



WORLD ALPAGUT FEDERATION

Institutional Profile

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The international governing body for the sport of Alpaut



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1 The Federation at a glance

The World Alpabut Federation (WAF) is an independent, non-profit international sports organisation and the international governing body for the sport of Alpabut. It was established in 2014 and has its headquarters in Baku, Azerbaijan.

2014

Established

Baku

Headquarters

50+

Countries on four continents

1 vote

Per country at the General Assembly

5

World Championships held

17

International competitions since 2014

9

International seminars since 2014



Opening ceremony, 3rd World Alpabut Championship · Bursa, 1–4 December 2022

2 Mission and principles

Mission

The purpose of the Federation is to govern, develop, promote, and protect the sport of Alpagut at the national, continental, and international levels.

WAF Statutes, Article 2.1

Binding principles

Integrity

Decisions and conduct that are honest, consistent and free from conflicts of interest.

Transparency

Governance, finances and decision-making open to scrutiny by Member Organisations.

Non-discrimination

No one is excluded on grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation.

Athlete welfare

The physical and psychological wellbeing of athletes comes first in every competition decision.

Fair play

Competition conducted with respect for opponents, officials and the rules of the sport.

Independence

Sporting and governance decisions free from political, governmental and commercial influence.

These principles bind every body of the Federation, every member organisation, every licensed official and every registered participant. A breach is a disciplinary offence.

3 What the Federation does

Rules

Establishes, maintains and enforces the official rules for Alpagut competitions worldwide.

Competitions

Organises and sanctions international, continental and world-level events, including the World Alpagut Championship.

Technical standards

Sets the standards for competition, refereeing and coaching across the five official competition systems.

Education and licensing

Trains, examines and licenses referees, coaches and technical officials.

Integrity and protection

Protects minors and vulnerable participants. WAF is not a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code. The Federation follows anti-doping rules and is preparing to become a Code Signatory.

Representation and growth

Represents Alpagut before international sports organisations and governments, and develops the sport in new countries.



A contest in the AYÇA system, under the supervision of a licensed referee

4 From 2014 to today

How Alpagut was built

Alpagut was built to gather the combat heritage of the Turkic world into one modern sport that joins striking, defence and throws. It does not replace the traditional wrestling styles of the Turkic peoples; it stands beside them.

Its founder is Vasif Namazov. In Alpagut he holds the title KUTSAN, which belongs to the founder alone. Before creating the system he spent two decades as an athlete and coach in combat sports, and in 2008 he began a systematic study of Turkic military tradition and its sources. In 2014 he gave the new system its name, Alpagut Turan Martial Art, and presented it in Baku.

Milestones

2014	The system is named and presented in Baku, and the World Alpagut Federation is established. The first international tournament, the Black Sea Cup, and the first international seminar are held in Ozurgeti, Georgia.
2018	1st World Alpagut Championship, Baku, Azerbaijan.
2019	2nd World Alpagut Championship, Baku, Azerbaijan.
2022	3rd World Alpagut Championship, Bursa, Türkiye, with athletes from 23 countries. The Federation joins ICSSPE and TAFISA. In Azerbaijan, Alpagut's place in the National Sports Association (AMINA) is confirmed.
2023	4th World Alpagut Championship, Bursa, Türkiye. The Federation joins CIFP and ISNO, becomes an associate member of IMGC and a permanent supporter member of TAFISA. TRT Belgesel broadcasts a documentary film about Alpagut.
2024	The Federation joins GAWSF. An international seminar is held in Baghdad, Iraq, and a World Cup in Kutaisi, Georgia.
2025	1st Asian Alpagut Championship, Shymkent, Kazakhstan. 5th World Alpagut Championship, Bursa, Türkiye: 450 athletes from 19 countries.
2026	In May the Federation issues a revised set of governing documents. They will go before the General Assembly for ratification in Ankara on 3 December. The 6th World Alpagut Championship will be held in Ankara on 3–6 December.



Figure 1 · Milestones, 2014–2026

Legal milestones

Three documents issued by state bodies of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the founder cover the name Alpagut Turan, its emblem and the written work that sets out the art.

14 October 2014	Ministry of Culture and Tourism. Permission No. 37 to use the word Alpagut-Turan in the name of the sport as a trademark.
17 November 2014	State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patents. The name ALPAGUT TURAN with its round emblem registered as a trademark for education, training, entertainment, and sporting and cultural events (class 41), No. 2014 1575. The Intellectual Property Agency has renewed the registration until 6 August 2034.
16 September 2015	Copyright Agency. The written work Alpagut-Turan Martial Art, a methodological guide, registered as protected by copyright, No. 04/C-8157-15 (certificate No. 8622).



