

CONSTITUTION of the ASIAN CYCLING CONFEDERATION (ACC)*

International Cycling Union (UCI) Asian Continental Confederation

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*original version: English

Article 1

Title, Headquarters, Financial Year, Official Language

1. The name of the association is the ASIAN CYCLING CONFEDERATION, which is abbreviated to "ACC". The ACC was founded on 31st March 1993 in Ipoh, Malaysia.
2. The ACC is a non-profit and voluntary confederation composed of national cycling federations affiliated to the ACC, which governs all cycling sport disciplines at all levels in Asia.
3. The registered office of the ACC shall be located in the country of the President and / or at the Country of the Secretary General with the consent of the President. He shall be the custodian of the properties and the records of ACC. The Congress is solely empowered to change the registered office.
4. The financial year is the calendar year, starting from 1st of January till 31st of December.
5. The official language of ACC is English.

Article 2

Identity, Purpose

1. ACC identity:
 - a) The ACC is the Asian continental confederation for national cycling federations in accordance with article 24 and subsequent articles of the International Cycling Union ("UCI") Constitution.
 - b) The ACC seeks to preserve the unity of world cycling, to promote the interests of Asian cycling in all disciplines, including virtual/electronic cycling activities and competition under all forms, and to represent the interests of Asian cycling federations.

2. Purpose:

The ACC's purpose, subject to UCI's prerogatives, is:

- a) to reinforce the importance of national cycling federations, to foster contacts between them and to strengthen friendship between member federations or associate members,
- b) to promote the development of cycling in all countries affiliated to the ACC in all its forms and at all levels in Asia,
- c) to assist the UCI in developing, controlling, disciplining and regulating the sport of cycling in the Asian continent,
- d) to inform the UCI about the specific problems concerning Asia and to propose solutions,

- e) to put forward proposals for sports activities in Asia to the UCI, particularly:
 - i. the drawing up of the Asian cycling calendar,
 - ii. the planning and organisation of training courses for commissaires, coaches, mechanics, etc.,
- f) to organise and / or to grant and award the organization of events of any discipline recognised by the UCI as part of the Asian Championships and Regional Games or any other Asian level cycling activity to a member national federation of the ACC at the terms and conditions to be stipulated by the Management Committee (MC in abbreviation) of the ACC, in cooperation with other organizations if need be,
- g) to help the UCI in the technical supervision of cycling events in the Asian Cycling Championships, Asian Games and other Regional Events in Asia held in accordance with the Rules & Statutes of the IOC and the UCI,
- h) to promote sportsmanship, integrity, fair play and sporting ethics in general and especially in cycling, with a view to preventing all methods or practices such as corruption or doping, which might jeopardize the integrity of competitions, riders, officials and members or give rise to abuse of cycling,
- i) to encourage the fight against doping under the UCI's authority,
- j) to advocate for the safety and rights of cyclists,
- k) to combat all forms of racial, political, gender and religious discrimination within all continental sports organisations,
- l) to promote the role of women in the governance of cycling,
- m) to draw up and implement all rules for the organisation of cycling activities in Asia
- n) to act as relays for the UCI and facilitate the resolution of issues arising within or amongst the national federations in Asia.

Under the supervision of the UCI Management Committee and, if necessary, the ACC may establish forms of co-operation with and between Asian countries, when there is not a federation in these particular countries;

Article 3 **Principles**

1. ACC activities are based on the following principles:
 - a) respecting the equality of all affiliated federations,
 - b) non-interference in the internal affairs of affiliated federations,

- c) respecting, as an independent association, the UCI Constitution and Rules, in particular the provisions of articles 25 and 26 of the UCI Constitution,
- d) The ACC supports the UCI in all aspects of cycling.

Article 4

Membership

1. Any national federation from a country with its capital situated on the Asian continent is an ACC member. Exceptions may be decided at the proposal of the Management Committee, by application of article 24.2 of the UCI Constitution.
2. No national federation shall be barred from membership in the ACC or participation in any Asian Cycling events on political, religious, racial, and gender-related grounds or other discrimination.
3. With UCI membership, all Asian national cycling federations automatically acquire ACC membership without the need for any further specific procedure. Furthermore, the loss of UCI membership shall lead to the loss of ACC membership.
4. Prior to requesting UCI membership, candidates for affiliation shall request the support of the ACC Management Committee, which shall be part of their membership application to the UCI.
5. ACC members agree to recognise and respect the UCI and ACC Constitution and Rules. They shall not establish or recognise any statutes or rules which are contrary to the UCI or ACC Constitution and Rules. The national federations must manage their internal affairs with total independence and ensure that no third party interferes in their operations. They must remain autonomous and resist all political, religious and financial pressure which may infringe their commitment to abide by the Constitution of the UCI and ACC. Any external form of interference or attempt to interfere must be reported to the UCI and ACC.
6. The constitution and regulations of the national federations must make provision for an election or intern appointment system that ensures a complete independence of the national federation vis-à-vis third parties and ensures that all candidates are licence-holders of this national federation since at least one year prior to the election of internal appointment. The national federations shall not allow the governments and other public authorities to appoint members of the governing bodies of a national federation.
7. The national federations must include the provisions contained in paragraphs 5) and 6) above in their constitutions.
8. The list of ACC affiliated federations is attached to the present Constitution.
9. Each UCI associate member which has its capital in Asia shall be registered as such with ACC. The respective rights and obligations of the associate member and ACC shall be as set out in the joint agreement contemplated in Article 6.2 of the UCI Constitution.
10. The national federations have the following rights and obligations. The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in the UCI Constitution, national federations' own Constitutions and applicable regulations:

