

The Statute of the Malta Amateur Athletic Association

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- 1.1** The name of the Association [hereinafter called the Association] is the Malta Amateur Athletic association
- 1.2** For promotional and commercial purposes, the Association may also be known as ATHLETICS MALTA. 24 Feb 09

Rule 2 AFFILIATION

- 2.1.** The Association shall be affiliated to the International Association of Athletic Federations and any athletic association which the Council deems necessary to affiliate to from time to time
- 2.2.** The Association shall be registered with Sport Malta as is required under the (Part V11. Section 35) of the Sports Law of 2002. 24 Feb 09
- 2.3.** The Association shall be registered with the Commissioner of Voluntary Organisations in accordance with Section 14 of the “Voluntary Organisation Act, 2007 (Act No: XXII of 2007). 24 Feb 09
- 2.4.** Any reference, mention or quote in this statute or any other rules, regulations and bye laws of the MAAA that is made to the international governing body “IAAF” or contains the wording “IAAF” shall automatically also mean and refer to “World Athletics” . [World Athletics, until October 2019 known as IAAF, is the international governing body for the sport of athletics, covering track and field, cross country running, road running, racewalking, mountain running and ultrarunning.] Added on AGM 15/5/2020

Rule 3 OBJECTS

- 3.1** The Objects for which the Association is established are to encourage, promote, develop, manage and regulate Athletics in Malta amongst all stakeholders, namely affiliated Athletic Clubs or Athletic Associations and also eligible individual athletes as defined in Rule 4.1 as a means of promoting physical health and wellbeing and in order to further the above mentioned primary objects and as ancillary to thereto, and thus: Amended AGM 15MAR2018
- 3.2.1.** To promote and organise or assist in promoting and organising, the holding of amateur athletic events, championships, competitions, demonstrations and events, to select competitors to represent the Association or the Country, and to pay the expenses of persons so selected, and to enter into any arrangements which may be necessary or convenient in connection therewith or with any of the objects of the Association
- 3.2.2** To arrange and provide for, or join in arranging and providing for the holding of courses for the instruction and teaching of athletics to teachers, coaches, instructors, athletes, and any other persons, and for the holding of meetings, lectures and classes, calculated directly or indirectly to further the objects of the Association.
- 3.2.3** To lay down and enforce rules and regulations covering all aspects of amateur athletics, to improve the management of athletic meetings by the establishment of uniform regulations, to define the status and prescribe the conduct of amateur athletics and to deal repressively with any abuses in amateur athletics.
- 3.2.4** To give prizes, medals and other awards and to obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of contributions, donations, subscriptions, legacies, grants or any other lawful method, and to accept and to receive gifts or property of any description, for or towards the objects of the Association or any of them.
- 3.2.5** To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Association or any of them.

Rule 4 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1.** Eligible Athletes : All competitions under the Rules of the MAAA are confined to eligible athletes as referred to in this Statute and restricted to athletes who are under the jurisdiction of a Member of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) and who are eligible under the rules laid down by the MAAA. Amended EGM
19Sep2017
- 4.2.** Unless otherwise specifically stated in this statute or competition rules that may be issued by the MAAA from time to time, all competitions held under the Competition Rules of the Association are governed by the said rules/Statute and in accordance to the definitions set out by the IAAF. Added 15th
march 2018
- 4.3** Competition : refers to any athletic competitive track, field or road event or specified series of such events held by the Association over one day (such as Challenge meeting or road race) or over more days (such as National Championships); which may consist of one or more events (e.g. marathon).
League : A series of Athletic competitions held over a specified period, whether track, field or road competitions, in which athletes / club-teams gain points, for a final ranking and which competitions together constitute a league / challenge series. Added AGM
15MAR2018
- Event : refers to any single race or other athletic contest, in a Competition (e.g. the 100 metres or the Javelin Throw), and includes any qualifying rounds thereof. To clarity, ‘‘qualifying rounds’’ are considered as forming part of the same event as the final event in its category.
- Multi-events competition : When so designated by the organizing body, it shall be considered as one event for the purpose of this statute.
- Rounds : refers to Events having more than one round
- Season : Competitions running from 1st October to the 30th September of the subsequent year.

Rule 5 MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1.** The Membership of the Association shall be open to all Athletic Clubs, regularly organized with their own Committee and which satisfy the requirements for affiliation under the Statute and any by-laws as may be introduced from time to time by the General Meeting of Members, excluding Clubs with party political names Amended AGM
23MAR2019
- 5.1.1** The Association recognises two types of members: Full Members and Associate Members
- 5.1.2** For clubs to enjoy Full Member status their athletes who must be regularly registered on MAAA Registration forms must fulfil any ONE of the following participation requirements:
Either (1): during the previous season the club must have at least 15 athletes on four occasions in events organised by the Association.
Or (2): during the previous season the club must have between 16 and 25 athletes who together participate at least 60 times in MAAA Competitions
- 5.1.3** All other clubs will enjoy Associate Member status.
- 5.1.4** Any Full Member Club which does not fulfil the obligation in 5.1.2 above in time for the upcoming Annual General Meeting will be relegated to ‘Associate Member’ status until the subsequent Annual General Meeting provided the provision of Rule 5.1.2 are then met. EGM
19SEP2017
- 5.1.5.** Within ten (10) days of receipt of the notification of the date of the Annual General Meeting, every MAAA-registered Club that considers itself eligible to qualify as a Full Member as defined under these regulations, is to indicate clearly, supported by documentary evidence (for example submitting copies of official Amended AGM
15MAR2018

results with its 'participating' members indicated) through which of the Events / Competitions listed under this rule the Club qualifies as a Full Member.

