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## **ARTICLE 1**

An African Sport Commission was established on the January 15<sup>th</sup> 1973 in Lagos under the supervision of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa between the existing African National Handball Federations affiliated to the International Handball Federation (IHF). That Commission is called "AFRICAN HANDBALL CONFEDERATION" (CAHB).

The African Handball Confederation (CAHB) is a non political and non profit organization which was legally established.

Its existence is unlimited.

## **HEAD OFFICE**

### **ARTICLE 2**

The Head office of CAHB is located in Abidjan (Republic of CÔTE D'IVOIRE).

The proposals for the transfer of the head office shall be a decision of the Congress taken by the majority of the 2/3 of the member Federations which are entitled to vote.

The African Handball Confederation is submitted to the Laws of the country in which the Head office is located.

The place of jurisdiction is Abidjan.

## **OBJECTIVES AND MISSIONS**

### **ARTICLE 3**

The objectives and missions are the following:

- Lay the foundations and find all required means likely to develop African Handball within its own structures and through its competitions, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the International Handball Federation (IHF);
- Promote the practice of handball in Africa;
- Organize periodic Championships and watch to their continuation;
- Organize some training and retraining courses for the coaches and referees as well as all those who are involved in the area of handball;
- Respect and support the ethics of handball;
- Fight against the doping in handball in order to protect the health of the players;
- Encourage and help African countries which are not affiliated to the International Handball Federation yet to establish a national Federation and adhere to the organization;
- Facilitate contacts and meetings between member countries;
- Prevent all political, religious, racial or sex discrimination against any country or individual or any group of people;
- Contact all international organizations which can give financial, material or technical support;
- Publish periodic pamphlets, documents and books in the area of Handball and put them at the disposal of the national federations.

### **ARTICLE 4**

The logo of the African Handball Confederation (Known as CAHB) is the official symbol of the African Handball Confederation.

The anthem of CAHB must be played before the beginning of each of its official events.

The logo and the anthem are protected by the copyright and property law.

## **OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

### **ARTICLE 5**

The official languages of CAHB are FRENCH and ENGLISH.

All mailing and publications must be done in both languages. In case of dispute relating to the interpretation of these statutes, the text in the French language shall prevail.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **ARTICLE 6**

All the African Handball Federations regularly affiliated to IHF can be members of CAHB.

## **ADMISSION**

### **ARTICLE 7**

Only one national association per country shall be recognized as member of the African Handball Confederation.

The Ordinary Congress receives and examines any application for admission which meets the following requirements:

- a) A written application shall be sent to the Secretary General of CAHB, attached with the Regulations and the Statutes of the aspiring organization.
- b) The Executive Committee of CAHB shall check if the Regulations and the Statutes submitted are in conformity with the Regulations and the Statutes of IHF and CAHB.
- c) CAHB' Secretariat shall send a form in which all the required information such as the number of leagues, teams, players, halls, the names and addresses of the members Executive Bureau etc. will be mentioned.
- d) The form as well as the commitment relating to the respect of the regulations duly filled will be signed by the President of the Federation and counter signed by the authorities of Sports.
- e) Any changing in the composition of the Bureau must be notified to the Secretariat of CAHB within one month term.

An association is considered to be a provisional member when it receives from the Secretariat of CAHB the notification of its provisional acceptance by a receipt of the affiliation bearing its number and date.

The definitive acceptance shall be pronounced by the Congress of the African Handball Confederation.

When voting on the definitive admission of a federation, the delegates of this federation must not be present in the room.

Once a federation is definitely admitted as member of CAHB, it can have a seat in Congress and receives the right to vote during the Congress.

## **SUSPENSION AND LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP**

### **ARTICLE 8**

A federation loses its membership:

- a) After a violation of the provisions of article 70.
- b) By decision of the Congress taken at the simple majority, for breaching rules or non observation of decisions taken by CAHB.

- c) If the federation is no more affiliated to IHF or no more recognized by the National Olympic Committee of its country.
- d) By resignation; the resignation must be motivated and addressed to the head office of CAHB. The federation must confirm its resignation after three (03) months.

A federation, for non-payment of the fees, will provisionally be suspended by decision of the Executive Committee.

