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REFERENCE

Definitions

For the purposes of these Statutes and all regulatory documents derived from them, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned below.

Alpagut	The modern competitive martial-art system rooted in the Turan martial tradition of the Turkic peoples, governed internationally by the Federation.
BAŞAD	The official Alpagut title of the President of the Federation.
CAS	The Court of Arbitration for Sport, based in Lausanne, Switzerland.
Federation / WAF	The World Alpagut Federation, the international governing body for the sport of Alpagut.
General Assembly	The supreme deliberative authority of the Federation, composed of all Official Organisations.
KUTSAN	The unique, non-progressive title of the Founder of Alpagut Turan Martial Art.
Member Organisation	A national organisation admitted to membership of the Federation under Article 4.1 and entitled, in accordance with Article 11, to exercise the vote of its Country at the General Assembly.
Official Organisation	A Member Organisation that has fulfilled all membership requirements under Article 5 and holds full membership rights.
Order (Əmr)	A binding written instrument issued by the President to implement a Resolution of the Board of Directors.
Participant	Any athlete, coach, referee, official, member of a Member Organisation, or other person subject to WAF Regulations.
Provisional Organisation Representative	A national organisation conditionally admitted under Article 6 pending fulfilment of all requirements for Official Organisation status.



Registered Individual Member	A natural person recorded in the registry of the Federation under Article 4.4 and holding an Alpabut Identity (AID) with one or more credentials. A Registered Individual Member is not a Member Organisation and holds no right to vote at the General Assembly.
Resolution	A formal written decision of the Board of Directors approving a budget, project, or operational matter.
Statutes	These Statutes and Constitution of the World Alpabut Federation.
Technical Director	The official appointed under Article 20, responsible for the technical development of the sport.
WAF Regulations	These Statutes together with all regulatory documents adopted pursuant to Article 26.



OPENING

Preamble

The World Alpaut Federation (WAF) was established in 2014 as the international governing body for the sport of Alpaut — the modern competitive form of the Turan martial art, rooted in the historical combat traditions of the Turkic peoples.

These Statutes constitute the fundamental legal instrument of the Federation. They shall govern the organisation, administration, and conduct of the Federation and all Member Organisations, officials, Registered Individual Members and participants. All other regulatory documents of the Federation — including the WAF Safeguarding Policy, the WAF Disciplinary Code, the WAF Licensing System, the WAF Coach Framework, the WAF Alpaut Grading Syllabus, and the Official Competition Regulations — shall derive their authority from these Statutes and shall be read in conjunction with them.

The Federation operates on the principles of integrity, transparency, non-discrimination, and the primacy of athlete welfare. These principles are not aspirational — they are binding obligations upon every organ, Member Organisation, Registered Individual Member and official of the Federation.

FEDERATION AT A GLANCE

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PART I

General Provisions

Foundation, purpose, and binding principles of the Federation

**PART I****General Provisions**

Article 1 Name, Legal Status and Seat

- 1.1. The World Alpabut Federation (hereinafter: the “Federation” or “WAF”) is an independent, non-profit international sports organisation established in accordance with applicable laws.
- 1.2. The Federation possesses full legal personality and the capacity to enter into contracts, acquire and dispose of property, and bring and defend legal proceedings.
- 1.3. The Federation is the International Governing Body for the Sport of Alpabut, established in 2014. Its principal headquarters and administrative seat are located in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- 1.4. The Federation may establish branch offices, representative offices, or administrative centers in other jurisdictions as determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- 1.5. The duration of the Federation shall be unlimited.

Article 2 Purpose and Mission

- 2.1. The purpose of the Federation is to govern, develop, promote, and protect the sport of Alpabut at the national, continental, and international levels.
- 2.2. In furtherance of this purpose, the Federation shall:
 - Establish, maintain, and enforce the official rules and regulations governing Alpabut competitions worldwide.
 - Organise and sanction international, continental, and world-level competitions.
 - Develop and implement technical standards for competition, refereeing, and coaching.
 - Train, examine, and licence referees, coaches, and other technical officials.
 - Represent the sport of Alpabut before international sports organisations, governmental bodies, and other institutions.
 - Promote athlete welfare, fair play, and the ethical values of sport, and protect minors and vulnerable participants through dedicated safeguarding measures consistent with internationally recognised standards.
 - Develop and enforce an independent anti-doping regulatory framework in accordance with international standards.
 - Support the development of Alpabut in new territories and the growth of the Federation’s membership.

Article 3 Principles and Values



3.1. The Federation shall operate and require all Member Organisations, officials and Registered Individual Members to operate in accordance with the following binding principles:

- Integrity — all decisions, actions, and conduct shall be honest, consistent, and free from conflicts of interest.
- Transparency — the governance, financial management, and decision-making of the Federation shall be open to scrutiny by Member Organisations.
- Non-discrimination — no person shall be excluded from participation in the sport or the Federation on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation.
- Athlete welfare — the physical and psychological wellbeing of athletes shall be the paramount consideration in all competition-related decisions.
- Fair play — competition shall be conducted with respect for opponents, officials, and the rules of the sport.
- Independence — the Federation shall be independent from political, governmental, and commercial influence in its sporting and governance decisions.

3.2. These principles shall be binding upon all organs of the Federation, all member organisations, all licensed officials, and all registered Participants. Violation of these principles shall constitute a disciplinary offence under the WAF Disciplinary Code.



PART II

Membership

Categories, rights, obligations, admission, and termination



PART II

Membership

Article 4 Membership and Registration Categories

- 4.1.** Membership of the Federation is open to national organisations that govern the sport of Alpagut within their respective territories and that have been recognised by WAF in accordance with these Statutes. Such organisations are referred to in these Statutes as Member Organisations.
- 4.2.** The Federation recognises six (6) representation statuses along its developmental and governance pathway, comprising voluntary entry, formal mandate, hybrid, conditional, full member, and protective categories. For the purposes of this Article, the term "National Federation" shall include any duly registered national-level governing body for the sport of Alpagut, regardless of formal designation (such as Federation, Association, Union, Council, Society, or any equivalent term), provided that such entity satisfies the substantive requirements of Article 5. The six statuses are:
- (a)** Interim Representatives — individuals voluntarily recognised under the WAF National Representative Programme, Part II, in countries where Alpagut activity is at an exploratory stage; one (1) year duration, renewable; annual fee payable; multiple individuals may be recognised in parallel; no exclusive rights; no General Assembly representation; status is frozen upon admission of an individual to National Representative status in the same country, with frozen recognition lapsing after five (5) years if unreviewed, in accordance with NRP Article 9.
 - (b)** National Representatives — individuals formally appointed under the WAF National Representative Programme, Part III, in countries where no member organisation of WAF yet exists; direct application permissible without requirement to pass through Interim Representative status; one person per country; exclusive mandate rights; three (3) year mandate constituting a Confidence Period, renewable upon Performance Review without fixed maximum where the Representative justifies the confidence placed in them; where confidence is not justified the mandate is not renewed and the status is cancelled, with the option for the person to revert to Interim Representative status; exercise of the vote of the Country at the General Assembly on a transitional basis under Article 11.1(d) and Article 11A, where neither an Official Organisation nor a Provisional Organisation Representative exists in that Country.
 - (c)** Affiliated Section Organisations — individuals who, in their capacity as National Representatives, are authorised to establish, lead, and represent the Alpagut Affiliated Section within an existing nationally recognised sport federation in countries where independent registration of an Alpagut National Federation is not legally feasible; held in addition to (not in substitution of) the National Representative status; one (1) Affiliated Section per country; status conditional upon annual confirmation by host federation and Ministry of Sport recognition; status terminates automatically upon establishment of an independent National Federation.