Added AGM
15MAR2018

a) If any club fails to submit the requested documentation as per sub-rule 5.1.5 in due time, the General Secretary is to send a final reminder to the defaulting Club to comply within three (3) days from receipt of the said reminder.

b) Failure by the club to comply will automatically render the Club an Associate Member.

c) A provisional list of Full and Associate Members is to be circulated to all Clubs by the General Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the AGM with a proviso that pending fees must be paid up not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the AGM. Any Club wishing to dispute the provisional list of Full and / or Associate Members to be drawn up by the Secretary in each MAAA Season, may file, within three (3) days from the circulation of the same list, an appeal to the Appeals Committee registering its complaint. The Appeals Committee is to provide its decision at least three (3) days prior to the set date for the AGM. A final list of Full and Associate Members is to be circulated to all Registered Clubs by the General Secretary at least 2 days prior to the AGM.

5.2. The Application for Membership will be made to the General Secretary on the official form, which shall include an undertaking to observe the Statute and the Competition Rules of the Association.

EGM19
SEP2017

5.3. Any club or body, which has athletics as its sole function or as one of its normal functions, must necessarily seek affiliation to the Association.

5.4. Any club or body which does not have athletics as its normal function and is desirous of holding an athletic function, must obtain a Certificate of Registration as laid down in the Competition rules.

5.5.1 The MAAA retains the right to use the collective image of any of its registered athletes, (for instance as forming part of the National Team Selection), for its own commercial agreements even if any of its registered athletes have other commercial agreements in which they surrender their image to their sponsor.

EGM
18.09.2007
amended AGM
15 MAR2018

5.5.2 Athletes who are found to be in default of clause 5.5.1. above will be subject to disciplinary action which may consist of a fine, suspension from participation or both.

EGM 18Sep07
as 5.5.3

Rule 6 SUBSCRIPTION and FEES

EGM
19SEP2017
14 Feb 09

6.1. Clubs which are full Members of this Association shall pay an annual fee of Euro 60.00. Associate Members shall pay an annual fee of Euro 25.00. Schools and Colleges shall also pay an annual fee of Euro 25.00.

6.2. For a Club to be represented at AGMs and EGMs and be able to gain Full Membership status, all fees owed to the Association by the Club for the previous season prior to the AGM at which Membership status is being defined, and for which the respective invoices and statement were issued by the MAAA up to the end of the previous calendar year, must be fully settled to the Treasurer of the Association at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the same Annual General Meeting.

24.02.2009
amended EGM
19SEP2017

6.3 The Treasurer of the Association is to send an updated statement to all Clubs before the end of each calendar year stating their dues as at the end of the previous season.

Added EGM
19SEP2017

Rule 7 MANAGEMENT

- 7.1.** The management of the Association shall be vested in the Council (Hereinafter called 'the Council') which may exercise all such powers and do all such acts as may be exercised or done by the Association and are not under the Statute required to be done by the Association in a General Meeting, but subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Statute. Without prejudice to the foregoing the Council may:-
- 7.2.** draw up competition Rules which shall be binding on all District Associations and Clubs
- 7.2.1** allow the formation of a District Association and vest it with any power which the Council deems necessary
- 7.2.2.** appoint Committees from within and or outside the Council for:-
- A) fund-raising
 - B) general promotion in schools and youth clubs
 - C) coaching and lecturing
 - D) officials
 - E) fixtures and selection
 - F) Any other specific matter that the Council may from time to time find necessary with such membership, duties and terms of reference as may be decided from time to time by the Council. A committee appointed under this article shall be appointed annually and shall hold office until its successor is appointed.
- 7.2.3.** The Chairman of each Sub Committee, appointed under this rule, shall raise and submit a report giving details of the work and activities of the Sub-Committee under his charge, which report shall be read and /or distributed during the Annual General Meeting
- 7.2.4.** Appoint any officials that may be considered necessary from time to time
- 7.2.5.** make Standing Orders regarding its proceedings except with the number of persons making a quorum
- 7.2.6** deal with any matter not provided in this Statute.
- 7.2.7.** borrow or in any manner raise money, without limit for the purpose or in connection with the Association's objects; to secure the repayment of Monies borrowed or any other obligations by giving hypothecary or other security upon the whole or in part of the movable and immovable property of the Association. The borrowing powers of the Association shall be unlimited and shall be exercised by the President and the General Secretary who are authorised to sign all related documents on behalf of the Association or in the absence of the President and the General Secretary by any other two duly authorised Council Members.
- 7.3.** The Council may invest in, or set up a Commercial Concern or Limited Liability Company to enable it to manage the facilities at the disposal of the Association on commercial lines. The Articles of Association and Memorandum of the Association will be recommended by the Council of the MAAA and approved by the members during a General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association, convened for this purpose.
- 7.4.** The Council shall have no power to delegate its authority except as provided in this Statute

Amended AGM
23MAR2019

24 Feb 09

Rule 8 ATHLETES' SUB-COMMITTEE

- 8.1** The Council will appoint a sub-committee, chaired by a member of the Council, and composed of one active athlete from each club affiliated to the MAAA, to put forward athletes' views on matters that directly concern them.

