

Statutes (English version)

Abbreviations in the statutes:

World Barbecue Association = WBQA

Presidential Convent = PCO

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§ Article 1

With the name of World Barbecue Association, hereafter called WBQA, there exists in accordance to Article 60 ff ZGB, Swiss Civil Code, an association with its seat in:

Beckenburgstrasse 10 PO BOX 1172

8212 Neuhausen am Rheinfall

Switzerland

Co President Rolf Zubler

§ Article 2

The WBQA is an association with the purpose of uniting all continental and national barbecue associations in the context of the world barbecue movement.

The WBQA is the principal organ and central information centre of all members and their representative organizations.

The WBQA plan and help to organize events such as continental and world championships that are carried out according to the rules and regulations of the WBQA.

The WBQA is the principal organ of all associations and the central of information- and organizational plans.

The association is politically and religiously neutral. WBQA is an organization that aims at no financial gain.

The WBQA finances itself from membership fees and sponsor contributions, as well as from the proceeds of executed events and barbecue related obligations.

§ Article 3 a

The WBQA has the following memberships:

A. Affiliated country membership with the right to vote at PCO

The membership of affiliated country President is obligated and eligible to vote, through a mutual agreement that has been signed between the WBQA and the affiliated country where the conditions as; regulations, team- and judge contributions to continental- and World championships are withstanding, as well as payments of membership fees and country contributions and other payments, fulfilled in time.

B. Honorary member, B-status – not eligible to vote

§ Article 3 b

Country- or Countrypart member can become if:

1. A written membership application is sent to the WBQA Head Office
Beckenburgstrasse 10 PO BOX 1172
8212 Neuhausen am Rheinfall
Switzerland

or through the homepage: www.wbqa.com

(through mail, e-mail to info@world-barbecue.com or personal delivery)

2. Who paid the desired membership fee
3. Accepted by the person chiefly responsible for the WBQA and awarded a WBQA World Code as an official right to vote. The President of the affiliate country is automatically served with the right to vote by the WBQA Code given through WBQA Head Office.

§ Article 3c

The conditions for a country association membership are:

The country affiliation is granted through the acceptance of the WBQA's integration agreement and accepting of the Statutes of the WBQA liable to updates decided at the PCO. Inquiries regarding affiliation to become a country association are to be directed to the WBQA Head Office. The decision regarding affiliation of the country is either approved through the other country associations or through an objection time of 30 days within the signing of the membership contract or, refused at a specially summoned meeting of all country associations (summoned by the WBQA President).

Refusal of an affiliation can only carry through absolute majority of the country associations Presidents that includes the mandate of the WBQA President.

A possible refusal of an affiliation can without explanation be carried out, and is final.

The new country association's own statutes have to fulfil the following criteria:

- acceptance of the WBQA constitution,
- accepting that WBQA is the only World organization and partner to the country.
- acceptance of the licensing procedure, according to the affiliation contract for countries.

continuous transfers, or at least annual, updates of contact details such as the country association's members; first- and surnames, complete addresses, phone, fax and a current e-mail as well contact with all members until March 30th this year. The contact details should, at the very latest, be admitted by April 1st to the WBQA Head Office as an Excel sheet or on an official form provided by the WBQA Head Office.

- yearly payment of membership fees of Euro 5 to the WBQA for every registered member from the new country association. This payment is to be paid to WBQA by 30th of June this year.
- acceptance of one free seat for the sitting President of WBQA, or his/her nominee in the country association, inclusive the right to vote in this organisation.

The WBQA PCO has the final word when there is a dissension regarding an admission or refusal of an affiliation. Each country association are obliged after signing the affiliation contract to annually send at least 2 teams to the WBQA's continental championships and at the World Barbecue Championships at least 1 team in order to represent the said country association. (Continental Championships will be held every 2 years, World Championships every 3 years)

Each fully affiliated country association is also obliged to recruit and send judges according to the World rules to the different events.