- (d) Provisional Organisation Representatives — national organisations conditionally admitted to membership under Article 6 pending fulfilment of all membership requirements; exercise of the vote of the Country at the General Assembly on a transitional basis under Article 11.1(c) and Article 11A, where no Official Organisation exists in that Country.
- (e) Official Organisations — national organisations that have fulfilled all membership requirements and hold full membership rights, including voting rights at the General Assembly under Article 11.1.
- (f) Founding National Representatives — individuals automatically conferred this protective and ambassadorial status upon the establishment of a National Federation within the country in which they served as the National Representative during the pre-Federation development phase; lifetime status; no annual fee; rights of monitoring, reporting, and limited veto in matters of sporting rules, technical standards, and brand integrity; civic rights to participate as citizens in national federation elections preserved; observer status at the General Assembly without voting rights.

4.3. Only one Member Organisation per country or territory shall be recognised by the Federation.

4.4. Registered Individual Members. A natural person may be recorded in the registry of the Federation and issued an Alpagut Identity (AID) together with one or more credentials, in the categories and on the terms established by the regulations of the Federation. A person so recorded is a Registered Individual Member of the Federation.

4.4.1. A Registered Individual Member is not a Member Organisation. Registration confers no right to vote at the General Assembly, no right to represent a Country, and none of the rights reserved to Member Organisations under these Statutes.

4.4.2. The categories of individual registration, the credentials attached to them, their period of validity and the applicable fees shall be determined by the regulations of the Federation and by the schedule of fees approved in accordance with Article 11.5.

4.4.3. Registered Individual Members are bound by these Statutes, the codes and the regulations of the Federation, and are subject to its disciplinary jurisdiction.

4.4.4. The suspension, expiry, renewal and withdrawal of individual registration and of credentials are governed by the regulations of the Federation. Articles 8 and 9 apply to Member Organisations and do not apply to Registered Individual Members.

Article 5 Official Organisations

5.1. A national organisation shall qualify for Official Organisation status upon satisfaction of all of the following requirements:

- Formal recognition as the governing body for Alpagut in its country or territory by the relevant national sports authority or equivalent body.

- Adoption of statutes or founding documents compatible with the WAF Statutes, the WAF Safeguarding Policy, the WAF Disciplinary Code, the WAF Licensing System, the WAF Coach Framework, the WAF Alpagut Grading Syllabus, and the Official Competition Regulations.
- Written undertaking to comply with all regulatory documents of the Federation adopted pursuant to Article 26.
- Payment of applicable membership fees as determined by the General Assembly.
- Submission of a current list of registered athletes, coaches, and officials.
- Written acceptance of compliance with WAF anti-doping rules.

5.2. Official Organisations shall enjoy the following rights:

- The right to vote at the General Assembly (one vote per Member Organisation).
- The right to nominate candidates for elected positions within the Federation.
- The right to participate in WAF-sanctioned competitions.
- The right to receive WAF technical support, training materials, and official documents.
- The right to appeal decisions of Federation organs in accordance with these Statutes.

5.3. Official Organisations shall fulfil the following obligations:

- To govern Alpagut within their territory in accordance with WAF Regulations.
- To submit annual activity and financial reports to the Federation by 31 March of each year.
- To ensure that all competitions organised within their territory comply with the Official Competition Regulations, the WAF Safeguarding Policy, the WAF Disciplinary Code, the WAF Licensing System, the WAF Coach Framework, the WAF Alpagut Grading Syllabus, and all other regulatory documents of the Federation.
- To pay membership fees by the deadline established by the General Assembly.
- To implement safeguarding measures consistent with the WAF Safeguarding Policy, including the designation of a national safeguarding contact person and the provision of safeguarding training to coaches, referees, and officials operating within their territory.
- To process personal data of athletes, coaches, officials, and Participants in accordance with the WAF Data Protection Policy and applicable national and international data-protection law (including, where applicable, the EU General Data Protection Regulation), and to designate a national contact point for data-protection matters.
- To ensure that all coaches operating within their territory hold a valid WAF coaching licence at the appropriate level in accordance with the WAF Licensing System and the WAF Coach Framework.
- To notify the Federation of any change in their legal status, leadership, or contact information within thirty (30) days.



Article 6 Provisional Organisation Representatives

- 6.1.** A national organisation that has not yet fulfilled all requirements for Official Organisation status may apply for Provisional Organisation Representative status.
- 6.2.** Provisional Organisation Representatives shall have a maximum period of two (2) years from the date of admission to fulfil the requirements for Official Organisation status. Upon written application, the Executive Committee may grant one (1) extension of up to twelve (12) months. Failure to meet the requirements within the total permitted period shall result in automatic termination of Provisional Organisation Representative status. Re-application shall be permitted after a waiting period of six (6) months. The procedure for advancement from Provisional Organisation Representative status to Official Organisation status shall be governed by the WAF Member Federation Compliance Audit Framework, adopted as a Level III Technical Regulation. At minimum, the procedure shall require: (a) submission by the Provisional Organisation Representative of a Compliance Application, with documentary evidence addressing each of the requirements of Article 5; (b) review by the Executive Committee within sixty (60) days of submission, with on-site or remote inspection where the Executive Committee determines necessary; (c) reasoned written decision by the Executive Committee, subject to ratification by the General Assembly at the next ordinary session under Article 11.5.
- 6.3.** Provisional Organisation Representatives shall enjoy the following rights:
- The right to participate in WAF-sanctioned competitions, subject to conditions set by the Executive Committee.
 - The right to receive WAF technical support and official documents.
 - The right to exercise the vote of the Country at the General Assembly on a transitional basis under Article 11.1(c) and Article 11A.
- 6.4.** A Provisional Organisation Representative exercises the vote of its Country as custodian and not in its own right (Article 11A.2). Its rights to nominate candidates and to stand for elected positions are those set out in Article 11A.7, subject to good standing under Article 11A.3.
- 6.5.** The Executive Committee shall review the status of each Provisional Organisation Representative annually and shall notify the relevant organisation in writing of any deficiencies no later than ninety (90) days before the expiry of the applicable period.

Article 7 Admission of New Member Organisations

- 7.1.** Applications for membership as a Member Organisation shall be submitted to the Secretariat in writing, accompanied by:
- The applicant's founding documents or statutes.
 - Evidence of recognition as the governing body for Alpagut in the relevant territory.



- A written undertaking to comply with the WAF Statutes and all regulatory documents of the Federation adopted pursuant to Article 26.
- Payment of the application fee as determined by the General Assembly.

7.2. The Executive Committee shall review applications and shall submit a recommendation to the General Assembly. Admission to membership as a Member Organisation shall require approval by a simple majority of the General Assembly.

7.3. The Executive Committee may grant provisional admission pending the next General Assembly meeting, subject to ratification at that meeting.

Article 8 Suspension and Expulsion

8.1. A member organisation may be suspended by the Executive Committee where:

- It has failed to pay membership fees within sixty (60) days of the due date.
- It is in material breach of these Statutes or WAF Regulations.
- It is in serious or persistent breach of the WAF Safeguarding Policy. A safeguarding violation involving harm to a minor or vulnerable person shall constitute aggravated grounds for suspension and may be referred for expulsion under Article 8.3.
- Its activities are incompatible with the principles set out in Article 3.

8.2. A suspended Member Organisation shall lose all membership rights for the duration of the suspension but shall remain subject to all membership obligations.

8.3. Expulsion of a Member Organisation shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the General Assembly. Prior to expulsion, the Member Organisation shall be given no less than sixty (60) days' written notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

8.4. An expelled Member Organisation may re-apply for membership after a period of two (2) years from the date of expulsion.