Rule 9 DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL, APPEALS COMMITTEE AND AD HOV INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE

Amended
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- 9.1.** All decisions of the Council are binding upon the affiliated Clubs, Bodies and District Associations, and their members, and upon any managing body to which a permit to hold any athletic meeting or competition has been granted. The decisions of the Council can be appealed from to the Appeals Committee as in Rule 9.2.

Amended
AGM23MAR20
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- 9.2.** Within 60 days from the AGM, the Council shall set up an Appeals Committee from outside the Council, made up of three (3) individuals who are not committee members or athletes of any Club affiliated to the Association yet ideally have a sporting background.

Amended
AGM23MAR20
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- 9.3.** In case of elections, the same members of the Appeals Committee shall also review any appeals by Clubs relating to their voting status.

Amended
AGM23MAR20
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- 9.4.** Every athlete or Club affiliated to the Association against whom a decision has been taken by the Council has the right to apply to have his case reviewed by the Appeals Committee.

Amended
AGM23MAR20
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- 9.5.** Every such application must be made to the General Secretary of the Association within fifteen (15) days of the applicant being informed of the decision of the Council (except when contesting membership status were the provisions of 5.1.5b apply) and must be accompanied by a deposit of one hundred and fifty Euros (€ 150.) Within three (3) days of receipt of such application by the General Secretary, this must be forwarded to the Appeal's Committee for the necessary action. The Appeals Committee will also decide if the deposit of €150 should be refunded in whole or in part, or otherwise.

Amended
AGM23MAR20
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- 9.7.** On the duly appointed date for first hearing both the appellant and the Council are to produce all their evidence and both may be assisted by a friend.

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- 9.8.** Any member of the Committee who has a direct interest in the appeal or who is related by consanguinity shall abstain from the Committee and his post shall be filled in by another member.

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- 9.9.** The Appeals Committee shall make its recommendations to the Council which shall be bound to act upon them. All recommendations and /or decisions by the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding upon all parties

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Rule 10 COMPOSITON OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS QUORUM

- 10.1** The Council shall consist of a maximum of nine members and a minimum of seven members.

- 10.1.a)** Irrespective of rule 10.1 and only at the AGM of the year 2021, 2 (two) seats on the Council shall be added. These 2 (two) seats will be filled exclusively by female members. This will allow this statute to become compliant with regulations laid down by the relevant international bodies for the sport of athletics, unless in the period leading up to the 2021AGM this statute is otherwise amended to make provisions for the inclusion of gender representation regarding how Council is composed.

Adds-on on
AGM 15/5/2020

These 2 additional female members of the council shall hold their seat on the Council for an initial period of 1 year until the following AGM in the 2022. Nomination and election for these additional 2 (two) female council members shall be in accordance with the rules of the statute.

As from the 2021 AGM, the enlarged council is thereby foreseen to have 11 members. Thereby 6 (six) members shall form a quorum. In case the number of elected council members including females is less than 11 (eleven), rule 10.6 shall apply to determine the quorum.

In case no nominations are received for the elections to be held at the 2021 AGM, and no nominations are made from the floor during the 2021 AGM. Council is obliged to co-opt 2 (two) additional female members to council within 60 days from the 2021 AGM. These 2 (two) co-opted female members on the Council shall have the same obligations, voting powers and rights as elected council members. Rule 10.5.1 remains valid and applicable for other co-opted members. For avoidance of doubt, any female council member elected during the AGM of 2020 or any EGM thereafter remains on the council until the planned end of the term (2 years or the next elective AGM whichever comes first), but this does not qualify as satisfaction of the gender representation requirement laid down in rule 10.1.a)

10.1.b) Prior to the 2022 AGM, this statute must have been properly amended in a manner that ensures appropriate gender representation by reserving an adequate number of seats on the council exclusively for female members. Adds-on on
AGM 15/5/2020

10.1.c) Any reference in this statute that refers to council members automatically shall mean council members of the male and female gender. Adds-on on
AGM 15/5/2020

10.1.1 Council Members are elected to work, represent and safeguard the interest of athletics in general and to discuss and decide and make and amend the policies of the Association which are meant to achieve the stated objectives of the same Association. AGM 26 Sep 06

10.1.2. Powers and duties of Council Members - The elected Council Members shall be responsible to oversee and supervise the activities of the Association, which will include the following: AGM 26 Sep 06

- A) The Administration and Financial Management of the Association;
- B) Assure safe and fair competition to all athletes;
- C) Update the Competition Rules of athletic events;
- D) Continue to develop the Coaching Structure;
- E) Continue to train Technical Officials;
- F) Drawing up of Annual Calendar of Events;
- G) Maintain and enhance relations with all local sports Associations;
- H) Formation of Sub-committees and working groups;
- I) Officially ratify National Records;
- J) Promote athletics and strengthen Public relations;
- K) Raise funds to finance the operations of the Association;
- L) Selection of athletes to participate in International meetings;
- M) To enter into Commercial and other agreements relating the competitions organized and other activities organized by the MAAA;
- N) Maintain and enhance relations with the IAAF, European Athletics, Sport Malta, and the Malta Olympic Committee;
- O) To implement rulings made by the IAAF Congress and the European Athletics Congress;
- P) To observe and implement the provisions of the Sports Act of Malta;
- Q) To delegate any of its powers and duties as it deems fit.

