

# --- ISF Constitution ---

## 01 Name, Seat, Address and Language

### 1.1 Name

The name of the association shall be the International Stratego Federation, herein after referred to as ISF.

### 1.2 Seat

Because of the international character and activities the association is represented by a website without a seat in a specific country.

### 1.3 Address

For any contact or official use specific email addresses at the website will be used.

### 1.4 Language

All kind of correspondence and meetings will be held in English.

## 02 Objectives and Activities

### 2.1. Objectives

The association will be an international non-profit Stratego service centre fully dedicated to provide services to our players in terms of promotion and development of the Stratego game throughout the world and striving for international recognition of Stratego as a mind sport.

### 2.2. Activities

The association will seek to achieve her objectives through:

- federalizing national Stratego organizations in all countries;
- developing and maintaining standards for game rules and tournament regulation for all kind of rating / non-rating contests;
- developing and maintaining an international Stratego rating system;
- encouraging the organization of a yearly World Championship Stratego and final granting of this Tournament to a federalized national Stratego organization;
- actively and passively promoting Stratego in not yet affiliated countries;

- actively and passively promoting Stratego via the internet;
- establishing good relationships with the manufacturers and distributors of the game of Stratego in conjunction with the national Stratego organizations.

## 03 Membership

### 3.1 Organizations

A National Stratego Organization (hereafter called NSO) of any country may apply for membership in the ISF by writing to the General Board and be elected thereto by the affirmative vote of a 2/3 majority of the members of the General Assembly of ISF at any meeting at which a quorum is present, taking into account that the applying NSO shall:

- be the sole national organization controlling Stratego in its country, be open to all nationals and bona fide residents of the particular country;
- have an appropriate database of national players;
- comply with the Constitution of the ISF;
- comply with all applicable ISF rules and regulations for all Stratego tournaments with ISF Rating status;
- organize at least a National Championship plus one regular tournament a year, played according to the ISF Tournament Regulations and ISF Game Rules;
- encourage her national players to play Stratego tournaments organized by other NSO's, which are qualified members of ISF;
- take responsibility that at least one representative / proxy is able to communicate in the English language.

N.B. Article 4.5 defines the quorum of the General Assembly.

N.B. The expression 'country' shall mean any country or state recognized by the international community. The name of the NSO must reflect the territorial extent of the NSO.

### 3.2 Resignations

Any member of ISF may resign in good standing. Resignations may be made in writing to the ISF General Board and come into effect by the end of the month.

### 3.3 Removal, suspension and reinstatements

A member may be removed by the affirmative vote of 2/3 majority at any meeting of the General Assembly at which a quorum is present. This NSO can only be reinstated by the affirmative vote of a 2/3 majority of a General Assembly meeting at which a quorum is present.

A member may be suspended by the affirmative vote of a 2/3 majority of the General Assembly, either for an indefinite or for any defined period, if the general Assembly concludes that the member is not conforming or has not conformed with the requirements for eligibility for membership, or is bringing disrepute upon the ISF or its Stratego tournaments. This member may be reinstated by the affirmative vote of a 2/3 majority at any meeting of the General Assembly at which a quorum is present.

## 04 General Assembly

### 4.1. Government ISF

The General Assembly (hereafter called Assembly) shall have the highest power in the ISF and will delegate operational Stratego services to the General Board (hereafter called Board) in accordance with article 4.7.

The Assembly may also make recommendations to the Board in respect to any board matters subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. The Assembly shall be entitled to receive reports on the Stratego services transacted by the Board at each of the meetings of the Assembly.

### 4.2. Representatives of the affiliated NSO's

Each affiliated NSO may designate and accredit up to 2 representatives to the Assembly.

### 4.3. Voting power within the Assembly

Both the representatives of the affiliated NSO's and the Board are Assembly members and their voting power will be as follows:

- NSO's with a membership of 2 full subsequent calendar years or longer: 3 votes (in case of 2 present or proxied representatives: 1 ½ vote per person, in case of 1 present or proxied representative: 3 votes per person)
- NSO's with a membership of 1 full subsequent calendar year or longer, but shorter than two full subsequent calendar years: 2 votes (in case of 2 present or proxied representatives: 1 vote per person, in case of 1 present or proxied representative: 2 votes per person)
- NSO's with a membership up to 1 full calendar year: 1 vote (in case of 2 present or proxied representatives: ½ vote per person, in case of 1 present or proxied representative: 1 vote per person)
- Board: 3 votes on all issues not related to the appointment and or discharge of Board members and on issues related to delegation / assigning of responsibilities to individual Board members or to the Board as a whole. (In case of two present representatives: 1 1/2 vote per person, in case of 3 present representatives: 1 vote per person and in case of 4 present representatives: 3/4 vote per person).

