

International Police Association



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A Fundamental Principles

Art. 1 Definition

The International Police Association (IPA) is a non-profit organisation ruled by its current International Statutes (IS) and additionally by article 60 onwards of the Swiss Civil Code (CCS). It is politically neutral and independent.

The IPA is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) in Consultative (Special) Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; in Consultative Status with the Organisation of American States and UNESCO.

Art. 2 Principles

The IPA is committed to the principles as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations in 1948 and recognises that any form of torture is absolutely inconsistent with these principles.

Art. 3 Motto

The IPA motto, in Esperanto, shall be "SERVO PER AMIKECO" (service through friendship).

Art. 4 Emblems of the IPA

The emblems of the IPA are protected by trademark and may only be used within the framework of the Association.

Art. 5 Seat

The seat of the Association shall be in Geneva, Switzerland, at the following address: REGO Avocats, Esplanade de Pont-Rouge 4, 1211 CH-Geneva 26.

Art. 6 Official Languages

The official working language of the Association shall be English.

B Aims

Art. 7 Aims of the IPA

The aims of the IPA are to:

- create and strengthen bonds of friendship between members of the police service,
- promote international cooperation in social, cultural and professional fields,
- encourage peaceful co-existence between peoples and preservation of world peace,
- improve the public image of the police service,
- enhance recognition of the IPA by international bodies.

To this end the IPA, with a view to promoting greater tolerance, peace, respect for law and order, understanding between people and for the work of the police, shall develop and undertake nationally and internationally:

- exchange programmes, visits and trips for IPA members,
- scholarships for young members,
- professional seminars,
- emergency aid,
- social gatherings and events,
- social funds for its members,
- sport events,
- cultural exhibitions and competitions,
- meetings with a view to promoting the work of the police,
- contacts with the authorities,
- publications, statements and campaigns,
- participation in events set up by other organisations,
- *any other activity following the goals described above, within the IPA or in cooperation with other organisations.*

C Resources

Art. 8 Resources

The resources of the IPA are made up of:

- the international levy paid by the members and fixed by the International Executive Council (IEC),
- donations and legacies,
- private and public subsidies,
- any other resources authorised by law.

All financial resources shall be used in conformity with the aims of the Association.

Art. 9 Financial Obligations

The liabilities of the Association shall be limited to the assets of the Association (article 75a - CCS).

The liabilities of any member section are limited to the payment of the international levy and any outgoing or expelled member section shall have no claim on the fortune of the Association.

Art. 10 Administrative and Financial Year

The administrative and financial year shall be the same as the calendar year starting 1 January and ending 31 December.

D Membership

Art. 11 Membership

The IPA shall consist only of National Sections from states which are sovereign according to existing international law, members of the United Nations or recognised by the UN, and where it is possible to execute unrestricted realisation of the principles as set out in the current International Statutes.

Art. 12 Procedure

To be recognised as a National Section of the IPA, it shall follow the Procedure for the Foundation and Affiliation of National Sections and adopt national statutes in accordance with the International Statutes, especially with regards to article 2 of the International Statutes that shall be included in the national statutes.

Art. 13 Conditions

The National Sections, affiliated or in the process of affiliation, gather members of the police service, whether in employment or retired, and without distinction as to rank/position, gender, age, race, language or religion.

There shall be the following categories and conditions of membership:

- **Ordinary Membership:** each Section shall determine for itself who is to be considered as belonging to the police service and who can be accepted as a member. Each Section may also restrict membership to police officers only.
- **Foreign Associate Membership:** members of the police service of a country where there is no IPA section, may be admitted to the membership of existing Sections as Foreign Association Members (FAM).

- **Extraordinary Membership:** Sections are permitted to admit widows and widowers of members as Extraordinary Members. However, such membership shall not entitle them to hold any governing office.

Art. 14 Proof of Membership

An international membership card acts as proof of membership in the Association.