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- 10.2.1.** The President and the General Secretary and the Treasurer of the Malta Amateur Athletic Association shall be elected by secret vote. Only delegates of affiliated clubs that have fullmember status and who are present at the General Meeting will be entitled to vote. EGM 18 Sep07
Amended AGM
23MAR2019
- 10.2.2.** The President and the General Secretary and the Treasurer of the Malta Amateur Athletic Association cannot be members of the Committee of any club affiliated to the same association. They shall relinquish their post on a committee of any affiliated club [if they hold such a post] and / or membership with any club upon being elected President or General Secretary or Treasurer of the Malta Amateur Athletic Association. EGM 18 Sep 07
Amended AGM
23MAR2019
- 10.2.3.** Nominations (duly seconded) on the official form for the posts of President and General Secretary and Treasurer of the MAAA may be made by all affiliated Clubs and Council Members and shall be received in writing by the General Secretary (copied to the President) at least twenty-eight (28) days before the date of any Extraordinary or Annual General Meeting in which elections are to be held. Late nominations will not be accepted. EGM 18 Sep 07
Amended EGM
19SEP2017
amended
AGM23MAR20
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- 10.2.4.** Clubs shall receive from the General Secretary of the MAAA, the list of proposed Candidates for the post of President and General Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the Extraordinary / Annual General Meeting. EGM18SEP07
amended AGM
23MAR2019
EGM 18SEP07
- 10.2.5** In the case where no nominations are received for any particular position, then nominations from the floor will be accepted on the day of the General Meeting.
- 10.3.** All the members of the Council shall resign every two years and be eligible for reelection
- 10.3.1** Members of the MAAA Council who fail to attend three consecutive Council meetings without providing the said Council with justified reasons, will be considered as having resigned their position on the MAAA Council forthwith.
- 10.3.2.** Members of the Council who fail to attend to officiate or assist in controlling any five athletic events [being road races, cross country or track and field events] organised by the MAAA during any athletic season, without prior notice and/or justified reason, shall be considered as having resigned their position on the MAAA Council.
- 10.4.** If a vacancy arises on the Council at least four (4) months prior to the first (1st) possible date allowed by this Statute of the then forthcoming Annual General Meeting, the General Secretary shall adhere to the following sub rule: Amended AGM
15MAR2018
- 10.4.1.** Within 21 days of receipt of any resignation letter from any Council member to the Council, (or from when a post is deemed vacant if no resignation letter is received), all Clubs are to be duly notified of such resignation letter by the General Secretary or President of the Association and if the remaining number of members fall below the minimum stated in the Statute, the Council must initiate the provisions for elections under the same sub-rule (10.4). 10 Added
AGM15MAR20
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- 10.4.2** In cases where the posts of President and / or General Secretary become vacant, the President and / or General Secretary (as applicable), within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such resignation by the Council, (or from when a post is deemed vacant if no resignation letter is received), the Council is to duly notify all the Clubs of such resignation, issue a call for nominations as per sub-Rule 10.2.3 and call an Extraordinary General Meeting within forty (40) days from such notification to the Clubs. In the event of such vacancy arising, the members of the Council shall appoint by simple vote between them, a member to act ad interim in the vacant post until the forthcoming AGM or EGM as applicable. Added AGM
15MAR2018
- 10.5.** The Council shall also have the power of appointing one or more Honorary Presidents who shall have a set on the council and may also attend any General Meeting of the Association but shall not have the power to vote.
- 10.5.1** The Council shall have the power to co-opt ex-officio members of the Council to assist in the administrative function of the same Council. An ex-officio member

may attend meetings of the Council as and wherever necessary but will not have the right to vote.

The term of office of an ex-officio member, will be as required by the Council, but he/she will be considered as having resigned from his/her position at or before the first Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting during which an election is held.

- 10.6.** In the case that seven members are elected on the MAAA Council, four members shall form a quorum at all Council Meetings. In the case that eight or nine members are elected on the MAAA Council, then five members shall form a quorum.

Rule 11 MEETINGS WITH AFFILIATED CLUBS

- 11.1.1.** The MAAA Council will at least once every three (3) months meet a Clubs' Delegation consisting of one (1) representative from each Club wishing to attend. An Agenda for this Meeting is to be issued by the General Secretary not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the same meeting and the circular shall refer to this rule in particular. EGM 18 SEP07 amended AGM 23MAR2019
- 11.1.2.** The MAAA Council will be represented by the President, the Hon. Secretary and one other Council Member. EGM 18 SEP07
- 11.1.3.** The Clubs' Representative Committee will be composed of one member from each affiliated MAAA Club. EGM 18 SEP07
- 11.1.4.** An agenda will be drawn up and sent to each club representative and their club. Clubs wishing to include an item (or items) on the agenda will inform the General Secretary of the MAAA, a full three days in advance of the meeting. EGM 18 SEP07

Rule 12 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 12.1.** The Council shall call the Annual General Meeting of the Association between the first (1st) of March and the thirty-first (31st) of March of each year by giving not less than fortyfive (45) days' notice in writing to all affiliated bodies. AGM 26 Sep 06 amended AGM 23MAR2019
- 12.2.** At such General meeting the Agenda shall include:-
- 12.2.1** A report by the General Secretary on the activities of the Association for the previous year.
- 12.2.2.** The report of the Hon. Treasurer on the financial position of the Association accompanied by the audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account covering the financial year of the Association which shall extend from the 1st January in any year to the 31st December of the subsequent year. AGM 26SEP06
- 12.2.3.** Any motion for the amendment of the Statute
- 12.2.4.** The election of the members to fill the vacancies on the Council as stated in the notice
- 12.2.5.** The appointment of 2 auditors for the current year.
- 12.3.** Nominations in writing for the filling of vacancies on the Council may be made either by the Council or by any affiliated club up to the election of the members to fill the vacancies on the Council as stated in the notice.
- 12.4.** Elections on the Council shall be by secret ballot.
- 12.5.** Not later than 3 months after the approval of the amendments by the AGM the General Secretary shall circulate in writing a copy of the amendments to the Statute to all affiliated bodies.