Referees and officials, 3rd World Alpogut Championship · Bursa, 2022

5 Governance

WAF works through a system of checks and balances that keeps deliberative, executive and supervisory functions apart.

General Assembly

The supreme authority of the Federation. Each country holds one vote. The Assembly meets in ordinary session every two years; the next session is in Ankara on 3 December 2026.

Board of Directors

The independent deliberative and supervisory body: five to nine members elected by the General Assembly. The Board elects its own Chair.

Executive Committee

The executive body. It runs the Federation day to day and carries out the decisions of the General Assembly and the Board. The President chairs it.

President

The chief executive and legal representative of the Federation, elected for four years and for no more than three consecutive terms. The office is currently held on an interim basis; the presidential election will take place at the General Assembly in December 2026.

Technical and advisory bodies

The Statutes provide for the following bodies.

- Disciplinary Committee
- Anti-Doping Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Control and Inspection Committee
- Finance Department
- Technical Directorate, with five System Coordinators
- Professional League
- Continental representation
- Secretariat, headed by the Secretary General

Athletes' voice

The Chair of the Athletes' Commission becomes a full voting member of the Board of Directors from the first election held under the Commission's Charter.

Cultural authority

KUTSAN, the title of the founder of Alpogut Turan Martial Art, holds the cultural and historical authority over the art.

Disputes

Disputes first go through the Federation's internal remedies. After that, a party may appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne.

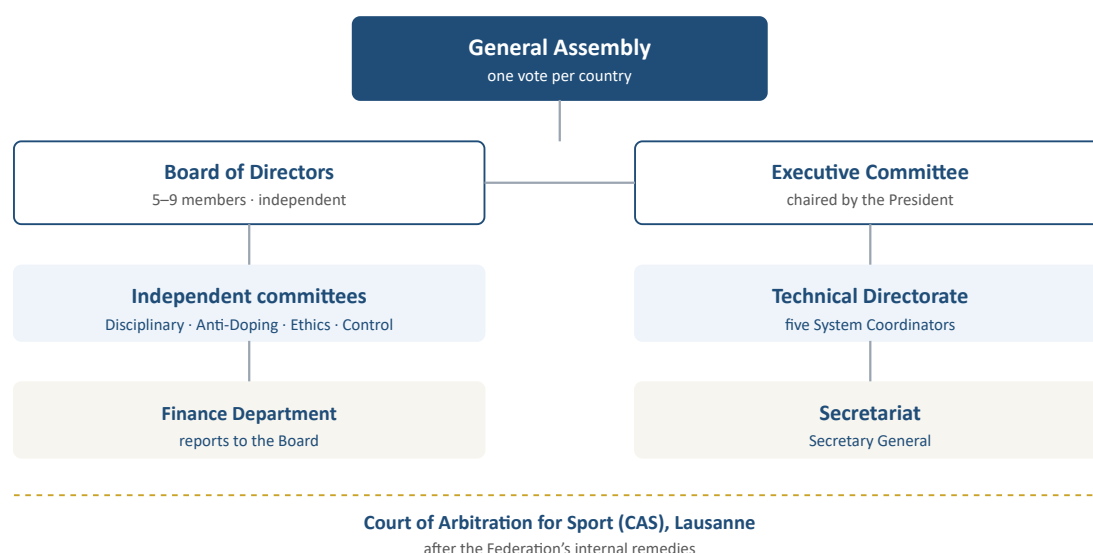


Figure 2 · Governance structure

6 Integrity and the rulebook

WAF is not a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code. The Federation follows anti-doping rules and is preparing to become a Code Signatory. The Federation's integrity framework also includes an independent Ethics Committee, a Safeguarding Policy that protects minors and vulnerable participants, and a Gender Equality and Inclusion Policy.

The Federation's rules are set out in written documents that bind all Member Organisations, Registered Individual Members, officials and participants. The current edition was issued in May 2026 and will go before the General Assembly for ratification on 3 December 2026.

Open to everyone in the Document Library

- Statutes and Constitution
- Official Competition Regulations
- International Referee Code of Conduct
- Disciplinary Code
- Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code
- Safeguarding Policy
- Gender Equality and Inclusion Policy
- Data Protection Policy

Technical documents such as the Licensing System, the Grading Syllabus and the Terminology Manual are available to registered users.



The referee announces the decision at the end of a contest

7 Membership and representation

Membership is open to national organisations that govern Alpagut in their country. The Federation recognises only one member organisation per country. Where no such organisation exists yet, WAF works through individual representatives until one is formed. Individuals — athletes, coaches, referees and others — register with the Federation as Registered Individual Members; registration carries no vote at the General Assembly.

