

STATUTES
GOVERNING THE GENERAL ORGANISATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE
SPORTS TOURNAMENT

I. PREAMBLE

ARTICLE 1

An International Finance Sports Tournament shall be held each year, with the participation of representatives of the Ministries of Finance of the countries forming the “International Finance Tournament” under these statutes.

These statutes shall remain valid until 2028.

The masculine form used in these statutes shall apply to all persons regardless of gender.

ARTICLE 2

The International Finance Tournament is held under the honorary patronage of the Ministers of Finance of the participating countries and under the direct authority of an International Technical Committee composed of the Presidents or Vice-Presidents of the national committees and the Secretaries-General.

ARTICLE 3

The headquarters of the tournament organisation is in Paris, and the General Secretariat is provided by A.T.S.C.A.F. Fédérale, 41 Boulevard Vincent Auriol, 75703 Paris Cédex 13.

ARTICLE 4

Each year, the Tournament is held under the presidency of the Minister of Finance of the host country and, in accordance with Articles 2 and 18, under the authority of the International Technical Committee.

ARTICLE 5

The Tournament is endowed with a prize as specified in Article 13.

ARTICLE 5a

Fair play represents a general ethical principle and mindset that rejects victory at any cost, promotes integrity, ensures equal opportunities for all participants, and emphasises respect for the personality and dignity of everyone involved in sport.

II. GENERAL ORGANISATION

ARTICLE 6

Each participating nation undertakes to organise, in turn and in rotation, an International Tournament covering the following disciplines: football, tennis, table tennis, and chess.

ARTICLE 7

Each event lasts 5 days. Delegations arrive on the evening before the start of the Tournament. Departure takes place on the fifth day after breakfast. The closing ceremony is held on Thursday evening.

ARTICLE 8

The official delegation is composed as follows:

- 2 chess players
- 2 female tennis players and 2 male tennis players
- 3 female table tennis players and 3 male table tennis players
- 16 football players
- 1 team manager
- 1 coach
- 1 referee
- 1 or 2 drivers
- 4 officials

This totals 35 (excluding driver), or 36 or 37 participants.
Each delegation may not exceed 40 persons.

ARTICLE 9

Each year, during the Tournament, the organising nation confirms which country will host the Tournament the following year.

ARTICLE 10

Countries wishing to participate for the first time must submit a formal application to the Organising Committee at least one year before the event.

The Committee is based in Paris, 67 rue Barbès, BP 80001, 94201 Ivry-sur-Seine Cédex.

Admission is subject to unanimous approval by the participating countries.

The host country may invite other nations at its own expense during its hosting year, but their participation is subject to unanimous agreement.

ARTICLE 11

Newly admitted countries undertake to organise the Tournament at the end of the current cycle.

If several nations are admitted, the order of organisation shall be determined by agreement or by drawing lots.

The current cycle began with the 2023 Tournament in Hungary.

ARTICLE 12

If a nation withdraws after admission, it must still organise the Tournament unless the withdrawal is temporary.

A postponement may be granted by the Technical Committee.

In any case, the nation must accept to organise the Tournament upon re-admission.

ARTICLE 13

At the end of each Tournament, the winning nation receives a trophy or work of art for one year.

The prize is permanently awarded to the nation with the highest total score at the end of the cycle.

In case of a tie, placings are compared across all disciplines and years.

If equal again, football results are decisive.

Newly admitted countries do not compete for the overall prize during the ongoing cycle.

ARTICLE 14

All players must hold an official tournament licence issued by the General Secretariat, including:

- Name, surname, place and date of birth
- Position within the financial administration
- Professional email address
- Date of entry into the administration

The licence must include a photo and official stamp and be signed by the player, delegation leader, and Technical Committee President.

It is valid only for the duration of the Tournament.

ARTICLE 15

Players must:

- a) Have worked continuously for at least one year in a financial administration or related authority, full-time
 - b) Be amateur players
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ARTICLE 16

Upon arrival, delegation leaders must submit all licences to the Technical Committee.

They are verified for accuracy at the first meeting.

Player lists must match licence details and are official documents under the responsibility of each delegation.

ARTICLE 17

The Technical Committee consists of 2 representatives per delegation and may call upon any person involved in the Tournament if necessary.

ARTICLE 18

The Technical Committee meets upon arrival and is chaired by the President or a representative.

It appoints a Vice-President and Secretary.

It is the supreme authority and decisions are final.

Each nation has one vote; the President has the casting vote in case of a tie.

Its responsibilities include:

- Managing all tournament matters
- Verifying licences
- Appointing referees
- Confirming results
- Enforcing sanctions
- Examining protests

Detailed procedures apply for lodging protests during matches.

ARTICLE 19

Scoring system:

Discipline	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Football	11	9	7	5	3
Tennis	7	6	5	4	3
Table Tennis	7	6	5	4	3
Chess	7	6	5	4	3

No points are awarded for non-participation.

ARTICLE 20

Player licences and lists must be submitted to referees 15 minutes before matches. They must be attached to the official match report.

ARTICLE 21

Matches must start according to the official schedule.

If a team is absent or incomplete, the match is forfeited after 15 minutes.

Only referees may interrupt or postpone matches in cases of force majeure.

ARTICLE 22

The host nation must take out liability insurance.

Each delegation must insure its participants according to applicable laws.

ARTICLE 23

The host nation may take all necessary safety measures in case of an accident.