### 4.4. Meetings

The Assembly will meet regular at least once a year, during the Stratego World Championship. Additional meetings will be called upon by the Board, in case of a request by at least a simple majority of the Assembly members.

The members of ISF have to be notified at least one month in advance on the exact date, time and agenda of a meeting. The member NSO's have to announce to ISF and all ISF members at least one week in advance, who their representatives or proxies will be.

### 4.5. Quorum and proxy

At a meeting of the Assembly a quorum shall exist in case that the voting power of the present and or proxied representatives do represent at least a simple majority of the total voting power of all Assembly members. Any NSO may be represented at a meeting by a proxy, provided that this proxy isn't a representative of another Assembly member. No NSO representative may serve as

a proxy for more than one NSO in any meeting of the Assembly.

All Board members are expected to be present or represented (for reporting duties) on the Assembly meeting for voting. Board members cannot appoint a proxy.

#### *4.6. Order of business during a regular yearly ISF meeting*

The order of business shall be as follows:

- roll call to determine quorum
- reports of all individual Board members on their individual field of responsibility
- plans for the new calendar year including new country development
- issues occurring from and or brought in by individual NSO's
- issues occurring from the specific powers of the Assembly (see article 4.7)

#### *4.7. Specific powers of the Assembly*

In implementing the powers of the Assembly, but not in limitation thereof, the Assembly shall have the following specific powers:

- To appoint the Board members and define their powers and duties (see chapter 5)
- To discharge the Board members
- To appoint the members of the Court of Appeal (see article 6.2)
- To discharge the members of the Court of Appeal
- To approve change proposals in the Game Rules and or Tournament Regulations
- To accept or reject applications for membership from any NSO, and to suspend or terminate membership
- To decide about the final commitment to grant the organisation of an international tournament (see article 7.2) to a local NSO or an organisation
- To adopt and to make amendments to this Constitution in accordance with the provisions of chapter 9 of this Constitution
- To review and to approve the day to day services provided and reported by the Board as a whole and or by individual Board members including approval of the annual plans and targets for new country development

#### *4.8. Decisions*

The decisions regarding the approval of change proposals in the Game Rules and/or Tournament Regulations and also decisions to adopt amendments to this Constitution require a 75 % majority of the present and proxied voting power. All other decisions within the jurisdiction of the Assembly shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the present and proxied voting power, with the exception of the decisions to discharge Board members, to discharge members of the Court of Appeal and the approval of the day to day services, provided and reported by the Board, for which a majority of 51 % of the present and proxied voting power is required.

Regarding the decision of granting an international tournament to a NSO or an organisation, a more detailed voting procedure is in place. For reference see chapter 7.

#### *4.9. Meeting held by E-mail*

In the case of a meeting held by E-mail, the participation by E-mail of at least a simple majority of the Assembly members constitutes a quorum.

The member NSO's have to announce to ISF and all ISF members at least three days in advance, who their representatives or proxies will be.

#### *4.10. Meeting held by any other electronic devices*

In the case of a meeting held by any electronic device other than E-mail, the participation of at least a simple majority of the Assembly members constitutes a quorum. Examples of such devices are:

- Skype
- Facebook
- Twitter
- MSN Messenger
- Google Documents

The member NSO's have to announce to ISF and all ISF members at least three days in advance, who their representatives or proxies will be.

## 05 General Board

### 5.1. Appointment and or discharge of the General Board members

The General Board (hereafter called Board) members will be appointed and or discharged by the Assembly. The Board shall consist of as many persons as are authorized by the Assembly, with a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4.

### 5.2. Operational Stratego services

The Board shall in principle include at least persons responsible for the following Stratego services to be provided:

- developing and maintaining standards for game rules and tournament regulation for rating contests in terms of ISF Game Rules, ISF Tournament Regulations and Appeals;
- developing and maintaining an international Stratego rating system;
- actively and passively promoting Stratego in not yet affiliated countries and finally federalizing national Stratego organizations in all countries (Country Development);
- encouraging the organization of a yearly Stratego World Championship by a federalized country;
- actively and passively promoting Stratego via the internet, especially by updating the ISF website on a regular basis.

These services can be adjusted, combined, rescheduled or expanded by the Assembly, after consultation of the Board.

