

Member associations' constitutions

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Agenda

- **Requirements from World Archery, future plans**
- **General**
- **What to check?**
 - Membership
 - General Assemblies
 - Elections
 - Control mechanisms
 - Anti doping
- **Q&A**

To have a constitution and follow it

- Can't go “missing” or have a transition period that no version is in effect
- Approved by general assembly, not just by a small group of people
- Clearly not good governance if not following your own constitution

To have the document available to all members

- Sent to all members every time there is an update or always available online

Clear reference to:

- World Archery constitution and rules
- Antidoping rules, including World Archery antidoping rules

Step 1: Constitution of every MA uploaded in Extranet

Step 2: Constitutions published on World Archery webpages

World Archery (already started doing):

- To give feedback on constitutions
- Provide a template if needed
- Checklist of what should be included

Near future: update requirements of being an active member

Being an active member means (WA rulebook ,article 1.4.2.4.1):

- Organise a national championship in target archery at least once every Olympiad in both genders;
- Have a minimum of 30 registered/member athletes. For countries where the population is less than 1 million or which have started archery in the last Olympiad, this minimum is 10. For countries where the population is less than 200.000 this minimum is 5;
- Report to World Archery every 4 years on the activities of their Member Association;
- **Have anti-doping rules that are in compliance with the World Archery Anti doping rules and the World Anti Doping Code;**
- **Be a member in good standing and implement good governance practices.**

Form of an organisation

- Most common is non profit organisations, but not the only way

National legislation

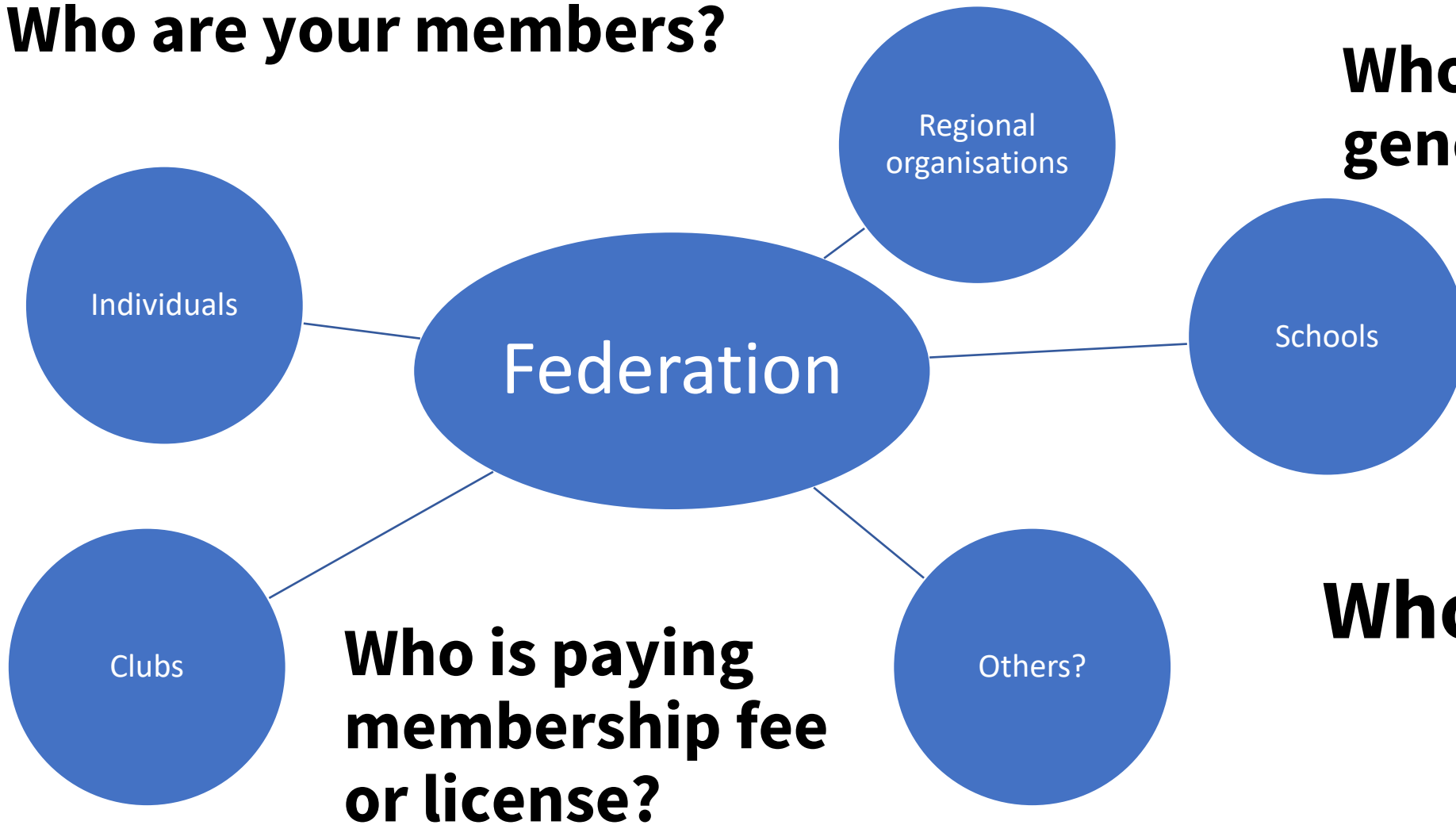
- Sports law? Non-profit organisations law?
- Know the law or consult with people who do
- Decide if you include articles from national law or not, if not suggest to have a clear reference

Length and form of the document

- balance between too short and too detailed

Structure and membership

Who are your members?



Who can attend general assembly?

Who can vote?

Who is paying membership fee or license?

To check:

- **Reality versus constitution**
- **If direct members are organisations (clubs etc), is there a link with individuals?**
 - Not only for this reason.. but do you have any legal power to sanction individuals, if needed?
 - Are all participants / members of the members automatically binded by your rules?
 - Check the wording!
- **Are coaches, judges etc included?**
- **Who keeps track of members and how are stats published?**

Frequency

- **Must be regular**
- Most common is once per year, bigger MAs once in 2 years
- Usually needed annual to approve financial documents
- Not acceptable if no GA at least in every Olympiad

Who can attend?

- **List of eligible members needs to be defined before**

Quorum?

Documents sent before and after

- Must be, but deadline is up to you
- Most common 2-3 weeks in advance

Recording the meetings?

Which positions elected?

- president / board / committees / other?
- roles and responsibilities of these positions?

Secret ballot or raise of hands?

Define different scenarios (a tie, no majority reached etc)

Any positions appointed? GA approval needed?

Audit board or committee

- Internal or external or both?
- Covering only finances?

Procedures for audits

- Which documents provided?
- Deadlines
- Form of the report?

Clear reference to WADA code AND World Archery anti doping rules is mandatory

Change with alcohol-testing, alcohol no longer banned substance by WADA:

- This is now under World Archery sporting rules
- No need for you to “reinvent the wheel” and come up with your own wording, simply refer to WA anti doping rules

Code of ethics

- Who are covered by it?
- Sanctions in case of a breach?
- Procedures

Members right to appeal

- Is it defined for different situations?
- Can NOC or other national organisation help with some areas?
- Appeals to court?

Any questions?



Next online calls

- February – coaching education system
- March - judging
- April – antidoping

Gymnasiade

- Flight tickets offer extended til March
- More info in January newsletter

Rulebook

- New version became effective on 15 January 2020

Thank you