- a. Rights:
 - i. to take part in the ACC Congress;
 - ii. to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;
 - iii. to exercise their voting rights at the UCI Congress through the agency of the voting delegates elected by the ACC Congress;
 - iv. to take part in competitions organized by ACC;
 - v. to take part in the assistance and development programs of the ACC;
 - vi. to exercise all other rights arising from this Constitution and other regulations;
 - vii. to receive any other benefits from the ACC;
 - viii. to be given an opportunity to be heard before sanction is imposed on it.

- b. Obligations:
 - i. as members, the national federations shall comply with all the Constitution and Regulations of the UCI and ACC as well as with all decisions taken in accordance therewith. Likewise, they shall have the Constitution, Regulations and decisions of the UCI and / or ACC complied with by all persons concerned;
 - ii. the Regulations of the UCI and ACC shall be incorporated in the corresponding regulations of the national federations;
 - iii. the constitution and regulations of the national federations shall not run counter to the Constitution and Regulations of the ACC and the UCI. In case of divergence, only the Constitution and Regulations of the UCI and /or ACC shall apply. The Constitution and the regulations of the national federations must contain an express clause that in case of divergence with the Constitution and Regulations of the UCI, only the latter shall apply.
 - iv. the national federations shall pay their annual UCI and ACC membership contribution (fees).

Article 5
Exclusion

1. The ACC Congress can propose to the UCI the exclusion of an affiliated federation, if this federation has seriously or repeatedly violated the ACC's interests.

Article 6
Suspension of membership rights

1. If an affiliated federation does not pay its ACC membership fee for two (2) consecutive years, the Management Committee can propose to the Congress to suspend the federation's membership rights.
2. In addition, the Congress, on the Management Committee's proposal, can suspend an ACC affiliated member, if this federation has seriously or repeatedly violated the ACC's interests.
3. The suspension of an ACC member entails the following measures:
 - a) not being permitted to take part in the ACC Congress;

- b) ineligibility of candidates proposed by the member concerned;
 - c) Refusal or withdrawal of the organization of the Asian Championship events;
 - d) Prohibition for other national federations to entertain sporting contact with suspended national federation;
 - e) exclusion of its riders from continental championships;
 - f) exclusion of its riders from competitions organised by UCI affiliated federations.
4. Concerning e) and f) above, exceptions may be made in the interest of the riders concerned by either the ACC Management Committee or the UCI Management Committee. In case of an exception to letter e) and/or f), the Management Committee may determine that participation shall be under neutral or ACC flag.
 5. In the event of late payment due to exceptional circumstances which are outside the federation's control, the ACC Management Committee may grant a payment deadline to be confirmed by the next Congress and without prejudice to the UCI's decision.
 6. The suspension as a member of the UCI automatically entails suspension as a member of the ACC.
 7. Any national federation's decisions, elections and bodies that are not in compliance with paragraphs 5) and 6) of Article 4 shall not be recognized by the UCI and ACC. If the situation is not regularized within the time limit granted by the UCI and ACC, the national federation may be suspended.

Article 7

Bodies

1. The ACC bodies comprise:
 - a) The or Congress,
 - b) The Management Committee
 - c) The Executive Committee.

Article 8

The Congress

1. The ACC Annual Congress will be convened by the Management Committee. It shall be held annually at the venue of the Asian Cycling Championships or on and other convenient occasion as deemed necessary by the Management Committee.
2. Extraordinary Congresses may take place:

