall be personally elected for a period of office of two years. They shall immediately be eligible for re-election.

² The General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chairman Core Technical Team and members of the CTT who shall be elected on the basis of member countries, shall also be elected for a period of office of two years. They shall immediately be eligible for re-election.

³ The members of the Audit Board who shall be also elected on the basis of member countries shall be elected for a period of office of two years. They shall be eligible for re-election once.

⁴ If new elections are held on the occasion of an Extraordinary General Meeting, the period of office shall continue until the following Ordinary General Meeting. Any newly elected President or Vice-president may be eligible for re-election at the following Ordinary General Meeting for two periods of office of two years.

⁵ If replacement elections are held in odd years on an Ordinary General Meeting, the period of office shall continue until the following Ordinary General Meeting. Any newly elected President or Vice-President may be eligible for re-election at the following Ordinary General Meeting for two periods of office of two years.

⁶ The President, the Vice-President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chairman Core Technical Team shall be in active service within their national organisation at the time of their election.

⁷ The USIC Board may decide to hold elections in an alternative form of organizing the General meeting.

S.7 USIC Board

S.7.1 Composition

The USIC Board shall consist of the following:

- the President of the Association
- the Vice-President
- the General Secretary
- the Treasurer
- the Chairman Core Technical Team

S.7.2 Duties and Responsibilities

¹ The USIC Board is the management body of the Association. It shall prepare the resolutions to be passed by the General Meeting and shall ensure their implementation. It shall represent the Association in its external relations.

² It shall be responsible for all such matters which are not reserved to the General Meeting in accordance with the Statutes, the Internal Rules of Procedure or the Sport Regulations. It shall be vested with the following powers:

- a) Taking any measures necessary for achieving the purpose of the Association. Such measures shall be submitted to the General Meeting for approval
- b) Administration of Association assets and approval of the annual statement of accounts and budget proposals
- c) Convening all General Meetings
- d) Implementing the resolutions passed by the General Meeting
- e) Dealing with any proposals concerning the admission or expulsion of members for the attention of the General Meeting
- f) Dealing with any proposals for the attention of the General Meeting concerning changes to the Statutes and the Rules of Internal Procedure (General meeting approves) or to the Sport Regulations (General meeting is informed)
- g) Appointment of official representatives at USIC championships.

³ If need be, the General Secretary may set up a sub-committee with the agreement of the President, the Vice-President, and if necessary after consulting with the Treasurer.

S.7.3 Resolutions

Resolutions passed by the USIC Board shall require the presence of at least half the members or their comments in writing regarding the matter on hand and shall require a simple majority of all votes cast. In the event of a tied vote, the proposal submitted shall be considered as having been defeated.

S.8 Core Technical Team

S.8.1 Composition

The Core Technical Team shall consist of the following:

- the Chairman Core Technical Team
- 4 members elected on the General meeting

S.8.2 Duties and Responsibilities

¹ CTT shall deal with any technical matters arising from international championships and any other international rail sport matters, in particular the following duties:

- Championships Calendar
- Sport Regulations
- Discipline Rules
- Tournament Schedule
- Medals
- USIC Trophy
- Ensuring the orderly conduct of international rail sport events in accordance with applicable rules.

² The Core Technical Team defines the discipline-rules for USIC Championships and oversees their correct implementation.

³ If need be, the Chairman Core Technical Team may set up a sub-committee and if necessary after consulting with the General Secretary and the Treasurer.

⁴ In addition to the Core Technical Team members, sports experts or representatives of organising countries may attend the Core Technical Team meetings in an advisory capacity.

S.8.3 Resolutions

The Core Technical Team can pass resolutions relating to its duties and responsibilities referred to in clause S.8.2 above.

A simple majority of the votes of the members present is required for approval.

S.9 Audit Board

S.9.1 Composition

The Audit Board shall consist of two Auditors who may also attend the meetings of the USIC Board if decisions regarding the use of Association funds are to be taken. They shall attend such meetings in an advisory capacity.

S.9.2 Duties

¹ The Audit Board shall audit the annual statement of accounts and reports produced by the Treasurer as well as any receipts and invoices.

² They shall submit a report in writing to the General Meeting.

S.10 Finance and Accounting

S.10.1 Financial Year

The financial year shall commence on 1st January and end on 31st December of any one year.

S.10.2 Financial Resources and Rendering of Accounts

¹ The revenue of the Association is made up as follows:

- Membership contributions
- Interest income
- other income

² Honorary members shall be exempt from membership fees.

³ The Association shall be solely liable for its liabilities to the extent of its assets; any personal liability shall be excluded.

S.11 Arbitration

Any disputes among Association members shall be handled by the USIC Board. If no agreement can be reached, an arbitration panel shall be set up.

S.12 Dissolution and Liquidation of the Association

¹ The decision to dissolve and liquidate the Association shall require a two-third majority of all valid votes cast at the General Meeting.

² In the event of dissolution of the Association, the Association assets shall be distributed for charitable purposes among its members proportionate to the membership contributions paid over the previous ten years.

S.13 Final Clause

¹ These Statutes have been approved by the Ordinary General Meeting of USIC on 25th May 2016.

² They shall replace any previous statutes, provisions and amendments.

³ Despite the adoption of the English language as the only and official Association language, the name UNION SPORTIVE INTERNATIONALE DES CHEMINOTS (USIC) shall be retained.

⁴ Annex 1 is an integral part of these Statutes.

UNION SPORTIVE INTERNATIONALE DES CHEMINOTS (USIC)

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Change History

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