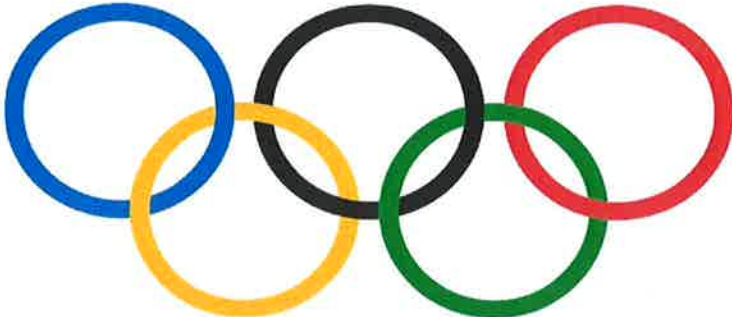
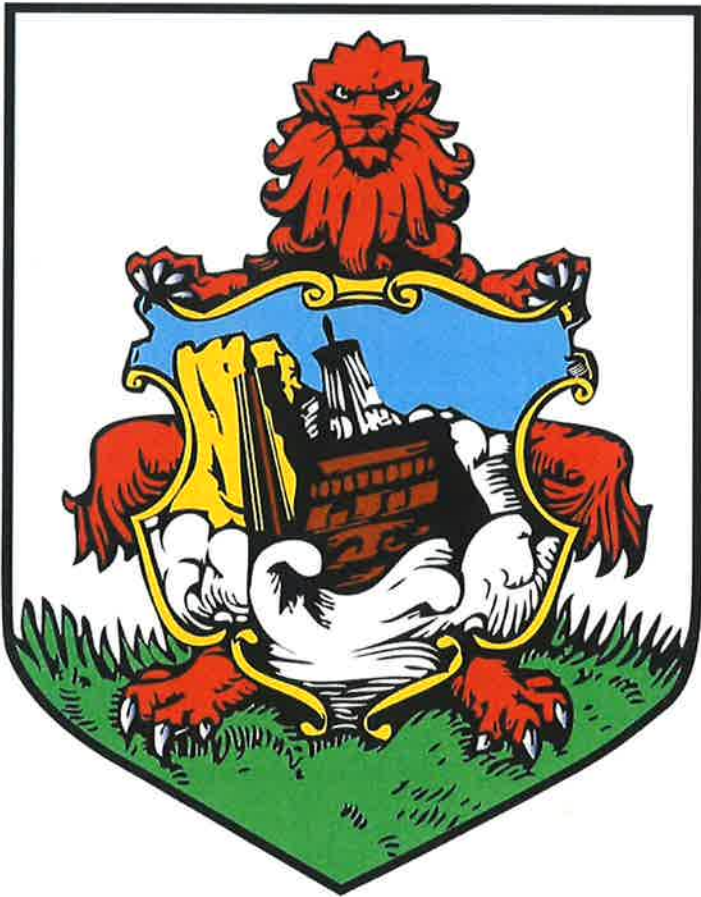