## **ORGANS**

### **ARTICLE 9**

The organs of the African Handball Confederation (CAHB) are:

- The Congress: Supreme authority
- The Council and the Executive Committee: leading organs
- The Audit: organ which checks the accounts
- The Commission of Arbitration and the Tribunal Arbitral: legal organs

## **THE CONGRESS**

### **ARTICLE 10**

The Congress constitutes the highest and the supreme authority of CAHB.

CAHB holds two kinds of Congress:

- 1) An Ordinary Congress
- 2) An Extraordinary Congress

## **ORDINARY CONGRESS**

### **ARTICLE 11**

CAHB holds two types of Ordinary Congress

1. An Ordinary Working Congress
2. An Ordinary Congress of Election

The place and the date of the next Congress are fixed during the Ordinary Congress.

### **ARTICLE 12**

The Ordinary Congress validly deliberates when a quorum of at least half of the national federations that have fulfilled their financial obligations towards CAHB and IHF are represented.

Any federation can be represented by a representative duly mandated who must compulsorily have the nationality of the represented country.

The name of the delegate must be communicated to the CAHB Secretariat at least 24 hours before the opening ceremony of the Congress.

If a representative does not meet these conditions, he can take part in the Congress but only as an observer without voting rights.

### **ARTICLE 13**

The Secretariat of the African Handball Confederation will communicate the date of the Congress to the member Federations Six (6) months before and will convene

them by the mean of appropriate means of communication, at least one (1) month before the Congress.

#### **ARTICLE 14**

The Agenda of the Congress with Elections is composed by the following points:

- 01- Opening ceremony
- 02- Presence-Roll Call of the delegates
- 03- Election of two delegates to check the Minutes
- 04- Confirmation that the meeting has been properly convened
- 05- Election of two scrutineers
- 06- Approval of the Minutes of the preceding Congress
- 07- Admission of new members
- 08- Report of activities of the Executive Committee
- 09- Financial report
- 10- Report of Auditors and Certification
- 11- Analysis of the proposals relating to the statutes which concern the elections
- 12- Elections
  - a) The President
  - b) The two Vice Presidents
  - c) The Secretary General
  - d) The Treasurer
  - e) The three(03) elected members
  - f) The Auditors
  - g) Election of the President of the Tribunal Arbitral
  - h) Election of the President of the Commission of Arbitration
  - i) Confirmation of the Presidents of Zones
- 13- Analysis of the proposals for amendment of the Statutes and Regulations
- 14- Approval of CAHB' schedule of activities
- 15- Miscellaneous
- 16- Place and date of the next Congress
- 17- Distinctions
- 18- Official closing of the Congress.

#### **ARTICLE 15**

The proposals for amendment of the statutes and other legal texts cannot be subject to a voting at the Congress unless they are mentioned on the Agenda of the Congress and if they are sent to the Secretariat of CAHB four (04) months before the Congress.

After having studied them, the Executive Committee expresses its views and makes counter proposals. These proposals are sent to all the federations as working documents at least one month before the Congress.

However, any late proposals considered as useful can be examined if the two thirds (2/3) majority of the Congress agrees.

#### **ARTICLE 16**

At the Congress, an emergency issue or a point not listed in the agenda in accordance with provisions of Article 15, can nevertheless be discussed if the two thirds (2/3) of the members who are present agree.

#### **ARTICLE 17**

For a Working Congress the agenda is worked out according to the needs of the moment.

#### **ARTICLE 18**

The decisions of the Congress relating to proposals are taken by a simple majority of the member federations which are present and which have got the voting right.

The voting takes place by a show of hands except if the secret ballot is requested by a delegate. In case of equality of votes, participants will have to vote again.

If the equality persists after the second voting, the proposal shall be considered as rejected.

The Secretary General will write the official Minutes of the Congress. After its approval by the scrutineers, the Minutes must be signed by the Secretary General and by the President and sent to the members of the Council and to the federations within the maximum delay of three (03) months.

The decisions taken by the Congress come into force once they are notified.

The Minutes shall be sent to the International Handball Federation ((IHF).

### **ELECTIONS**

#### **ARTICLE 19**

The members of the Executive Committee and the Council are elected in the following conditions:

- a) In case the number of candidatures for a position exceeds two (2), voting shall be done at the absolute majority of the votes of the member federations present at the Congress and which have fulfilled their financial obligations towards CAHB.

If no candidate obtains the absolute majority, a second ballot is taken between the two candidates who have got the most important number of votes during the first ballot. For the second ballot the simple majority will prevail.

