



AMENDED BYLAWS OF THE EUROPEAN ROPE SKIPPING ORGANIZATION ERSO

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ARTICLE 1: DEFINITION OF THE SPORT

Rope Skipping is defined as physical activity in one or several rope(s). Rope Skipping is a sport on its own and not part of any other specific sport. The ERSO will work for this development in the future!

ARTICLE 2: OFFICE AND MEMBERS

The Head Office and Secretariat of the organization will be located where the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the ERSO may require.

Section 1: Philosophy. The ERSO will try to unite all "National Rope Skipping Organizations" (NRSOs) of all European countries. In each country, the NRSO will try to unite all rope skipping clubs. Each NRSO should be a member of the ERSO.

ERSO promotes all ERSO-members to become FISAC-members.

Section 2: Membership-fees. Every European country / club / citizen can become an ERSO member:

Organization	€ 350,-
Club	€ 75,-
Individual	€ 50,-

Section 3: New organizations. When a new organization joins the ERSO, there is a possibility for discount for the first year. The ERSO Board has to approve the first year membership fee.

ARTICLE 3: GENERAL ASSEMBLY (= G.A.)

Section 1: Member-country. Each member-country is entitled to delegate two (2) representatives to the G.A.. Each NRSO has two (2) votes.

Section 2: Annual meeting. The annual meeting of the G.A. will be held in July (preferably during the EU-ROPE-SKIP-Camp).

Section 3: Exception. When from a certain country the NRSO is already a member and an additional club or individual wants to become directly an ERSO member, then a request has to be sent to the Steering Committee (= S.C.) with explanation about the specific situation. The S.C. will endeavor to make a decision in the best interest of all Rope Skipping in that country.

Section 4: Founding member. The founding members of ERSO can – as long as they want – be a member of the G.A.. Founding members are: Kajsa Murmark (S), Kirsti Riis Madsen (DK), Geert Hoste (B), Roger Smithies (UK), Eric De Boever (B) and Torben Valnert (DK).

Section 5: Honorary member. The Board of Directors can confer upon a person honorary membership to the G.A. for his dedication and support to the sport of Rope Skipping.

Section 6: Agenda. An agenda of the meeting and an election-ballot will be sent one (1) month before the meeting. Any member of the G.A. can send in a suggestion or question to the secretariat one (1) month before the meeting.

ARTICLE 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS (= B.O.D.)

Section 1: General Powers. The affairs of the ERSO are managed by the Board of Directors. The board is elected by the General Assembly. Each country has one vote only.

Section 2: Number and qualifications. The number of directors cannot be less than five (5) and no more than nine (9). There cannot be more than two (2) Directors selected from each country as determined by the B.O.D.. A Director can be elected for a three (3)-year term. There is no maximum for consecutive three (3)-year terms.

Section 3: Nominee. A nominee for Director must possess following qualifications:
a) Must be an ERSO member for that year and the previous two (2) years.
b) Must have attended two (2) European camps within the last three (3) years.
c) Must be member of the G.A..

Section 4: Places. Within the ERSO-guidelines of the ERSO-Bylaws three (3) places will be made available for nomination to the B.O.D. at the annual G.A.-meeting.

The three (3) vacant positions will be elected by the G.A. by way of vote during the annual G.A.-meeting.

Section 5: Candidate. All prospective candidates must fill in an application-form six (6) weeks prior to the annual G.A.-meeting.
The three (3) resigning Board Directors can reapply as a candidate.

Section 6: Co-optive candidate. The B.O.D. or / and G.A. can nominate a person as candidate for the B.O.D. who they believe will bring a particular expertise to the sport of Rope Skipping, but does not have to meet the criteria stated in section 3.

Section 7: Votes. Each NRSO will have two (2) votes. They can never give the two votes for 1 candidate. When a NRSO-representant cannot be present at the G.A. meeting, he/she can send in by letter, fax or e-mail their votes to the secretary-general, at least 1 week prior to the G.A.meeting.
The three nominees with the most votes and fulfilling all qualifications of section 3, will be elected as Board director for a term of three years.
In case of a tie (ex aequo), only the NRSO present at the meeting can vote (each country 1 vote) a second time. The candidate with the most votes in favour, wins.

Section 8: Annual Meeting. The first regular annual meeting will be held in July preferably at the EU-ROPE-SKIP-Camp.