Art. 15 National Executive Board

National Sections shall elect a National Executive Board whose term of office shall be limited in time by the national statutes and which shall consist of at least a:

- President,
- Secretary General,
- Treasurer.

National Sections are independent with regards to their administration.

Art. 16 Affiliation

A National Section shall be affiliated at the annual IPA World Congress, proposed by the International Executive Board (IEB).

Art. 17 Recognition

Only one IPA Section is permitted in a single state.

Art. 18 Suspension – Expulsion

A section may be suspended or expelled from the IPA. The decision is to be taken by the IEC, or in exceptional cases, by the IEB. The reasons and the procedure shall be defined in the International Rules.

E Bodies

Art. 19 International Bodies

The official bodies of the IPA are the:

- International Executive Council,
- International Executive Board,
- International Commissions,
- Internal Auditors,
- Crisis Committee.

International Executive Council (IEC)

Art. 20 Composition and Tasks

The IEC is composed of one delegate from each Section and of the IEB. It shall meet every year for an ordinary session at an IPA World Congress. The International Executive Board shall convene the IPA World Congress at a time and place approved by the IEC.

The IEC is the supreme body of the Association and shall have overall responsibility for it. At an IPA World Congress, the International Executive Council shall:

- affiliate, suspend or expel National Sections,
- elect the members of the IEB and the internal auditors every four years,
- vote on the annual reports and the accounts,
- vote on the annual budget,
- decide upon the international levy,
- decide upon modifications of the IPA documents: International Statutes, International Rules or Procedures,
- decide upon the dissolution of the Association.

If extraordinary circumstances prevent the organisation of a physical World Congress, an online World Congress shall be convened.

Art. 21 Quorum, Chair and Voting

For the purpose of the IPA World Congress, a minimum of 3/4 of all Sections must be present or represented, plus a minimum of 5 IEB members.

The President, or if absent, the President's representative, shall chair the IPA World Congress.

The decisions of the IPA World Congress shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast for and against. Each delegate has one vote and the IEB has a collective vote. In case of equality, the vote of the IEB counts double.

Decisions regarding the modification of the International Statutes, the International Rules, the Procedures, the affiliation, suspension, or expulsion of a Section, as well as the dissolution of the Association can only be taken by a 2/3 majority of the votes.

Art. 22 Extraordinary World Congress

An IPA Extraordinary World Congress shall be convened if a proposal signed by at least half of all Sections is submitted to the IEB.

International Executive Board (IEB)

Art. 23 Composition and Tasks

The IEB is authorised to render all acts that are in accordance with the aims of the Association and is responsible for its day-to-day management.

The procedure for elections shall be as defined in the International Rules.

The IEB shall be elected for a period of four years. A candidate can only run for one position on the IEB at any one time.

It shall be composed of the:

- President,
- Secretary General,
- Chairperson of the International Relations Commission,
- Chairperson of the Professional Commission,
- Chairperson of the Socio-Cultural Commission,
- Head of Administration,
- Treasurer Finances,
- Treasurer Social Affairs.

On completion of the elections to the IEB, delegates will then be asked to elect one Vice President.

After the elections have been conducted, the IEB can appoint a Legal Advisor and a DEI Advisor, upon nomination. His/her role will be to assist the IEB, in an advisory capacity, with issues of a legal nature/diverse and inclusive nature. Both Advisors could participate in IEB meetings and the World Congress as required, and could be consulted.

The IEB is responsible for the regular management of the Association and for the implementation of decisions taken by the IEC. It shall have the power to act on behalf of the IEC in any matter requiring immediate action and is especially in charge of:

- taking appropriate measures in order to fulfil the aims of the Association,
- calling for ordinary and extraordinary IPA World Congresses,
- taking care of the IPA documents (International Statutes, International Rules and Procedures) and administering the assets of the Association.

Art. 24 Representation and Signatory Authority

The President and an additional member of the IEB shall represent the Association in and out of court.

The association is validly certified by the signatures of the President and an additional member of the IEB.