Rule 13 Extraordinary General Meeting

- 13.1.** An Extraordinary General meeting of the Association shall be called on the instructions of the Council, or within 28 days of the receipt by the General Secretary of a written request made by at least one-third of the affiliated clubs enjoying full Member status. Such request shall state the matter it proposed to bring forward at the meeting. No other business may be brought forward at the meeting. No other business may be brought forward or discussed at such meetings.
- 13.2** An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association may also be called in case of any vacancy on the Council in accordance to Rule 10.

Added EGM
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Rule 14 VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 14.1.** Each club may be represented at any General Meeting by two members. Delegates of clubs enjoying Full Member status shall each have one vote. Delegates of clubs with Associate Member status shall have no vote.
- 14.2.** Voting shall be by show of hands, but any delegate is entitled to demand a secret ballot, in which case one voting paper only will be supplied to each club representative and Council Member. Officers of the Association shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote except during the election of the Council Members. No member of the Council shall in addition represent a club.
- 14.3.** At any general meeting the presence of half the number of affiliated clubs enjoying Full Member status shall constitute a quorum. If no such quorum is present by half an hour after the scheduled start of the General Meeting, the Meeting shall be reconvened within fourteen days and shall commence with the number of delegates present.
- 14.4.** a) Any Club, who in accordance with sub-Rule 6.3 and sub-Rule 12.1.1, has been called to effect payment of any dues outstanding to the Association as at the end of the previous calendar year, and fails to do so by fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, shall, for that year up to the subsequent AGM, forfeit its right to be represented and vote at any General Meeting (provided there is no valid contestation to the Appeals Committee), besides being subject to any further action which the Council deems necessary. If however the Appeals Committee decides that payment of the above-mentioned dues had in fact been made by the 'excluded' Club, it will be immediately reinstated for voting purposes.
- b) Any balance due by a Club to the Association which remains outstanding one month after the end of the financial year shall be liable to interest at the rate of 8% per annum calculated from the date that the relative invoice was first issued.

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Rule 15 AMENDMENTS OF STATUTE

- 15.1.** The Statute may not be amended except at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. Any amendment of the Statute to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting must be made in writing and submitted to the General Secretary not later than 31 October prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 15.2.** Any amendment to the statute must be carried by a two-thirds majority of those present of those present and entitled to vote.

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- 15.3.** An amendment to the Statute approved during an Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall become effective on the 1st of January of the following year unless otherwise agreed, during the same Annual/Extraordinary General meeting. 24 FEB09
- 15.4.** Proposals for Amendments to the Statute can be improved upon during Annual / Extraordinary General meetings by a seconded motion, prior to voting, provided such improvement retains the same spirit of the original amendment being proposed. Added AGM 15MAR2018

Rule 16 AMENDMENTS OF COMPETITION RULES

- 16.1** Proposals for the amendment of any provision in the Competition Rules may be made by any Council Member or affiliated club to the General Secretary of the Association in writing, and after its receipt shall be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting of the Council. The Council shall determine when alterations to the Competition Rules will become operative.

Rule 17 DISCIPLINE

- 17.1.** A) There shall be a Disciplinary Board appointed each year by the Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Board" which shall deal with any infringement of this statute and the Competition Rules of this Association in such manner as it may deem fit.

B) The Council will refer to the Disciplinary Board any infringement of this Statute and of the Competition Rules of this Association within fourteen days of the infringement.

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C) The Board will ensure that the following principles are respected:

- i. the individual is given a timely hearing before a fair and impartial hearing body;
- ii. the individual is informed of the charge against him;
- iii. the individual is given the right to present evidence, including the right to call and question witnesses;
- iv. the individual is given the right to be represented by legal counsel and an interpreter (at the individual's expense) and a timely and reasoned decision in writing;

- 17.1.1** Where such disputes arise in a non-disciplinary context, the relevant hearing body shall be constituted as an arbitration panel.

The Board shall consist of a Chairman and four other members. The Chairman shall neither be a member of the Council nor an official of any of the Clubs affiliated to the Association. One of its members shall be a Council member representing the Council, and another member shall be a member of a Club affiliated to the Malta Amateur Athletic Association. All the officials sitting on this Board must be neutral to the case or dispute being brought before them.

- 17.1.2** Any member of the Board who has a direct interest in the case or who is related by consanguinity will be replaced and his post will be filled by another member.

- 17.1.3** The Board may proceed with the hearing of the case notwithstanding the absence of the party charged, unless the party charged shows reasonable cause for his/her absence, but may also impose a fine, not exceeding €60 for this offence 12MAR2012

- 17.1.4** The party charged may be assisted during the hearing.

- 17.1.5** The Board is empowered to regulate its own procedure, and to seek professional advice, provided that the Rules of the Association are observed.