Alpagut is represented in more than 50 countries on four continents: Europe, Asia, the Americas and Africa. The representation pathway has six statuses.

NO.	STATUS	HOLDER	WHAT IT MEANS
01	Interim Representative	Individual	A person in a country where Alpagut is at an exploratory stage. One-year term, renewable.
02	National Representative	Individual	A person formally appointed in a country where no member organisation exists yet. Until one is admitted, they cast the country's vote at the General Assembly.
03	Affiliated Section Organisation	Individual	An Alpagut section led by the National Representative inside an existing national sport federation.
04	Provisional Organisation Representative	Organisation	A national organisation admitted on conditions. Until it qualifies as an Official Organisation, it casts its country's vote at the General Assembly.
05	Official Organisation	Organisation, full member	A national organisation that meets every requirement. It is a full member and votes at the General Assembly.

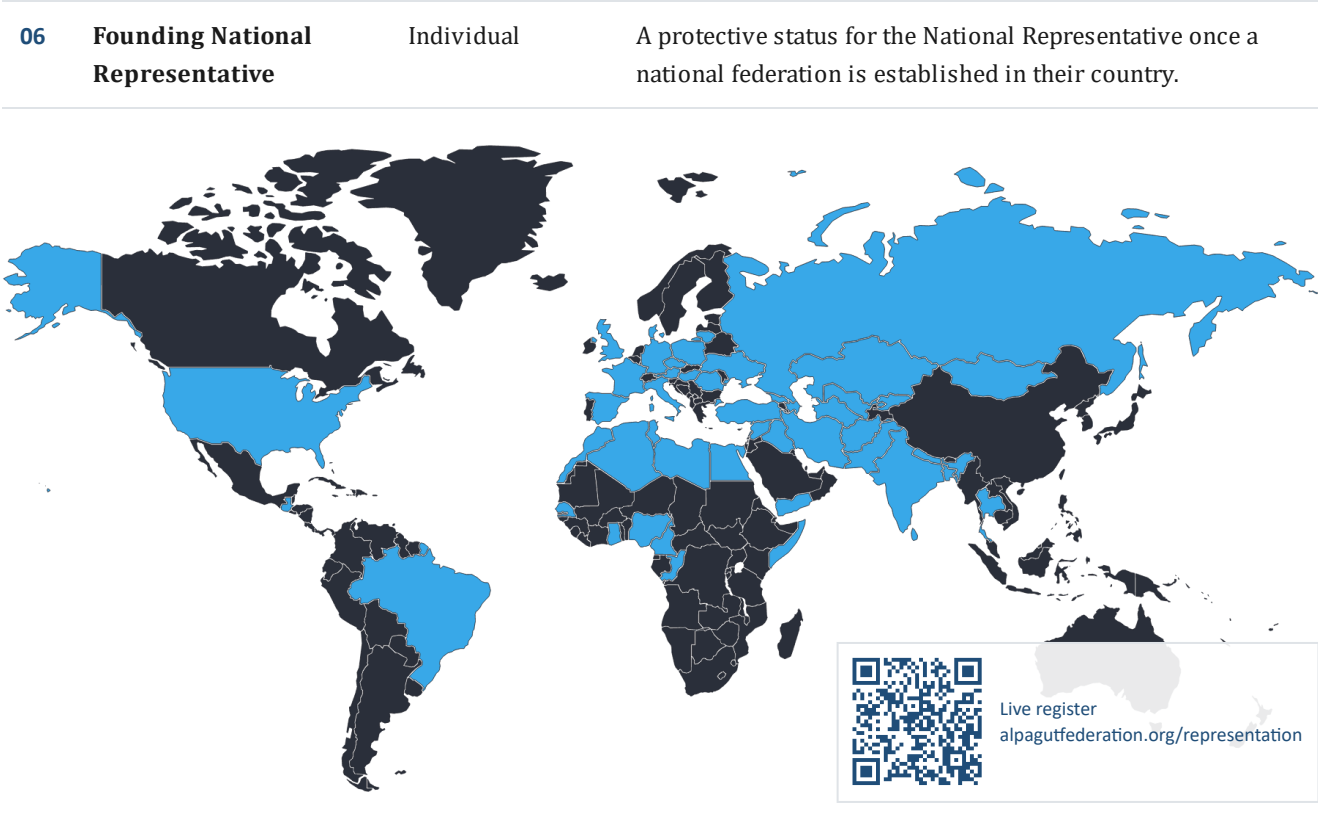


Figure 3 · Represented in more than 50 countries: in some by a national organisation, in others by an individual representative. Status by country: <alpagutfederation.org/representation>

8 International memberships and registrations

WAF takes part in the international sports community through the memberships, partnerships and registrations below. Each one is listed with its exact status.