For financial transactions, the individual signature of one of the Treasurers is required, unless the amount exceeds the limits as specified in article 23 of the International Rules, in which case the additional signature of another IEB member is required.

International Commissions

Art. 25 International Commissions

In furtherance of the aims of the Association there shall be three standing commissions which shall support the work of the IEB regarding external, professional and socio-cultural matters:

- International Relations Commission (IRC),
- Professional Commission (PC)
- Socio-Cultural Commission (SCC)

Internal Auditors

Art. 26 Auditing

Two internal auditors shall be elected for a period of 4 years. Their term of office shall be renewable once only.

They shall be responsible for examining the accuracy of the income and expenditure of the International Treasury annually and for submitting a report to the IEC.

In addition, an external accountant shall examine the accounts annually.

Crisis Committee

Art. 27 Crisis Committee

In the event that the IEB is unable to continue its work, a Crisis Committee shall be formed consisting of the Presidents of the five oldest Sections (United Kingdom - Netherlands - Belgium - France - Norway). Should one of these Sections be eliminated by dissolution or expulsion, its place shall be taken by the next most senior Section.

The Crisis Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of business until new elections can be held.

E Miscellaneous Provisions

Art. 28 Impartiality

IEB members, International Commission members, Internal Auditors and members of the Crisis Committee, shall carry out their duties independently of the interests of their Sections and for the exclusive good of the Association.

Art. 29 International Rules and Procedures

International Rules and Procedures shall be established in support of the International Statutes. They are an integral part of the IPA documents.

Art. 30 Dissolution of the IPA

The dissolution of the IPA may only occur at an IPA World Congress and in this event, the assets of the Association shall be donated to one or several international relief organisations chosen at the IPA World Congress.

Art. 31 Matters of Interpretation

All matters of interpretation arising in conjunction with the International Statutes shall be settled provisionally by the IEB pending a decision by the IEC.

Art. 32 Entry into Force

Any amendments to IPA documents shall enter into force at the end of an IPA World Congress, at a later date as specified in a motion, or at a different date determined by the IEB if necessary.

These International Statutes were adopted by the IEC during the IPA World Congress in Cyprus 2015 and entered into force on 16 October 2015. They replace any previous International Statutes.

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Secretary General : Georgios Katsaropoulos

Amendments	Articles	Entry into force
IPA WC Auckland - 2016	6	07.10.2016
IPA WC Albena - 2017	1	22.09.2017
IPA WC Rotterdam - 2018	20,32	21.09.2018
IPA IEC 2021	7,13,14	10.10.2021
IPA WC Lloret de Mar 2022	20, 23, 25	07.10.2022
IPA WC Athens 2023	23	26.10.2023
IPA WC Ohrid 2024	23	19.09.2024



INTERNATIONAL RULES

A Fundamental Principles

Art. 1 Definition

The International Rules are the internal provisions of the IPA and are binding for National Sections and the various official bodies of the Association, in order to ensure the sustainability of the IPA in accordance with the principles and values expressed in the International Statutes.

Art 2. Basis

The International Rules are based on article 29 of the International Statutes.

A National Sections

Art. 3 Membership

IPA membership follows the 'one person – one membership' principle. Members of the police service, whether IPA members or not, who transfer their residence to another IPA Section may be accepted as a member of that Section provided, they satisfy their conditions of membership. If they are already an IPA member, they may choose to retain membership with their original Section, however, an individual may not be a member of more than one IPA section at the same time. This shall also apply to members of a police service on secondment to another section.

Once a National Section has been established in a country, resident members shall automatically become ordinary members.

Art. 4 National Statutes

The Statutes of National Sections shall be submitted to the IEB in one of the 4 official IPA languages as soon as they have been adopted or modified.

Any clashes between the National and the International Statutes resulting from national legislation shall be examined by the IEB first to find a resolution and brought to the attention of the IEC if necessary.

Art. 5 Administration and Structure

National Sections may be subdivided geographically into Regional Groups.

