

Mission

The OSF Congress is the General Assembly of the members of the OSF and is the its highest power.

The Congress adopts, modifies and interprets the OSF Constitution and its decisions are final. While the Congress may delegate powers to the OSF Executive Committee (EC), all important decisions are taken by the Congress, which votes on proposals put forward by the EC. If the EC can be considered the "government" of the OSF, the Congress is the "parliament".

The Congress is held at least once a year and in general precedes the World Championships. An extraordinary Congress can be convened upon the initiative of the OSF President, or on the written request of at least one third of the OSF members.

The main functions of the Congress are to:

- Elect the OSF President, Vice-Presidents, the other members of the Executive Committee every four years
- Elect OSF member federations on the recommendation of the above
- Decide upon modifications to the Constitution
- Decide on the recognition (or exclusion) of International Federations or other sports organization which submit a request
- Decide on the cities which will host forthcoming Congress (the President decides on the location of Extraordinary Congress).
- Approves the reports and accounts of the OSF

Procedures

The following procedures are to be followed by the Congress:

- The President, or, in his/her absence, the longest-serving Vice-President present chairs the Congress
- The quorum required for a Congress is half the total membership of the OSF, plus one
- Each member has a vote, and voting by proxy is not allowed. Abstentions and spoiled or blank votes are not counted
- In general, an OSF member must abstain from participating in a vote when it concerns a city (Championship race, Congress, Congress), a person (OSF member) or any other matter from his or her country
- The decisions are taken by the majority of votes cast
- A majority of two-thirds of the members present at the Congress is required for any modification to the Fundamental Principles and Rules of the Constitution
- The election of a host city must take place in a country not having a candidate for the World Championships in question
- A city is declared elected when it obtains the majority of the votes cast. If there is no majority, the city with the fewest votes is eliminated, and OSF members proceed to another round of voting. The procedure is repeated until an absolute majority is obtained
- The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Executive Committee members are elected every four years
- The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Executive Committee members are elected by the Congress, in a secret ballot, by the majority of the votes cast. If there is no majority, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and the OSF members proceed to another round of voting
- Abstentions are not taken into account, nor are spoiled or blank votes. The procedure is repeated until an absolute majority is obtained