



CONSTITUTION

1: ACRONYMS

For the purpose of this Constitution, the following acronyms shall apply:

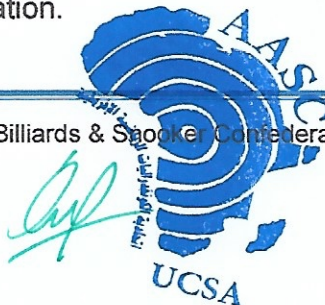
ABSC	African Billiard & Snooker Confederation
AASC	African Association of Sports Confederations
WPBSA	World Professional Billiards & Snooker Confederation
WSF	World Snooker Federation
OCA	Olympic Council of Africa
IOC	International Olympic Committee
NOC	National Olympic Committee
NSA	National Sport Association
AGM	Annual General Meeting
EGM	Extraordinary General Meeting

2: NAME

- 2.1 This organisation shall be named the "African Billiard & Snooker Confederation", hereinafter referred to as the "Confederation" or bearing the acronym "ABSC".
- 2.2 The ABSC is accredited by the African Association for Sports Confederations "AASC/UCSA"
- 2.3 The ABSC is accredited by the World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association "WPBSA"
- 2.4 The ABSC is accredited by the World Snooker Federation "WSF"

3. OBJECTIVES

- a) The African Billiards & Snooker Confederation (ABSC) is an independent body established on 1994 by African countries. It can join or withdraw from any association/federation according to the best interest of the African players, referees, coaches and officials.
- b) To act as the only Governing Body for Billiards and Snooker in all Africa and to conduct and promote the African Championships.
- c) To foster and promote the games of Billiards and Snooker, as played on an English Billiards table, throughout Africa.
- d) To decide venues and organizing Association for the All Africa Billiards and Snooker Championships.
- e) To monitor and establish standards of refereeing within all Member Countries.
- f) To establish and encourage coaching standards within all Member Countries.
- g) To gather and distribute all relevant information, which will help promote the game of Billiards and Snooker throughout Africa as a whole.
- h) To foster friendly relationship among all NSAs so registered within or without the federation.



- i) To co-operate with different federations / associations to promote Billiards & Snooker in Africa.
- j) To become joint partners, sponsors, promoters and organizers for the sport.
- k) To publish newsletters, journals, periodicals, and articles of common interest on the billiards & Snooker sports.
- l) To do any such other things or matters that will further enhance the good image of the sport and/or the Confederation.
- m) The ABSC will cooperate with all Billiards and Snooker organizations.

4: REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered address and the correspondence address of the Federation shall be as designated by the Council.

5: Definitions

- 1) "Council" shall mean the accredited Delegates of the Members of the Association, together with the Executive Officers comprising the President (Chairman), Vice- President (Vice-Chairman), General Secretary, Treasurer and Board Member (Officials). The affairs of the Association shall be governed by the Council of the Association.
- 2) "AGM" shall mean the Annual General Meeting of the Council of the Association, which shall be held once in each year, at a time and place coinciding whenever possible with the European Championships.
- a) "By-Laws" shall mean the enabling of the Rules and Regulations so enacted from time to time.
- 3) "Member Country" means the Country Association, which is a Member of the confederation.
- 4) "National Association" shall mean the Body recognised by its Country as the National Authority controlling the game(s).
- 5) "Full Member" is a "Member Country" or an "Association" for the Games who, at the time of coming into effect of this Constitution, are an existing Member of the ABSC.
- 6) "Associate Member" shall mean a Country Association, which is associated to the ABSC.
- 7) "Honorary Member" is an Association for the games with no voting rights.
- 8) "ABSC Referees Subcommittee" is the body within the Association, overseeing all refereeing matters. Refereeing for the African Championships shall be covered by the By-Laws/Conditions.
- 9) "Year" is the period commencing with the end of any Annual General Meeting and terminating with the end of the next subsequent Annual General Meeting or the Association may determine such other period.

6: THE COUNCIL

The organisation structure of the ABSC shall consist of the "Council", duly represented by one (1) accredited delegate from each Country Member; four (4) elected Executive Officers comprising the President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The executives can add coopedet board members with a maximum of 2 members.

7: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

7.1 The Executive Board (hereafter referred to as "The Board") shall comprise the elected Executive Officers, namely, the President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.