Article 9 Withdrawal

9.1. A Member Organisation may withdraw from the Federation by giving six (6) months' written notice to the Secretariat. Withdrawal shall not release the Member Organisation from any outstanding financial obligations to the Federation.



P A R T I I I

Governing Bodies

General Assembly, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and the President



PART III

Governing Bodies

Article 10 Structure of Governance

10.1. The Federation shall be governed through a system of checks and balances designed to ensure accountability, transparency, and the separation of deliberative, executive, and supervisory functions.

10.2. The governing bodies of the Federation shall be:

- The General Assembly — the supreme deliberative authority.
- The Board of Directors — the independent deliberative and supervisory body.
- The Executive Committee — the executive body responsible for implementation.
- The President — the chief executive and legal representative of the Federation.

10.3. The following technical and advisory bodies shall also form part of the governance structure: the Disciplinary Committee; the Control and Inspection Committee; the Finance Department; the PR and Marketing Department; the Technical Directorate; Continental Representation and Continental Federations; and Discipline Coordinators.

Article 11 The General Assembly

11.1. The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the Federation. Representation and voting shall be governed by the principle of one Country, one vote: (a) each Country recognised within the Federation shall hold one (1) vote, and in no case shall a Country hold more than one vote, nor shall votes be cumulated; (b) where an Official Organisation exists in a Country, the vote of that Country shall be exercised by that Official Organisation; (c) where no Official Organisation exists in a Country, the vote of that Country shall be exercised by the Provisional Organisation Representative of that Country; (d) where neither an Official Organisation nor a Provisional Organisation Representative exists in a Country, the vote of that Country shall be exercised, on a transitional basis, by the National Representative of that Country; (e) the entitlement under sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) is transitional in character and is governed by Article 11A; (f) the vote belongs to the Country, and a person or organisation exercising it under sub-paragraphs (c) or (d) does so as custodian of that vote until an Official Organisation is recognised in that Country; and (g) every entitlement to vote requires good standing, as defined in Article 11A.3.

11.2. The General Assembly shall meet in ordinary session once every two (2) years. Extraordinary sessions may be convened by the President, by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of at least one-third (1/3) of Official Organisations.



11.3. Notice of General Assembly meetings shall be given to all Member Organisations and to all other persons or organisations entitled to exercise the vote of a Country under Article 11.1, no less than ninety (90) days in advance, together with the agenda and all relevant documentation.

11.4. The quorum for a General Assembly meeting shall be one half (1/2) plus one of the Countries entitled to vote under Article 11.1.

11.4A. Where the quorum is not attained at the time appointed for the opening of the session, the session shall be adjourned for thirty (30) minutes. Upon resumption, the session shall be duly constituted with the Countries then represented, provided that not fewer than one third (1/3) of the Countries entitled to vote are represented.

11.4B. A session constituted under Article 11.4A may not adopt a resolution to dissolve the Federation under Article 32.

11.5. The General Assembly shall have the exclusive authority to:

- Adopt, amend, and repeal these Statutes.
- Elect and remove the President and members of the Board of Directors.
- Approve the Federation's long-term strategic plan and annual budget.
- Determine membership fees.
- Admit and expel member organisations.
- Adopt and amend the WAF Safeguarding Policy, the WAF Disciplinary Code, the WAF Licensing System, the WAF Coach Framework, the WAF Alpabut Grading Syllabus, and the Official Competition Regulations upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- Dissolve the Federation.

11.6. Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast, except where these Statutes expressly require a higher threshold.

11.7. Where a Provisional Organisation Representative or a National Representative does not exercise the vote of a Country under Article 11.1, that person or organisation may attend the General Assembly as an observer with the right to speak, but without the right to vote.

11.8. At the opening of each session, the General Assembly shall elect a Chair from among the delegates present to preside over that session. The session Chair shall conduct the proceedings impartially and, together with the Secretary General, shall sign and certify the minutes and resolutions of that session.

11.9. The vote of a Country may be cast by the person entitled to exercise it under Article 11.1, or by another person of the same Country authorised in writing by that person.

11.9A. The written authorisation shall be in the form prescribed by the Secretariat and shall identify the session, the Country, the person granting the authorisation and the person authorised. It shall be



lodged with the Credentials Committee before the opening of the session, and the person authorised shall be accredited to that session.

11.9B. No person may cast the vote of more than one Country.

11.9C. An authorisation may be revoked in writing at any time before the vote is cast.

Article 11A Transitional Representation Regime

11A.1. The Federation is in a development phase in which Alpagut is established in a number of Countries through National Representatives, in advance of the formation of national organisations. This Article ensures that such Countries are represented in the governance of the Federation during that phase.

11A.2. The entitlement of a Provisional Organisation Representative or a National Representative to exercise the vote of a Country under Article 11.1(c) or 11.1(d) is transitional. It is held on behalf of the Country and confers no personal right.

11A.3. Good standing. The vote of a Country may be exercised only where: (a) the mandate or recognition of the person or organisation concerned is valid and unexpired; (b) all financial obligations to the Federation are discharged, or a payment arrangement approved by the Executive Committee is being observed; (c) the annual activity report required by the National Representative Programme has been submitted for the preceding year; and (d) where the vote would be exercised by a Provisional Organisation Representative, that organisation does not hold its status as a result of demotion from Official Organisation status under the WAF Member Federation Compliance Audit Framework.

11A.4. Automatic conversion. Upon the recognition of an Official Organisation in a Country, the vote of that Country passes to that Official Organisation by operation of this Article, without further decision. The transitional entitlement of the National Representative or Provisional Organisation Representative in that Country ceases at the same moment, and no separate act of removal is required. The Country retains its vote without interruption.

11A.5. Review. When Official Organisations exercise the votes of more than one half of the Countries entitled to vote, the Secretary General shall place the operation of this Article on the agenda of the next ordinary session of the General Assembly for review.

11A.6. Register and transparency. The Secretariat shall maintain a Register of Members recording, for each Country, the person or organisation entitled to exercise its vote, the legal basis of that entitlement, and its standing. The Register shall be communicated to all Member Organisations and to all other persons or organisations entitled to exercise the vote of a Country together with the notice of each General Assembly, and shall be verified by the Credentials Committee before the opening of each session.



11A.7. A person or organisation entitled to exercise the vote of a Country under Article 11.1 may nominate candidates for elected positions of the Federation and may stand as a candidate for such positions, on the same basis and subject to the same conditions of good standing set out in Article 11A.3.

Article 12 The Board of Directors

12.1. The Board of Directors is the independent deliberative and supervisory body of the Federation. It shall act as the primary check on the Executive Committee and shall ensure that the Federation's resources are applied in accordance with approved decisions.

12.2. The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than five (5) and no more than nine (9) members elected by the General Assembly. The President of the Federation shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors by virtue of their office but shall not serve as its Chair.

12.2(b). In addition to the elected members under Article 12.2, the Chair of the Athletes' Commission, elected under the WAF Athletes' Commission Charter (Article 9), shall serve as a full voting member of the Board of Directors by virtue of office. The Athletes' Commission Chair holds one (1) vote on equal terms with elected Board members and serves for the duration of the Commission Chair's term as established under the Athletes' Commission Charter. The Commission Seat is institutional — it represents the Athletes' Commission as a body, in accordance with Athletes' Commission Charter Article 14.2.

12.2(c). Pending entry into force of Article 12.2(b), the Commission Chair shall attend Board of Directors meetings as a permanent observer with the right to speak and to have positions formally recorded, in accordance with Athletes' Commission Charter Article 22.2. Article 12.2(b) enters into force, and this Article 12.2(c) ceases to apply, upon the first election of the Chair of the Athletes' Commission under Article 9 of the Athletes' Commission Charter.