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- g) To establish affiliation to, and recognition by, the IOC, the Commonwealth Games Federation, the Pan Am Sports, the Central American and Caribbean Sports Organisation, the Caribbean Association of National Olympic Associations and any other recognised international sports federation or body sponsoring international games or sports festivals; *(Amended May 17, 2023)*
- h) To organize and lead its respective athlete delegations at the Olympic Games and various Games and Festivals under its remit where The Association is obliged to send athletes to the Games of the Olympiad and to regional, continental or world multi-sports competitions patronized by the IOC and the Commonwealth Games Association and fulfill its obligation to participate in the respective Games and Festivals; *(Amended May 17, 2023 & DEC 4, 2024 & Dec 3, 2025)*
- i) To select and enter persons to represent Bermuda at competitions held under the jurisdiction or auspices of the organizations specified in (g) above (such selections to be made primarily from recommendations of National Federations or Associations) and to make further recommendations for selection wherever deemed appropriate; to assume responsibility for the conduct of such persons following selection, and to ensure adherence to the eligibility rules of the relevant competition;
- j) To assist and support the National Federations or Associations which are affiliated to the International Federations for those sports which are either included in the programme of the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, or recognised by the IOC; *(Amended May 17, 2023)*
- k) To encourage and support measures relating to the medical care and health of athletes under its auspices *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*;
- l) To take action wherever required, against any form of discrimination and violence in sport;
- m) To promote gender equality and the participation of women in sport at all levels of sports and sports administration; *(Amended DEC 4, 2024)*
- n) To adopt and implement the World Anti-Doping Code, thereby ensuring that The Association's Anti-Doping policies and rules, membership and/or funding requirements and results management procedures conform to the World Anti-Doping Code and respect all the roles and responsibilities for NOCs that are listed within the World Anti- Doping Code; *(Amended May 17, 2023)*
- o) To implement the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions; *(Amended as per Olympic Charter 27.2.7 Amended DEC 4, 2024)*
- p) To establish an Athletes Commission, as per the IOC guidelines, to represent the views of the athletes and make their voices heard within The Association;
- q) To support the training of sport administrators by organising courses and ensuring that such courses contribute to the development of the fundamental principles of Olympism;
- r) To promote mutual trust and confidence between The Association, IOC and the National Federations or Associations in pursuit of these Objectives.

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- c) Multi-sports groups and other sports-oriented organizations, as well as Bermudians who are committed to reinforce the effectiveness of The Association or who have rendered distinguished services to the cause of sport and Olympism.

3. Register of Members

A register of members must be established and kept regularly updated under the responsibility of the Secretary General. This register shall; in particular, include the following information: member's name and address; date of membership (and copy of the decision / minutes of the meeting of the General Assembly at which the membership was granted); category of membership; membership status. This register shall be available at any time and shall; in particular, serve as reference to convene the meetings of The Association.

ARTICLE V - APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Application for voting membership in The Association must be submitted to The Association's administrative office. Applicants will be considered in accordance with the following criteria:
(Amended May 17, 2023)
 - a) Must demonstrate that they are a National Federation or Association with real and on-going sports activity;
 - b) Must be affiliated to an International Federation recognized by the IOC and be governed by and comply in all aspects with both the Olympic Charter and the rules of its international sports federation;
 - c) Must be approved by the Bermuda Department of Youth and Sports as the national sports governing body;
 - d) The Executive Board shall examine all applications for membership by a National Federation or Association and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the acceptance, deferment or rejection of any application by a National Federation or Association for membership. The General Assembly may decide to grant voting membership with immediate effect or non-voting provisional membership. If provisional membership is granted the Executive Board shall observe the manner in which the National Federation or Association is organized over a period of at least one year before the National Federation or Association is recommended for voting membership in The Association with all rights and privileges;
 - e) Provisional members shall be permitted to attend the meetings of the General Assembly but shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the General Assembly for the duration of the provisional membership. Provisional members will not be included in the quorum for any such meeting;
 - f) During the period of provisional membership, the Executive Board shall compile a final detailed report describing how the National Federation or Association is organized;
 - g) The Executive Board shall assess whether the National Federation or Association fulfills the requirements for voting membership of The Association based on the final report.

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ARTICLE VII - MEMBERS' OBLIGATIONS

The Members of The Association have the following obligations:

1. To comply fully with the Constitution, regulations, directives and decisions of The Association, and the IOC at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members;
2. To ensure the election of The Association's Executive Board;
3. To take part in activities organized by The Association;
4. To respect the Olympic Charter as published by the IOC and to ensure that it is also respected by its members;
5. To communicate to The Association the name of its representative(s) for General Assembly Meetings of The Association.
6. To maintain recognised National Sports Governing status with both the International Federation and the Bermuda Olympic Association. *(Amended May 17, 2023)*

Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions. *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*

