

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
of IPADO International Social Movement

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. International Social Movement IPADO, hereinafter referred to as the "Movement," is a membership-based social movement powered by joint activities to protect common interests and achieve the statutory goals of united citizens.

1.2. Full name of the Movement: International Social Movement "Intercontinental Pro-Am Dancers Organization"

1.2.1. Abbreviated name of the Movement: ISM "IPADO"

1.2.2. Email of the Movement: info@ipado.net

1.2.3. Domain name of the Movement: <http://ipado.net/>

1.3. In its activities, the Movement is guided by international principles and rules of social movements and these Articles of Association, carries out its activities on the principles of voluntariness, equality, self-government, legality, and transparency. Within the framework established by international law, the Movement is free to determine its internal structure, goals, and forms of its activities.

1.4. The Movement has a seal, stamps with its full name in English as well as the symbols permitted by international law.

1.5. The Movement may join international public associations, acquire rights, and bear obligations corresponding to the status of these associations, establish international contacts and relations, conclude treaties and agreements.

1.6. Registered address of the Movement: 48800, U.A.E., Dubai, Dubai Marina, Marina Crown Tower 1701.

2. INTERNATIONAL BRANCHES AND REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF THE MOVEMENT

2.1. The Movement carries out its activities in the territory of the member-countries of the organization.

2.2. Members of the Movement: representative offices, branches, Board of Directors, Council of Nations, national departments.

3. THE MOVEMENT OBJECTIVES AND TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

3.1. The Movement objectives shall be:

- Uniting members of the Movement to develop a modern Pro-Am (professional - amateur) / T-S (teacher - student) movement in ballroom dancing;
- Development of creative abilities, social formation of personality, cultural entertainment;
- Promotion of a healthy lifestyle and harmonious personal development;
- Development, formation, and organization of the Pro-Am / T-S movement;
- Promotion of all types and styles of the Pro-Am / T-S movement among the population to expand the Movement to a greater scale.

3.2. To achieve the statutory goals of the Movement in accordance with international law the Movement shall:

- Distribute information regarding its activities;
- Cooperate with institutions, organizations, and enterprises, firms, and individuals on the issues related to the achievement of the statutory goals;
- Organize and promote the training of qualified coaches, organizers, and judges in the field of Pro-Am / T-S movement in ballroom dancing;
- Organize and conduct contests, tournaments, competitions in contemporary ballroom dancing as well as organize and conduct seminars, forums, conferences, festivals, exhibitions, filming of the documentary and artistic material, and other events;
- Organize activities to improve the qualifications of lecturers, teachers, judges, specialists in contemporary ballroom dancing;
- Accept foreign delegations for joint events;
- Establish mass media, carry out the publication, issue, and distribution of methodological, reference, informational and other materials on their subject in the prescribed manner;
- Make official, commemorative, and award attributes of the Movement;
- Create databases on its subject, provide various kinds of assistance in the field of ballroom dancing in the territory of the countries participating in the Movement;

- Encourage members of the Movement and others who actively contribute to the development of ballroom dancing in the development of the pro-am movement as well as establish awards on its own behalf for special merits in their development;
- Establish scholarships from its own funds as well as medals and other awards to encourage members of the Movement;
- Interact with interested state and municipal bodies, other state organizations to achieve the goals determined by these Articles of Association;
- Cooperate with interested creative teams and public organizations;
- Promote the implementation of trade in specialized clothing and footwear as well as food, including in places of dancing and outdoor activities;
- Cooperate in the field of culture, sports, and education with all legal entities and individuals;
- Carry out charitable activities;
- Resolve the issues related to the representation of the Movement and the interests of its members in international creative and professional organizations.

4. MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT. MEMBERS' RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

4.1. Members of the Movement may be national branches, legal entities, adult citizens, and stateless persons who recognize the provisions of these Articles of Association and pay admission and membership fees.

4.2. Membership in the Movement and withdrawal from it shall be voluntary, without any discrimination on the grounds of nationality, race, gender, class, religious beliefs, or political views.

4.3. Admission to the Movement membership shall be carried out by the IPADO Council of Nations or the Conference of the Movement members on the grounds of a voluntarily completed application for joining the organization on the organization's website located on the official domain name. Those individuals who have contributed significantly to achieving the statutory goals of the Movement may be granted the Movement's Honorary Members status. The decision on granting an Honorary Member status shall be made by the IPADO Council of Nations with the written consent of the person admitted to the Honorary Members.

4.4. The admission and exclusion of the Movement members shall be carried out by a simple majority of votes of the total number of members of the IPADO Council of Nations voting on this issue.