Regional Groups are not independent and may only be represented by the National Executive Committee as far as the IPA is concerned.

Art. 6 Affiliation

Any National Section shall be affiliated by the IEC, in compliance with the Procedure for the Foundation and Affiliation of National Sections.

Art. 7 Suspension

The suspension of a National Section is a decision taken in the overall interest of the IPA. It equals a warning to the section which, in the hope of seeing it fully reintegrate into the Association, deprives the Section of certain rights, without expelling either the Section or its members.

Conditions

A National Section may be suspended:

- for a breach of the International Statutes, Rules or Procedures for a period of 6 years
- when external circumstances prevent a National Section from carrying out its statutory activities in the foreseeable future, in particular when national legislation stands in the way of the implementation of the fundamental principles set out in the International Statutes,
- when the National Section has not paid its international levy for a period of 2 years and does not meet its financial obligations after having been formally reminded to do so by the IEB,
- when the National Section fails to supply any Progress Reports or other information required by the IEB for a period of 2 years,
- when the membership of a National Section falls below the minimum as required by the Procedure for the Foundation and Affiliation of National Sections,
- when the National Section so requests.

Authority

The IEC has the authority to suspend a National Section at an IPA World Congress, following a motion submitted by the IEB.

In exceptional circumstances, a provisional suspension can be imposed by the IEB, if it considers that there has been a serious breach of the IPA documents. This provisional suspension shall be confirmed or lifted by the IEC at the next IPA World Congress.

Outcome

Once a National Section is suspended, voting rights shall be lost; only observers may attend the IPA World Congress, and expenses shall not be reimbursed.

Upon the recommendation of the IEB, the IEC shall appoint another National Section to represent the interests of a National Section which has been suspended – but without the right to vote on its behalf – and to seek the lifting of the suspension.

Members of a suspended National Section shall continue to be recognised as IPA members, and positions on the IEB, the International Commissions or as Internal Auditors shall not be affected. Their membership card remains provisionally valid, provided their NEC is still operational and able to deliver it to the members.

Duration

A suspension decision is valid until the following IPA World Congress, where it shall be re-evaluated.

The maximum duration for any suspension is limited to two years except for breach of the International Statutes, Rules or Procedures which is limited to 6 years by which time the suspension shall either be lifted, or the section shall be expelled.

The National Section appointed to represent the interests of the suspended National Section shall present a report to the IEB in due time for the IEB to draft a motion before the IPA World Congress.

Based on the findings of the report, the IEB shall submit a motion to the IEC, proposing either to:

- lift the suspension,
- extend the period of suspension for 1 year only, respectively 1 year at a time up to 5 years only
- expel the National Section.

Before a suspension can be lifted, the IEB shall first settle the question of any outstanding international levy and reports by the suspended National Section.

Art. 8 Expulsion

The expulsion of a National Section is a decision taken in the overall interest of the IPA. The National Section in question shall lose its right to membership in the IPA.

Conditions

A National Section may be expelled:

- if its suspension has not been lifted under the conditions listed above,
- for the same conditions as listed above, but with immediate effect if there is a serious breach of the principles as set out by the IPA or the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations,

- when the National Section so requests.

Authority

The IEC has the authority to expel a National Section at an IPA World Congress, following a motion submitted by the IEB.

In exceptional circumstances the IEB may propose an expulsion, which shall be submitted as a motion to the IEC at the next IPA World Congress.

Outcome

Individual members of an expelled Section may be accepted as Foreign Associate Members in any other National Section, provided that they satisfy the conditions of membership and are accepted.

Duration

Expulsion is final.

To re-establish a National Section, members shall follow the Procedure for the Foundation and Affiliation of National Sections.

Art. 9 IPA Emblems

Models of the two protected forms of the emblems shall be kept by the IEB, under the responsibility of the Head of Administration.

National Sections and Regional Groups are authorised to use the emblems of the Association as long as this does not jeopardise the trademark protection.

