



# Constitution ISF

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## 01 Name and Seat

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The name of the association shall be the International Stratego Federation, herein also called ISF.

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The association shall have its seat in Nijmegen, the Netherlands.

## 02 Objectives and Activities

2.1

The association will be a non-profit organization with the purpose of promoting and developing the game of Stratego throughout the world, and striving for international recognition of Stratego as a mind sport.

2.2

The association will seek to achieve her objectives through federalizing national Stratego organizations in all countries; through establishing standards for game rules and tournament rules for rating contests; through implementing an International Stratego Rating system, through organizing international tournaments and competitions, through supporting inexperienced Stratego groups and organizations in affiliated countries, through actively and passively promoting Stratego in not yet affiliated countries; through actively and passively promoting Stratego via the internet, and through establishing good relationships with the manufacturers / distributors of the game of Stratego.

## 03 Finances

The capital of the association will consist of:

- membership fees
- entrance fees of international fees and competitions
- sponsoring
- subsidies and donations
- all other incomes

## 04 Membership

4.1

The legally established National Stratego Organization, herein also called NSO, of any country is eligible, subject to the By-Laws, to apply for membership of the ISF. The applications for membership from any NSO have to be accepted by the General Assembly of ISF.

4.2

New ISF members are eligible, subject to the By-Laws, to opt for a 2 year maximum Junior-Member-status, which implies reduced membership fees, but also reduces voting power in the General Assembly.

## 05 Government

Government of the ISF shall be vested in a General Assembly, herein called Assembly, and an Executive Council, herein called Executive, in accordance with the constitution and By-Laws of ISF.

## 06 General Assembly

6.1

The General Assembly shall have the powers in the ISF not delegated to the Executive under the Constitution and By-Laws.

6.2

Each Affiliated NSO in good standing may designate and accredit up to 2 delegates to the General Assembly. Informal, not yet legally established Stratego groups in countries without an ISF affiliated NSO can be invited by the Executive to designate one person to the Assembly to represent Stratego in their country.

6.3

Voting power within the General Assembly will be:

- full members: 3 votes (in case of 2 representatives: 1 ½ vote per person, in case of 1 representative: 3 votes per person)
- members with a voluntary 'Junior-Member-status': 2 votes (in case of 2 representatives: 1 vote per person, in case of 1 representative: 2 votes per person) representatives of

informal Stratego groups: 1 vote on specific issues, as stated in the By-Laws

- Executive: 2 votes, on all issues not related to election, re-election or removal of Executive members or matters related to delegation / assigning of responsibilities to individual Executive members or the Executive as a whole. (When Executive members present share different opinions, the voting power of the Executive will go to the majority stand among the Executive members present or proxied, If there is no majority stand, the Executive vote will be split evenly among the present Executive members.

#### 6.4

The General Assembly will meet at least once a year. Additional meetings can be called upon by the Executive, or requested by (minimum 2) NSOs representing at least one third of the ISF members.

#### 6.5

At a meeting of the Assembly a quorum shall consist of duly accredited Delegates representing at least one-third of the NSOs in good standing in the ISF. Any NSO may be represented at a meeting by a proxy, provided that this proxy is also a delegate of an other member of ISF. No NSO delegate may serve as a proxy for more than one NSO in any meeting of the Assembly.

#### 6.6

All matters within the jurisdiction of the Assembly shall require only a majority vote of those present and voting voting power, including reviewing and rejecting actions of the Executive, with the exception of removal of (members of) the Executive, for which a two-thirds majority of those present and voting voting power is required.

#### 6.7

In implementing the powers of the Assembly, but not in limitation thereof, the Assembly shall have the following specific powers: To elect the Executive Council members and define their powers, duties and tenure.

To appoint the members of the Court of Appeal (see article 8.2)

To fix duties and fees

To approve the annual plans and budgets

To accept or reject applications for full membership and junior membership from any NSO, and to suspend or terminate membership.

To adopt a set of By-Laws and to make amendments there to in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of this Constitution.

To make amendments to this Constitution in accordance with the provisions of article 10

To review all actions of the Executive as a whole and of individual Executive members.

## 07 Executive Council

### 7.1

The Executive shall exercise the executive and administrative powers over the affairs of the ISF consistent with the ISF Constitution and By-Laws. The management of the affairs, property and business of the ISF shall vest in the Executive.

### 7.2

The Executive shall consist of as many persons as are authorized by the Assembly, with a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5. If the Executive consists of 4 persons, a minimum of 2 countries should be represented within the Executive. If the Executive consists of 5 persons, a minimum of 3 countries should be represented within the Executive.

### 7.3

Each member of the Executive is assigned an individual operational responsibility on election, stated in the By-Laws. On top of these operational responsibilities, the positions of president, treasurer and secretary are distributed by the Executive members among themselves.

### 7.4

On his individual operational task, the Executive member is not accountable to his fellow Executive members but to the Assembly. On all matters within the jurisdiction of the Executive but outside individual responsibilities, every Executive member is entitled one vote in the Executive meetings.

### 7.5

The Executive shall hold meetings as set forth in the By-Laws.

### 7.6

A majority of the total members of the Executive shall constitute a quorum.

Any Executive member may appoint a proxy to represent him in any meeting of the Executive, provided that this proxy is also an Executive member. No member of the Executive may serve as a proxy for more than one other member of the Executive.

### 7.7

For the implementation of the powers delegated to the Executive, but not in limitation thereof, the Executive (or an Executive member assigned this specific responsibility by the Assembly) shall have the following specific powers:

To delegate tasks to persons, to establish committees and tournament organization teams and define their powers and duties, subject to the Constitution and By-Laws

To apply the funds of the ISF, in accordance to the budget approved by the Assembly.

To fix dates, sites, and set-ups for international tournaments.

## 08 Committees

### 8.1

Standing or special committees of the ISF may be constituted from time to time, and subject to the Constitution and the By-Laws, such committees may be vested with such powers as the Executive may see fit. Members of committees are appointed by the Executive member under whose operational field of responsibilities this committee will operate, and are confirmed by the Executive as a whole. Responsibility for the Committee will rest under the appointing Executive member.

### 8.2

The only exception to this rule is the ISF Court of Appeal, herein called Court, dealing with supervision of game rules and tournament rules. The Court is headed by the Executive member who is also responsible for the functioning of the Court, but the members are appointed by the Assembly.

## 09 By-Laws

The Assembly shall adopt a set of By-Laws providing for the regulation and management of the affairs of the ISF. Thereafter, the By-Laws or any part of them may be amended by the Assembly by an affirmative majority vote of all its members present and voting power.

## 10 Amendments

This Constitution or any part of it may be amended at any duly constituted meeting of the Assembly at which a quorum is present by the affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting power.