4.5. Withdrawal from the Movement members shall be free and carried out in the form of a written statement of withdrawal submitted to the IPADO Council of Nations.

4.6. Members of the Movement shall have equal rights and equal responsibilities.

4.7. The rights of the Movement members:

- Participate in the activities of the Movement and its bodies;
- Participate in the General Meeting of the Movement;
- Elect and be elected to the governing and control and audit bodies of the Movement;
- Make proposals on the issues of their activities to all bodies of the Movement;
- Make statements to the Council of Nations and the Board of Directors of IPADO and receive a response on the merits of their appeal;
- Participate in international tournaments, competitions, championships, congresses, seminars, other creative programs and cultural and leisure activities in the prescribed manner;
- Obtain information on the activities of the Movement;
- Use the material base of the Movement in the prescribed manner;
- Enjoy the support, social protection, and assistance of the Movement;
- Freely withdraw from the Movement membership.

4.8. Duties of the Movement members:

- Comply with the requirements of these Articles of Association and decisions of the governing bodies of the Movement;
- Actively promote and personally participate in the implementation of public programs and areas of activities of the Movement;
- Participate directly in the work on the realization of the Movement goals;
- Not allow actions (inaction) discrediting the Movement and/or causing material and/or moral damage to the Movement;

- Not disclose any confidential information of the Movement;
- Timely pay membership and other fees approved by the Board of Directors at the beginning of each calendar year not later than January 31.

4.9. The Movement member who systematically fails to fulfill his/her duties or fulfills them improperly, as well as hinders the work of the Movement by his/her actions or inaction or discredits it by his/her behavior, may be expelled from it by the decision of the IPADO Board of Directors.

5. LEGAL STATUS OF THE MOVEMENT

5.1. To achieve its statutory goals, the Movement has the right to:

- Freely distribute information on its activities;
- Raise funds from state and other institutions and organizations, as well as individual citizens, – on a voluntary basis;
- Represent and defend their rights, the legitimate interests of their members in government bodies, local governments, and public associations, make proposals to government and local government bodies;

5.2. The Movement shall:

- Comply with international legislation and the legislation of the Movement member-countries when carrying out activities in the territory of these countries, the generally recognized principles and norms of international law relating to the scope of its activities as well as the norms provided for by these Articles of Association;
- Annually publish a report on the creative activities of the Movement;
- Annually inform the Movement members regarding the events held and those planned in the future;
- Comply with the legislation of the countries in the territory of which the Movement holds events and carries out other statutory activities.

6. GOVERNING, CONTROL, AND AUDIT BODIES OF THE MOVEMENT

6.1. The supreme governing body of the Movement shall be the Conference of the Movement members, hereinafter referred to as the "Conference," which is convened by the Council of Nations at least once (1) in three (3) years and can be organized, including in absentia (in online format). An Extraordinary Conference shall be convened as and when required:

- By the decision of the Council of Nations;
- At the request of at least 2/3 of its members;

The Extraordinary Conference shall be convened not later than two months from the day the relevant body makes a decision to convene the Extraordinary Conference (from the day the Council of Nations receives a request for convocation).

The exclusive competence of the Conference includes:

- Approval of the Articles of Association and introduction of amendments and additions thereto;
- Determination of priority areas of activities, principles of formation and development of the Movement;
- Decision-making on reorganization and liquidation;
- Election of the members of the Council of Nations and Control Review Committee (Inspector) and early termination of their powers;
- Approval of the reports of the Council of Nations and the Control Review Committee (Inspector).

Decisions on the issues related to the exclusive competence of the Conference shall be made by 2/3 votes of the number of delegates present at the Conference.

6.2. A conference is competent if attended by more than half of the valid members of the Movement. Unless otherwise provided by these Articles of Association, the decisions of the Conference shall be made by a majority vote of the delegates present at the Conference. The decisions of the Conference shall be made by open voting unless otherwise provided for by the decision of the Conference. Conference Minutes shall be signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Conference.

6.3. In the period between the Conferences, the general management of the Movement activities shall be carried out by a permanent governing body, i.e., the Council of Nations.

6.3.1 The composition of the Council of Nations is formed from National Representatives, who are the members of the Movement, elected at the General Meetings of the IPADO member-countries and approved by the IPADO Board of Directors.

6.3.2 The term of office of the members of the Council of Nations shall be one (1) year. If any member of the Council of Nations terminates his/her duties ahead of schedule, the Board of Directors shall appoint a National Director to replace him/her – a representative of the same country.

6.4. Meetings of the Council of Nations shall be held as and when required but at least once a year, can be organized in absentia (online format), and shall be considered quorate if more than half of the total number of members of the Council of Nations are present.

