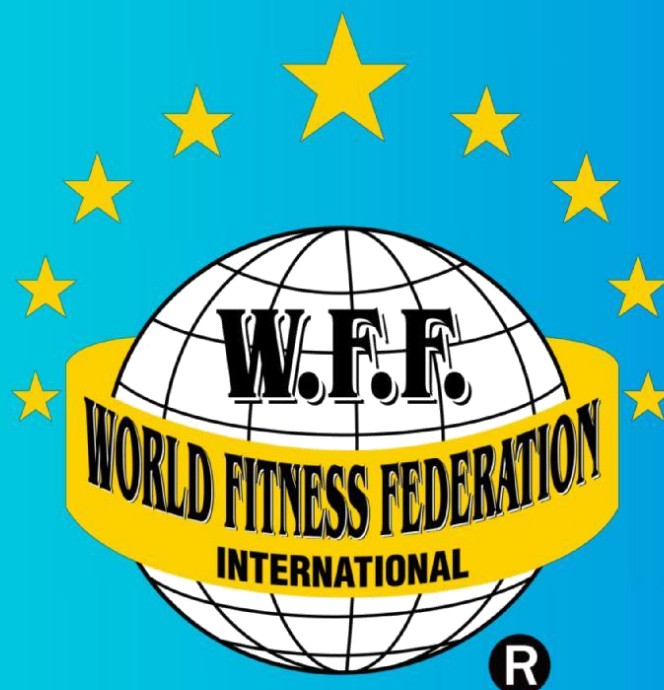


WORLD FITNESS FEDERATION



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BY-LAW 1

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION REGULATIONS

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WORLD FITNESS FEDERATION INTERNATIONAL LTD

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Scope

This By-Law is made pursuant to rule 13.1 of Constitution of the World Fitness Federation International Ltd.

The World Fitness Federation International Ltd may also be known as **WFF** and **WFF International**, and for the purposes of these regulations, unless specified otherwise, they shall have corresponding meanings.

This By-Law applies to professional competitors and competitions under the auspices of WFF, its affiliates and members.

1. Definitions

- a) **Category** means a classification of classes at a competition e.g. bodybuilding, sports model, bikini model.
- b) **Class** means any subdivision of a Category, e.g. Tall Class, Short Class.
- c) **Competitor** means a bodybuilder, figure competitor, aerobics athlete, fitness athlete, sports model, bikini model or beach model, whether male or female as applicable, at any WFF competition.
- d) **Constitution** means the Constitution of the World Fitness Federation International Ltd as adopted from time to time.
- e) **Governing body** means the World Fitness Federation International Ltd or an entity sanctioned by WFF to trade under the name WFF in its home state, province, territory, district, country or other applicable geographical division, and to promote bodybuilding competitions under the auspices of WFF.
- f) **Professional** means any competitor who has earned and accepted a WFF professional license in accordance with these Regulations.
- g) **Professional Licence or Pro Card** means an award given to an eligible Competitor in accordance with these Regulations, enabling a Competitor to compete in and earn prize money at WFF Professional events.
- h) **WFF** means "World Fitness Federation International Ltd." Unless otherwise specified, WFF and WFF International shall have corresponding meanings in these regulations.

2. Competitions

- a) WFF events are accessible to amateur competitors and, where applicable, professional competitors.
- b) At an event, any Class where a winner may be eligible to earn their professional status under these regulations, must be judged by a panel of no fewer than nine (9) International Level judges, and in accordance with **Clause 3**.
- c) Once a panel has determined the results, such results shall be notified:
 - i. verbally by public announcement at the competition, and
 - ii. by award to the Competitor.
- d) All decisions made by the judging panel, once notified, will be final and binding.
- e) An award may include, but not be limited to, a trophy, a medallion, a statue, a bowl, a plate, a sash and/or any other commemorative item denoting the year, competition class and name of the sanctioned competition.
- f) Classes where Pro Cards may be awarded must comprise no fewer than three (3) competitors, or in any other case as determined by WFF International from time to time. In its sole discretion, WFF may determine not to award a Pro Card to competitors deemed below the required minimum standard for International Level competition.

3. The Judging Panel

- a) At an international competition, a judging panel must comprise no fewer than nine (9) International Level judges including, where possible, a separate senior/head judge for men's and women's classes.
- b) 50% plus one (1) of the judges must be from governing bodies separate and distinct from one another. To avoid doubt, where a panel consists of nine (9) judges at least five (5) of the judges must be provided by governing bodies separate and distinct from the other four (4) judges. This means that while four (4) judges may be provided by the host governing body, the other five (5) judges must be provided by five (5) other non-host governing bodies.
- c) Where **clause b)** above is unable to be satisfied the composition of the judging panel may be approved at the sole discretion of the WFF and on such terms as it deems fit.
- d) Judging criteria shall be determined and published by WFF from time to time.
- e) International Level judges shall be accepted at the discretion of WFF, and may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:
 - i. The President of a Governing Body,
 - ii. A senior representative attending on behalf of a Governing Body,
 - iii. A suitably qualified judge who has judged at International Level events previously, or,
 - iv. Any other person deemed qualified to judge at an International Level.