7.2 The Board shall exercise such administration powers that are consistent with and in conformity to the provisions of the Constitution.

8: THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

8.1 The Executive Officers, elected at an AGM, shall comprise the President; Executive Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and two board members. They shall be in full charge of the day-to-day administration of the Confederation.

8.2 The Executive Officers shall be elected for a term of four (4) years at an AGM; each is eligible for re-election upon expiry. Every candidate for an elective office shall be nominated, duly proposed and seconded by a Country Member who is in benefit.

8.3 Nomination for Election of Executive Officers

- a) A current board member standing for election and having been duly nominated, properly proposed and seconded, for any executive position shall be required to submit his written consent thereto, either by himself or by email, to the Secretary at least four (4) weeks before the AGM concerned.
- b) New candidates wishing to nominate themselves, their nomination shall be seconded by a Country Member, together with a brief resume of his track records of service hitherto rendered to the game and/or the ABSC, to be further supplemented by a brief manifesto of his service contributions if elected. This submission so received by the Secretary shall be circulated to all Country Members at least four (4) weeks prior to the said AGM.

8.4 President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the confederation. He shall preside at all meetings of the ABSC and have a general supervision of the affairs thereof. He shall sign and countersign all certificates, vouchers and any outgoing cheques for payment on behalf of the ABSC. He shall submit a report to the Council at an AGM and perform such other duties incidental to his office or as are properly required of him by Council for due performance.

8.5 Executive Vice-President

The Executive Vice-President shall exercise such functions and duties of the President in the latter's absence. He shall have such powers and shall discharge such responsibilities as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Council and/or the President.

8.6 Secretary

The Secretary shall carry out such daily affairs of the Confederation and shall perform such duties as may be assigned/delegated thereto by the President and/or the Executive Board. The Secretary shall handle all correspondence, issue all notices of meetings, keep all minutes and hold custody thereof all records of the Confederation.

8.7 Treasurer

- a) The Treasurer shall hold in trust all monies and securities of the Confederation and keep a good record on regular bookkeeping and accounts thereof. He shall disburse such funds in such manner as may be authorised for time to time by the President and/or the Executive Board or Council.
- b) He shall prepare the annual accounts of the federation in US Dollar for circulation to all Country Members at least two weeks before each AGM. He together with the Secretary



and/or the President shall be the signatories of all authorised out-going cheques and telegraphic transmissions issued on behalf of the ABSC.

8.8 Vacancies

Any vacancy in office of the confederation arising from whatever causes may be filled in such an acting capacity for the remaining term by appointment of the President in consultation with the Executive Board. Except in the case of the vacancy of the President, the new President shall be duly elected at the next AGM. For the time being, the Executive Vice-President shall be the acting President of the ABSC.

9: POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

a) Directors to manage the ABSC

1. The Board is to manage the ABSC business and may exercise those of the ABSC powers that are not required, by the Act or by this Constitution, to be exercised by the ABSC in General Meeting.

b. Specific powers of Directors

1. The Board may exercise all the ABSC powers to borrow or raise money, to charge any property or business or give any other security for a debt, liability or obligation of the ABSC or of any other person.

c. Time, etc.

1. Subject to the Act, where this Constitution requires that something be done by a particular time, or within a particular period, or that an event is to occur, or a circumstance is to change on or by a particular date, the Board may in its absolute discretion extend that time, period or date as it thinks fit both prospectively and retrospectively.

d. Appointment of Attorney

1. The Board may appoint any person to be the ABSC Attorney for the purposes, with the powers, authorities and discretions, for the period and subject to the conditions it thinks fit.

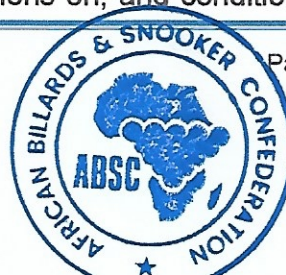
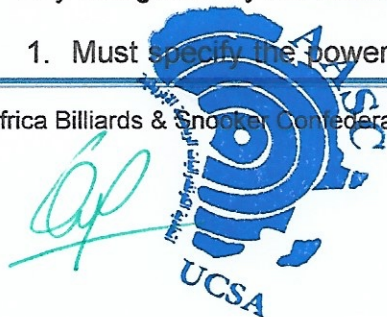
e. Provisions in power of Attorney