ARTICLE VIII - CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS

1. Any National Federation or Association which fails to maintain its International Federation or Bermuda Government recognition may have its membership status changed or terminated by the General Assembly (upon proposal of the Executive Board) but shall have the right to appeal such change in status or termination by written representation to be considered at a meeting of the General Assembly. *(Amended May 17, 2023)*
2. Any individual member or National Federation or Association may resign or be suspended or expelled from The Association in case of failure to fulfill his/her/its obligations under Article VII, failure to meet the requirements of the Olympic Charter and this Constitution, infringement of the Olympic Charter and/or the IOC's Code of Ethics and/or the Constitution or show lack of respect for the decisions / resolutions taken by the governing bodies of The Association.
3. Any officer or member of the Executive Board, or Committees or Commissions of the Board of The Association may resign or be suspended or terminated from The Association in case of failure to fulfill his/her/its obligations, failure to meet the requirements of the Olympic Charter and this Constitution, infringe the Olympic Charter and/or the IOC's Code of Ethics and/or the Constitution or show lack of respect for the decisions / resolutions taken by the governing bodies of The Association. *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*
4. The Executive Board may place the membership status, termination, suspension or expulsion of a person or National Federation or Association on the agenda for a meeting of the General Assembly. The Executive Board may also suspend a person or National Federation or Association provisionally if such action is deemed necessary prior to the next General Assembly Meeting.

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- c) Hear, examine and approve the annual report of activities of The Association presented by the Executive Board and hear, examine and approve the objectives and action plan for the following year proposed by the Executive Board;
 - d) Examine and approve the audited financial statements of the preceding year and examine and approve the annual budget for the following year proposed by the Executive Board.
 - e) Elect the members of the Executive Board;
 - f) Elect the Returning Officer;
 - g) Elect the independent and qualified external auditor which shall review The Association's financial statements annually; *(Amended DEC 4, 2024)*
 - h) Approve or reject the affiliation of any new members to The Association;
 - i) Decide upon a motion for changing the membership status, the termination, suspension or expulsion of any member of The Association (by decision taken by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the valid votes cast by the voting delegates present at the meeting of the General Assembly); *(Amended DEC 4, 2024)*
 - j) Consider and adopt this Constitution and any further amendment to this Constitution (by decision taken by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the valid votes cast by the voting delegates present at the meeting of the General Assembly);
 - k) Consider and approve (by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the valid votes cast by the voting delegates present at the meeting of the General Assembly) any additional bye-laws or internal regulations proposed by the Executive Board, which are not in contradiction with this Constitution and the Olympic Charter;
 - l) Interpret this Constitution (subject to the applicable rules and bye-laws of the Olympic Charter) as the case may be;
 - m) Exercise any other powers as per this Constitution;
 - n) In general, decide on all matters on its agenda and on any matter which is not provided for in this Constitution, as the case may be, and subject to the Olympic Charter.
4. Each voting member shall be entitled to have one vote except the Athletes Commission which shall have two votes.
 5. Subject to the provisions of Article XIII 5v) members of the Executive Board shall have no right to vote in the General Assembly Meetings during their term in office.
 6. A decision that requires a vote shall be achieved by a show of hands or by secret ballot, as requested by members, or where stipulated in this Constitution or other regulations. *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*

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- c) To implement the resolutions passed by the General Assembly;
- d) To prepare the audited financial statements, annual budget and reports of The Association to be submitted to the General Assembly for approval;
- e) To manage the property and funds of The Association as approved by the General Assembly;
- f) To shortlist and select the participants to the Olympic Games and to the regional, continental or world multi-sports competitions patronised by the IOC in which The Association participates, upon proposal from and in close coordination with the National Federations or Associations;
- g) To provide assistance and advice to National Federations or Associations in order to improve their development and operations, if necessary;
- h) To establish Standing and Ad Hoc Committees as it deems necessary to assist in carrying out the objectives of The Association;
- i) To appoint advisors to the Executive Board as required, who function in a non-voting capacity;
- j) To make proposals for affiliation of any new member to the General Assembly for decision;
- k) To draft bye-laws and internal regulations, if necessary, in line with this Constitution and the Olympic Charter, for submission to the General Assembly for approval;
- l) To exercise any other powers and tasks as per this Constitution and/or as delegated by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE XII - AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