### 5.3. Accountability

The Board will provide the operational Stratego services, as delegated by the Assembly to the Board.

Each Board member is assigned an individual field of responsibility by the Assembly and is only accountable to the Assembly within this field of responsibility by submitting periodical reports, at least once a year. On his individual operational service task, the Board member is not accountable to his fellow Board members but to the Assembly. Only on matters delegated to the Board outside individual responsibilities, the Board is accountable to the Assembly as a collective.

Although Board members are primary accountable to the Assembly only, the Assembly shall encourage the Board members to cooperate and to support other Board members as much as possible.

### 5.4. Secretary, Rating Commissioner and other Board members

On top of the operational Stratego service responsibilities, the positions of a Secretary, Rating Commissioner and other Board members are separately distinguished and assigned to individual Board members by the Assembly.

Within the Board the members can agree on a position of a spokesman. Otherwise the Secretary takes the chair at any meeting.

The Secretary shall preside at all meetings of the Board and the Assembly, shall sign all certificates of NSO memberships and present the yearly plans for the new season to the Assembly.

The Secretary shall issue notice for all meetings, keep minutes of all meetings, receive and respond or distribute all incoming mail of ISF and shall keep up to date the ISF website.

The ISF has got no Treasurer. Neither the Assembly, nor the Board are allowed to commit the ISF and or the NSO's against third parties. The ISF has got no assets, no liabilities, no revenue and no expenses.

### 5.5. Absence, inability to act, vacancies

In the case of temporary absence or inability to act of any Board member, the Board shall delegate the service responsibilities of such a Board member to any other Board member after approval of the Assembly.

### 5.6. Meetings

Because of the fact that every Board member is primary accountable to the Assembly on an individual basis only, a Board meeting has no importance in terms of taking decisions with a quorum, voting power and determining a majority within the Board.

Both the meeting and communication by E-mail are tools to be used by Board members to cooperate and to support each other as much as possible.

Only in case that the Board members are accountable to the Assembly as a collective (see article 5.3.), decisions can be taken by the Board as a whole based on mutual agreement. If no mutual agreement can be achieved, the spokesman of the Board will report the occurring issue to the Assembly as soon as possible, but at least within 14 days.

A regular meeting of the Board shall be held at least once a year in conjunction with the Assembly. Additional meetings may be held at the request of at least two Board members, upon at least a two week notice.

## **06 Court of Appeal**

### *6.1. Function*

The function of the Court of Appeal shall be to safeguard the playing of ISF tournaments according to the ISF Game Rules and ISF Tournament Regulations, to act as the highest judicial body to rule on protests and appeals from individual participants of ISF tournaments and to formulate and recommend the Assembly any desirable additions or amendments to the Game Rules and Tournament Regulations.

The process of appeals is described in the ISF Tournament Regulations.

### *6.2. Appointment and or discharge of members of the Court of Appeal*

The Assembly shall appoint and or discharge up to 3 members of the Court of Appeal. One of the members will be appointed as the spokesman of the Court. To be elected as a member, it's required that a potential member is at least highly experienced with both the Stratego game and the Stratego Tournaments and has got additionally a proven theoretical knowledge of the ISF Game Rules and ISF Tournament Regulation.

### *6.3. Composition*

It's allowed but not required that a member of the Court of Appeal is either a representative of a NSO within the Assembly or a General Board Member.

### *6.4. Quorum and action without meeting*

A quorum of the Court of Appeal consists of a majority of the members. The affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at a

meeting, or the written approval of a majority of all members without a meeting shall be sufficient for the approval of any matter within the jurisdiction of the Court. The Court shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules. The Court shall keep regular minutes of its meetings and rulings to be recorded in books kept for that purpose by the Court's spokesman. Rulings on appeals have to be published on the ISF website.

## **07 International Tournaments**

### *7.1 Authority*

International tournaments, mentioned in article 7.2., in particular the World Championship Stratego Classic, are under the authority of the ISF.

### *7.2 Rotation*

International tournaments with a yearly cycle are:

- World Championship Stratego Classic for Seniors
- World Championship Stratego Classic for Juniors
- World Team Cup Stratego Classic

International tournaments without a specific cycle are:

- World Championship Stratego Duel
- World Championship Ultimate Lightning
- World Championship Barrage
- Masters of Stratego

Additional Tournament Regulations for the World Championships and the Masters are mentioned in the attachments of the Constitution.