If after two ballots no candidate obtains the majority, a third ballot is taken.

For that last ballot, in case the results are tied, the outgoing member will be

reconfirmed at the position in competition if he /she is candidate ; if not, the position is left to the candidate who has served the longest time in a Commission or within the council of CAHB. Should this not be the case, the position is left to the most aged candidate.

b) In case of two candidates for a position, the election is done by simple majority of votes.

If there is a tie, a second ballot will be taken.

If after the second ballot, no candidate is elected, a third ballot will be taken.

For this last ballot, in case of tie, the outgoing candidate or the most aged is then elected.

c) A voting bureau composed by three delegates who are neither council members nor candidates for any position shall be chosen to supervise the election in lieu of the outgoing bureau.

d) The voting shall be by secret ballot.

e) Voting by proxy is forbidden.

#### **ARTICLE 20: VOTING RIGHT**

Can vote, only all national member federation that meets the following conditions:

- The national member federation must have participated in at least two competitions (clubs and / or IHF Trophy) during the four (4) years mandate preceding the elections;
- The Federation shall have fulfilled its financial obligations towards the General Treasury of CAHB;

Member federations which have not fulfilled these conditions can take part in the Congress but as observers, without any voting right.

#### **ARTICLE 21: Eligibility conditions for the Executive Committee**

The elective positions of CAHB are open, in the deadline for the submission of the applications fixed by the provisions relating to the Congress of election, to the natural persons who belong to some national member federations of CAHB, which have got their voting rights.

#### **ARTICLE 22:**

Can be eligible to the Executive Committee only a person who is in activity or who has been in activity in one of the following instances of CAHB or IHF, at least one (01) mandate within the :

- Council
- Specialized Commissions
- Audit
- Commission of Arbitration
- Tribunal Arbitral

**ARTICLE 23:** A candidate can apply only for one position in the bodies and instances of



CAHB.

**ARTICLE 24:** the non-respect of the provisions of articles 22 and 23 leads to the pure and simple annulment of the candidature of the offender for all the applied positions.

### **EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS**

#### **ARTICLE 25**

The Extraordinary Congress is held in the following cases:

- a) If at least the 2/3 of the members call for a meeting in writing;
- b) If the President of CAHB considers the meeting necessary.

#### **ARTICLE 26**

The Extraordinary Congress is held to discuss the following points:

- A- Urgent matters which jeopardize the development of the Confederation
- B- Major financial issues

#### **ARTICLE 27**

The Secretary General of CAHB, after consulting the members of the Executive Committee shall fix the place and the date of the Extraordinary Congress. The letters convening the meeting must be sent forty (40) days before the Congress.

#### **ARTICLE 28**

The letters convening to the Extraordinary Congress must be sent together with the agenda.

### **THE COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATION**

#### **ARTICLE 29**

The Council is composed as following:

- The members of the Executive Committee
- Three (03) members elected by the Congress
- The Presidents of the Zones

At the Council of CAHB, there cannot be more than one (1) representative per member country.

#### **ARTICLE 30**

The duration of the mandate of the Executive Committee of CAHB is four (4) years and the outgoing members are re-eligible.

#### **ARTICLE 31**

All new candidatures to a position in one organ of CAHB must be presented by the National federation of the candidate and supported with a letter from the Ministry in charge of sports of the country, and sent to the CAHB' Secretariat four (4) months before the Congress.

For the renewals of the candidatures, the application of the candidate is sufficient.

### **ARTICLE 32**

The Council of CAHB meets at least once a year

### **ARTICLE 33**

The President of CAHB shall fix the date of the Council's meeting and approve the agenda drawn up by the Secretary General.

### **ARTICLE 34**

The Secretary General must send the convening letters and the agenda to the members of the Council one month before the meeting.

### **ARTICLE 35**

The responsibilities of the Council are the following:

- a) Make sure that decisions taken by the Congress are well executed by the Executive Committee.
- b) Decide on major financial issues in the framework of the budget.
- c) Approve the budget drawn up by the Executive Committee.
- d) Present proposals specific to the Council.
- e) Deal with administrative and technical proposals received and make recommendations to the Congress.
- f) Ratify the budget of different commissions and zones taking into account the total budget
- g) Receive the reports of activities of the Commissions and give a follow up to these proposals which are in the said reports.
- h) Approve the Regulations of the Championships on the basis of proposals made by the commissions
- i) Authorize the hosting of events (Championships, Africa Cups) on delegation of the Congress.