1. The President shall within thirty days of being elected to office, appoint a Standards Committee and a Finance Committee, whose members shall have a minimum of five (5) and not exceed nine (9) in number, respectively. The President shall appoint a Chairperson of each of the Standards and Finance Committees from amongst the Officers or Members of the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Finance Committee. *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*
2. The Executive Board may appoint other Ad Hoc Committees as it sees fit to undertake the functions as specified by the Executive Board. *(Amended DEC 4, 2024) (Amended Dec 3, 2025)*
3. The Executive Board shall conduct the business of The Association but shall not have the authority to override any decision of the General Assembly during the period between meetings of the General Assembly.
4. All financial authorisations, payments, or commitments of The Association must be signed off by any two (2) authorised signatories — the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary General. And where a transaction is approved or initiated by any two of these signatories, at least one different authorised signatory (not among the original two) must be included to authorise any related banking transaction; *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*

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- e. Other members of the Executive Board shall:
 - i. Actively participate in the work of The Association;
 - ii. Perform any other functions as may be prescribed by the General Assembly or the Executive Board or the President from time to time.
- f. Secretary General:

The Secretary General shall be appointed and can be dismissed by decision of the Executive Board. The Secretary General shall attend the meetings of the Executive Board and the General Assembly but shall have no right to vote.

The Secretary-General shall:

 - i. Manage the administration and the staff of The Association and monitor and oversee all administrative work as directed by the General Assembly, the Executive Board and the President;
 - ii. Make all the necessary arrangements for the meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Board;
 - iii. Establish and keep all records and minutes of the meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Board;
 - iv. Keep the register of the members up-to-date and available at reasonable times;
 - v. Coordinate the work of the Standing and Ad Hoc Committees;
 - vi. Perform any other functions as may be prescribed by the General Assembly or the Executive Board or the President from time to time.

ARTICLE XIII - MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. Notice

- a) Notice of any meeting of the General Assembly of The Association shall be called by the Executive Board in the following manner:
 - i. Notice must be done in writing and must state, the date, the time, the place and the agenda and or the reasons for the meeting.
 - ii. Notice must be given to all members at least 21 days prior to the date of the meeting.
 - iii. Notwithstanding the notice period provided for in sub-paragraph ii. above, Urgent General Assembly Meetings may be convened as necessary by shorter notice, by the Executive Board and/or at the request of at least one-third (1/3) of eligible voting members of The Association and any such meeting called by shorter notice shall be deemed to have been duly called.
 - iv. During all General Assembly Meetings, members of The Association according to Article IV, through their authorized representative(s) and all members of the Executive Board of The Association shall be entitled to be present and to discuss matters placed before the General Assembly.

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- iv. Matters of importance or urgency that arise in the period between Executive Board Meetings that require a decision by the Board may be e-mailed to Executive Board members and a decision made via e-mail, which must then be recorded at the following Board meeting, and ratified and confirmed. *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*

4. Motions

- i. At any meeting of the General Assembly or the Executive Board, motions will be carried by a simple majority of votes cast except where otherwise stipulated in this Constitution.
- ii. In the event of a tie, the chairperson may exercise a vote unless otherwise stipulated in this Constitution or the motion will be deemed to have failed.

5. Voting

- i. At meetings of the General Assembly, all voting members are eligible to cast their vote.
- ii. Elected Members of the Executive Board shall have no right to vote in the General Assembly meetings. *(Amended May 17, 2023 & Amended DEC 4, 2024)*
- iii. At Executive Board meetings, each member shall be eligible to cast one vote, except the chairperson of the meeting, who may vote only in the event of the tie.
- iv. As per the Olympic Charter, the representatives of the National Federations or Associations affiliated to the International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games must always constitute the voting majority of the General Assembly and the Executive Board.
- v. Notwithstanding Article X 5, when dealing with questions relating to the Olympic Games, only the votes cast by the members of the Executive Board and by the National Federations or Associations affiliated to the International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games are taken into consideration.
- vi. Voting by proxy is not allowed;
- vii. A decision that requires a vote shall be achieved by a show of hands or by secret ballot where otherwise stipulated in this Constitution or requested. *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*
- viii. The number of valid votes counted shall decide the majority. In the case of secret ballot, voting spoiled or blank voting forms are disregarded in calculating the majority.

