

International M^ölkky Organisation

I.M.O.



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SECTION A: CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1: Name

The **International MÖlkky Organisation (I.M.O.)** is established with legal statutes as an association.

Article 2: Objectives

I.M.O. is an organisation of national associations formed by associations of MÖlkky players. These national associations join the I.M.O. voluntarily.

Article 3: Duration

Its duration is unlimited.

Article 4: Non-discrimination

Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or group of people on basis of race, skin colour, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, wealth, birth or any other status, sexual orientation or any other reason is strictly prohibited. In case of a violation of the above and after objective investigation of the matter and hearing of the concerned person(s) a decision on possible corrective actions is made. The corrective action could be suspension of membership or exclusion from meetings and organisation.

Article 5: Head Office

The I.M.O.'s head office is located at the Presidents home and may be transferred to another location following a resolution passed by the General Assembly without modification of the statutes.

Article 6: Applicable Law

These statutes are bound by the law and current jurisprudence of the country where the I.M.O. has its current head office.

Article 7: Obligation

Any statutes, rules or decisions, for which I.M.O is competent, taken by I.M.O. or its representatives, obligate the National Federations and every member association.

Article 8: Official language

1. English is the official language of I.M.O. for its minutes, correspondence and announcements.
2. Members are responsible for translations into the language of their country. If there is any divergence in the wording the English text is followed.
3. English is the official language at the General Assembly. Delegates may speak in their mother tongue if they ensure interpretation into English by a qualified interpreter.

Article 9: I.M.O. Logos and Symbols

1. I.M.O. Logos and Symbols are the property of I.M.O.
2. Organisers of official events such as the "Mölky World Championship" and the Continental Championships (e.g. "European Mólky Championship") may use the logos and symbols without special permission.
3. For any other use of the I.M.O. Logos and symbols that are not expressly permitted in this document require the prior written approval of I.M.O.

SECTION B: PURPOSES

Article 10: Main purposes

The International MÖlkky Organisation has following main purposes:

- to promote, introduce and develop playing of MÖlkky by giving opportunities of interaction to persons and institutions in relation which MÖlkky all over the world,
- to help and promote formation of organised constitution of associations all over the world,
- to network national associations with each other and to create a network for communication of local associations,
- to inform players about rules, events and exercises of MÖlkky in general,
- to organise or to help organising events around the practice of MÖlkky,
- to share skills and means when it is possible,
- to choose the organiser and the location of the World and Continental Championships.
- to officially deliver International and Continental titles,
- to run its mission in the general interest of its members, through a selfless management.
- If I.M.O. decides to create or co-lead championships, tournaments or events, it preserves the right to choose the organiser and the location.

Article 11: Tournaments

1. I.M.O. informs its members about dates of events and tournaments, which are organised by members and non-members.
Therefore, the organisers have to inform I.M.O. about these events.
2. No events or tournaments can be presented as guaranteed by the I.M.O. without the prior consent of the latter. In any case, the organisers are free, to determine the dates and organisation of their activities, events or tournaments for themselves.
3. Non-member associations remain free to organise MÖlkky tournaments, as they consider it right, as long as within these tournaments no official title of World or Continental Champion will be awarded. However, I.M.O. only recognizes national championships organized by I.M.O. members.

Article 12: Designation of events

1. Organising of official events such as the "MÖlkky World Championship" and the Continental Championships (e.g. "European MÖlkky Championship") is the right of member associations only. They also have the right to award a specific title.
2. Non-member associations cannot organise any official event called „MÖlkky World Championship" or a Continental Championship (e.g. "European MÖlkky Championship").
3. The organisation of events called "Open ...", Tournament, Trophy or other names are for all members and non-members of I.M.O. open.

4. Events already named, before the foundation of the present organisation, can keep their names and be used as long as desired by the organisers. If the organising structure is a non-member of I.M.O., the awarded title will not be recognized by I.M.O.
5. In case of closing down of such event, I.M.O. reserves the right to take back the use of the name and to assign the right to organise such an event to its members.
6. Participants of all events, which are officially recognized by the IMO, may also be non-members of an association.
7. Finland has the prerogative to host the World Championship every third event, counting always starts with the last World Championship in Finland.