### **ARTICLE 36**

If a member ceases to be in office following death, resignation, striking off or in case of absolute necessity, he is immediately replaced.

- a) If it is a member of the Executive Committee, another member of the Executive Committee will replace him till the next Congress cumulatively with his attributions.
- b) if it is a President of zone, the Council proceeds to his replacement by the designated representative of the same zone.  
The latter must be confirmed during the next Congress.
- c) if it is one of the three(03) elected members, it will be proceed to his replacement during the next Congress.
- d) If it is a President of a Specialized Commission, the Executive Committee proceeds to his replacement.

### **ARTICLE 37**

Decisions of the Council shall be taken at the simple majority of the votes. In case of equality of votes, that of the President of the session will have the casting vote.

## **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **ARTICLE 38**

The Executive Committee is composed of five (05) members

- The President
- The two (02) vice Presidents
- The Secretary General
- The Treasurer

### **ARTICLE 39**

As the working organ of the Council, the Executive Committee is be the administrative board of CAHB, under the supervision of the Council and must execute the decisions of the Congress and the Council.

### **ARTICLE 40**

The Executive Committee submits important matters to the Council.

The missions of the members of the Executive Committee at the Head office in the framework of their duties should be carried out in a way which will be defined by the Executive Committee itself.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

### **ARTICLE 41**

The President is responsible for the good running of CAHB.

In this respect and in case of major matters he can choose between two (02) meetings of the Executive Committee after consultation with other members.

In serious cases or issues that require urgent solutions, he can organize an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee

The President of the African Handball Confederation (CAHB) has the following responsibilities:

- 1-He represents the Confederation near the external organs and organizations
- 2-He ratifies the Minutes of the Confederation after their approval by the organ concerned
- 3-He presides over all the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Council and Congress
- 4-He represents CAHB as plaintiff or defendant in legal and financial matters
- 5-He signs all contracts and agreements concluded by CAHB after opinion of the Council
- 6-He has got the power of authorization for the expenditures.

### **ARTICLE 42**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall replace the President in case of resignation, absence or death.

The Vice President and other members of the Council can be in charge of duties well defined.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

#### **ARTICLE 43**

The Secretary General shall coordinate the action of all the administrative services of CAHB. In this respect:

- He addresses the convening letters and organizes the meetings of CAHB.
- He writes the Minutes and various mails
- He makes sure that files are quickly processed
- He deals with material organization of the service
- He proceeds to the evaluation of the activities of the services
- He makes sure that the staff is regularly trained
- He initiates invitations to competitions, meetings and symposiums in consultation with the President.
- He has the responsibility to update CAHB's fundamental texts
- He appends his signature near that of the President
- He checks and supervises the activities of all the commissions
- He studies all the applications for admission submitted by New National Federations
- He supervises the good management of files, books contracts and documents relating to CAHB kept at the General Secretariat
- He signs all letters except those which fall within the power of the President.

In case of absolute necessity, the Council can appoint one of its members to replace the Secretary General.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURER**

#### **ARTICLE 44**

The Treasurer is responsible for the good management of the finances of CAHB.

As such, he has the responsibility to:

- Draw up, introduce and follow up the budget approved by the Council
- Well keep the accounts
- Follow-up the inflow and the outflow for the financial resources of CAHB
- Deal with financial problems relating to the conception, the launching and the follow-up of projects initiated by CAHB.

In case of absolute necessity, the Council can appoint one of its members to replace the Treasurer.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE THREE (03) ELECTED MEMBERS**

#### **ARTICLE 45**

The Council can agree upon the specific tasks to give to the members elected by the Congress.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMPOSITION OF THE ZONES**

### **ARTICLE 46**

The zone, which forms the main part of the confederation, is presided by the president of zone whose responsibility is to promote and develop handball in his zone. Apart from the zones of development, the confederation does not officially recognize any other sub-group.