MEMBERSHIPS		
ICSSPE	International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education	Member · May 2022
TAFISA	The Association For International Sport for All	Supporter member since December 2022 · permanent since November 2023
CIFP	International Fair Play Committee	Member · May 2023
ISNO	International Sport Network Organization	Member · 2023
GAWSF	General Association of World Sports Federations	Member · February 2024
IMGC	International Martial Art Games Committee	Associate member · 2023
NETWORK AND PARTNERSHIPS		
ISCA	International Sport and Culture Association	MOVE Agent network · December 2024

WEC	World Ethnogames Confederation	Memorandum of understanding · May 2023
ITCHF	International Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation	Memorandum of understanding · December 2024
REGISTRATIONS		
ISNI	International Standard Name Identifier	Registered · June 2023 · 0000 0005 1163 4831
UIA	Union of International Associations, Global Civil Society Database	Listed · June 2024

Verification and supporting documents: alpagutfederation.org/partnership

In Azerbaijan, Alpagut is one of the national sports of the National Sports Association (AMINA), an organisation accredited by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

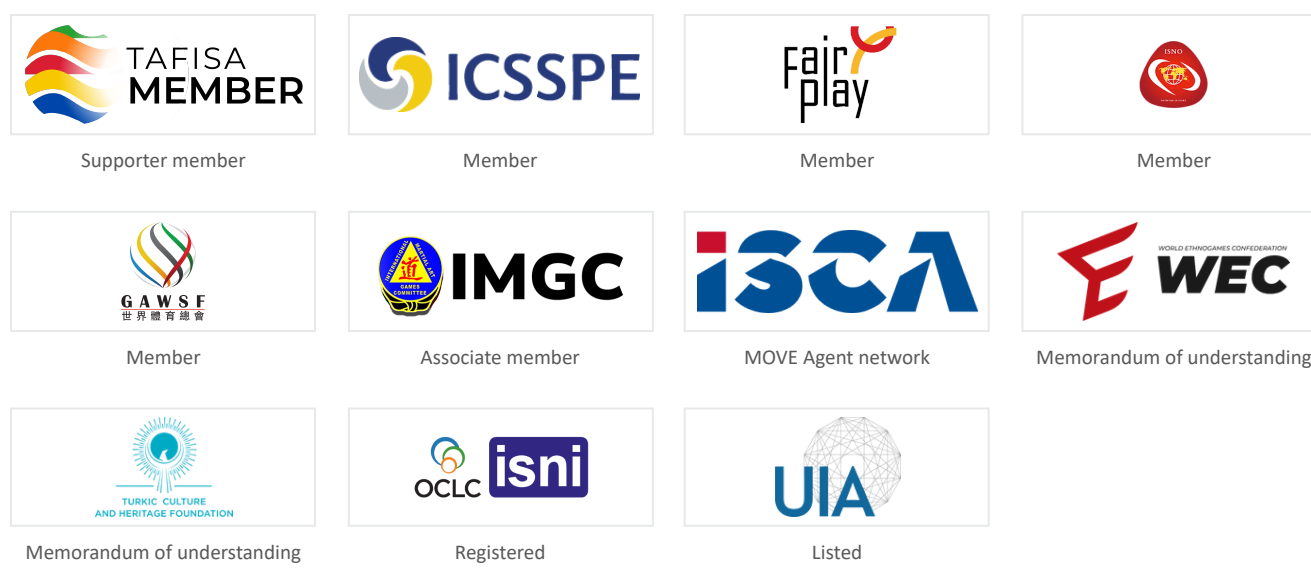


Figure 4 · International memberships, partnerships and registrations

9 Open registers and verification

Records that ministries, Olympic committees and partners may need to check are published on the Federation's website.

Representation register · alpagutfederation.org/representation

National representatives and member organisations by country and status, with a page for each country in English, Russian and Turkish.

Referee register · alpagutfederation.org/referees

Licensed referees and their grades under the WAF Licensing System.

Degree of Mastery register · alpagutfederation.org/degree-of-mastery

Holders of certified Alpagut grades, with their certificate numbers.

Credential check · alpagutfederation.org/verify

A WAF identity, licence or certificate code entered here returns the holder's record. Credentials issued by WAF carry a QR code that opens their verification page.

Results archive · alpagutfederation.org/results

Results of the World Championships.

Document Library · alpagutfederation.org/documents

The Statutes, codes and regulations of the 2026 edition.

10 Legal status and contact

Legal form

Independent, non-profit international sports organisation with full legal personality

Registration

National Agency of Public Registry of Georgia, 12 February 2014: non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity, identification code 434162041

Registered address

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