- a) on the decision of the Management Committee, by two thirds (2/3) votes cast,
 - b) at the request of at least one fifth (1/5) of the members stating the reasons and specifying the items for the agenda.
3. The invitation, as well as the agenda, must be sent by letter or email to the members at least thirty (30) days before the date of the Assembly. However, for the election Congress, the notification will be sent ninety (90) days prior to the Congress with the requisite forms for candidacies, which are to be returned duly filled no later than sixty (60) days prior to the election Congress.
4. The President, or if he/she is unable, the Senior Vice-President will chair the Congress.
5. Any Congress duly convened may deliberate legitimately as long as a third (1/3) of its members are present when voting takes place. By way of exception, and subject to the item being included in the agenda, a quorum including at least half (1/2) of the members must be present for the Congress to deliberate the validity of a change to the Constitution, hold elections for the President or other members of the Management Committee or decide on their removal .A quorum including at least two thirds (2/3) of the members must be present for the Congress to deliberate the validity of the dissolution of the ACC.
6. The Congress's schedule, the agenda, the procedure and elections shall be in accordance with the principles and measures stipulated by the ACC and UCI Constitution and Rules in force.
7. The agenda of the Congress shall be drawn up by the Management Committee. A national federation wishing to include one or more items in the agenda of the Congress, or put a question to the Management Committee shall submit its draft proposals stating the reasons on which they are based or the text of its question, in English, to the registered office of the ACC at least sixty (60) days before the date of the Congress.
8. Except for the amendments to the Constitution, any question not on the agenda of the Congress can be added to be discussed and voted on by the Congress at the request at least ten (10) national federations in writing stating reasons prior to the start of the Congress. The President in consultation with the Executive Committee will decide on the request made, which may only be rejected in exceptional circumstances and based on legitimate grounds to be communicated to the applicants. Any such decision shall be final.
9. The agenda of the meeting of the Congress together with the Report of the Management Committee and a Financial Report duly audited and all other relevant matters to be discussed or voted upon shall be posted by the registered office of the ACC to each member of the Management Committee and to each of the affiliated national federations at least thirty (30) days before the date of the Congress.
10. Each affiliated member has one vote in the Congress.
11. Each affiliated national federation may send to the ACC Congress only three (3) delegates. However, each affiliated national federation shall be entitled to only one (1) vote.

12. Before any Congress, the affiliated national federations shall notify the registered office of the ACC in writing of the names of their delegates including the name of the head of their delegation, which will have voting right, at least fifteen (15) days before the scheduled Congress.
13. Voting can take place as follows:
 - a. By acclamation;
 - b. By a roll-call vote viz. by calling the name of each national federation, Yes or No, for and against respectively;
 - c. By a show of hands;
 - d. By secret ballot.
14. Electronic voting (on site only) may be used for votes and elections. The majority of the votes cast shall be decisive. Abstentions and invalid ballot papers are not included in the counting procedure. Any decision to change the Constitution, dissolve the ACC or to remove from office the President or the other members of the Management Committee must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.
15. As a general rule, matters will be decided by an open ballot. However, on the request of at least seven (7) members, a secret ballot may be carried out. As a general rule, elections are by secret ballot unless there is only one (1) candidate for the position concerned or if the number of positions is the same as the number of candidates. The election will then be declared without the need for a ballot. The following items shall also be voted upon by secret ballot:
 - a. Suspension of a national federation from ACC;
 - b. Proposal to UCI to suspend or exclude a national federation;
 - c. Any removal from office of the President or a Management Committee member.
16. Congress shall not be open to the public unless the delegates by majority (more than 50%) votes cast decide otherwise.

Article 9

Duties of the Congress

1. The Congress shall have the following exclusive powers and duties:
 - a) To make decisions concerning the Constitution, its modification and the dissolution of the ACC;
 - b) To elect a President and twelve (12) Management Committee members and remove them from office;
 - c) To elect (2) two auditors or an external auditor;
 - d) To elect the ACC voting delegates and substitute voting delegates for the UCI Congress (art. 37 of the UCI Constitution),
 - e) To elect Asian candidates for the UCI Management Committee (art. 48 and seq. of the UCI Constitution),

- f) To receive and approve annual accounts and the Management Committee report;
- g) To set membership fees;
- h) To approve the budget for the following financial year;
- i) To appoint Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members;
- j) Other matters relative to the promotion of cycling in Asia;
- k) Admission, expulsion and suspension of national federations without prejudice to the UCI Constitution.

Article 10

The Management Committee

1. The Management Committee is composed of:
 - a) the President,
 - b) twelve (12) other members.
2. The Management Committee members are elected for four (4) years by the Congress. In no case may the members of the Management Committee have substitute for themselves.
3. Upon proposal by the President, the Management Committee shall appoint one Senior Vice-President, three (3) further Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer amongst the members of the Management Committee. The President may also in consultation with the ACC Management Committee appoint one (1) Co-opt Member as the Vice President of ACC.
4. Upon proposal by the President, the Management Committee shall appoint the Secretary General of the ACC.
5. Upon proposal of the President, the Management Committee may appoint up to four (4) co-opted members, with no voting rights, from any member federation.
6. If any member of the Management Committee fails to attend three (3) consecutive Management Committee meetings without proper excuse acceptable to the Management Committee, his / her seat shall be deemed resigned. The Management Committee may decide to maintain a member who failed to attend three (3) consecutive meetings due to exceptional circumstances.
7. In the event of any vacancies, the Management Committee will remain validly constituted and the vacant positions shall be filled at the next Congress, respecting the minimum representation of women referred to article 13.7-(a). When the position of President is vacant, the measures of article 12.6 and 12.7 shall apply. When the total number of vacancies is more than 3, an electoral Congress must be convened immediately, in accordance with applicable deadlines, in order to fill all vacancies.