### *7.3 Requirements and specification*

Every country who applies for organizing an international tournament mentioned in article 7.2 has to send in a request to the ISF Board including detailed information about the organisation of the whole tournament, which contains at least:

- budget and financing plan (forecasted expenses and funding)
- information about country, city and location
- activities about press, newspaper, radio and television

- information about the organisation team
- time schedule

#### *7.4 Application*

Each country or state (not only member countries) can ask the ISF for organizing an international tournament mentioned in article 7.2 by sending an e-mail to the Board of the ISF with a detailed plan, containing at least the information mentioned under 7.3. The Assembly discusses and decides about the final commitment and grants the organisation of the international tournament to a local NSO or an organisation. In that case this local NSO and/or organisation team is fully responsible for the operations and fully liable against third parties from a legal and finance point of view. Finance risks related to tournaments can never be allocated to the ISF.

#### *7.5 Decision to grant the organisation of the international tournament*

The Assembly will decide to which NSO or organisation, the international tournament mentioned in article 7.2 will be granted. The voting and decision process consist of the following steps:

- In the first voting round all Assembly members will vote on the available candidates. In case that there is a simple majority in favor of a specific candidate, the tournament will be granted to this specific candidate. If there is no simple majority, a second voting round will be in place.
- In the second voting round all Assembly members can make a choice between the two best candidates of the first round. The granting decision will be based on a simple majority.
- In case that two or more candidates in the first voting round do have equal votes and as a result from this, the second candidate for the second voting round can't be selected, an extra voting round will be organised before the second voting round. In this extra round all Assembly members will make their choice between these second best candidates with equal votes occurring from the first round. The candidate with the most votes will qualify for the second voting round.

## **08 Archives**

The archives of ISF and digital information available in terms of e.g. E-mails and the special website called "www.strategoisf.groupsite.com" shall be kept in such places as the Board may from time to time appoint. All members of ISF have the right to inspect this information or to request the Board to provide ISF documents.

The ISF has got no treasury function. Neither the Assembly, nor the Board are allowed to commit the ISF and or the NSO's against third parties. The ISF has got no assets, no liabilities, no revenue and no expenses. Therefore the ISF has got no financial records.

## **09 Amendments**

This Constitution or any part of it may be amended at any constituted meeting of the Assembly at which a quorum is present and with the affirmative vote of 75 % of the present (or proxied) voting power.

## **Attachments**

### *Attachment 1: Specifications for international tournaments with a yearly cycle*

In addition to the ISF Game Rules and the ISF Tournament Regulations the following specifications apply for the mentioned tournaments under chapter 7:

#### World Championship Stratego Classic for seniors

- the WC has to be played within a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 12 rounds (not more than 6 rounds a day)
- the WC is open for all players (no qualification)
- the Main Period for a single round has to be at least 60 min.

#### World Championship Stratego Classic for juniors

- the WC has to be played within a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 9 rounds
- the WC is open for all players (no qualification)
- the Main Period for a single round has to be at least 50 min.

#### World Team Cup Stratego Classic

- a team is build by the best available 4 players (based on the final result of the individual WC) of each country
- each team consist of at least 3 players
- it's not allowed to build a team by mixed nationalities
- depending of the number of teams, the playing modus will be set up by the organizer
- the Main Period for a single round has to be at least 50 min
- it's allowed to build a team by seniors and juniors

*Attachment 2: Specifications for international tournaments without a specific cycle*

Masters of Stratego

- the Masters have to be played within a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 7 rounds
- qualified for the Masters are the best 25 players of the ISF rating list at the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. of a year.
- the Main Period for a single round has to be at least 50 min.

World Championship Stratego Duel / Barrage

- the WC should be played with a double system (each player plays his opponent twice)
- the WC has to be played within a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 rounds
- the WC is open for all players (no qualification)
- the time modus of Barrage is equal to the time modus of Duel and mentioned in the ISF tournament regulations

World Championship Ultimate Lightning

it's up to the organizer to set the playing modus.



*Attachment 3: Explanation of terms used in the ISF Constitution*

**ISF** - International Stratego Federation

**NSO** - National Stratego Organisation

**General Board** (also: Board) - permanent office, which provide the operational Stratego services, as delegated by the Assembly to the Board

**General Assembly** (also: Assembly) - meeting of all NSOs and the Board - decision-maker

**bona fide** - "in good faith", with sincere, honest intention

**quorum** - a quorum is the minimum number of members of an assembly (a body that uses parliamentary procedures), necessary to conduct the business of that group

**proxy** - a person authorized to act for another