6. Decisions of the General Assembly

Decisions approved by the General Assembly shall come into effect immediately after the conclusion of the General Assembly meeting unless the General Assembly decides upon another date for the decision to come into effect.

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- iii. Make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding policy and procedures in relation to all areas of the Elite Athlete Programme, including but not limited to, recommending sport qualifying standards;
- iv. Make recommendations for team selection to the Executive Board for all Games and Festivals that fall under the remit of The Association; *(Amended May 17, 2023, DEC 4, 2024 & Amended Dec 3, 2025)*
- v. Receive, acknowledge, and deliberate upon all applications for junior development funding insofar as it applies to the auspices of The Association. *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*

b) Finance Committee

The purpose of the Finance Committee is to provide oversight to the financial affairs of The Association by:

- i. Demonstrating insight through deliberation and decision, providing recommendations on The Association's financial situation and on the committee's deliberations to the Executive Board in support of The Association's budgeted expenditure, ensuring the provision of sufficient revenue to The Association, both for the short term (e.g. annual budget), and long term (e.g. projected activities);
- ii. Providing written reports quarterly or whenever necessary, to the Executive Board via electronic means or other expeditious method, no later than one (1) week prior to the convening of any Executive Board meeting, or any other meeting at which such decisions are to be ratified and confirmed or otherwise deliberated; *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*
- iii. Recommending approval of The Association's annual financial statements to the Executive Board; reviewing and making recommendations with respect to all proposed contracts of The Association; *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*
- iv. Approving, reviewing and making recommendations with respect to expenditures or commitments including fundraising initiatives; *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*
- v. Reviewing and monitoring financial statements and budgets;
- vi. Recommending policies and procedures to avoid and deal with conflicts of interest; monitoring compliance with conflict policies and procedures;
- vii. reporting any specific cases involving an allegation or question of conflict of interest and reporting to the Ethics and Good Governance Committee; *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*
- viii. Recommending the appointment of the independent and qualified external auditor, and the appropriate fee; and *(amended Dec 4, 2024)*
- ix. Ensuring that financial audits are conducted in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

c) Athletes' Commission

The Athletes' Commission is constituted and operates under the BOA Athletes' Commission By-Laws and must be established in accordance with the IOC guidelines. *(amended Dec 4, 2024)*

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- iii. Review and monitor the performance of The Association's marketing agent(s) and contracts, and make recommendations to the Executive Board on an ongoing basis;
- iv. Review The Association's non-commercial fundraising plans and activities and make recommendations to the Executive Board;
- v. Assess the effectiveness and adequacy of The Association's marketing programmes/resources and make recommendations as required; and
- vi. Assist The Association's marketing agent(s) as required, such as by helping with presentations, generating contacts and other activities.

f) Olympic Values Committee

(Amended Dec 3, 2025)

The aim of the Olympic Values Committee is to promote the Olympic ideal that sport is a human right for all individuals regardless of race, social class and sex. The objectives of the committee are to: *(amended Dec 4, 2024)*

- i. Encourage sports activities that can be exercised by people of all ages, genders and different social and economic conditions; *(amended Dec 4, 2024)*
- ii. Encourage and support the efforts and development of sport for all; *(amended May 17, 2023)*
- iii. Promote health, education and well-being through sports activities practiced by all members of society without distinction;
- iv. Achieve development objectives in terms of both establishing policy and organising local sports events;
- v. Represent the views of the committee to the Executive Board; and
- vi. Encourage and support the activities of the International Olympic Academy and other institutions which dedicate themselves to Olympic education. *(amended May 17, 2023)*

g) Ethics and Good Governance Committee

(amended May 17, 2023)

The Ethics and Good Governance Committee is responsible for:

- i. Ensuring good ethical standards and promoting integrity within all organs of the Association including the Executive Board, members, and other stakeholders by maintaining good governance and ethical guidelines; *(amended May 17, 2023 & Dec 3, 2025)*
- ii. Conducting periodic review of The Association's constitution, researching and proposing changes for the Executive Board's consideration and the ratification of the membership; *(Amended May 17, 2023)* and
- iii. Monitoring all issues relating to compliance with The Association's Constitution and bye-laws and making recommendations to the Executive Board when expedient to do so.