The decisions shall be made by a simple majority of votes of the Council of Nations' members present at the meeting. The sessions of the Council of Nations are chaired by the Chairperson of the Council of Nations.

6.4.1. The competence of the Council of Nations shall include the following issues:

- Approval of the creative plan and making amendments thereto;
- Signing of partnership agreements with other organizations;
- Making a decision on the admission and exclusion of individuals and legal entities from the Movement membership by a simple majority of votes of the members of the Council of Nations, if a quorum is present;
- Approval of national branches as part of the MOVEMENT, making decisions on the creation of branches and representative offices, approval of the regulations thereon, consideration and adoption of the documents regulating the activities of the created national branches and representative offices;
- Consideration and approval of the long-term programs and projects;
- Making decisions on holding the Conference;
- Determination of the representational quota of delegates from the national branches at the Conference;
- Consideration and approval of the main areas of interaction, maintaining lists of members;
- Approval of the amount and procedure for payment of membership, admission, and other compulsory fees not later than January 31 of each year;
- Monitoring of the implementation of the decisions of the Conferences;
- Preparation of the wording of the agenda of the Movement Conference;

- Making decisions on other issues that do not constitute the exclusive competence of the Conference and other bodies of the Movement, determined by the provisions and these Articles of Association;
- Issue of orders, regulations, and other regulatory and administrative documents on the Movement activities;
- Approval of the candidacies of heads and managers of the Movement representative offices and branches and issue of powers of attorney to them.

6.5. The Chairperson of the Council of Nations shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years.

6.5.1. Chairperson of the Council of Nations shall:

- Manage the activities of the Council of Nations, as well as make operational decisions on the daily activities of the Council of Nations, organize the implementation of decisions of the Conference and the Council of Nations;
- Interact with international institutions, organizations, and enterprises on behalf of the Council of Nations;
- Represent the Movement without a power of attorney in all state and municipal bodies, public associations, in relations with third parties, is authorized to sign.

6.6. The Chairperson of the Council of Nations and the members of the Council of Nations shall fulfill their duties free of charge.

6.7. The Control Review Committee (Inspector) shall be elected by the Conference from among the members for a term of three (3) years. Members of the Control Review Committee (Inspector) may not be the members of the Council of Nations.

6.7.1. The Chairperson of the Control Review Committee may participate in the meetings of the Council of Nations with a consultative vote.

6.7.2. The Control Review Committee (Inspector) shall monitor the activities of the Movement through annual scheduled audits and through the submission of a report for approval by the Conference of the Movement.

6.7.3. Meetings of the Control Review Committee shall be held as needed but at least once (1) a year and can be held online.

The decisions of the Control Review Committee shall be adopted by a simple majority of votes from the number of attendees.

7. STRUCTURE

7.1. The Movement Structure may include participants of Movement, national departments, branches, and representative offices which are structural units that carry out their activities on the grounds of these Articles of Association as well as in accordance with the laws of the Movement member-countries;

7.2. The supreme governing body of the national branches of the Movement, acting on the grounds of these Articles of Association, shall be the General Meeting of the members of the branch (hereinafter referred to as the "General Meeting") which shall be held at least once a year, including in absentia (online format). The exclusive competence of the General Meeting shall be:

- Determining the priority directions of the department activities;
- Establishing the number of members of the permanent collegial governing body of the national governing body of the national branch and the Control Review Committee (Inspector) of the national branch and organization as well as the procedure for their election;
- Electing the National Representatives to the IPADO Council of Nations – for a term of one (1) year, and a representative of the Control Review Committee, or an Inspector of the branch – for a term three (3) year, and terminating their powers pre-term;
- Hearing the reports of the elected bodies of the branch;
- Electing delegates to the Conference of the Movement.

7.3. The General Meeting of the branch may make decisions if more than half of the members of the national branch are present. The form of voting shall be determined by the General Meeting of the branch. Decisions referred to the exclusive competence of the General Meeting of the branch shall be made by 2/3 of the votes of the branch members present at the General Meeting. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority of the votes of the branch members present at the General Meeting. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the branch may be convened by the decision of the Chairperson of the branch or at the request of at least 1/3 of the Movement members registered in the relevant branch.

7.4. In the period between General Meetings of the branch, the branch activities shall be governed by the Board of the National Branch – a permanent governing collegial body of the branch. Meetings of the Board of the National Branch shall be held as needed. Decisions of the Board of the National Branch shall be made by a simple

majority of votes of the members of the Board of the National Branch present at the meeting by open voting, provided that more than half of its members are present at the meeting.