12.3. The Board of Directors shall elect its own Chair from among its elected members. The Chair of the Board of Directors shall not simultaneously hold any executive office within the Federation.

12.4. The Board of Directors shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- To deliberate on and approve all activities, projects, and operational matters proposed by the Executive Committee before implementation.
- To approve all budgets, including all associated expenditures in their entirety, before any financial commitment is made.
- To supervise the implementation of General Assembly decisions.
- To review and approve annual financial statements and audit reports.
- To appoint and remove the external auditor.
- To convene extraordinary General Assembly meetings when required.



- To act on behalf of the General Assembly between sessions on matters of urgency, subject to ratification at the next General Assembly.

12.5. Financial authorisation — All expenditure of the Federation shall be incurred only within the framework of an Annual Budget approved by the Board of Directors. The Annual Budget shall be comprehensive, encompassing operational, project, and minor expenditure categories. Within an approved Annual Budget, individual expenditures shall be authorised at the operational level in accordance with the WAF Financial Regulations and the authorisation thresholds set out therein. Expenditure outside the scope of an approved Annual Budget shall require supplementary Board authorisation before commitment.

12.6. The Board of Directors shall meet no less than four (4) times per year. Meetings may be held in person or by electronic means. The quorum for Board meetings shall be a simple majority of members.

12.7. Decisions of the Board of Directors shall be taken by simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Board shall have a casting vote.

12.8. All resolutions of the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the President in writing. A resolution shall enter into force upon the President's signature of the corresponding Order (Өmr). The President shall sign or return a resolution within seven (7) working days of receipt. Failure to sign within this period without written objection shall constitute deemed approval.

SEPARATION OF POWERS

The Board of Directors deliberates and decides. The President executes. Neither organ may act in the domain of the other. This separation is fundamental to the integrity of WAF governance.

Article 13 The Executive Committee

13.1. The Executive Committee is the executive body of the Federation, responsible for the day-to-day management and implementation of decisions of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.

13.2. The Executive Committee shall be chaired by the President and shall include:

- The 1st Vice President.
- The Technical Director.
- The Chairman of the Finance Department.
- The Chairman of the PR and Marketing Department.
- The Vice President of the Professional League.
- Such other members as the President may appoint with the approval of the Board of Directors.



13.3. The Executive Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- To implement all decisions of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.
- To prepare proposals, budgets, and recommendations for submission to the Board of Directors.
- To manage the day-to-day operations of the Federation, including staffing, communications, and administration.
- To organise and oversee all WAF-sanctioned competitions.
- To develop proposals for amendments to the WAF Safeguarding Policy, the WAF Disciplinary Code, the WAF Licensing System, the WAF Coach Framework, the WAF Alpagut Grading Syllabus, and the Official Competition Regulations for submission to the General Assembly.
- To review applications for membership and submit recommendations to the General Assembly.
- To prepare the annual report of the Federation.

13.4. The Executive Committee shall meet no less than six (6) times per year. Meetings may be held in person or by electronic means.

13.5. The Executive Committee shall not incur any financial commitment without a prior resolution of the Board of Directors approving the relevant budget. All financial requests shall be submitted to the Board of Directors with full budget documentation.

Article 14 The President

14.1. The President is the chief executive and legal representative of the Federation. The President shall represent the Federation in all legal, official, and ceremonial matters.

14.2. The President shall be elected by the General Assembly by a simple majority of votes cast. The term of office of the President shall be four (4) years. No person may serve as President for more than three (3) consecutive terms.

14.3. Transitional provision — Interim President: The office of President is held by an Interim President. A presidential election shall be held at the General Assembly in December 2026, at which point the elected President shall assume office for a full four-year term. The Interim President shall exercise all powers and responsibilities of the President under these Statutes for the duration of the interim period.

14.4. The President shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- To chair the Executive Committee.
- To sign Orders (Θmr) implementing resolutions of the Board of Directors, which shall enter into force upon signature.
- To represent the Federation before external organisations, governments, and the public.



- To appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, the members of the Executive Committee and the heads of technical departments.
- To ensure the implementation of decisions of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.
- To report to the General Assembly on the activities of the Federation.

14.5. The President shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors by virtue of their office. The President shall not chair the Board of Directors.

14.6. In the event of the President's temporary incapacity, absence, or vacancy of the office, the 1st Vice President shall assume all presidential functions until the President is able to resume duties or, in the case of a vacancy, until the General Assembly elects a new President.

Article 15 The 1st Vice President

15.1. The 1st Vice President shall be elected by the General Assembly and shall serve a term concurrent with that of the President.

15.2. The 1st Vice President shall assist the President in the exercise of their functions and shall assume the full powers and responsibilities of the President in the event of temporary incapacity, absence, or vacancy of the presidential office.

15.3. The 1st Vice President shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

Article 16 The Honorary President

16.1. The General Assembly may, by simple majority vote, confer the title of Honorary President upon a person who has rendered exceptional services to the Federation or to the sport of Alpaut.

16.2. The Honorary President shall not hold executive authority within the Federation. The title is honorary and confers no voting rights, decision-making powers, or financial obligations on the Federation.

16.3. The title of Honorary President may be withdrawn by the General Assembly in the event of conduct incompatible with the principles set out in Article 3.

Article 16A KUTSAN and the Toygunlar Kurulu (Council of Cultural Guardians)

16A.1. KUTSAN is the title of the Founder of Alpaut Turan Martial Art. The KUTSAN holds no numerical SAN degree, as no person within the discipline may grade the founder of the art. The title is unique, non-progressive, non-transferable, non-inheritable, and non-re-conferrable. All references to the KUTSAN in WAF documents and grading certificates shall reflect this unique status.

16A.2. Functions of the KUTSAN. The KUTSAN holds the cultural and historical authority over Alpaut. The functions of the KUTSAN within WAF governance are:



- (a) To approve, jointly with the Toygunlar Kurulu and the Technical Directorate, the award of the higher SAN grades (IV-SAN to X-SAN), which are conferred on merit and not by examination, in accordance with the WAF Grading Syllabus, Article 21.4;
- (b) To endorse amendments to the WAF Grading Syllabus that affect the structure of the four ÜSTÜNGÜ stages, the SAN ranking system, the rank titles, or the KUTSAN status itself, in accordance with the WAF Grading Syllabus, Article 34.2;
- (c) To safeguard the cultural and historical foundations of Alpagut Turan Martial Art and to advise the Federation on matters affecting the discipline's heritage and authentic identity.

16A.3. Continuity of KUTSAN functions. To ensure the long-term institutional continuity of the cultural and historical authority embodied in the KUTSAN, the Federation establishes the following framework.

Scenario A — Temporary Personal Delegation

16A.4. The KUTSAN may delegate, in writing, the exercise of a specific function to a designated person, where the KUTSAN is temporarily unable to act personally on a specific matter. Temporary inability includes (without limitation) travel, illness, or competing commitments. Any such delegation shall identify the function delegated, the delegate, the purpose, and the period of the delegation. The KUTSAN retains all underlying authority. The delegate acts only within the written mandate.

Scenario B — Extended Inability of the KUTSAN to Act

16A.5. Where the KUTSAN is unable to exercise the functions set out in Article 16A.2 for an extended period, by reason of ill health or any other cause, those functions shall be exercised in full by the Toygunlar Kurulu. The inability shall be determined by a decision of the Toygunlar Kurulu. The KUTSAN retains the title throughout.