8. The management of the ACC is entrusted to the Management Committee. It is responsible for taking decisions and implementing the measures for all ACC duties, in line with the promotion of cycling on an Asian level, except where the Constitution gives the right to the Congress or another ACC body.
9. Meetings of the Management Committee shall require a quorum of half (1/2) of the members in order for the Management Committee to deliberate legitimately. Decisions shall be taken by majority vote, with the President having a casting vote in case of a tie.
10. The Management Committee may draw up a work plan.
11. In judicial and extra-judicial proceedings, the ACC shall be represented by the President or if he/she is unable, by the Senior Vice-President or, failing that, the Secretary General.
12. The Management Committee shall meet as often as is necessary, but at least twice a year, on the eve of the statutory Congress and another time on the occasion of the UCI Congress or at the instant of the President or at the request of the majority (more than 50%) of Management Committee. The President will decide the time, date and place.
13. The Management Committee shall take its decisions with a majority (more than 50%) of the votes validly cast. In case of equality of vote, the President or his replacement shall have a casting vote.
14. For the items on the agenda, which are of a particular interest for their national federation, members of the Management Committee of the same nationality shall have together one (1) vote, which shall be cast as decided by the majority of these members. In the absence of a majority, these members in question shall be considered as having abstained.
15. In urgent cases, decisions may be taken by written or electronic consultation at the request of the President. In this case, there must be quorum of at least half (1/2) of the members casting a vote for a decision to authorise its validity and the means provided for the consultation must ensure that enough information is given to Management Committee members.
16. In extremely urgent cases, the President shall take any decisions deemed necessary. He/she will inform the Management Committee immediately about these.

Article 11

Management Committee duties

1. The Management Committee is responsible for the management of the ACC and all of the tasks that the current Constitution does not allocate to the Congress or any other ACC body.
2. The Management Committee's duties are, in particular:
 - a) To take all necessary decisions for the orderly functioning of the ACC and to complete its tasks within the framework of the UCI;

- b) To propose the date and place of the Congress, to prepare and to organise it;
 - c) To safeguard the interests of the ACC and its members within the UCI;
 - d) To carry out the decisions of the Congress;
 - e) To propose membership fees for the ACC;
 - f) To set the ACC budget and the annual account to be submitted to the Congress;
 - g) To decide on contracts with third parties;
 - h) To appoint the Secretary General, who will carry out his/her duties in line with the guidelines of the Management Committee,
 - i) To appoint the Treasurer, who will carry out his/her duties in line with the guidelines of the Management Committee,
 - j) To draw up the calendar for the Asian Championships and Cups and to decide on the venues for these competitions;
 - k) To set up commissions, appoint and remove their members and establish their terms of reference;
 - l) To draw up internal rules for the ACC as well as regulations concerning the organisation of Asian cycling activities;
 - m) To decide the ACC's candidate(s) for the UCI Merit Award and the receiver(s) of the ACC Merit Award;
 - n) To appoint the Advisor(s) to the President;
 - o) Generally, to manage ACC affairs and represent it in compliance with the Constitution.
3. In formulating the ACC internal rules and other regulations, the following principles shall apply:
- a. Respect for the sovereignty of the affiliated national federation over the sport of cycling in all its forms in their respective domains;
 - b. Mutual respect between national federations in every aspect.
4. The Management Committee may modify the internal rules and other regulations of the ACC provided that such modifications are in conformity with the Constitution of the ACC and UCI.
5. The Management Committee may deal with matters not explicitly provided for in the Constitution in the spirit of sportsmanship and in the best interest of the ACC and affiliated national federations. The decisions made in such cases shall be submitted for the endorsement of the Congress.

Article 12

The President

1. The ACC President is elected for four (4) years by the Congress. He/she chairs the Congresses and the Management Committee.
2. He is primarily responsible for implementing the decisions passed by the Congress and the Management Committee through the Secretary General and administration. He is also in charge of the relations between the UCI, ACC, national federations and international organizations.
3. He/she has the right to attend all meetings of all ACC bodies and commissions, except for EMC meetings.
4. He/she shall represent the ACC in all public proceedings, before the courts and in relations with other sports organisations.
5. The President may delegate some of his/her duties to anyone of the Vice-Presidents.
6. The President and/or the Secretary General shall decide on the employment and salaries of ACC staff. He/she has the authority over this in co-operation with the Secretary General and the ACC internal rules, and shall decide if necessary to make any redundancies or dismissals.
7. In the event of the temporary vacancy of the position of President or if he/she is unable to carry out the functions, his/her duties shall be assumed by the Senior Vice-President, or if necessary, by the oldest other Vice-President.
8. Should the position of President become permanently vacant, he/she shall be replaced until the next Congress by the Senior Vice-President. At the occasion of the next Congress, the replacement of the President shall be elected for the remaining duration of the term of office.
9. After the President completes his/her term of office as President of ACC, he/she will be conferred with a title of Honorary President in recognition for his/her services to the ACC during his/her tenure of office.