1. A power of attorney granted may contain any provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with the Attorney that the Board think fit and may also authorise the Attorney to delegate (including by way of appointment of a substitute Attorney) all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions of the Attorney.

f. Delegation of powers

- i. The Board may, by resolution or by power of attorney delegate any of its powers to any person as it thinks fit.
- ii. Any delegation by the Board of its powers:

1. Must specify the powers delegated, any restrictions on, and conditions attaching



- to, the exercise of those powers and the period during which that delegation is to be in force;
2. May be either general or limited in any way provided in the terms of the delegation;
 3. Need not be to a specified person but may be to any person holding, occupying or performing the duties of a specified office or position; and
 4. May include the power to delegate.
- iii. If exercising a power depends on a person's opinion, belief or state of mind, then that power may be exercised by the Attorney on the Attorney's opinion, belief or state of mind about that matter.
- iv. Any power exercised by an Attorney is as effective as if it had been exercised by the Board.

10: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 10.1 The Council shall convene an AGM to coincide with its annual snooker championship, and any other such meetings as may be necessary.
- 10.2 Country Members and/or Executive Board members attending the said AGM shall be members who are in benefit in their annual subscription payments at the material time.
- 10.3 Eight (8) weeks prior to the date fixed for the AGM, the Secretary shall issue a written notice thereof setting out the date, time and venue of the said meeting and the agenda containing, the following listed business to be transacted thereat, including any motion hitherto received under the Constitution and necessitating decision thereof:
- a) To read the notice convening the AGM;
 - b) To read and approve the minutes of the previous AGM or, if applicable, the minutes of other Council/Board meetings hitherto convened;
 - c) To receive the President's report;
 - d) To receive the Annual Report from the Secretary;
 - e) To receive the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts audited by independent qualified Auditor for the year ending June 30th preceding, and a current statement of accounts ending one (1) month preceding the said AGM.
 - f) To receive a report from the host Country Member on the on-going championship.
 - g) To decide on the next hosting Country Member for the African snooker championship, and, if available, two (2) other Country Members for subsequent hosts.
 - h) To decide on any circulated motion(s) for which a four (4) week notice has been duly given by the Secretary in advance; and to conduct any other business.
- 10.4 **Quorum at Meetings**
- a) At an AGM, one-third of the total Country Members in benefit present shall constitute a quorum. At any other meetings, a simple majority thereof shall constitute the required quorum.
 - b) At all Executive Board Meetings, one half of the Board members present shall constitute the required quorum.
 - c) In the event of a quorum not being achieved at an AGM within one (1) hour after commencement time, the said AGM shall be declared null and void. Thereafter, if it is proceeded thereon by request from the floor, it shall remain null and void, save for the purpose of discussions for consideration.



- d) If the aforesaid AGM has been aborted due to lack of quorum, a fresh AGM, if necessary, may be convened, based on the same procedures, timetable and agenda as per the aborted AGM. If no quorum is further achieved at this re-convened AGM, it shall be proceeded therewith as constitutional, irrespective if there be a quorum achieved thereat or otherwise.
- e) An AGM can be conducted by any audio/visual link if necessary.

10.5 Voting

- a) At an AGM, each Country Member is entitled to one (1) vote; Affiliate Members are not entitled to vote. Proxy votes are not allowed under whatever circumstances.
- b) At an AGM, the Country Members present shall appoint a Returning Officer who shall not be a candidate standing for election and having no direct conflict of interest thereat, to oversee the election process. Two (2) other scrutiners may be appointed from the floor to assist in the said election process.
- c) All votes cast at an AGM shall be duly counted. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Country Members, candidates, officers of the ABSC whose subscriptions are not in benefit at the material time shall not be entitled to vote or stand for election, as the case may be.
- d) The chairman of the AGM shall have the casting vote on all issues in the event of a tie. An Executive Officer shall not be entitled to vote, unless he is similarly the duly accredited delegate representing his own Country Member thereat.
- e) All other matters requiring voting shall be decided thereupon by a simple majority of votes either by a show of hands or as expressly required by the floor for secret balloting.

11: EXTRAORDINARY GNERAL MEETING

- a) For the purpose of calling an EGM, all procedures relating to the conduct of an AGM shall equally apply herewith, save that the said agenda so circulated and the proceedings conducted thereof, shall explicitly be confined to the said motion(s) contained therein.
- b) Two thirds of the members can call for an EGM by writing to the executives stating the reason for such a call. Procedures of an AGM will apply.
- c) An EGM can be conducted by any audio/visual link if necessary.