Scenario C — Posthumous Continuity

16A.6. Following the death of the KUTSAN, the title shall be retained as the perpetual designation of the Founder of Alpagut. No successor KUTSAN may be appointed, in accordance with the principle that the founder's status is unique. The functions previously performed personally by the KUTSAN shall be exercised in full by the Toygunlar Kurulu under Article 16A.8(b). The Examination Commission and the Technical Directorate shall continue their respective functions, working in coordination with the Toygunlar Kurulu.

16A.7. The Toygunlar Kurulu. The Toygunlar Kurulu is the independent standing council of the art and the guardian of the moral and scholarly integrity of Alpagut. It operates both during the KUTSAN's life and thereafter, and may convene at any time.



- (a) **Composition.** The Council is composed of seven (7) to nine (9) Toyguns; an odd number prevents tied votes. Membership is not tied to grade: persons who have served Alpagut with dedication over many years may be members regardless of their degree;
- (b) **Selection and term.** During the KUTSAN's life, members are selected by the KUTSAN in consultation with the Toyguns; thereafter, the Toyguns select new members themselves. No fixed term of office applies;
- (c) **Chair.** The KUTSAN chairs the Council. After the KUTSAN, the Council is chaired by the member holding the highest title; the Council may, by simple majority, elect another member as Chair;
- (d) **Relationship with the KUTSAN.** The Council's deliberations are conducted jointly with the KUTSAN, and during the KUTSAN's life the KUTSAN's position prevails; thereafter, the Council's authority is exercised in full by the Council.

16A.8. Mandate of the Toygunlar Kurulu. The Toygunlar Kurulu shall:

- (a) Approve, jointly with the KUTSAN and the Technical Directorate, the award of IV-SAN to X-SAN on merit, in accordance with the WAF Grading Syllabus, Article 21.4;
- (b) Where the KUTSAN is unable to act, or following the death of the KUTSAN, exercise the KUTSAN's cultural and historical authority in full, including the endorsements referred to in Article 16A.2;
- (c) Safeguard the art as a whole — its core, its törä and its scholarly integrity — and give advisory opinions on matters affecting the cultural and historical foundations of Alpagut Turan Martial Art, including advisory opinions to the Disciplinary Committee in cases of very serious törä violations;
- (d) Record, preserve, and transmit the historical and cultural heritage of Alpagut to future generations.

16A.9. Limits on the Toygunlar Kurulu. The Toygunlar Kurulu shall NOT:

- (a) Appoint a successor KUTSAN, the title remaining unique to the Founder;
- (b) Exercise executive, financial, or disciplinary authority within the Federation, which remains with the bodies established under Articles 11 to 18;
- (c) Take decisions on grading examinations up to and including III-SAN, which remain with the Examination Commission.

16A.10. Governance of the Toygunlar Kurulu. The Council shall act by simple majority of its members and shall maintain written records of its decisions. Its organisational work within the Federation is



arranged by the governing bodies; however, no governing body may influence the Council's decisions on moral and scholarly matters.

16A.10A. Grounds for removal. A member of the Toygunlar Kurulu may be removed by the Council, by simple majority of its other members, on any of the following grounds:

- (a) Permanent incapacity preventing the member from discharging their functions;
- (b) Serious misconduct, including conduct incompatible with the principles set out in Article 3 of these Statutes;
- (c) Material breach of the WAF Safeguarding Policy, established through the procedures of that Policy;
- (d) Material conflict of interest, undisclosed and persisting after notice;
- (e) Repeated unjustified failure to attend Council meetings or to perform Council duties;
- (f) Conviction of a serious criminal offence relating to integrity, violence, or the protection of minors.

16A.10B. Removal procedure. Removal requires a written reasoned decision of the Council, taken after the affected member has been given written notice of the grounds and a reasonable opportunity to respond. Decisions to remove a member may be appealed in accordance with Article 28.

16A.10C. Replacement of members. A vacancy on the Toygunlar Kurulu shall be filled in accordance with Article 16A.7(b).

16A.11. Recognition and protection of the KUTSAN legacy. The Federation undertakes to preserve, in perpetuity, the title KUTSAN as the unique designation of the Founder. The image, name, and historical record of the KUTSAN shall be protected by the Federation against unauthorised commercial use, misrepresentation, or appropriation. References to the KUTSAN in all WAF documents shall continue to reflect the founding role and cultural authority of the title-holder.



PART IV

Technical & Advisory Bodies

Disciplinary Committee, Inspection, Finance, Technical Directorate, and Continental Representation

**PART IV****Technical and Advisory Bodies****Article 16B The Secretary General and the Secretariat**

16B.1. The Secretary General is the chief administrative officer of the Federation and a member of the Executive Committee. The Secretary General directs the Secretariat and carries out the administrative, organisational, and clerical affairs of the Federation, including its official records and correspondence.

16B.2. The Secretary General is appointed, and may be removed, in accordance with Article 12.8: upon a resolution of the Board of Directors submitted to the President and entering into force upon the President's signature. Neither the Board of Directors nor the President may appoint or remove the Secretary General without the concurrence of the other, preserving the balance of authority between them.

16B.3. The Secretary General is directly subordinate to the President and acts under the President's direction. The Secretary General designates the Programme Coordinator under Article 17C and exercises such further administrative functions as are assigned by the President or by these Statutes.

Article 17 The Disciplinary Committee

- 17.1. The Disciplinary Committee is the independent body responsible for the adjudication of disciplinary matters within the Federation. It shall act independently of the Executive Committee and shall report to the Board of Directors.
- 17.2. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Chair and a Deputy Chair, appointed by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the President, and no fewer than three (3) additional members as the Board of Directors shall determine, such that the total membership of the Disciplinary Committee shall be no fewer than five (5) persons. This minimum composition is required to ensure that an Appeals Panel of three (3) members, none of whom participated in the original proceedings, can be constituted from within the Committee.
- 17.3. The Disciplinary Committee shall have jurisdiction over all disciplinary matters arising under the WAF Disciplinary Code, including matters referred to it by the Competition Referee Panel under the Official Competition Regulations.
- 17.4. Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be subject to appeal in accordance with the WAF Disciplinary Code and, in the case of international competitions, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) after exhaustion of all internal remedies.



Article 17A The Anti-Doping Committee

- 17A.1.** The Anti-Doping Committee is the body established under the WAF Anti-Doping Code as the Testing Authority of the Federation, responsible for the implementation of WAF's anti-doping framework in alignment with the World Anti-Doping Code 2021.
- 17A.2.** The composition, tasks, operational independence, and removal procedures of the Anti-Doping Committee are set out in the WAF Anti-Doping Code, Article 10. The Committee shall act independently of the Executive Committee and the Disciplinary Committee. No member of the Anti-Doping Committee shall simultaneously serve on the Disciplinary Committee, the Examination Commission, or the TUE Committee.
- 17A.3.** Pending WAF's formal recognition as a Code Signatory of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the Anti-Doping Committee shall operate under the Interim Operational Framework set out in Anti-Doping Code Articles 38.4—38.8, and shall pursue the WADA Code Signatory pathway as a strategic priority in accordance with the WAF Implementation Roadmap.
- 17A.4.** The Anti-Doping Committee reports annually to the Board of Directors and to the General Assembly. Decisions of the Committee are subject to appeal in accordance with the procedures set out in the WAF Anti-Doping Code.