Notice or split of partnership between affiliate and WBQA.

Notices (or exclusions) are effective until the end of the calendar year. Notices have to be in writing to be in effect and admitted to the WBQA Head Office no later than at least 3 months before the end of the year.

Gross negligence compromising the trust and faith, leads directly unavoidably to exclusion and is irrevocable.

§ Article 4

Paid membership fees are non-refundable.

§ Article 5

A members' liability is restricted as the membership fee has been paid.

No member has an individual right to any assets of the association.

The WBQA is liable for the associations' assets against third party, such as country associations, contractors and lenders.

Commitments are solely contracts and obligations signed by the President. The President has right of exclusive signing.

§ Article 6

The organs of the WBQA are:

The members' President Convent PCO (as described in Article 3) entitled to vote

The chiefly responsible Presidentm with the right to vote at PCO

The auditors

§ Article 7

The member's President Convent PCO is the ultimate organ of the WBQA.

It has the following powers:

- a) Reviewing the annual report and accounts
- b) Approval of the budget
- c) Acceptance of the Presidents' report
- d) Election of a President every 3 years
- e) Fixing the membership fees
- f) Fixing the license fees for national championships carried out according to the WBQA rules
- g) Alterations to the statutes
- h) Dissolution of the association
- i) Sanctioning of changes to the PCO treaty, as well as acceptance of proposals to the PCO.
- j) Sanctioning of projects and proposals of renewals with announcements 10 days ahead in writing to the WBQA President. Invitations to the General Meeting is sent out annually. The Invitation is to be in writing indicating the agenda and is to be distributed at least one month prior to the said meeting
- k) All other competence, if not specifically prescribed elsewhere are decided upon in cooperation with the WBQA President and the Task Force that he has put together

An extraordinary members meeting can be called if the President of the WBQA per agreement with the Task Force or if 20% of the eligible voting Members requests it.

Amendments made by country association members to the PCO are to be submitted in writing to the WBQA Head Office at least 30 days prior to the said meeting. Decisions that are made through the majority of votes by those presented are accepted as final. No transfer of vote by non present members is allowed.

Protocol of the meeting is to be kept and saved.

The President summons meetings of an extraordinary- or of a country association related nature.

§ Article 8

The Task Force is set together by the chiefly responsible President that can be expanded or reduced according to present needs.

The President will take all necessary measures to ensure successful business activities by the WBQA.

The President is also responsible for any business not expressly assigned to the PCO.

The President represents the WBQA to the world at large.

The President has the following competences:

- a) Preparing and holding the annual President Convent PCO.
- b) Deciding on regulations and member requirements
- c) Deciding on affiliations and issuing of event licenses
- d) Admission and expulsion of members
- e) Developing and launching of projects
- f) Organising to achieve objectives

When in doubt the President decides in favour and in advantage for WBQA. The President makes the setting of the tribunal of the WBQA and its significant issues.

§ Article 9

The controlling organ consists of 2 auditors who are elected at the PCO. A firm of auditors or accountants can also be appointed.

The accountants audit the books of account and submit a report recommending acceptance or refusal of the accounts to the General Meeting.

This is in terms of article 728 ff of the ZGB, Swiss Civil Code.

§ Article 10

Any amendment of constitution requires the majority of those present at a General- or extraordinary President Convent.

§ Article 11

The association can be dissolved by resolution of the PCO. Such dissolution will take place at the end of a calendar year.

Such resolution requires a 2/3 majority of the members present eligible to vote at such meeting.

The President attends this dissolution. The PCO decides as to the destination or use of assets left on such dissolution.

§ Article 12

These statutes and the continuous updates made by the AGM (until 2008) and PCO were put into effect at the foundation-meeting on March 31st 1996 in Hotel Fischerzunft Schaffhausen Switzerland.

§ Article 14

The original language of this document made by WBQA is in German language.

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§ Conclusion

This new version was written and corrected by:

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