The IPA emblems must not be utilised for unapproved commercial purposes.

Sections may authorise their Regional Groups and members to use the emblems only under the above-mentioned conditions.

Any change made to the emblem jeopardises trademark protection and is therefore not permitted.

The emblems may be superimposed over other artwork, but other artwork may not be superimposed over the emblems. If in doubt, proposed artwork should be submitted by National Sections to the Head of Administration for evaluation and approval.

Art. 10 IPA Membership Card

1. National sections shall be responsible for the issuing of the IPA membership card to all their members.
2. The membership card shall either be:
 - a. issued in credit-card style, valid for one year. The reverse side of the card may contain other information as required by the National Section.
 - b. issued as a permanent card, with a QR code on the back of the card ensuring that the validity of the membership can be verified worldwide. In addition to the QR code, the reverse side of the card may contain other information as required by the National Section.
 - c. digitally displayed on mobile devices, with a QR code ensuring that the validity of the membership can be verified worldwide.
3. The IPA membership card (a.) shall display the member's name, section, and membership number. The permanent membership card (b.) and digital membership card (c.) must also display the duration of the membership.

This information must be provided in one of the 4 official IPA languages.

4. The IEB shall be responsible for providing the templates for the three membership card types, with the option to add a photograph of the member.

The membership data listed in point 3 must be updated at least annually by the national sections.

B Official Bodies

International Executive Council (IEC)

Art. 11 Delegates

Each National Section, provided that it is not suspended, shall be invited by the IEB to send a delegate to attend the annual IPA World Congress at the expense of the Association.

The National President shall be the IEC delegate of the Section at the IPA World Congress, unless another member of the same Section has been appointed as the official delegate.

IEC delegates and observers shall register with the organising section of the IPA World Congress, by the deadline set by that section, with a copy to the IAC.

Should unforeseen circumstances prevent the registered delegate from attending, the National Section may appoint a substitute from the same Section.

In this case, a signed letter from the National President is required, designating the substitute as the official Delegate before participating in the IPA World Congress.

Art. 12 Proxies

Should a National Section wish to be represented by another Section at an IPA World Congress, written notification to this effect must be delivered to the IEB, at least 90 days prior to the start of the IPA World Congress.

Alternatively, notification may be delivered at any time prior to the start of the IPA World Congress, provided the National Section being represented was already registered to attend.

In either case, the notification is only valid if completed and signed by the President and the Secretary General of the Section. The form must also bear the written consent of the President or the Delegate of the Section appointed to act as proxy.

Art. 13 Observers

Every National Section may send, at its own cost, no more than two observers, to the IPA World Congress.

'Sections in Foundation' may send one observer to the IPA World Congress, at the expense of the Association.

Art. 14 Voting Rights

Delegates not registered in accordance with articles 11 and 12 of the International Rules, and Delegates of National Sections that have not paid their International Levy as required in article 22 of the International Rules, shall have no voting rights for the duration of the IPA World Congress.

In addition, travel and hotel expenses in connection with the IPA World Congress shall not be paid.

Observers from Sections in Foundation have no voting rights.

Art. 15 Agenda

The IEB shall be responsible for the contents and timely circulation of the documents for the IPA World Congress to all participants.

The documents may only include motions that have been submitted by national sections or the IEB. These motions shall be sent to the IAC at least 150 days before the start of the IPA World Congress, in English, on the official form provided by the IAC, justified and with discussion points explained. Details of any financial or administrative implications must also be given.

The timetable thereafter shall be as follows:

- 80 days : Agenda of the IPA World Congress to be sent out,
- 50 days : Deadline for sending amendments of motions to the IEB,
- 20 days : Amendments to be sent to National

Sections. The documents shall include reports from the

- IEB,
- Auditors.

Furthermore, the documents shall include:

- a draft agenda,
- motions,
- a list of the IEB, internal auditors, delegates, observers, and names of proxies,
- a list of candidates for all positions when an elective congress takes place.