Article 17B The Ethics Committee

- 17B.1.** The Ethics Committee is the body established under the WAF Ethics & Conflict of Interest Code as the independent body responsible for receiving declarations of interest, advising on conflicts, investigating alleged breaches of the Code, and recommending action.
- 17B.2.** The composition, independence, conflicts protocol, and tasks of the Ethics Committee are set out in the WAF Ethics & Conflict of Interest Code, Article 17. The Committee consists of three (3) members appointed by the Board of Directors for a renewable four (4) year term, at least one (1) of whom shall be external to WAF and its member organisations.
- 17B.3.** The Ethics Committee operates independently. Removal of a member shall be only for cause, by reasoned written decision of the Board of Directors, after the affected member has been afforded a reasonable opportunity to respond.
- 17B.4.** Where the entire Committee is conflicted in respect of a matter, the Board of Directors shall, on the recommendation of the President, designate an ad hoc panel of three (3) qualified persons to act in the place of the Committee for that matter.
- 17B.5.** The Ethics Committee shall also have the authority, on referral from the Toygunlar Kurulu under Article 16A.10B, to review removal proceedings of Toygunlar Kurulu members.

Article 17C The Programme Coordinator



17C.1. The Programme Coordinator is the Officer designated by the Secretary General as the WAF point of contact for the National Representative Programme and as Custodian of the Master Document Register.

17C.2. The Programme Coordinator function, including its tasks, register maintenance, and reporting obligations, is set out in the WAF National Representative Programme, Article 32, and in the WAF Master Document Register, Article 3.

17C.3. Transitional Designation — Until a dedicated Programme Coordinator is appointed, the function shall be discharged by the Secretary General. The transitional arrangement shall not extend beyond eighteen (18) months from the entry into force of the National Representative Programme.

17C.4. The Programme Coordinator reports annually to the Board of Directors and to the General Assembly on the operation of the National Representative Programme.

Article 18 The Control and Inspection Committee

18.1. The Control and Inspection Committee shall be responsible for monitoring compliance with WAF Statutes, Regulations, and decisions by member organisations and officials.

18.2. The Control and Inspection Committee shall have the authority to conduct audits, inspections, and investigations, and to submit reports and recommendations to the Board of Directors.

18.3. The Control and Inspection Committee shall report directly to the Board of Directors and shall operate independently of the Executive Committee.

18.4. The Control and Inspection Committee monitors compliance and conducts inspections and investigations, and reports its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors; it does not itself adjudicate cases. Where its findings disclose a matter within the competence of the Disciplinary Committee, the Anti-Doping Committee, or the Ethics Committee, it refers the matter to that body for determination.

Article 19 The Finance Department

19.1. The Finance Department shall be responsible for the financial management, accounting, and reporting of the Federation under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

19.2. The Finance Department shall not process any expenditure without a Board-approved budget resolution and a signed Presidential Order. All financial records shall be maintained in accordance with internationally recognised accounting standards and shall be subject to annual external audit.

19.3. The Finance Department shall submit quarterly financial reports to the Board of Directors and an annual financial statement to the General Assembly.

Article 20 The Technical Directorate



- 20.1.** The Technical Directorate, led by the Technical Director, shall be responsible for the technical development of the sport, including the development and review of the disciplines, referee training standards, and coaching education.
- 20.2.** The Technical Director shall oversee the Discipline Coordinators for each of the five official Alpagut disciplines (AYÇA, BATUR, CAYMAZ, GURŞAK, and KAÇUT) and shall ensure consistency of technical standards across all disciplines.

Article 20A The Professional League

20A.1. The Professional League is the body of the Federation responsible for organising and regulating professional-level Alpagut competitions among professional athletes and clubs, including their rankings, professional licensing, and associated events.

20A.2. The Professional League operates under the authority of the Board of Directors and the President. It is led by a Vice President of the Professional League, who is a member of the Executive Committee under Article 13.2 and is appointed in accordance with Article 12.8.

20A.3. The detailed organisation, competition formats, and operating rules of the Professional League shall be set out in a separate regulation adopted by the Board of Directors.

Article 21 Continental Representation and Continental Federations

- 21.1 — Continents and additional regional representations.** The Federation operates across four (4) continents: Europe, Asia, the Americas, and Africa. The Federation shall maintain official continental representation for each of these continents in accordance with this Article. Additional regional representations — including, where appropriate, linguistic or cross-border groupings such as the Arabic-speaking countries — may be established by the Executive Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors. Such additional regional representations are administrative coordination arrangements and do not constitute continents for the purposes of these Statutes.

21.2 — Continental Representatives (Stage One).

- (a) Where Alpagut is developing on a continent but no Continental Federation has yet been established, the Executive Committee may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint a single Continental Representative for that continent.
- (b) A Continental Representative is an individual serving as the primary liaison between the Federation and the National Representatives and member organisations of that continent. The Representative supports the development of the sport on the continent, coordinates continental activities under the direction of the Federation, and reports to the Executive Committee.



- (c) The appointment is for a defined term established by the Executive Committee, renewable, and is conferred and withdrawn by the Federation. A Continental Representative holds no independent legal authority over Member Organisations or National Representatives and acts within the framework of these Statutes and the rules of the Federation.

21.3 — Continental Federations (Stage Two).

- (a) Where a continent has a sufficient number of National Representatives or recognised national bodies, they may form a Continental Federation for that continent.
- (b) A Continental Federation is recognised by the Federation by decision of the Executive Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors. Such recognition is the source of the Continental Federation's right to represent Alpaut on its continent; that right derives from these Statutes and not from the Continental Federation's own constitution.
- (c) A Continental Federation governs its own internal affairs autonomously — including its assembly, the election of its officers, its meetings, and its day-to-day decisions — and the Federation shall not interfere in those internal matters.
- (d) Notwithstanding its internal autonomy, a Continental Federation is fully subordinate to these Statutes, the codes, and the rules of the Federation. Where the constitution, rules, or acts of a Continental Federation conflict with those of the Federation, the Federation's instruments prevail.
- (e) A Continental Federation does not hold General Assembly membership or voting rights under Article 4 and Article 11; its relationship with the Federation is constituted by recognition, a binding mandate agreement, and rule-subordination, and not by membership.
- (f) The purpose of a Continental Federation is to promote and develop Alpaut on its continent in accordance with the rules and constitution of the Federation, to coordinate National Representatives and member organisations on its continent, to support and, where authorised, organise continental-level competitions, and to report regularly on its activities to the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.

21.4 — Mandate, brand, and dispute resolution.

- (a) Upon recognition, a Continental Federation shall enter into a binding mandate agreement with the Federation, by which it voluntarily accepts the rules of the Federation, the conditions governing use of the Alpaut name and marks, its reporting obligations, and the conditions for suspension or withdrawal of recognition.
- (b) The Alpaut name, marks, and brand are the property of the Founder of the art, Vasif Imran oglu Namazov (KUTSAN), and are used by the Federation under licence from him; the Federation is the sole body that administers and regulates their use worldwide. A Continental Federation may use them only under licence and on the conditions set by the Federation. The right to use the Alpaut name and marks ceases upon suspension or withdrawal of recognition.
- (c) Disputes between the Federation and a Continental Federation shall be resolved through the dispute-resolution mechanism specified in the mandate agreement and in Part VII of these



Statutes (Articles 28 to 30), and not before the national courts of either party, save where mandatory law provides otherwise.

21.5 — Status, transition, and loss of status.

- (a)** Recognition as a Continental Federation is a continuing condition of that status. Failure to comply with the rules of the Federation, failure to maintain reporting and affiliation, or any act of separation from the Federation may result in suspension or withdrawal of recognition in accordance with the WAF Continental Representation and Continental Federation Framework and the WAF Disciplinary Code.
- (b)** Where a Continental Federation is established on a continent that previously had a Continental Representative, the office of that Continental Representative ends upon recognition of the Continental Federation; the two shall not subsist in parallel for the same continent.
- (c)** An outgoing Continental Representative whose office ends under (b) shall be conferred the honorary status of Founding Continental Representative, in recognition of service during the pre-Federation development phase, on a basis analogous to the Founding National Representative status under Article 5.