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2. The President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Executive Members shall be elected for a period of four (4) years, with the President, Treasurer and three Executive Members being elected in the Quadrennial General Assembly following the Summer Olympic Games, and the 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and three Executive Members at the Annual General Assembly, two years after the election of the aforementioned officers. *(amended April 5, 2017)*
 - i. The President, Treasurer and three Executive Members; of which both genders must be elected as Executive Members in the Quadrennial General Assembly following the Summer Olympic Games, and the 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and three Executive Members; of which both genders must be elected as Executive Members in the Annual General Assembly, two years after the election of the aforementioned officers. *(amended Dec 3, 2020)*
 - ii. The positions of 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President must be represented by both genders respectively in accordance with Clause 2 above. *(amended Dec 3, 2020)*
3. An attendance record should be kept of all Executive Board Meetings. Should an Executive member fail to attend three (3) consecutive Executive Board meetings without just reason then the member shall appear before the Executive Board and be requested to resign from his/her position on the Executive Board.
4. Any member of the Executive Board who resigns or otherwise vacates his/her position during his/her term of office shall be replaced by election at the next meeting of the General Assembly for the un-expired period.
5. Election to the Executive Board shall be decided by an absolute majority (i.e. more than 50%) of the valid votes counted by the members entitled to vote. Spoiled or blank voting slips or any other forms of abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority. If there are more than two candidates for a specific position and none of them obtains at more than 50% of the votes validly cast in the first round, there shall be a second round between the two candidates obtaining the highest number of votes validly cast in the first round. In this second round, the candidate obtaining more than 50 % of the votes validly cast shall be declared elected. *(Amended DEC 4, 2024)*

ARTICLE XVI – RETURNING OFFICER

1. Voting upon the election of the members of the Executive Board shall be presided over by a Returning Officer appointed by the President and approved by the General Assembly wherein all applicable offices shall be declared vacant and the Returning Officer shall preside over the election.
2. The Returning Officer shall be independent of the Executive Board and shall have no voting rights.
3. In the event of a tie, the Returning Officer shall instruct that another vote be taken. Should the second vote fail to break the tie, the Returning Officer shall instruct the General Assembly that the election of unfilled offices take place within 30 days but no sooner than 14 days from the original election date.

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3. The Association pledges to conform to the rules and regulations of the International Olympic Committee, the Commonwealth Games Federation, the Pan Am Sports, and the Central American and Caribbean Sports Organisation. It acknowledges that if it does not so conform, it may forfeit its recognition and its rights to send participants to the games organized by these bodies. *(Amended May 17, 2023)*
4. The requirements of the IOC shall apply where there are no provisions in this Constitution on any matters whatever relating to the composition and proper functioning of The Association and shall supersede them when they seem at variance or in conflict as each case may require.
5. The Executive Board has the power to formulate and adopt bye-laws to deal with all matters not covered by this Constitution, subject to such bye-laws being approved by a two-thirds majority of voting members present in a meeting of the General Assembly called for such purpose.
6. In accordance with the Olympic Charter, The Association shall at all times remain completely autonomous and shall not associate itself with any activity which would be contradictory with the Olympic Charter. The Association will resist all pressures of any kind whatsoever, whether of a political, religious or economic nature.
7. The flag, the emblem and the anthem adopted by The Association for use in relation to its activities, including the Olympic Games, shall be subject to the approval of the IOC Executive Board.
8. The Association may only use the Olympic symbol, flag, motto and anthem (which are the exclusive property of the IOC) within the framework of its non-profit-making activities provided such use contributes to the development of the Olympic Movement and does not detract from its dignity, and provided that it has obtained the prior approval of the IOC, in accordance with the Olympic Charter. All Olympic properties including but not limited to the Olympic symbol, flag, motto, anthem, identifications (including but not limited to "Olympic Games" and "Games of the Olympiad"), designations, emblems, flame and torches, and all rights to any and all Olympic properties, as well as all rights to the use thereof, belong exclusively to the IOC. The Association is responsible to the IOC for the observance, in Bermuda, of Rules 7-14 and BLR 7-14 of the Olympic Charter. It shall take steps to prohibit any use of any Olympic properties which would be contrary to such rules or bye-laws. It shall also endeavour to obtain, for the benefit of the IOC, protection of the Olympic properties of the IOC.
9. The Association is required to constitute, organize and lead its respective delegations at the Olympic Games and at the regional, continental or world multi sports competitions patronised by the IOC. Moreover, The Association is responsible for the behavior of the members of its delegations.
10. The Association has the exclusive authority for the representation of its respective athletes at the Olympic Games and at the regional, continental or world multi-sports competitions patronized by the IOC.