Article 13

The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee comprises the President, the Senior Vice-President, one (1) other Vice-President and the Treasurer.
2. The Secretary General also attends the Executive Committee meetings, without voting rights.
3. The Executive Committee deals with the routine and/or the urgent business of the ACC.
4. The Executive Committee meets as often as is necessary. The President decides the place, date, means and time of the meeting.

5. In order to be able to deliberate legitimately, a majority of Executive Committee members must be present. Executive Committee members cannot, under any circumstances, arrange for anybody to stand in for them.
6. Any member with a direct personal interest in a matter submitted for deliberation, or if such item concerns his/her national federation, he/she must leave the meeting before it is deliberated, if so determined by a majority vote.
7. In the event of a tie, the President or his substitute has the casting vote.
8. The decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Management Committee at its next meeting.

Article 14

Elections

1. Within a 7 (seven)-month period preceding 1st April of the year in which the UCI Management Committee is elected, the Congress shall democratically elect for a 4 (four)-year period commencing upon the adjournment of the Congress that elected them:
 - a) The President,
 - b) Twelve (12) other members of the Management Committee,
 - c) The nine (9) voting delegates (and their 5 substitute voting delegates) of the ACC members for the UCI Congress¹,
 - d) Two (2) auditors or an external auditor,
2. The candidates for the position mentioned in b) and c) of paragraph 1 of the present article (and d) if the auditors are not external) must be proposed by the federation of the nationality of the candidate or by that which validly issued his/her licence. They must also be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and hold a licence since at least one year prior to the elections for which they are candidate, issued by the federation of their country of residence which must be a country member of the ACC. Furthermore, candidates for the position of auditor must have recognised qualifications in accountancy. The applications, for all positions, must be written in English and sent to the ACC headquarters, addressed to the electoral monitoring commission (EMC), by post or e-mail, at least sixty days (60) before the Congress.
3. A candidate for the positions mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present article must neither have been ever convicted for a breach of the Anti-Doping regulations, ACC regulations nor any criminal offence incompatible with the position.
4. Any candidate for the office of President or for the Management Committee shall not have reached the age of seventy-four (74) years at the time of the election. A member of the Management Committee who reaches the age of seventy-four (74) years during his mandate may remain in office until the end of his term.

¹ Number to date in accordance with article 37.2 of the UCI Constitution. These numbers may vary when the UCI Constitution is modified.

5. Although a member of the Management Committee is no longer a member of his national federation, he shall continue to serve in the Management Committee until the end of his term.
6. The following may apply for the position of ACC President:
 - a) The outgoing President, for whom no nomination is required;
 - b) Anyone whose application is put forward by the federation of the candidate's nationality by that which validly issued his/her licence;
 - c) Individuals whose application has been put forward by at least five (5) ACC member federations;
7. It is possible to be a candidate in several elections, as stipulated in paragraph 1 of the present article, provided that the conditions pertaining to each of them are adhered to.
8. The validity of applications is verified by the EMC.
9. All candidates for the positions of President, ACC Management Committee member and UCI Management Committee member must be present during the elections at the Congress.
10. Provided that there are at least as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled, every voting member must vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies. Any other vote is null and void.
11. Saved for paragraph 14 concerning the election of the President, all elections are held with a majority vote in one (1) round. Within the limits of the number of vacancies to be filled, applicants with the highest number of votes cast will be elected, provided that:
 - a) concerning the election of the Management Committee members, at least three (3) members of each gender must be elected, taking into account the gender of the elected President. To this end, three positions (or two positions if the elected President is of the least represented gender) are allocated as a priority among the least represented gender to the candidates having received the highest number of votes validly cast. Other person(s) from such gender may be declared elected to other positions;
 - b) concerning the election of the voting delegates and substitute voting delegates of the ACC members for the UCI Congress, at least 25% of the elected voting delegates, as well as 25% of the elected substitute voting delegates, must be from each gender. To this end, 25% of positions are allocated as a priority among the least represented gender to the candidates who have received the highest number of votes validly cast. Other persons from such gender may be declared elected to other positions.
12. In the event of a tie, the election shall be determined by toss of coin conducted by the President of the EMC.
13. In the event that it is impossible to ensure the minimum representation of each gender referred to in paragraph 11 on account of an insufficient number of candidates, the positions concerned will remain vacant until the following Congress, when they will be filled.