4. Professional Licences or Pro Cards

- a) A Professional Licence may also be known as a Pro Card.
- b) A Pro Card may only be awarded to an eligible person who has competed in and won their relevant class, see **5 e)**, at an applicable WFF sanctioned international level bodybuilding competition.
- c) Applicable international competitions shall be:
 - i. The WFF Universe Championships;
 - ii. The WFF World Championships;
 - iii. Any other approved competition as notified by WFF from time to time.
- d) A Pro Card for the purposes of these regulations and WFF competitions worldwide shall be understood to have been awarded immediately upon satisfaction of **clause b) and c)** above.
- e) Once a Pro Card has been awarded the athlete must accept the Pro Card by registering as a professional with WFF within 12 months of being awarded the Pro Card, or as otherwise advised by WFF International, using the prescribed form set out in these regulations as Appendix 1.
- f) Once an athlete accepts a Pro Card they must actively compete in a professional competition within 2 years of the date of acceptance.
- g) In the event that an athlete does not compete in a Professional competition within two (2) years of accepting their pro card then the athlete's status within WFF shall automatically revert to "amateur" for the purposes of competition.
- h) If, through extraordinary circumstances, an athlete is unable to compete in a professional competition within two (2) years of accepting their Pro Card then this deadline may be extended but only by written application to WFF International and with signed approval from the athlete's national, or equivalent, president or representative.
- i) WFF International in its unfettered discretion shall determine whether an athlete's application for an extension of this deadline shall be granted.
- j) No Professional shall be allowed to compete as an amateur unless:
 - i. They relinquish their Pro Card in writing to WFF International, and,
 - ii. A time period of no less than six (6) months has expired since their last Professional competition.
- k) Professional competitions, and amateur competitions offering professional classes, must be conducted in accordance with these regulations.
- l) WFF International retains exclusive rights to sanction any professional competition conducted in accordance with these regulations.
- m) An official record of all professional athletes shall be kept by WFF International.
- n) Only WFF International has the authority to award, grant or revoke Pro Cards.

5. Registration

- a) Unless otherwise determined by WFF International, all eligible athletes must complete a professional registration form, annexed to this document as Appendix 1, in order to be recorded as a professional.
- b) WFF International may charge a registration or subscription fee to a professional. Such fee shall be determined by WFF International from time to time and published via applicable websites, social media, e-mail, and/or in writing by any other method.
- c) All professionals must register and, where applicable, pay all outstanding fees to WFF International prior to competing as a professional.
- d) Unless otherwise determined by WFF International, any professional who has not registered and/or paid the applicable fee shall be ineligible to compete as a professional.
- e) Pro Cards may be awarded to the following:

CATEGORY	CLASS	COMPETITORS
Bodybuilding	Fitness	Male
	Performance	
	Athletic	
	Superbody	
	Extreme	
Figure	Fitness	Female
	Performance	
	Athletic	
	Superbody	
	Extreme	
Sports Model	Junior	Male and Female
	Short	
	Tall	
	Over 30	
Bikini Model	Junior	Female
	Short	
	Tall	
	Over 30	
Beach Model	Junior	Male
	Short	
	Tall	
	Over 30	
Aerobic Fitness	Open	Female

6. Professional awards

- a) Competition organisers, promoters and/or Governing Bodies must offer an award, or awards, to distinguish professional classes from amateur classes at competitions under their immediate jurisdiction.
- b) Awards may include, but not be limited to:
 - i. Prize money, generally presented to at least the first, second and third place getters within a Professional class,
 - ii. Travel assistance/bonus/reimbursement to support Competitors travelling overseas to compete, and
 - iii. Grand prize(s) as approved by WFF.
- c) Where prize money is offered, this must be in the form of a standard currency. Typically, prize money shall be paid out in the currency of the host nation but may be paid out in Euro (€) or United States Dollar (\$) as appropriate.
- d) Prize money shall be on a sliding scale not exceeding 1:0.75 and not less than 1:0.5.

To avoid doubt, if a first place getter receives €10,000 then the second place getter cannot receive more than €7,500 and not less than €5,000 and the third place getter cannot receive more than €5,625 and not less than €2,500.

7. International Regions

- a) WFF International is divided into the following four (4) regions being:
- i. Europe
 - ii. Africa
 - iii. North and South America
 - iv. Asia and Oceania
- b) In addition to the Universe Championships and the World Championships, governing bodies within the above four (4) regions may conduct competitions that include a professional class or classes that encompass their region.
- c) The following names are approved for international use:
- i. WFF European Championships
 - ii. WFF African Championships
 - iii. WFF Pan American Championships
 - iv. WFF Asia-Pacific Championships
 - v. WFF Asian Championships
- d) Notwithstanding **clause c)** above, WFF International may approve other names for sanctioned competitions so long as the approval is sought:
- i. in writing; and,
 - ii. not less than nine (9) months prior to the scheduled date of the competition.

WFF International shall approve any application for sanctioned professional competitions on such terms as it sees fit.

At WFF's sole discretion, the word *Championships*, used in **clause c)** above, is replaceable. By way of example only, the WFF Asian Championships may be known as the WFF Asian Cup or WFF Asian Classic.

- e) Each of the competitions noted in **clause c)** above or as applicable in accordance with **clause d)** above may take place once only within a calendar year and not less than nine months apart from one another across two calendar years. For example, if the European Championships are held in March of a certain year then the earliest they can be held again is in January of the following year.
- f) If a Governing Body, promoter or competition organiser wishes to conduct a competition with a professional class that encompasses a geographical division not noted in **clause a)** it must seek approval from WFF International in accordance with **clause d)** above.



APPLICATION TO REGISTER PROFESSIONAL STATUS

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO WFF INTERNATIONAL

COMPETITOR DETAILS

1. Name

2. Country Represented

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3. Contest where Professional Status was earned

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4. Date of Birth

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CONTACT DETAILS

5. Mailing Address

7. E-mail

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8. Phone

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DECLARATION

I, the above, agree that the information I have provided is true and correct. I acknowledge that by registering my professional status with WFF I may not compete actively as an amateur within WFF. I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of WFF, as published from time to time.

9. Signature

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10. Date

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