Article 13: Competence

During an event, a tournament or another action, organised by a member or non-member of I.M.O., open to the public or only to members of affiliated organisations:

1. I.M.O. is not competent:
 - to confirm administrative conformity of the event,
 - to confirm the authorization to occupy public place on which takes place the event,
 - to authorize the temporary beverage serving,Those competences return to the competent authorities in those matters.
2. I.M.O. is not competent:
 - to assure the security,
 - to substitute itself to the organiser regarding insurance,
 - to make payment of remaining due amounts to service providers or to authorities.I.M.O. doesn't pay anything except what was previously agreed with the organisers.

Article 14: Amateur Status

1. I.M.O. keeps the principle of amateur status and ensures its application in the championships.
2. Gains, awards, prizes that could be won, are not bound or dependent on the revenue, collected through registrations of participants to the event concerned.
3. I.M.O. does not deliver any license.
4. I.M.O. asserts its will and its determination to promote ethics, fair-play and health.

Article 15: Basic Rules of Mlkky

Members associations commit to respect the basic rules of Mlkky:

The game consists of:

- Skittles:
12 skittles numbered from 1 to 12, each of 15 cm height and 5.9 cm in diameter, each bevelled from 45°
- Throwing Skittle:
1 throwing skittle, called Mlkky, of 22.5 cm of length and 5.9 cm in diameter

The basic rules are:

- The aim of the game is to reach exactly 50 points.
- All throws are taken into account.
- A pin is not considered fallen if it is leaning on another pin or on the throwing skittle (called M \ddot{o} lkky). After a throw, fallen pins are put upright at the place where they fell.
- If one pin falls, the score is equal the number on the skittle.
When more than one skittle falls, the score is equal the number of fallen skittles.
- If a player (team) misses (has no scores) three times in a row, he/she (it) is out of the game with 0 points.
- The game ends, when the first player (or team) reaches exactly 50 points.
- If a player (or team) scores over 50, that player's (team's) score is lowered to 25 points and continues playing.
- Sides of the M \ddot{o} lkky frame are set to 45-degree angle and thrower has to leave the frame, to the rear, if the thrower goes forward and/or sideways, in other words over the M \ddot{o} lkky frame (called M \ddot{o} lkkaari), it is a foul and throw is called as a miss (0 points).
- When the team has 37 points or more, foul will be penalized by dropping the points to 25.

A detailed description of the rules, faults and fouls can be found in the "I.M.O. Tournament Rules".

SECTION C: Membership and Honorary Member

Article 16: Commitment

1. Every member accepts the authority of the I.M.O. in its main purposes. Members make the commitment to participate in the development of the I.M.O. and to protect its unity.
2. The initial membership must be open to all associations, including those recently created or whose finances are limited.

Article 17: Admission

1. A national federation that wishes to become a member of I.M.O. shall submit a membership application form for admission.
2. The General Assembly shall have the power in its discretion to accept or refuse an application for membership.
3. The MÖlkky Board may admit the membership on a provisional basis to a national federation. A decision on full admission must be taken at the next General Assembly with two-thirds majority.
4. To be admitted, the national federation must sign the Statute and accept the actual membership fee.

Article 18: Representatives

1. Each national federation member of I.M.O. is represented by them.
 - Three representatives are reserved for each federation member.
2. Each national federation will choose its representatives and communicate the names of their representatives to the MÖlkky Board. I.M.O suggests no method and no advice on how the representatives are to be elected in a National federation.

Article 19: Honorary Member "MÖlkky Ambassador"

The title of "MÖlkky Ambassador" can be given as an award to a physical person, who provides services to an association during the General Assembly. This title confers the right on being a member of the I.M.O. and expresses a consultative opinion without having to pay a fee.

Article 20: Membership Fee

The annual membership fee for an association is proposed at 70 € and may be changed following a resolution passed by the General Assembly without modification of the statutes.

In order to facilitate the accession of associations from emerging and low-income countries (according to International Monetary Fund), the board can reduce the annual fee for a few years for the respective member.