14. As an exception to paragraph 11 above, the election of the ACC President is held with a majority vote in two (2) rounds. In the first round, the candidate with the absolute majority of valid votes cast is elected. Failing which, a second round shall be held between the two candidates who received the most votes that have been legitimately cast. In the event of a tie in the first round between several candidates in first place, the second round will be between these candidates only. In the event of a tie in the first round between several candidates in second place, the second round will be between these candidates and the candidate in first place. In the last two cases, the candidate with the most votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie in the second round, the election shall be determined by toss of coin conducted by the President of the EMC.
15. When necessary and after consulting the EMC, the Management Committee shall decide on the practical measures for organising elections which, in any event, must ensure the secrecy of the vote, subject to the measures in paragraph 9 of article 8 of the present Constitution, and equality between candidates. Electronic voting (on site only) is permitted.
16. At the electoral Congress, elections will be held successively in the order stipulated in points a), b), c) and d) from paragraph 1 of the present article. Once he/she is elected, any application of a candidate in another election is declared null and void. If they are not elected, candidates may take part in the next election, provided that they have also applied for this election and have not withdrawn it from the EMC.
17. All candidates are eligible for re-election, saved for the President who can only serve a maximum of two (2) terms.
18. ACC shall ensure equal access to information pertaining to elections to all candidates for the office of President or the Management Committee, including contact details of voting delegates.

Article 15

ACC voting delegates and substitute voting delegates for the UCI Congress

1. 9 ACC voting delegates to the UCI Congress (including at least two representatives of each gender), as well as 5 substitute voting delegates (including at least one representative of each gender)², are elected by the Congress until the next ordinary Congress.
2. Delegates must be at least twenty-one (21) years old. They shall not be appointed from among the members of the staff of the UCI or a continental confederation.
3. Substitute voting delegates are ranked in a specific order based on the number of votes obtained when elected.
4. It is not permitted to be elected as an ACC voting delegate to the UCI Congress or as a substitute voting delegate, to remain in this position, if he/she becomes UCI Management Committee member.

²Number to date in accordance with article 37.2 of the UCI Constitution. These numbers may vary when the UCI Constitution is modified.

5. The identity of the voting delegates and the substitute voting delegates as well as the order of election of substitute voting delegates must be communicated by ACC to the registered office of the UCI at least three (3) months prior to the date of the relevant UCI Congress.
6. At the UCI Congress, ACC delegates may not be candidates for the office of UCI President or for the UCI Management Committee.
7. The delegates shall be jointly bound by the decisions adopted by the ACC Congress. They shall moreover be obliged to defend those decisions and to vote in accordance with their instructions.
8. In the event of the absence of one of the ACC voting delegates at the UCI Congress, his/her deputy shall be appointed from the list of substitute voting delegates. Such replacement shall, if possible, ensure the 25% representation of each gender and, alternatively, the order of election of the substitute voting delegates.

Article 16

Election of Asian candidates for the UCI Management Committee

1. Pursuant to article 48 and 49 of the UCI Constitution, candidates from an ACC member country for the UCI Management Committee shall be proposed to the UCI Congress by the ACC. For the appointment of ACC candidates the electoral rules stipulated in article 13 of the present Constitution are applicable *mutatis mutandis*.
2. The list of elected candidates must include at least two (2) persons but no more than four (4).
3. Eligibility requirements shall be in accordance with the UCI Constitution.

Article 17

Honorary Vice-President and Advisor

1. The Honorary Vice President shall be conferred to the President/ Representative of the national federation, which will act as host for the Asian Cycling Championships for various disciplines. The Honorary Vice Presidents shall have no voting rights.
2. The tenure of office for the Honorary Vice President shall commence upon receiving the Championships' flag and will expire upon handing over the Championships' flag to the next host country.
3. The Advisor whose role is to provide advices to the President shall be appointed by a majority (more than 50%) vote of the ACC Management Committee from among the following persons:
 - a. Those who distinguished themselves in promoting the Asian cycling; and
 - b. Those who have ever served as either the ACC President or elected member of the ACC Management Committee at least for eight (8) years; and
 - c. Those sixty (60) years of age or older at the time of their appointment.

4. The total number of the Advisors will be left up to the discretion of the Management Committee, and the tenure of office of the Advisor shall commence upon being appointed and expire at the time of dismissal by the Management Committee. The Advisor shall not take part in the meetings of the ACC Congress and / or Management Committee unless invited to do so by the President and shall have no voting rights.
5. The Honorary Vice President title shall also be conferred to the Member of the UCI Management Committee Member from Asia who is elected during the UCI Congress. The tenure of office for the Honorary Vice President shall commence once he/she is elected during the elective UCI Congress and will expire once he/she completes his/her tenure of office as UCI Management Committee Member.

Article 18

Secretary General

1. The Secretary General of the ACC shall carry out all the decisions of the Congress, the Executive and Management Committees. He/she shall maintain communications with all the officers of the ACC and with the member national federations of the ACC. He/she shall carry out relevant duties as spelt out in the Constitution of the ACC and other regulations of the ACC.