The African handball confederation recognizes the following zones of development:

**ZONE 1:** ALGERIA, LIBYA, MOROCCO AND TUNISIA

**ZONE 2:** CAPE VERDE, GAMBIA, GUINEA-BISSAU, GUINEA, MALI, MAURITANIA, SENEGAL AND SIERRA LEONE

**ZONE 3:** BENIN, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, GHANA, BURKINA FASO, LIBERIA, NIGER, NIGERIA AND TOGO

**ZONE 4:** CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CONGO, GABON, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, CHAD, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

**ZONE 5:** BURUNDI, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, UGANDA, RWANDA, SOMALIA, SUDAN, TANZANIA, SOUTH SUDAN

**ZONE 6:** ANGOLA, BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, MALAWI, MOZAMBIQUE, NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE, SWAZILAND.

**ZONE 7:** COMOROS, MADAGASCAR, MAURICE AND SEYCHELLES.

Each zone is composed by:

1. A President elected by the Presidents of the Federations of the concerned zone.
  - \* He represents CAHB near the member Federations of the zone.
  - \* He coordinates the activities of the zone, convenes and presides over meetings of the zone.
  - \* He represents CAHB near the Conference of Ministers of the zone.
  
2. A Sports commission of five (5) members appointed by the President of the zone and approved by the Council of CAHB.

The Sports Commission is composed by:

- One member in charge of COC (Commission of the Organization of the Competitions)
- One member in charge of PRC (Playing Rules and Referees Commission)
- One member in charge of CCM (Commission of Coaching and Methods)
- One member in charge of CD (Commission for the Development)
- One member in charge of MC (Medical Commission)

Any candidature to the position of President of Zone must be presented by the National Federation of the candidate.

The Minutes of the election of the President of the Zone must be sent to the Secretariat of CAHB, four (04) months before the holding of the Congress.

The duration of the mandate of the administrative board of the Zone is equal to that of the Council of CAHB.

The President of the Zone is automatically member of the Council of CAHB and is responsible for the Handball development in his zone before the Council and the Congress.

The President of Zone can appoint an Administrative Secretary; however, the charge relating to the function will be supported by the zone.

## **RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE ZONES**

### **ARTICLE 47**

The development zones of CAHB have got the following rights and duties:

- Recognition of the compulsory character of the statutes, the regulations and decisions of CAHB and IHF;
- Collaboration with CAHB during the organization of continental and international competitions.

### **ARTICLE 48**

A zone which does not have more than two active federations will be put under the supervision of the Secretariat of CAHB.

## **AUDIT**

### **ARTICLE 49**

The Auditors check and certify the accounts. The result of their work is put in a report which is sent by the Secretariat, during the next Ordinary Working Congress of CAHB. They meet at least once per year, on convocation of the President of CAHB.

## **THE SPECIALIZED COMMISSIONS**

### **ARTICLE 50**

The following five (5) commissions are the permanent organs of CAHB in charge of doing some specific tasks:

- Commission of the Organization of Competition (COC)
- Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC)
- Commission for Coaching and Methods (CCM)
- Medical Commission (MC)
- Commission for the Development (CD).

The Commissions are composed by a President and some members appointed by the Executive Committee.

The duration of the mandate of the specialized commissions is equal to that of the members of the Executive Committee of CAHB.

The composition of the specialized commissions is decided by the Executive

Committee.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED COMMISSIONS**

### **ARTICLE 51**

**COMMISSION OF THE ORGANISATION OF COMPETITIONS (COC)** must:

- Organize and follow up competitions of CAHB as well as qualification tournaments of the Olympic Games and all Africa Games.
- Make rules and regulations for competitions and present them to the council for approval
- Draw up a calendar of events
- Work together with disciplinary and technical Commission
- Give advice and support to the sport commissions of the zones and to leaders of member federations by establishing mainly fundamental rules concerning Handball (technical arrangement, competitions, publication, instructions, etc.)

### **ARTICLE 52**

**PLAYING RULES AND REFEREES COMMISSION (PRC)** must:

- Establish rules of the games and interpret them, analyze proposals relating to them and present them to the Council for approval (the Commission shall work together with CCM)
- organize meetings of CAHB concerning the commission (PRC) itself
- Select, train, post and supervise continental and international referees
- Issue identification card to the continental and international referees
- Nominate and train referees/instructors
- Communicate the list of CAHB referees to the IHF
- Work with the disciplinary commissions
- Advise and support its affiliated commissions of the zones or member federations.