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ARTICLE XXII – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a two-thirds majority of voting members present at a meeting of the General Assembly of The Association called for that purpose, and will be subject to the approval of the IOC. Details of the proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to members with notice convening the meeting of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE XXIII – UNFORESEEN CONTINGENCIES AND FORCE MAJEURE

The General Assembly shall make the final decision on matters not provided for in this Constitution or in cases of force majeure.

ARTICLE XXIV – FINAL PROVISIONS

This Constitution, as amended, was adopted at the General Assembly meeting in Hamilton on December 3rd, 2025 and came into effect December 3rd, 2025.



President
The Bermuda Olympic Association



Secretary General
The Bermuda Olympic Association



Date



Date

11. **International Federations (IF)** are recognized by the IOC as non-governmental organizations administering one or several sports at world level and encompassing organizations administering such sports at national level. The statutes, practice and activities of the IF within the Olympic Movement must be in conformity with the Olympic Charter, including the adoption and implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code. Subject to the foregoing, each IF maintains its independence and autonomy in the administration of its sport.
12. **IOC**, the International Olympic Committee is an incorporated body in accordance with The Olympic Charter, to promote the fundamental principles and values of Olympism. *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*
13. **Major Games and Festivals** relates to the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, Commonwealth Games and CAC Games.
14. **National Federation(s) or Association(s)** is a National Sport Governing Body (NSGB), affiliated to its corresponding International Federation, recognised by the IOC with ultimate authority over a particular sport in Bermuda in terms of membership, rules of competition, eligibility, etc. and is responsible for abiding by the conditions set by the Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation for eligibility for status as the NSGB for the given sport. Furthermore, the NSGB is responsible for communicating with The Association and abiding by its Constitution, rules and regulations.
15. **NOC** is a National Olympic Committee, affiliated to the Olympic Movement, responsible for respecting the provisions of the Olympic Charter and the World Anti- Doping Code and abiding by the decisions of the IOC.
16. **Olympic Charter** is the rules governing the International Olympic Committee, its membership and operations.
17. **Provisional Membership** is membership granted by the General Assembly to an applicant National Federation or Association, to enable the Executive Board to observe the manner in which the applicant National Federation or Association is organized over the period of at least one year. Thereafter, the General Assembly may determine to grant voting membership.
18. **Quadrennial General Assembly** is a General Assembly that occurs after the celebration of the Summer Olympic Games, and occurs every 4 years. *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*
19. **Returning Officer** is an officer appointed by the President and approved by the General Assembly, independent of the Executive Board, with responsibility for the conduct of The Association's elections, with no voting rights.
20. **Standing Committee** is a permanent committee that meets regularly. *(Amended Dec 3, 2025)*
21. **Urgent General Assembly Meeting** is a meeting convened by the Executive Board and/or at the request of at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the General Assembly to address any matters that have an impact on the operation or standing of The Association that requires immediate attention by the membership.
22. **World Anti-Doping Code** provides the framework for harmonized anti-doping policies, rules and regulations within sport organizations and among public authorities. The Code guides National Olympic Committees (NOC's) in anti-doping efforts.