Article 19

Finances

1. The Treasurer is responsible for the proper and fiscally correct accounting of the ACC. He/she must submit to the Annual Congress, a detailed annual report on the accounts for the last financial year and the financial situation. The Treasurer must regularly submit details of the financial situation to the Management Committee. He/she and shall disburse from these funds as directed by the Management Committee. He/she shall keep the books of the ACC up-to-date.
2. In the event of his resignation, he shall hand over to his successor within one (1) month the books of account and relevant document brought up-to-date. An Interim Treasurer should be appointed by the President. A report of the hand-over shall be submitted to the Management Committee and signed by the resigning treasurer and his successor as soon as possible.
3. The elected auditors or the external auditor, elected by the Congress, must verify the accounts and submit their report to the same Annual Congress.
4. The accounts shall be certified by an independent body, in one of the UCI official languages.
5. All financial transactions of the ACC shall be in US dollar, Swiss Franc, Euro and any other currency as approved by the Management Committee.
6. ACC shall annually provide the UCI with governance and financial information, including the financial accounts certified by an independent body, in one of the UCI

official languages, in accordance with the applicable guidelines established by the Management Committee of the UCI. Failure to respect this obligation or to comply with the relevant guidelines may result in the suspension of all or part of the project funding and other contributions to ACC.

Article 20

Subscriptions

1. The national federations shall pay their annual UCI and ACC membership contribution (fees) as stipulated respectively by the UCI and the ACC. The annual contributions shall be paid to the UCI on or before the 31st of March of the year for which it is due, in accordance with the applicable guidelines established by the UCI, while the ACC membership fees shall be paid to the ACC on or before the 30th of June of the year for which it is due.

Article 21

ACC office

1. The ACC office is the official headquarters of the ACC. The Management Committee may work from another location, if this provides better opportunities for carrying out the business of the ACC.
2. The management of the office is entrusted to the Secretary General.
3. The duties of the Secretary General include – in addition to administration and correspondence - drafting the minutes of the Congress and Management Committee meetings.

Article 22

Minutes

1. Minutes of the business conducted by the Congress, the Management Committee and the Executive Committee must be recorded. All resolutions of the bodies must be specified. The minutes of the Congress must be distributed to the members without delay.

Article 23

Commissions

1. In order to fulfil its duties, the Management Committee is empowered to set up the commissions it deems necessary for the proper functioning of the ACC. It shall prescribe their sphere of activity and functioning and appoint their members. It may use the UCI commissions, if it gives its approval.
2. The commissions shall operate in accordance with the terms of reference established by the Management Committee.

Article 24

The electoral monitoring commission (EMC)

1. There shall be an electoral monitoring commission (EMC), responsible for monitoring the regularity of electoral proceedings at ACC Congresses for the election of ACC President, ACC Management Committee, candidates for UCI Management Committee and voting delegates (including substitutes) for the UCI Congress. It may also be consulted by the ACC President or the Management Committee on any matter in relation to its jurisdiction.
2. The EMC is independent from ACC. It is composed of three (3) members, including a President appointed by the UCI Ethics Commission, the other two (2) members being appointed for four (4) years by the ACC Management Committee at its first meeting following its election. Their term of office shall cease upon the election of the new ACC Management Committee. They are not permitted to be members of any other ACC body or to be candidates in elections.
3. The EMC:
 - a) Approves candidates for the various elections stipulated in article 12 of the present Constitution,
 - b) Monitors electoral proceedings at Congresses,
 - c) Gives its opinion, which is made public, to the Management Committee, on the practical measures for organising elections proceedings at Congresses,
 - d) Decides swiftly and without recourse, apart from those referred to in article 23 of the present Constitution, on any dispute in relation to its duties, particularly with regard to contested elections.

Article 25

ACC Merit

1. The Congress upon recommendation of the Management Committee may honor distinguished person(s) and / or organizations who have rendered long-term and valuable / outstanding contribution towards the development of cycling in the Asian region.

Article 26

Disputes

1. Any decision made by the ACC or one of its bodies that cannot be dealt with internally may be exclusively submitted on appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, that will take the final decision on the dispute, in accordance with the Code of Arbitration for Sport. The deadline for appeal is twenty-one (21) days upon receipt of the decision being appealed.
2. The Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, has exclusive jurisdiction, to the exclusion of State courts or jurisdictions, to take a final decision on disputes between the ACC and member Federations or on any other dispute related to a decision by ACC bodies.

3. If the parties fail to choose an applicable law, the Court of Arbitration for Sport shall apply Swiss Law and the law governing the ACC Constitution and Rules.

Article 27

Decision-making

1. Proxy voting is not allowed for any ACC body.
2. Postal voting is not allowed for any ACC body, except when it is expressly stated.
3. The Management Committee may decide the manner of voting during the periods between the Congresses on matters of urgency.
4. In any vote where he/she is called on to cast a vote, in the event of a tied vote, the President's vote is decisive.