### **ARTICLE 53**

**COMMISSION FOR COACHING AND METHODS (CCM)** must:

- Analyze continental and international competitions and tournaments and make proposals relating to funds, organization and infrastructures for future development of handball.
- Organize CAHB meetings concerning the commission itself in consultation with PRC
- Prepare teaching materials and organize training and retraining courses for coaches
- Develop Handball and mini Handball through schools
- Work with the disciplinary commissions
- Advise and support its affiliated commissions of the zones or member federations
- Train and post continental coaches
- Form teams and make selections at continental level
- Nominate and train coaching instructors

### **ARTICLE 54**

**MEDICAL COMMISSION (MC)** must:

- Implement anti-doping rules and regulations
- Control anti-doping tests
- Contribute to give health advice and medical and sport information exchanges in

continental and international medical seminars.

- Make publications and organize teaching programmes notably on how to treat and prevent sport related injuries and hurts.
- Advise and support the affiliated commissions of the zones or member federations.

#### **ARTICLE 55**

**COMMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT (CD)** must:

- Prepare propaganda, visual and teaching materials
- Contribute to the development of good relations between the public and CAHB namely between CAHB and the media (press conferences and participation in events organized by CAHB and take part in publications of CAHB
- Assist in providing documentation (catalogues, films, notices, video-tapes, photographs and posters)
- Contribute to the development of mini Handball and Beach Handball
- Organize training courses for sport leaders and staff
- Help the zone to get new members.

#### **ARTICLE 56**

The appointment of members of the specialized commissions shall be done through application submitted by member federations or on proposal of the Council or the Executive Committee.

A specialized commission shall not have more than one representative from the same federation.

The Council or the Executive Committee can dismiss a member of a specialized commission. In this case, the Committee nominates another member to replace him.

The Council or the Executive Committee can nominate working groups to work on some important issues if need be.

#### **ARTICLE 57**

If a President of a commission prematurely leaves his office before the end of his mandate, the Executive Committee will appoint a new President with the same rights as his predecessor.

### **REPRESENTATIVES OF CAHB WITHIN IHF**

#### **ARTICLE 58**

CAHB is represented within the International Handball Federation by the following persons:

- The President of IHF/Africa is the President of CAHB
- The Africa representative within the Council of IHF is nominated by the Executive Committee, among its members.
- The other representatives of CAHB within IHF are appointed by the Executive Committee of CAHB, among the known competences.



## **RESOURCES OF CAHB**

### **ARTICLE 59**

The resources of CAHB are the following:

- Subscription or affiliation fees of member Federations
- Subsidies or grants in cash or in kind given by any national or international body or institution willing to contribute to the development of African Handball
- Incomes from the exploitation of the goods of CAHB.
- Incomes from the sale of publications
- Deposit of 10% from the net earnings of the official international competitions
- Deposit of a percentage of the participation fees of the teams in the different championships organized by the Confederation
- Donations and legacies
- Advertisement earnings.

### **ARTICLE 60**

The annual subscription fees for member federations are four hundred (400) Euros. The annual subscription fees for member federations are fixed by the Council. These fees must be paid to CAHB during the first quarter of each year via bank transfer.

The federation which has got arrears of subscription fees loses its voting rights during the meetings of the Confederation and cannot participate in the activities of CAHB.

### **ARTICLE 61**

The member federation which has not paid its annual subscription fees after two (2) years shall receive from the Executive Committee a notification of suspension from all activities of CAHB and IHF.

The concerned federation will recover its rights once it pays in full the arrears.

### **ARTICLE 62**

Any debt or financial sanction imposed on a federation, a club, an official or player must be paid by his or its federation within six (06) months after notification. Failure to pay in due time, the federation is automatically suspended from all continental and international activities until payment.

### **ARTICLE 63**

All expenditures must be done according to the financial Regulations.

### **ARTICLE 64**

The financial year of CAHB begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **ACCOUNTS' AUDIT**

### **ARTICLE 65**

The audit of the accounts of CAHB shall be conducted by Auditors elected by the Congress, according to the regulations in force in the presence of the President and the Treasurer.

The audit of the accounts of CAHB shall be conducted at least once a year and in case of necessity and this, by December 31<sup>st</sup> (31/12) at the latest, of the running year.

## **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

### **ARTICLE 66**

Any federation willing to organize an international competition in its country shall notify it to CAHB two weeks at least before the starting date of the competition. If it fails to comply with this provision, the concerned federation shall pay a fine of 100 Euros.

### **ARTICLE 67**

Any affiliated member that organizes an international competition shall submit a report to CAHB two weeks after the end of the event.