- 17.1.6** The Board, where the case is proved, shall award a penalty which is in accordance with the provisions [of para. 2] of this same section of the Statute.
- 17.2.** Every decision of the Board may be appealed against by the party found guilty to the Appeals Board of this same Association.
The Disciplinary Board where the charge is proved may:
- i. suspend for a stated time, indefinitely or permanently ,anyone infringing the Amateur definition, or guilty of misbehaviour or unfair practice:
 - ii. suspend from membership, fine, or expel from the Association any club or body deemed guilty of:
 - a) infringing the Competition Rules
 - b) misbehaviour or unfair practice of any kind
 - c) being irregularly conducted
 - iii. call upon any club or body against which a definite charge has been lodged to produce its books and any other document for inspection. Failure to do so shall be regarded as misbehaviour.
- 17.3.** Every club, body or person disqualified or otherwise dealt with shall be notified by letter.
- 17.4.** Subject to reciprocal treatment, the decisions of the National Governing Bodies of other sport as to suspensions, disqualifications and requalifications, shall be recognised by this Association and shall be binding upon affiliated clubs and bodies as their members.
- 17.5.** The Council may re-instate as an amateur under its own Competition Rules any individual who has rendered himself ineligible to compete under the Statute of the Association. The Association may impose any conditions which it deems fit.
- 17.6.** A person who is not eligible to compete under the Competition Rules of this Association owing to his suspension is also not eligible to take part of the management of, or officiate at, any amateur club, until he is again eligible to compete. However, the Council may upon receipt of his application, give him permission to take part in the management of, or officiate at, any amateur athletic competition. Every application for such permission shall be submitted to the General Secretary of the Association.
- 17.7.** Anyone who competes against an athlete knowing him to be under suspension or disqualification shall thereby forfeit his eligibility to compete under the Competition Rules of this Association.
- 17.8.** The Committee shall make its recommendations to the Council which shall be bound to act upon them. All recommendations by the Committee shall be final and binding upon all parties.
- 17.9.** The MAAA will be bound to refer to the Disciplinary Board any athlete, coach, official, Council Member who has committed an act or made a statement either in the media or in writing, or has been responsible for any breaches of the Rules or to other conduct, which in the opinion of the MAAA Council, is considered to be insulting or improper or likely to bring the sport into disrepute.
- 17.10.** In the eventuality of a dispute between the Malta Amateur Athletic Association and the IAAF, the MAAA binds itself to refer the dispute to the IAAF. Subsequently, the Council of the IAAF shall determine a procedure for the adjudication of the dispute depending on the circumstances of the case in question.

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Rule 18 CLUB RULES

- 18.1.** In the eventuality of a dispute between the Malta Amateur Athletic Association and another Member Federation, the MAAA binds itself to refer the dispute to the IAAF. Subsequently, the Council of the IAAF shall determine a procedure for the adjudication of the dispute depending on the circumstances of the case in question. 07 Jan 08
- 18.2.** Every club or body applying for membership or associated membership of this Association must submit a copy of the Statute of the same club or body to the Association.
Every club or body affiliated to the Association is required to hold a general meeting once in every year and present a financial statement to its members.
- 18.3.** The Secretary of the Club (or body) shall send to the General Secretary of the Association, within one (1) month of the holding of the Club's Annual General Meeting, 24 Feb 09 amended AGM 15MAR2018
- a) a Financial Statement of the Club (consisting of a Balance Sheet and an Income and Expenditure Statement),
 - b) a list of Club's Committee members and
 - c) a list of the approved amendments (if any) to the statute of the same Club.
- 18.3.1** Failure of a Club to comply with the above provision will render the Club concerned as not being in "good standing" with the Association' and the Council of the Association will have the right to suspend the Club concerned. 24 feb 09
- 18.4.** Every Club affiliated to the MAAA is obliged to provide at least one helper to assist in the running, controlling or officiating of athletic competitions for at least 20 events which are organised by the same MAAA per annum. This helper must not be an MAAA Council Member. Clubs that do not reach the minimum of 20 events in which assistance has been provided will be charged a minimum of Euro 20 for each time that assistance was not provided. 24 Feb 09
- 18.5.** The MAAA will reserve the right not to accept to register a new Club, when one or more of the officials representing the Club are not of good standing and /or have been convicted of a crime. The MAAA will have the right to ask for the resignation of an official of a Club who had been convicted of a crime.
- 18.6.1** The MAAA will reserve the right not to accept to register a new Club unless it provides ample proof that it can contribute to the positive growth of athletics and has within its ranks at least one qualified or licensed Coach (either on full time or part-time basis). Added AGM 15MAR2018
- In order for a Club to hold Full Membership status in the Association it needs to be also regularly registered with Sports Malta. The valid registration number of the Club with 'Sports Malta' needs to be provided with each annual request for Membership status to the MAAA.

Rule 19 NOTICE OF COMPETITIONS

- 19.1** The Council shall send to all affiliated clubs and bodies any circulars calling for entries to athletic meetings or requiring information at least ten days prior to the receipt of such entries or information.

Rule 20 ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES

- 20.1.** In accordance with IAAF Rules and the provision of this Statute the Association may allow athletes to use the services of Athletes' Representatives {AR} to assist the athlete in planning, arranging and negotiating his athletic programme.