PART V

Financial Management

Principles, budget authorisation, audit, and prohibition on distributions



PART V

Financial Management

Article 22 Financial Principles

- 22.1. The financial management of the Federation shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of transparency, accountability, and prudent stewardship of resources.
- 22.2. The fiscal year of the Federation shall run from 1 January to 31 December of each year.
- 22.3. The Federation's revenues may include membership fees, competition entry fees, licensing fees, sponsorship and commercial income, grants, donations, and any other income lawfully received.

Article 23 Budget and Expenditure

- 23.1. The annual budget of the Federation shall be prepared by the Finance Department, reviewed by the Executive Committee, approved by the Board of Directors, and ratified by the General Assembly.
- 23.2. No expenditure shall be incurred by the Federation — regardless of amount or nature — without a prior resolution of the Board of Directors approving the relevant budget. Every Board resolution approving an activity, project, or operational matter shall include a comprehensive budget encompassing all associated expenditures, including minor operational costs.
- 23.3. The Finance Department shall not process any payment that falls outside the scope of a Board-approved budget without a supplementary Board resolution.
- 23.4. The Executive Committee shall submit all financial requests to the Board of Directors with full budget documentation, including itemized cost estimates. The Board of Directors shall review, question, and approve or reject the budget before any financial commitment is made.
- 23.5. The approved budget for any activity, project, or matter shall enter into force only upon signature of a Presidential Order following the relevant Board resolution.

STRICT FINANCIAL CONTROL

Any expenditure incurred without a prior Board resolution and a signed Presidential Order constitutes a material breach of these Statutes and shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee under the WAF Disciplinary Code.

Article 24 Audit

- 24.1. The accounts of the Federation shall be audited annually by an independent external auditor appointed by the General Assembly.



- 24.2. The audit report shall be submitted to the Board of Directors and presented to the General Assembly. Member organisations shall have the right to access the audit report upon request.
- 24.3. The Control and Inspection Committee shall conduct internal compliance reviews of the Federation's financial management and shall report its findings to the Board of Directors. This review addresses compliance and legality and is distinct from the financial-reporting oversight and external-auditor liaison exercised by the Audit Committee under Article 24.4.
- 24.4. The Board of Directors shall maintain an Audit Committee responsible for overseeing the Federation's financial reporting and internal financial controls, for liaising with the external auditor, and for recommending the appointment of the external auditor to the General Assembly. The Audit Committee operates under the authority of the Board of Directors. The Audit Committee is distinct from the Control and Inspection Committee, which exercises the broader compliance, inspection, and investigation functions set out in Article 18.

Article 25 Prohibition on Distributions

- 25.1. The Federation is a non-profit organisation. No part of the Federation's income or assets shall be distributed to, or applied for the personal benefit of, any Member Organisation, Registered Individual Member, officer or employee of the Federation, except as reasonable remuneration for services rendered.



PART VI

Regulatory Framework

Hierarchy of WAF documents and the official language of the Federation



PART VI

Official Documents and Regulatory Framework

Article 26 Regulatory Documents

26.1. The following documents shall form the official regulatory framework of the Federation and shall be binding upon all Member Organisations, Registered Individual Members, officials and Participants:

- These Statutes — the supreme constitutional document of the Federation.
- The WAF Safeguarding Policy — governing the protection of minors, vulnerable persons, and all participants.
- The WAF Anti-Doping Code — governing anti-doping rules, testing, results management, and compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code.
- The WAF Disciplinary Code — governing disciplinary matters.
- The WAF Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code — governing the conduct of officials and the declaration and management of conflicts of interest.
- The WAF Licensing System — governing the licensing of officials and coaches.
- The WAF Coach Framework — governing coach licensing, conduct, and professional standards.
- The WAF Data Protection Policy — governing the protection of personal data of athletes, officials, and members, in alignment with applicable international data-protection standards including the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) where applicable.
- The WAF Gender Equality and Inclusion Policy — governing equal participation and non-discrimination throughout the Federation.
- The WAF Alpagut Grading Syllabus — governing the athlete grading system and examination programme.
- The Official Competition Regulations — governing all WAF-sanctioned competitions.
- The Referee Training Manual, Athlete & Coach Handbook, and Parent & Beginner Guide — the official guidance documents supporting the implementation of these Statutes and the regulatory documents above.
- Such other regulations, policies, and guidelines as the General Assembly or Executive Committee may adopt within their respective competences.

26.2. In the event of any conflict between these Statutes and any other regulatory document, these Statutes shall prevail. The hierarchy of regulatory documents within the Federation, in descending order of authority, is as follows: (1) Statutes; (2) Safeguarding Policy; (3) Anti-Doping Code; (4) Disciplinary Code; (5) Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code; (6) Licensing System; (7) Coach Framework; (8) Data Protection Policy; (9) Gender Equality and Inclusion Policy; (10) Grading



Syllabus; (11) Official Competition Regulations; (12) Official Manuals and Guides (Referee Training Manual, Athlete & Coach Handbook, Parent & Beginner Guide). In the event of any conflict between documents of different ranks, the higher-ranking document shall prevail. In the event of any conflict between Manuals or Guides and any binding regulatory document above them, the binding regulatory document shall govern.

26.3. All regulatory documents shall be published on the Federation's official website and shall be made available to all member organisations upon request.

Article 27 Official Language

27.1. The official language of the Federation shall be English. All official documents, correspondence, and proceedings of the Federation shall be conducted in English.

27.2. Translations of official documents into other languages may be produced for informational purposes. In the event of any discrepancy between the English text and any translation, the English text shall prevail.



PART VII

Dispute Resolution

Internal mechanisms, CAS jurisdiction, and exclusion of ordinary courts

**PART VII****Dispute Resolution**

Article 28 Internal Dispute Resolution

- 28.1.** Any dispute arising between member organisations, between a member organisation and the Federation, or between an official and the Federation shall first be submitted to the internal dispute resolution mechanisms of the Federation.
- 28.2.** Disputes relating to competition decisions shall be resolved in accordance with the protest and appeal procedures set out in the Official Competition Regulations.
- 28.3.** Disciplinary disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the WAF Disciplinary Code.
- 28.4.** All other disputes shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for mediation. If mediation fails, the dispute shall be referred to the Board of Directors for a binding decision.

Article 29 Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

- 29.1.** Any party that has exhausted all internal WAF remedies may appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, in respect of disputes concerning international competitions or decisions with international effect.
- 29.2.** The right to appeal to CAS shall arise only after the exhaustion of all internal WAF remedies as set out in these Statutes and the applicable regulatory documents.
- 29.3.** The CAS shall apply Swiss law as the applicable substantive law, unless the parties agree otherwise or the CAS determines that another law is more appropriate.

Article 30 Exclusion of Ordinary Courts

- 30.1.** Member Organisations, Registered Individual Members, officials and Participants agree that disputes falling within the scope of these Statutes and the Federation's regulatory documents shall be resolved exclusively through the internal mechanisms of the Federation and, where applicable, through CAS. Resort to ordinary courts of law is excluded except where required by mandatory applicable law.



PART VIII

Final Provisions

Amendments, dissolution, transitional provisions, and entry into force



PART VIII

Amendments, Dissolution and Final Provisions

Article 31 Amendments to the Statutes

- 31.1.** These Statutes may be amended only by the General Assembly. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Secretariat in writing no less than sixty (60) days before the General Assembly meeting at which they are to be considered.
- 31.2.** Adoption of amendments shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Official Organisations present and voting at the General Assembly.
- 31.3.** Amendments shall enter into force on the date of adoption by the General Assembly, unless the General Assembly specifies a later effective date.
- 31.4.** The Executive Committee may propose amendments to other regulatory documents (Safeguarding Policy, Disciplinary Code, Licensing System, Coach Framework, Grading Syllabus, Competition Regulations) subject to approval by the General Assembly in accordance with Article 11.5.