The IEB may include in the Agenda 'urgent motions' in case of an emergency or if an important matter arises, up to the beginning of the Congress. The Delegates shall first vote to accept the 'urgent motion' and then vote on the contents of the motion.

C International Executive Board (IEB)

Art. 16 Working Methods

Upon elections, the IEB shall outline and define a strategy for the work of the IEB during the election term. The strategy shall serve as a guideline for the work of the IEB and shall be set out in accordance with the aims of the IPA as defined in The International Statutes and in The International Rules.

The Chair of each Commission shall equally outline and define a strategy for the Commission they are chairing during the election term, approved by the IEB.

The IEB strategy and the strategy of each Commission shall at the latest be presented to the IEC at the World Congress following elections. The IEC can suggest changes and amendments to the strategy set out.

The IEB shall meet at least once a year to review the administration of the Association. Between meetings, business shall be conducted by the IEB members according to their job descriptions and the strategic plan defined for the term by the IEB.

The President shall chair the meetings of the IEB and shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

The working methods of the IEB members are defined in the IPA Procedure for IEB and Internal Auditors Job Descriptions.

The minutes of all IEB meetings shall be stored at the IAC. Minutes of the IEB meetings between each IPA World Congress shall be made available at the IPA World Congress that follows these meetings, subject to privacy laws.

Art. 17 Elections

Candidates

Candidates for positions on the IEB and as Internal Auditors shall be notified to the IEB at least 90 days before an elective IPA World Congress.

After the elapsing of the 90 days' limit, no notifications are permitted unless there is no candidate for a position at the time of the elections, in which case nominations for this position may be submitted by the delegates to the IEC.

Candidates may not be nominated or elected without their consent and the support of their own National Section.

Election Process

Voting shall be by electronic system. Where this is not possible, voting shall be by secret ballot.

The election process shall be directed by a Delegate or outgoing member of the IEB, to be chosen by the participants from their midst and accepted by vote as Election Officer. A suitable number of tellers may be appointed by the Election Officer to assist in the election process.

The Election Officer and the tellers must not be nominated as candidates and shall not originate from the same Section as any of the nominated candidates.

The election of the IEB shall be conducted in the following order:

- President,
- Secretary General,
- IRC Chairperson,
- PC Chairperson,
- SCC Chairperson,
- Head of Administration,
- Treasurer Finances,
- Treasurer Social Affairs,
- Vice President (from one of the elected IEB members).

A candidate who obtains more than half of the votes cast shall be considered elected.

If there are several candidates and none of them reaches the required percentage, a run-off shall be organised between the two candidates with the highest number of votes.

Once a new President has been elected, the outgoing President may be appointed by the IEC to the IEB as Advisor for one year only, without voting rights. In this case the proposal must be brought forward by the newly elected President or by a Delegate who will then need to be seconded. A vote will take place.

Art. 18 Alternates

The question of alternates shall be resolved as follows:

- the President shall be replaced by the Vice President,
- the Secretary General by the Head of Administration and vice versa,
- the Treasurer Finances by the Treasurer Social Affairs and vice versa,
- chairpersons of Commissions by another IEB member.

If a position falls vacant during the first three years of a term, the alternate shall stand in until the next IPA World Congress when an election for that position shall take place. If the position falls vacant during the fourth year of the term, the alternate shall stand in until the elective World Congress at the end of the IEB term. A replacement Vice President may be elected at any World Congress.

A sitting IEB member may not stand for election for another IEB position during their term of office.

Where an alternate feels the extra duties are unworkable, tasks may be shared with other IEB members.

D International Administration Centre (IAC)

Art. 19 Definition

The International Administration Centre is the official office of the IPA, maintained by the IEB who employ professional staff.

The IAC shall be under the control of the Head of Administration who is responsible to keep the job descriptions of the staff up to date. It shall facilitate the administrative work of the IEB and of the Association.

On a daily basis, the IAC is placed under the responsibility of the office manager designated by the IEB.