Managing Board of the National Branch shall:

- Organize and control the execution of decisions of the General Meeting of the branch;
- Make a decision on admission to the Movement membership of legal entities and individuals;
- Exercise other powers within the framework of managing the activities of the national branch, not attributed to the competence of the General Meeting of the branch.

7.5. The IPADO National Representative in the country shall be elected by the General Meeting of the branch for a period of one (1) year. IPADO National Representative in the country:

- On behalf of the branch, represents its interests in government bodies and public associations;
- Convenes the General Meeting of the branch, determines its agenda;
- Exercises other powers within the framework of managing the activities of the branch, not attributed to the competence of the General Meeting of the branch and the Board of the National Branch;
- Acts without a power of attorney and on behalf of the national branch.

7.6. Depending on the number of members of the branch, by the decision of the General Meeting of the branch, the Control Review Committee or the Inspector of the branch shall be elected for a period of three years.

7.7. The operating procedure and powers of the Control Review Committee (Inspector) shall be determined by the internal documents of the branch, approved at the General Meeting of the branch. The Control Review Committee (Inspector) of the branch is the control and auditing body of the branch. Meetings of the Control Review Committee (Inspector) shall be held as and when required but at least once a year, including online.

7.8. People who participate in events held by members of Movement automatically are becoming participants of the Movement.

7.8.1. Participants of the Movement do not have the right to vote;

7.8.2. Participants of the Movement are not subject to obligations for fees to the Movement.

7.9. A representative office shall be a separate subdivision of the Movement located outside the place of its location, which represents the interests and protects them.

7.10. A branch shall be a separate subdivision of the Movement located outside its location and performing all of its functions or part of them, including the functions of a representative office.

7.11. Representative offices and branches operate on the grounds of the regulations approved by it and the Articles of Association of the Movement.

7.12. Heads of representative offices and branches shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Movement and act on the grounds of powers of attorney issued to them.

7.13. To improve the interaction of IPADO national representative offices with the Council of Nations, the Board of Directors may appoint a National Director for a period of one year, whose functional duties and powers are set forth in a separate Decree, as the case may be..

7.14. The decisions made by the Council of Nations shall be ratified by the Board of Directors and shall take effect after the decision is signed by the Chairperson of the Board of Directors; the decision shall be published on the IPADO website.

7.15. The composition of the Board of Directors shall be formed from the Movement members, which automatically includes the Chairperson of the Council of Nations.

7.15.1. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the Conference every 5 years;

7.15.2. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors every three years at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, including in absentia (online format), by the Board of Directors members' voting;

7.15.3. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall be considered elected if more than 50% of votes are collected from the total number of members of the Board of Directors.

8. AUTHORITY OF THE IPADO NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE COUNTRY

8.1. Control over the activities of the Movement members, within the framework of the activities of the National IPADO Branch in the country;

8.2. Signing of contracts and/or agreements on cooperation and/or partnership with the organizations operating in this country, including those engaged in activities in the field of contemporary ballroom dancing and/or related dance trends;

8.3. Coordination of holding of national Championships and Cups in the system of contemporary ballroom dancing Pro-Am / T-S, as well as within the framework of events of other dance organizations;

8.4. Submission of applications to the IPADO Council of Nations for holding IPADO title events, including National Championships and Cups, in the territory of the countries under which jurisdiction the activities of a particular national branch fall;

8.5. Proposal of the candidacy of the IPADO National Director in the Country to the Board of Directors if it is impossible to fulfill the duties assigned to him/her.;

8.6. Involvement of individuals and/or organizations engaged in the development and promotion of contemporary ballroom dancing in partnership and/or cooperation with the IPADO Representative Office in the country;

9. PROCEDURE FOR REORGANIZATION AND LIQUIDATION OF THE MOVEMENT

9.1. The Movement may be reorganized by merger, affiliation, demerger, spin-off, transformation by the decision of the Movement Conference, adopted by at least 2/3 of the votes of the delegates present at the Movement Conference, elected from national branches.

9.2. The liquidation of the Movement shall be carried out by the decision of the Conference adopted by at least 2/3 of the votes of the delegates present at the Conference, elected from the national branches, or by the decision of the international court in the cases and in the manner provided for by international law.

10. PROCEDURE FOR INTRODUCING AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

10.1. Proposals to introduce amendments and additions to the Articles of Association of the Movement may be made by any members of the Movement and shall be

preliminarily considered by the Council of Nations with subsequent approval at the Conference.

10.2. Amendments and supplements to these Articles of Association shall be approved by the Conference of the Movement, by the decision adopted by at least 2/3 of the votes of the delegates present at the Conference, elected from national branches.