Article 21: Termination of Membership

1. All rights and duties pertaining to membership shall cease with resignation or exclusion by I.M.O. except the payment of outstanding debts to the I.M.O. A Member National Association that has been expelled or has resigned is not entitled to any assets of the I.M.O.
2. A member, who has left I.M.O. or has been excluded, may request the reinstatement of his membership at any time. The situation of the member, with regard to possible delayed subscriptions or any amounts that he could owe I.M.O., will then be examined by others members. They propose the conditions of the reinstatement to the representatives, only authorized to decide on the reinstatement.
3. I.M.O. will put the highest effort into maintaining cordial and friendly relations with non-member associations or sections, as well as with associations or sections whose membership has been terminated.

SECTION D: ORGANISATION

Article 22: Bodies

The ruling bodies of I.M.O. are:

1. The General Assembly is the supreme and legislative body.
2. The International MÖlkky Board is the administrative body.

Article 23: General Assembly

1. The General Assembly shall be held every year. The International MÖlkky Board shall fix the place and date. The Members shall be notified in writing at least three months in advance. The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least one month before the date of the General Assembly. This convocation shall contain the agenda.
2. The quorum of the General Assembly is independent of the number of participants present.
3. During the General Assembly:
 - Former and new members are presented (if necessary).
 - Objectives and line of conduct of the national associations are exposed
 - Financial statement of the I.M.O. is presented,
 - Prospective budget for the following year-is presented,
 - Mandates of the board members are proposed or renewed,
 - Modifications of the functioning principle are proposed to the vote.
4. The costs of travel and stay of representatives and members of the International MÖlkky Board are exclusively dependent on them.

Article 24: International MÖlkky Board

1. International MÖlkky Board consists of 3 members:
 - 1 President, elected by the General Assembly,
 - 1 Secretary, elected by the General Assembly,
 - 1 Treasurer, elected by the General Assembly,
2. If it seems necessary, the International MÖlkky Board may be extended by:
 - 1 or several vice-presidents
 - 1 or several vice-secretaries
 - 1 or several vice-treasurers
3. They are elected from among the representatives.
4. The International Board is responsible for the I.M.O. management. It is the only legal representative in front of authorities. After submission of an application the board members will be elected by the General Assembly for three years. The mandates are renewable every three years.

5. Names, first names and position of the International Mlkky Board Members will be written down in the General Assembly Report and will be transmitted to the authorities for information.

Article 25: Vote

By voting the representatives commit to their national federations.

1. Each member has between three and five votes in the General Assembly and is represented by its delegates.
 - Three votes for national federations with less than 10 associations
 - Four votes for national federations with 10 to 49 associations,
 - Five votes for national federations with more than 49 associations
2. If a member cannot be present during the General Assembly, he may vote within 4 weeks prior to the General Assembly by e-mail or letter.
3. A two-third majority of the votes cast are compulsory in the following cases:
 - Modification of the statutes,
 - Admission and removal of one or several members,
 - Ambassador: This title is given to the representative of "Tactic Games Oy".
4. In all other cases a simple majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is required.

Article 26: Financial Resources

1. The resources of I.M.O result from membership fees, from subsidies of public authorities, donations, legacies, quests, sponsoring or partnerships, as well as all other receipts that are linked directly to Mlkky.
2. The organiser of a World or Continental Championship, supported by I.M.O, must contribute financially 5% of registration fees or at least 2 € per registration.

Article 27: Spending

1. Spending has to be in strict relation with Mlkky and the development of this game.
2. Spending of I.M.O is fixed by the prospective budget, which is submitted to the approval of representatives during the General Assembly.

SECTION E: DISSOLUTION

Article 28: General Assembly for dissolution

1. An Extraordinary General Assembly for dissolution, assigned to pronounce and convened specially for that purpose, has to be composed, to deliberate validly, of at least two-third majority of all Member Federation Representatives and the totality of the board members in charge.
2. If this quorum is not reached during the first Extraordinary General Assembly for dissolution, the second Extraordinary General Assembly for dissolution is convened as soon as possible within 90 calendar days. A qualified majority (two-third of the present representatives) and board members are then enough to pronounce the dissolution.

The present statutes contain 28 articles on 13 pages including this one and are established in 8 copies addressed to competent authorities (4), archives of the association (1), and temporary members (president, treasurer and board secretary (3); copies can be edited later on.

Signatures of Representatives of I.M.O.

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