Art. 20 Location

The IAC is based in Nottingham, at the Arthur Troop House.

The IEB shall have responsibility for negotiating the lease, rent and employment contracts.

Art. 21 Tasks of the IAC

The main tasks of the IAC are as follows:

- assisting the IEB,
- supporting the National Sections by dealing with enquiries and visitors,
- preparing and distributing the documentation for the IPA World Congresses and IEB Meetings,
- compiling and circulating the IPA Newsletter,
- collating the information and amendments for the IPA information guide,
- maintaining an up-to-date filing system of all IPA records.

E Finances

Art. 22 International Levy

Each section must deposit, not later than the start of the IPA World Congress, its international levy, as fixed by the IEC.

F Other Regulations

Art. 23 Financial Transactions

For any financial transaction above 10,000 Euros the signature of a Treasurer and an additional IEB member is required.

Art. 24 Business Enterprises

The IEB, National Sections and Regional Groups are permitted to enter into contracts and agreements with any other organisation or business, provided that such organisations or businesses shall not have any control or influence over any part of the IPA.

Art. 25 Code of Conduct

All IPA bodies shall conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions contained within the IPA documents.

A violation of the International Statutes, Rules or Procedures shall be dealt with by the National Section to which the member belongs. If the National Section does not act, it will be held responsible for the violation and dealt with in accordance with article 7 of the International Rules.

Art. 26 Publications

Statements on political, religious or racial issues may not be made or published on behalf of the Association.

The Association's strict policy of neutrality shall be observed in all publications.

Sections are responsible for ensuring that any material circulated or sent to the IAC for publication meets copyright law.

Art. 27 Internal Affairs

Reports and minutes shall be signed. The list of authorised recipients must be mentioned.

If they are considered and marked 'confidential' they may neither be published, nor passed on to unauthorised persons.

The confidentiality status of reports and minutes shall be determined by the IEB, with the exception of reports submitted to the IEC, when the decision shall be taken by that body.

The confidentiality status of documents fixed by National Sections or their Regional Groups shall be respected by all members of the Association.

Restricting the status of IPA documents to 'confidential' should only be used in cases where publication could damage the Association.

Art. 28 Revision of the International Statutes, Rules and Procedures

The IPA documents shall be amended at an IPA World Congress and shall be submitted as a motion, either by a National Section or the IEB.

Before the World Congress, the Secretary General shall examine if any amendment to the IPA documents would create a contradiction with any existing article. If this is the case, the motion may be altered and re-submitted within the specified timeframe.

Any amendment shall enter into force at the end of the IPA World Congress or at a later date as specified in the motion.

Once a motion to amend the IPA documents has been placed before an IPA World Congress, the same issue cannot be discussed for a period of 3 years, unless to prevent or correct a contradiction with another article within the IPA Documents.

If deemed necessary and not requiring an amendment of the IS and IR, the Procedures, as a working tool of the IEB, may be amended by the IEB between IPA World Congresses with immediate entry into force or at a later date as specified.

Amended versions of the relevant Procedures shall be circulated to all sections as soon as practicable and shall be presented again at the next IPA World Congress for information.

All matters of interpretation arising in conjunction with the IPA Documents shall be settled provisionally by the IEB pending a decision by the IEC.

These International Rules were adopted by the IEC during the IPA World Congress in Cyprus 2015 and entered into force on 16 October 2015. They replace any previous International Rules.

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Secretary General : Georgios Katsaropoulos

Amendments	Articles	Entry into force
IPA WC Auckland 2016	4,10,15	07.10.2016
IPA WC Albena 2017	11	22.09.2017
IPA WC Rotterdam 2018	28	21.09.2018
IPA WC Dubrovnik 2019	10,11,18	11.10.2019
IPA IEC 2021	3,10	10.10.2021
IPA WC Lloret de Mar 2022	16	07.10.2022
IPA WC Athens 2023	17	26.10.2023
IPA WC Ohrid 2024	7	19.09.2024