**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

Slovak pond hockey association (hereinafter as "**SPHA**")

**Article I**

**Legal name, registered seat, status**

1. The association is based on voluntariness and democratic principles in accordance with the valid legislation. Association is the organizer and representative of pond hockey in the Slovak Republic.

2. Association's Slovak legal name: Slovenská asociácia rybníkového hokeja, o.s., English legal name: Slovak pond hockey association.

3. SPHA is an independent, non-political organization. SPHA activities are based and within the framework of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic and its valid laws. SPHA adhere to a strict political, racial and religious neutrality.

4. SPHA can enter into contractual relationships with other organizations if these are mutually beneficial. Decision to enter or exit such organizations shall be made by General meeting.

5. Change of the association's name or registered seat shall be only based on decision of General meeting.

6. SPHA's registered seat is the city of Prešov.

**Article II**

**SPHA's role**

1. The role of SPHA is to organize, manage and promote pond hockey in the Slovak Republic. Its goal is to continuously develop, promote and prepare a fine representative team.

2. SPHA main tasks:

a.  to organize, manage, co-ordinate and regulate pond hockey sport activities in the Slovak Republic (based on valid Articles of Association and valid decisions of General meeting),

b. to develop pond hockey and its representative team,

c. to represent interests of Slovak pond hockey and its members in dealing with state authorities and other organizations,

d. to organize and manage pond hockey competitions and tournaments in the Slovak Republic,

e. to obtain financial funds and other material means in order to ensure the association's activities and preparation and activities of the representative team, and partially also activities of the members of the association,

f. to issue countrywide regulations and codes, such as competition set of rules, registration set of rules, etc.,

g. to manage and control activities of all representative teams.

**Article III**

**Membership**

1. Membership is voluntary. Members of the association shall become individuals as well as legal entities if they are in agreement with the Articles of Association.

2. Membership shall arise from a decision of the authorized body and shall be based on written membership application.

3. Member's rights:

a. to participate in associations activities,

b. to vote and to be elected to association's bodies,

c. to make proposals to association’s bodies and to approach them with any complaints or comments,

d. to be informed about SPHA's activities and decisions of its bodies.

4. Member's obligations:

a. to comply with the Articles of Association,

b. to help achieve SPHA's goals and to actively participate in SPHA activities,

c. to assist the association's bodies according to individual's abilities and capabilities,

d. to cover membership fees,

e. to protect and enhance SPHA's property.

5. Membership termination

a. by withdrawal -  A withdrawal of a member is effective on the date of delivery of the notice or on the date of withdrawal announcement at SPHA's supreme body meeting,

b. by death of an individual or by termination of a legal entity,

c. by termination of the association,

d. by cancellation of membership due to inactivity,

e. by expulsion of a member. Decision shall be made by SPHA’s supreme body due to repeated breach of member's obligations or due to other serious reasons.

**Article IV**

**Bodies of the association**

1. Bodies of the association are:

a. Supreme body - General meeting

b. Statutory body - President

2. Supreme body's role: 

a. to approve Articles of Association, its changes and addendums,

b. to elect and to appeal all association's bodies, incl. the statutory body,

c. to approve SPHA'S action plan, annual reports, budgets and management reports,

d. to approve addmission of new members,

e. to make decisions on termination of the association by merging with another citizens' association or by voluntary dissolution of the assciation,

f. The statutory body shall summon General meeting at least once a year. The announcement shall be made at least 10 days before the General meeting is held.

g. Every member is embodied in General meeting.

3. General meeting is a quorum with the participation of the majority of all members.

4. Statutory body shall manage all SPHA's activities.

5. Statutory body of the association is an individual - the President. The presidential term is 5 years.

6. Statutory body acts by signing his/her name and stating the position and name of the association.

**Article V**

**SPHA's economic principals**

1. SPHA manages movable as well as immovable property.

2. SPHA's sources of income consists of membership fees, donations and income from state grants, alternatively grants from other organizations.

**Article VI**

**Final provisions**

1. The president or other individuals on the basis of power of attorney given by the statutory body acts on behalf of SPHA.

2. These Articles of Association have been approved at a founding meeting on 1 November 2018 in Prešov.