### **ARTICLE 68**

During the international competitions between affiliated federations, the last international rules and regulations of IHF will be applied.

### **ARTICLE 69**

CAHB will possibly give, in its capacity its technical, material or financial support to a team which qualified for a World Championship.

## **SANCTIONS**

### **ARTICLE 70**

Any infringement upon these Statutes or upon the decisions of the Congress, the Council and Executive Committee by national federations, officials or players can be subject to the following sanctions:

- a) Simple warning
- b) Warning with information to the other member federations
- c) Suspension with notification to the concerned countries and copies to the other member federations
- d) Dismissal with notification to other member countries and IHF
- e) Fine

Any member of the Council or of the Specialized Commissions who is absent three times consecutively at meetings will be suspended.

The fine planned above cannot exceed One Thousand Five hundred (1,500) Euros. The sanctions provided in this article are imposed by the Council. The Secretariat of CAHB will inform IHF of it.

Suspension or striking off imposed by the International Handball Federation or the National Federation, in their respective competences, will be taken into consideration by CAHB from the reception day of their notification.

## **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS**

### **ARTICLE 71**

On proposal of the Council, the Congress can award the title of honorary member to people who have highly contributed to the development of African Handball Confederation.

An honorary badge and a gadget of memory shall be given to them.

The Council can award an honorary badge of merit to people who have offered outstanding service to African Handball.

The Executive Committee can award an honorary badge of merit to leaders, technical trainers and athletes who have contributed to the development of Handball in Africa.

It can also suggest the creation of an organ for management and remittance of Honorary badge of merit, which it will define the main clauses, notably the composition and the functioning as well as the main medals and their terms of proposal and candidature.

The managing body in charge of the honorary falls under the authority of the President of the African Handball Confederation.

## **DISSOLUTION OF CAHB**

### **ARTICLE 72**

The dissolution of CAHB can be decided only during a Congress and by three fourths (3/4) majority of the member federations entitled to vote.

The motion of the dissolution must have been sent with the agenda of the Congress to all the member federations of CAHB.

### **Article 73**

In case of dissolution of CAHB, the Congress shall decide on the management of the assets and the execution of all possible financial obligations.

The assets can be used only for public sport activities.

## **FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **ARTICLE 74**

Cases which are not provided in these Statutes shall be settled by the Council in compliance with the Statutes and Regulations of the International Handball Federation.

## **ARTICLE 75**

Adopted by the Constitutive Congress held in January 1973 in Lagos (Nigeria), these Statutes have been amended during the following Congresses:

- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Congress	January 1975	TUNIS	(TUNISIA)
- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Congress	1978	ALGIERS	(ALGERIA)
- 4 <sup>th</sup> Congress	September 1982	ABIDJAN	(COTE D'IVOIRE)
- 5 <sup>th</sup> Congress	December 1984	BAUCHI	(NIGERIA)
- 6 <sup>th</sup> Congress	October 1986	DAKAR	(SENEGAL)
- 7 <sup>th</sup> Congress	May 1989	CAIRO	(EGYPT)
- 8 <sup>th</sup> Congress	September 1990	COTONOU	(BENIN)
- 9 <sup>th</sup> Congress	April 1993	CAIRO	(EGYPT)
- 10 <sup>th</sup> Congress	February 1995	OUAGA	(BURKINA FASO)
- 11 <sup>th</sup> Congress	March 1998	YAOUNDE	(CAMEROON)
- 12 <sup>th</sup> Congress	March 2000	ABUJA	(NIGERIA)
- 13 <sup>th</sup> Congress	April 2002	CASABLANCA	(MOROCCO)
- 14 <sup>th</sup> Congress	March 2004	ABIDJAN	(COTE D'IVOIRE)
- 15 <sup>th</sup> Congress	December 2006	ABIDJAN	(COTE D'IVOIRE)
- 16 <sup>th</sup> Congress	September 2008	LAGOS	(NIGERIA)
- 17 <sup>th</sup> Congress	May 2011	MARRAKECH	(MOROCCO)
- 18 <sup>th</sup> Congress	October 2012	OUAGADOUGOU	(BURKINA FASO)
- 19 <sup>th</sup> Congress	January 2015	DOHA	(QATAR)
- 20 <sup>th</sup> Congress	October 2016	CONAKRY	(GUINEA)