- 20.2** The Association has the sole right to authorise AR's to act with respect to athletes under its jurisdiction as well as to regulate the activities of AR's operating within the territory of Malta, whether or not those AR's represent athletes under the jurisdiction of the Association.
- 20.3.** An applicant will only be granted authorisation to act as an AR if he can satisfy the Association that he is a fit and proper person to represent athletes.
- 20.4.** An athlete must apply for permission from the Association to make use of the services of an authorised representative to assist him in planning, arranging and negotiating his athletic programme.
- 20.5.** No athlete will be granted consent to use an Athletes' Representative and no Athletes' Representative shall be authorised, unless a written contract exists between the athlete and his Representative which contains the minimum terms set out in the IAAF Regulations concerning National Federation/Athletes' Representatives. 07 Jan 08
- 20.6.** Athletes may only utilise the services of persons who have been granted AR status. Any athlete who uses an unauthorised representative may be subject to sanctions under IAAF Rules and Rules of the Association.
- Rule 21 DOPING CONTROL**
- 21.1** IAAF/World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and Anti-Doping Regulations are the regulatory framework, applicable and binding on the MAAA, its members, athletes, athlete support personnel, agents, associates, and any other person or body involved in the sports of athletics. 07 Jan 08
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- 21.2** The obligation to comply is absolute, such that it is not necessary to prove fault or intention the part of a person to establish a breach of these Anti-Doping Rules. 24 Feb 09
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- A) Currently MLT is in "Category C" in terms and context of IAAF Anti-Doping Rules 01/January2019. Specific obligations applicable to Category C Federations shall apply in full to MAAA members, athletes, athlete support personnel, agents, employees, service providers, associates, medical or paramedical personnel and any other person or body involved in the sports of athletics.
- B) In the case of MLT being re-classified by IAAF/World Athletics, the specific obligations applicable to federations of that category shall automatically apply in full to MAAA members, athletes, athlete support personnel, agents, employees, service providers, associates, medical or paramedical personnel and any other person or body involved in the sports of athletics. Such change does not require an amendment to the MAAA Statute until reasonably possible (usually the next AGM)
- The Malta Amateur Athletic Association makes it a condition of membership and affiliation, and a condition of participation to competitions which it sanctions or organises, that its athletes agree to be subject to any in-competition and out-of-competition testing carried out by the MAAA, the IAAF and any other body with competent authority to test under the Anti-Doping Rules of these bodies.
- 21.3.** For any person to be eligible for consideration to be nominated or to travelling to and participating at any international competition, workshop, seminar or similar activity the Malta Amateur Athletic Association makes it a condition for all athletes and officials and coaches to be in possession of a valid European Athletics "I Run Clean" certificate. The certificate must be dated (issued) prior to departure. A copy of the certificate must be submitted to MAAA General Secretary not later than 7 days after receipt of the certificate. Amended AGM
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- 21.4.** a) the Council of the Association is empowered to conduct directly or through a nominated agent, and to order to be conducted, in-competition or out-of-competition testing to its registered athletes. Amended AGM 15/05/2020
b) The MAAA shall also allow IAAF/World Athletics, European Athletics, WADA and NADO to conduct anti-doping control and testing at any MAAA competition or any competition endorsed by the MAAA during such an athletic competition as well as “Out of Competition” tests.
- 21.5.** National laws (MLT) that may be in place at the time shall also be applicable. Amended AGM 15/05/2020
- 21.6** Any person found guilty of having any connection with the importation, selling or distribution of the drugs banned by the IOC/IAAF to athletes, will be disqualified from any activity in connection with athletes or clubs affiliated to the MAAA nor will he/she be able to sit on the Council of the MAAA.
- 21.7** All athletes, athlete support personnel and other persons (as defined in the IAAF Rules) and who fall under the jurisdiction of the Malta Amateur Athletic Association shall be bound by the IAAF Anti-Doping Rules and the IAAF Procedural Guidelines. 07 Jan 08
- 21.8.** The Malta Amateur Athletic Association makes it a condition of membership and affiliation, and a condition of participation in competitions which it sanctions or organises, that its athletes agree to be subject to any in-competition and out-ofcompetition testing carried out by the MAAA, the IAAF and any other body with competent authority to test under the Anti-Doping Rules of these bodies. 07 Jan 08

Rule 22 **ATHLETE’S REGISTRATION**

- 22.1** To compete in an MAAA competition an athlete who is a member of an MAAA affiliated club or school must be registered on the official Registration Form of the Malta Amateur Athletic Association. This registration will be renewed on annual basis failing which the athlete will no longer be considered to be active.
- 22.1.1** The renewal period for registrations will be between 1st September and 30th September. Renewals after this period will be allowed, but the renewed registration will have to be submitted to the MAAA a full three days before the competition for which the club or school has entered an athlete. Renewed registrations must be accompanied by an administration fee of €2.00. 12 Mar 2012
- 22.2.1** The MAAA Rules for release will continue to apply. 12 Mar 2012
- 22.2.2** In the case of newly registered members (i.e. who had never been registered before), membership will commence upon the actual date of presentation of the MAAA registration form, duly completed in all respects and subject to approval by Council. This form shall be accompanied by a fee of €5.00
- 22.2.3** An athlete’s registration Form must be endorsed by his legal guardian if he is under 18 years of age. A registration Form will not be accepted if the athlete registering is under nine years of age on the day of the registration.
- 22.3** New registrations have to reach the MAAA at least 3 days prior to the competition in which the athlete concerned is due to take part.
- 22.4.1** In the case of a club amalgamated with, or absorbed by, another club, membership is regarded as continuous. If, however, a member, on receiving notice of amalgamation or absorption of his club, shall within 28 days, notify in writing the Secretary, or other persons issuing such notice, that he does not intend to continue his membership, such membership shall be regarded as having ceased on the day of amalgamation or the absorption, and his position in regard to team racing be the same as if his original club had disbanded.