12: MEMBERSHIP

12.1 Country Member

A Country Member shall mean an NSA duly accredited by its NOC, or its equivalent, for the "Billiards & Snooker" or any other disciplines of the billiards sport or an accredited delegate attending the AGM/EGM of the confederation.

12.2 Affiliate Member

- a) An NSA not yet accredited to its NOC or a person or a trade organisation having substantial dealings with the billiards sports, may apply to be an Affiliate member of the ABSC.
- b) Affiliate Members shall have the rights to attend the AGM/EGM, as observers, but they possess no voting rights or hold any office of the ABSC.

12.3 The acceptance of membership by the ABSC is governed by a majority decision of the Executive Board or of the Council, whichever is applicable, made either at an AGM or by email under Article 13 herein, provided always that the said Country Member so accepted shall:

- a) Be accredited as the NSA for the billiards sports by its NOC or by any other similar government agency.



- b) Possess a constitution, by-laws, rules & regulations that are in general compliance with the aims and objects of the Confederation.
- c) Pay the entrance and subscription fees as prescribed.
- d) Undertake to abide by the ABSC Constitution & By-laws.
- e) Uphold the image, integrity and ethics of the Confederation.
- f) Abide by all the rules & regulations so issued by the ABSC from time to time; and
- g) Participate, whenever possible, in its AGM, annual competition and/or any other competitions so sanctioned by the ABSC.

12.4 ABSC Jurisdiction in Membership

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, in the event of an indecision arising from the aforesaid, the ABSC shall remain the sole judge and authority in the acceptance of its memberships.

12.5 Application Procedures

Intending applicants shall complete on the prescribed application forms and submit same to the Secretary, together with the relevant fees, a copy of its constitution, its registration certificate and/or any other documentary evidence in support of its accreditation status by its NOC.

12.6 Resignations

- a) A Country Member or an Affiliate Member not in breach of its membership obligations, may resign there from the ABSC, in good standing by giving one (1) month due written notice to the Secretary.
- b) Any Country Member whose membership has been terminated due to non-payment of membership subscriptions may apply for reinstatement, which approval is subject to the pleasure of the ABSC and, if so approved, it is further subject to payment of arrears and any applicable administration charges so incurred there from.

12.7 Suspension and Expulsion of Members

- a) A Country Member or an Affiliate Member may be suspended from ABSC membership, if it fails to pay its annual dues or charges, for two (2) successive years.
- b) A Country Member or an Affiliate Member may likewise be expelled from ABSC membership, if it is found acting wilfully in an ignominious manner that is prejudicial or detrimental to the fundamental interest of the confederation, or that it has brought disrepute thereto.
- c) Notwithstanding the aforesaid, prior to any such expulsion being taken against the defaulting Country Member, the Executive Board shall appoint an investigating committee to investigate into the said matter, which proceedings shall accord an equal opportunity to the accused to enter its defence.
- d) After due investigation, if the said Member is found guilty for the breach that warranted its expulsion, the Secretary shall issue a written notice thereof to the said effect, with copies to be circulated to all Country Members. Such a decision shall be duly ratified at the next AGM.

12.8 Reinstatement

Any Country Member so suspended or expelled may apply for membership reinstatement, after a lapse of six (6) months thereof, which reinstatement, with or without conditions, shall be by decision of the Executive Board, duly ratified at the next AGM.

13: SUB-COMMITTEES



The Board may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees consisting of those persons it thinks fit (including Directors, individuals and consultants), and may vary or revoke any delegation at any time and for any reason.

13.1 Powers delegated to Sub-Committees

- e) A sub-committee must exercise the powers delegated to it according to the terms of the delegation and any directions of the Board.
- f) Powers delegated to and exercised by a sub-committee are taken to have been exercised by the Board.

13.2 Committee meetings

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, sub-committee meetings are governed by the provisions of this Constitution dealing with Board's meetings, as far as they are capable of application.