The second regular annual meeting can be held during the year, preferably six (6) months after the first regular annual meeting. Any place in Europe can be designated by the Steering Committee. Each date for a meeting will be communicated at least two (2) months before the first potential date.

Section 9: Special Meetings. Special meetings can be called by any majority of the B.O.D.. All Directors must be informed in a reasonable time to organise transportation to be present!

Section 10: Quorum. To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the B.O.D., a majority of the voting Board must be present. However directors can vote by proxy. Each Director can represent one Director-by-proxy.

Section 11: Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the B.O.D., and any Directorship to be filled because of an increase in the number of Directors may be filled by affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors. A Director elected to fill a vacancy is elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers. The officers of the ERSO are President, Vice-President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, and any officer elected in accordance with the provisions of this article.

The B.O.D. may elect or appoint any officer, it finds desirable. Such officers will have the authority to perform duties described from time to time by the B.O.D.. No more than two(2) offices may be held by the same person.

Section 2: Election and term of office. The officers are elected every two (2) years by the B.O.D. at the annual meeting. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the B.O.D.. Officers hold their Offices until their successors have been duly elected and found qualified.

Section 3 : Removal. Any officer elected or appointed by the B.O.D. can be removed by a majority of votes, if the B.O.D. with the approval of the G.A. judges that the best interests of the ERSO will be served thereby.

Section 4: Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or for other reasons can be appointed by the B.O.D. for the rest of the term to any remaining Director.

Section 5: President. The President is the principal executive officer of the organization, and subject to control of the B.O.D. The President generally supervises and controls all businesses and affairs of the organization. The presidents signature on any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other business which the B.O.D. has

authorised to be executed is valid when consigned with the Secretary-General or any other officer empowered by the B.O.D.

Section 6: Vice-President. In absence of a president or in case of inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President has to carry out the duties of the President. In such cases the Vice President will act in accordance with the set of rules that applies to the President.

Section 7: Secretary-General. The Secretary-General keeps the minutes at meetings of the B.O.D. and sees that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws. In general, the Secretary-General performs all duties incident to the office of Secretary and other duties assigned by the President or the B.O.D..

Section 8: Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for and handles all financial affairs of the ERSO. In general, the Treasurer performs all of the duties incident of the office of Treasurer.

ARTICLE 6: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Steering Committee. The Steering Committee handles the daily affairs of the ERSO. The Steering Committee consists of the President, Secretary-General, Treasurer and 1-2 members elected by the B.O.D.. The steering committee is elected for two years and may be re-elected.

Section 2: Committees. The B.O.D. can appoint subcommittees to different purposes. Each committee will be submitted to the rules and duties appointed by the B.O.D..

Section 3: Quorum. To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Steering Committee, no less than three (3) members should be present.

Section 4: Meeting. The Steering Committee may hold a meeting when necessary. Every meeting will be an open meeting, which will be open for all Board members. Any place in Europe can be designated by the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE 7: CONTRACTS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

Section 1: Ropes and handles. The B.O.D. can decide what types of ropes qualify for bearing the official logo of the ERSO.

Section 2: EU-ROPE-SKIP-Camp. Each year at the camp, the B.O.D. will choose from all the proposals where and who can organize the next European Camp. All

proposals have to be at the ERSO-Secretary no later than July 1st. All the directors of the Board will receive a copy of all proposals at least 14 days before camp.

Section 3: Activities. Anybody who plans any activity involving the name of the ERSO must apply for permission from the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will consider each application and will make proper agreements, contracts and whatever more steps necessary.

Section 4: Fees. The fees are proposed on a yearly base by the Board to the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 8: CERTIFICATES

Section 1: Membership. Each member of ERSO will be asked to give the ERSO-Secretary a list of its National members.

Section 2: Judges. All ERSO certified Judges receive an ERSO-certificate.

Section 3: European Championships. Each participant has to be a member of the ERSO. All competitions on European level will be organised according to the ERSO-rules for teams as well for Masters.

ARTICLE 9: THE ORGANIZATION

The ERSO is open for anyone or any organization able to meet the requirements described in these Bylaws. Members of the organization do not have to be a member of certain organizations. The organization will work against all attempts to monopolize the organization structure or the future of Rope Skipping in Europe.

ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the B.O.D.

DATE: Brussels (B), February 20th, 2010

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