Article 28

Symbol and Logos

1. The flag of the ACC shall be a white flag having in its center the ACC logo with a shape of a riding cyclist and also the lettering "ACC" colored in red-blue-yellow-green and black.
2. The flag, the colors arranged thereon, the logo and its reproduction, as well as the name "Asian Cycling Confederation" and the abbreviation "ACC" are the property of the Asian Cycling Confederation and may not be used without its consent.
3. The Management Committee has the right to amend or change the symbol and / or logo.

Article 29

Internal rules

1. If necessary, the ACC may adopt internal rules designed to clarify the current Constitution, without changing them or altering the content.
2. The internal rules, drafted by the Management Committee, are approved and modified by the Congress.

Article 30

Dissolution

1. The ACC is organized for an indefinite period. The question of its dissolution shall be deliberated only by an Extraordinary Congress specially convened and notice of which shall be given to all member national federations not less than forty-five (45) days before the date of the said Congress.
2. The Congress deliberating on the dissolution of the ACC shall be attended by two thirds (2/3) of the affiliated national federations at the time the vote is taken. If the decision to dissolve the ACC is not supported by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast, then a second Extraordinary Congress called to the dissolution of the ACC shall have the final judgment as to the use of whatever funds or stocks belonging to the ACC. One or more liquidators shall be appointed, failing which the liquidations shall be by the Management Committee.

Article 31UCI information

1. The identity of the President of the ACC and a list of the ACC's candidates for the member of the Management Committee of the UCI in particular shall be notified to the UCI in the week of their election.
2. Any document of the ACC which might be submitted or notified to the UCI shall be in French or in English, save the use of other languages.

Article 32Compliance with UCI Constitution and Regulations

1. Regulations and decisions of ACC may be cancelled by the Management Committee of the UCI in case of non-conformity with the Constitution and Regulations of the UCI.
2. In the event of the ACC Constitution does not stipulating specific rules, the measures contained in the UCI Constitution shall be directly applicable in a suppletive capacity,

Article 33Entry into force

1. This constitution was duly reformed by electronic voting and came into force from 3rd Aug. 2021 right after its approval.

APPENDIX 1

List of ACC Affiliated Federations

Country	Code	National Federations
Afghanistan	AFG	Afghanistan Cycling Federation
Bahrain	BRN	Bahrain Cycling Association
Bangladesh	BAN	Bangladesh Cycling Federation
Brunei Darussalam	BRU	Brunei Darussalam Cycling Federation
Cambodia	CAM	Cambodia Cycling Federation
Chinese Taipei	TPE	Chinese Taipei Cycling Association
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	PRK	Cycling Ass. of The Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste	TLS	East Timor Cycling Federation
Hong Kong, China	HKG	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China
India	IND	Cycling Federation of India
Indonesia	INA	Indonesian Cycling Federation
Iraq	IRQ	Iraqi Cycling Federation
Islamic Republic of Iran	IRI	Cycling Federation of Iran
Japan	JPN	Japan Cycling Federation
Jordan	JOR	Jordan Cycling Federation
Kazakhstan	KAZ	Kazakhstan Cycling Federation
Kuwait	KUW	Cycling Federation of Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan	KGZ	Kyrgyzstan Cycling Federation
Lao People's Democratic Republic	LAO	Lao Cycling Federation
Lebanon	LBN	Lebanese Cycling Federation
Macao, China	MAC	Cycling General Association of Macau, China
Malaysia	MAS	Malaysian National Cycling Federation
Maldives	MDV	Bicycle Association of Maldives
Mongolia	MGL	Mongolian Cycling Federation
Myanmar	MYA	Myanmar Cycling Federation
Nepal	NEP	Nepal Cycling Association
Oman	OMA	Oman Cycling Association
Pakistan	PAK	Pakistan Cycling Federation
People's Republic of China	CHN	Chinese Cycling Association
Philippines	PHI	Integrated Cycling Federation of The Philippines
Qatar	QAT	Qatar Cycling Federation
Republic of Korea	KOR	Korea Cycling Federation
Saudi Arabia	KSA	Saudi Cycling Federation
Singapore	SIN	Singapore Cycling Federation
Sri Lanka	SRI	The Cycling Federation of Sri Lanka
Syrian Arab Republic	SYR	Syrian Arab Cycling Federation
Tajikistan	TJK	Tajikistan Cycling Federation
Thailand	THA	Thai Cycling Association
Turkmenistan	TKM	Turkmenistan Cycling Federation
United Arab Emirates	UAE	UAE Cycling Federation
Uzbekistan	UZB	Cycling Federation of Uzbekistan
Vietnam	VIE	Vietnam Cycling Federation
Yemen	YEM	Yemani Cycling Federation

Issued under the signature of President, ACC Mr. Osama Al Shafar