14: ACTION WITHOUT MEETING

- 14.1 In case of emergency, any matter within the jurisdiction of the Executive Board, save that concerning proposed amendments to the Constitution, may be acted thereupon email ballot. In such an event, at least six (6) weeks written prior notice shall have been given by the Secretary to each Country Member, setting forth the matters expressly required to be decided thereupon by postal or email voting.
- 14.2 If, after the expiry of the aforesaid six (6) weeks, no reply is forthcoming from a Country Member, it is deemed that the said Country Member shall abstain from voting and, in which case, its vote shall be counted as absentee vote.
- 14.3 Two (2) days immediately after the aforesaid decision, the Secretary shall inform all Country Members in writing of the result thereof. A simple majority in votes, discounting the aforesaid absentee votes, shall carry the said motion.

15: FINANCE

15.1 Dues and Fees

The amount of subscription fees and any other payments and the mode of payment connected therewith from Country Members shall be determined from time to time by the Council based on recommendation of the Board.

15.2 Funds

- a) The funds of the Confederation shall be deposited by the Treasurer into such bank(s) of the ABSC as may be recommended by the Executive Board and duly ratified by Council.
- b) Outgoing payments shall be duly authorised by the Executive Board.
- c) The funds of the Confederation shall be in US Dollar only.

16: AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION

- a) Any proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be properly proposed and seconded by the Country Members concerned, with the details thereof to be circulated by the Secretary in advance for an AGM/EGM, as per the Constitution.

- b) Such a motion shall be sent to the Secretary by the proposer concerned at least ten (10) weeks prior to the aforesaid AGM/EGM. On receiving the same, the Secretary shall forthwith circulate the said motion to all Country Members at least six (6) weeks before the said AGM/EGM. Such proposed amendments shall be duly adopted at the said AGM/EGM, if they are voted in favour thereupon by a two-thirds majority of votes of all Country Members.

17: PATRONS

The Confederation may by unanimous decision grant the title of Patron to any person or persons or billiards trade organisation in due recognition of the meritorious contributions made towards the billiards sport and/or the Confederation. Prior consent of acceptance by the said nominee shall be sought thereof by the Executive Board.

18: Life Members

- a) Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by the ABSC for longstanding and valued service to the Sport.
b) Any Member may forward a proposed nomination to the Board for its consideration.
c) On the nomination of the Board, any individual may be nominated as a Life Member at any AGM by Special Resolution, subject to that individual completing an application in accordance with clause 5.
d) Nominations for Life Membership shall include a written report outlining the history of services of any nominee, together with comments on the suitability of the honour.

19: Forfeiture of Rights

A Member who or which ceases to be a Member shall forfeit all right in and claim upon the ABSC, the Board or a Director for damages or otherwise, or claim upon the ABSC property including the Intellectual Property.

20: Deferral or reduction of subscriptions

- a) The Board may defer the obligations of a Member to pay a subscription or other amount, or reduce (including to zero) the subscription or other amount payable by a Member, if the Board is satisfied that:
i) there are reasonable grounds for doing so;
ii) the ABSC will not be materially disadvantaged as a result; and
iii) the Member agrees to pay the deferred or (if greater than zero) the reduced subscription or other amount within a time fixed by the Board.
b) If the Board defers or reduces a subscription or other amount payable by a Member under this clause, that Member will retain their rights to attend and vote at a General Meeting, unless otherwise specified by the Board.

21: General

- a) The ABSC must keep a register of all Members in accordance with the Act and as otherwise determined by the Board.
b) No Member whose membership ceases has any claim against the ABSC or the Board for damages or otherwise arising from the cessation or termination of that Member's membership.



- c) Membership is personal to each Member. No Members shall, or shall purport to, assign the rights comprising or associated with membership to any other person and any attempt to do so shall be void.
- d) A Member must always treat all other Members, Directors, and all the staff, contractors and representatives of the APSBF with respect and courtesy.
- e) A Member must not act in a manner unbecoming of a Member or prejudicial to the Objects or to the interests of the ABSC or the Sport, or both.

22: DRUGS POLICY

The ABSC will deal with any potential anti-doping rule violation, impose appropriate sanctions and take such measures as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the directives issued by WADA against the use of any prohibited substance.

The policy and rules of the WADA to control the use of banned substances as adopted by the ABSC are contained in a separate WADA document to these conditions, which the ABSC fully recognises.

23: WINDING UP

If, at any time, Country Members by unanimous decision agree to wind up the Confederation, the net assets thereof, if any, shall be distributed in such a manner as the Confederation at an EGM so especially convened thereof shall decide.

Approved by the AGM held in Morocco June 2023