- 22.4.2** A Senior athlete, as defined by article 22 of the Competition Rules, can obtain his/her release from a club after having been registered and representing his/her club for at least two years commencing on the 1st October. If, however, prior to the lapse of 2 years, a Senior athlete desires to obtain his release from his/her club, the MAAA Council can grant this release, in conformity to Rule 22.1 above, if the athlete's present Club and the club which he will be joining are in agreement. A copy of the agreement on the official MAAA form must be sent to the Secretary of the MAAA. The same period of two years commencing on the 1st October shall apply to inactive athletes desiring to return to activity and wishing to join a new club, provided that the previous club certifies that the inactive athlete was not in breach of any part of the Club's Statute or Regulations concerning registration or that any justified disciplinary action had remained unresolved. 12Mar2012
- 22.4.3** Athletes who have reached the age of 13 years, 15 years, 17 years or 19 years in the year of Track and Field Competition, in conformity to Rule 22.1 above, can obtain their release from a club irrespective of the time they have been with the club. Provided that the previous club certifies that the inactive athlete was not in breach of any part of the Club's Statute concerning registration, that any justified disciplinary action had remained unresolved, and that the athlete changes before the transfer period. A release of any athlete from his/her Club who has not reached the age of 20 years by the calendar year's end of the Track and Field competition can only be granted twice, in conformity to Rule 22.1 above. 12Mar2012
- 22.4.4** A request to be released from a club has to be made to the MAAA by the athlete requesting such a release who must also inform the club from which he is requesting the release.
- 22.5.** A release can only be granted by the Council of the MAAA during the period 16 August to 21 September of every year. If, during the period stipulated for the granting of a release, an athlete does not request a release, he shall be considered as staying with the same club. The MAAA shall after the period for request of a release issue a circular indicating the status of the athlete as approved, withheld or pending.
- 22.6.** If an athlete remains inactive for a period of three consecutive years his registration will be considered to have lapsed, and his name will be cancelled from the list of registered athletes.
A School, College, Maltese military corps, or any other visiting force shall have first preference over its members, regardless of any membership of a club affiliated to the MAAA.
- 22.7.1** Note: If on the day of competition, a School, College, military corps, or visiting force, does not field a team or fails to utilise an athlete who is also a member of a club affiliated to the MAAA then this member is free to participate with the affiliated club.

a) All applications for exemption from the operation of these rules for registration shall be referred to the MAAA, which shall appoint an Ad Hoc Independent Committee for the determination of the said applications. The applicant shall state the grounds upon which he/she claims exemption and supply any information, which the Ad Hoc Independent Committee may require.

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b) The Ad Hoc Independent Committee shall have power on any exceptional case where it considers that the general welfare of athletics will best be served by making an exemption to Rule 22, to grant an exemption from Rule 22, and to attach such conditions to the exemption of Rule 22 as it thinks fit.

- 22.7.2** a. The Ad Hoc Independent Committee shall hold an oral hearing to determine the applications for exemption. The Council and the Clubs concerned, as well as the athlete himself/herself, shall be notified in writing of the date, time and place set for the hearing at least ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing. a) EGM 27 OCT 2015
- b. The applicant, who may be assisted, and the Clubs concerned will have the right to be heard during the hearing and will be allowed to make submissions either verbally or in writing. If necessary, the Ad Hoc Independent Committee may decide to ask a representative of the MAAA Council to be present. B) EGM 27 OCT 2015
- 22.7.3** The decision of the Ad Hoc Independent Committee shall be notified in writing to the aforementioned representatives and to the athlete himself/herself within ten (10) days from the date when the final decision is taken, which decision shall be final and binding on the Council as well as on the Clubs and athletes concerned. EGM 27 OCT 2015
- 22.7.4** Where the Ad Hoc Independent Committee has not been appointed or no decision has been taken by the same Ad Hoc Independent Committee regarding the application for exemption from the rules for registration within 45 days from the end of the release period as per rule 22.4.4, the application for exemption shall be deemed automatically granted. EGM 27 OCT 2015
- 22.7.5.** Right of Appeal: The athlete and the club may appeal the decision made by the Ad Hoc Independent Committee within 15 days of the date of notification of the decision. The Appeal will be made in writing to the MAAA stating the grounds for the appeal in writing and a fee of 75 euro will have to be paid to the MAAA on application.
- 22.7.6.** A Board of Appeal will be appointed by the MAAA COUNCIL. The Appeal will be heard by a 3 (three) member panel made up of 3 (three) individuals who are not members of any club affiliated to the Association. The Appeal Board's decision is final. EGM 27 OCT 2015

Rule 23 International Relationships

- 23.1.** The Malta Amateur Athletic Association is affiliated to the IAAF (and through the IAAF to the European Athletics Association). The Malta Amateur Athletic Association recognises, accepts, applies, observes and abides by the current Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the IAAF and the European Athletics Association, as well as any future amendments. This applies especially to the Anti-Doping Rules, the handling of disputes, and relations with Athlete's Representatives. 24 Feb 09
- Any citizen of Malta elected to the IAAF Council is de jure a member of the Council and / or Executive Body of the Malta Amateur Athletic Association.

Rule 24 Dissolution

- 24.1.** In the event that the MAAA is dissolved or disbanded, the assets of the Association shall be placed under the custodianship of the Maltese Olympic Committee until such time that a new Association which has in its statute the "further development of athletics in Malta" is formed. 24 Feb 09

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This version of the MAAA statute has been as approved by the Association's Annual General Meeting on 15th May, 2020.

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Raymond Anthony Scicluna

General Secretary

Malta Amateurs Athletics Association