Article 32 Dissolution

- 32.1.** The Federation may be dissolved only by a resolution of the General Assembly adopted by a three-quarters (3/4) majority of all Official Organisations.
- 32.2.** In the event of dissolution, the assets of the Federation, after satisfaction of all liabilities, shall be transferred to one or more non-profit organisations with purposes compatible with those of the Federation, as determined by the General Assembly.

Article 33 Transitional Provisions

- 33.1.** The transitional arrangement for the office of President (the Interim President pending the presidential election at the General Assembly in December 2026) is set out in Article 14.3.
- 33.2.** Reclassification of Pre-2026 Representatives — Persons or organisations recognised as 'Official Organisations' under the pre-2026 framework of the Federation shall be reclassified by the Executive Committee within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the entry into force of these Statutes, on the basis of their organisational status: (a) where the Representative is an individual person without a formal national organisation, the Representative shall be reclassified as a National Representative under the WAF National Representative Programme, with a fresh three (3) year mandate commencing from the date of reclassification, and the date of original recognition recorded for purposes of seniority; (b) where the Representative is a registered national organisation that fulfils the requirements of Article 5, the organisation shall be confirmed as an Official Organisation; (c) where the Representative is a registered national organisation that does not yet fulfil all requirements of



Article 5 but meets the criteria of Article 6, the organisation shall be classified as a Provisional Organisation Representative; (d) where, prior to 2026, the Representative established Alpabut as an Affiliated Section within an existing nationally recognised sport federation (in countries where independent registration was not legally feasible), the Representative shall be automatically conferred the combined statuses of National Representative, Affiliated Section Organisation, and Founding National Representative, with all rights, obligations, and protections set out in the Board Resolution adopted pursuant to Article 26 and ratified by the General Assembly under Article 11.5. During the reclassification period, all existing Representatives shall retain such voting rights at the General Assembly as they enjoyed under the pre-2026 framework, to ensure continuity of governance and the achievement of quorum at the General Assembly.

33.3. All regulatory documents of the Federation adopted pursuant to Article 26 shall remain in full force and effect until amended or replaced in accordance with these Statutes.

Article 34 Entry into Force

34.1. These Statutes shall enter into force on the date of their adoption by the WAF Board of Directors at the meeting held on 19 May 2026 in Baku, pursuant to Board Resolution WAF-BOD-2026-001; subject to ratification by the General Assembly in December 2026 under WAF Statutes Article 11.5.

34.2. Upon entry into force, these Statutes shall supersede all previous constitutional or founding documents of the Federation.



P A R T A N N E X

Pronunciation Guide

Official transliteration scheme for Alpaut Turkic terminology



ANNEX

Pronunciation Guide & Transliteration Table

Alpagut terminology uses Turkish-Turkic letters. This Annex provides the official pronunciation reference and ASCII transliteration scheme for international use, registration systems, and contexts where extended Latin characters are not available. The pronunciation column indicates approximate English-equivalent sounds; the ASCII Form column gives the standardised transliteration to be used in documents, databases, and credentials where Turkish-Turkic letters cannot be reproduced.

Article A.1 Letter Pronunciation Key

The following letter pronunciations and transliteration rules apply throughout this Annex and across all WAF regulatory documents:

Letter	Pronunciation	Transliteration
C	j as in jam	c
Ç	ch as in chair	ch
Ş	sh as in shoe	sh
Ğ	lengthens preceding vowel	gh
I (dotless)	as in cup	y
İ (dotted)	ee as in see	i
Ö	French œ in œuf	ou
Ü	French u in lune	eu

Article A.2 Term Pronunciation and Transliteration

The Alpagut terms used in WAF documents shall be pronounced and transliterated as set out below. The original Turkish-Turkic form remains the authoritative form in all WAF regulatory documents; the ASCII Form is used only where extended Latin characters cannot be displayed or where a registration, database, or credential system requires plain ASCII.

Term	Pronunciation	ASCII Form
ACAR	a-JAR	ACAR
ALPAGUT	al-pa-GOOT	ALPAGUT
ALPATAÇ	al-pa-TACH	ALPATACH



Term	Pronunciation	ASCII Form
AYÇA	ay-CHA	AYCHA
BATUR	ba-TOOR	BATUR
BAŞAD	ba-SHAD	BASHAD
BAŞLA	BASH-la	BASHLA
BUYRUKALP	boo-yu-RUK-alp	BUYRUKALP
BÖRÜ	beu-RUU	BOUREU
BİLGE	beel-GE	BILGE
BİLGİNALP	beel-gin-ALP	BILGINALP
CAYMAZ	jay-MAZ	CAYMAZ
ÇAPAN	cha-PAN	CHAPAN
ÇOMAQ	cho-MAQ	CHOMAQ
ÇORO	cho-RO	CHORO
DAVAM	da-VAM	DAVAM
DUR	DOOR	DUR
ELKİN	el-KEEN	ELKIN
GUR	GOOR	GUR
GURŞAK	goor-SHAK	GURSHAK
KAÇUT	ka-CHOOT	KACHUT
KUTSAN	koot-SAN	KUTSAN
KÜR	KEUR	KEUR
KÜRŞAD	keur-SHAD	KEURSHAD
PROTEST	pro-TEST	PROTEST
SALGUR	sal-GOOR	SALGUR
SARGUT	sar-GOOT	SARGUT
ŞAD	SHAD	SHAD
TEĞİN	te-GEEN	TEGIN
TOLU	to-LOO	TOLU
TÖRAMAN	teu-ra-MAN	TOURAMAN



Term	Pronunciation	ASCII Form
TUN	TOON	TUN
ULUCA	oo-LOO-ja	ULUCA
UTKU	OOT-koo	UTKU
VURUŞ	voo-ROOSH	VURUSH
YABGU	yab-GOO	YABGU
YARĞAN	yar-GHAN	YARGHAN
YASAN	ya-SAN	YASAN
YATAĞAN	ya-ta-GHAN	YATAGHAN
YORO	yo-RO	YORO
YÖRTEM	yeur-TEM	YOURTEM
YÖRTEMI	yeur-TE-mee	YOURTEMI
YÖRTEMLER	yeur-tem-LER	YOURTEMLER

Article A.3 Usage Notes

- A.3.1.** The original Turkish-Turkic spelling (e.g., BÖRÜ, KÜRŞAD, ÇAPAN) is the authoritative form and shall be used in all WAF regulatory documents, official correspondence, certificates, and sanctioned competitions wherever the medium supports extended Latin characters.
- A.3.2.** The ASCII Form (e.g., BOUREU, KEURSHAD, CHAPAN) shall be used only in contexts where extended Latin characters cannot be reliably displayed, including but not limited to: international travel documents, ASCII-only registration systems, plain-text databases, embroidery/printing of credentials limited to Latin script, and email/messaging systems with character-set limitations.
- A.3.3.** Where both forms appear in a single document, the ASCII Form shall be presented in parentheses immediately after the original form on first use only, for example: ÇAPAN (CHAPAN). Subsequent uses within the same document shall use the original form alone.
- A.3.4.** This Annex shall be amended as new terms enter the WAF regulatory framework or as international transliteration standards evolve. Amendments shall follow the procedure set out in WAF Statutes, Article 11.5.

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These Statutes constitute the supreme constitutional instrument of the World Alpagut Federation. They are adopted by the Board of Directors with provisional effect (19 May 2026), subject to ratification by the General Assembly, and signed by the Federation's senior officers as evidence of their entry into force.

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