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Based on what was approved by the Parliament in accordance with the provisions of Item (First) of Article (61) and Item (Third) of Article (73) of the Constitution, the President of the Republic, on 4/ 12/ 2019, decided to issue the following law:

No. (29) Of 2019

Law of the Iraqi National Olympic Committee

Chapter One

Definitions, goals and means

Article 1

For the purposes of this law, the following terms have the meanings indicated thereto:

First: Committee: The Iraqi National Olympic Committee recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

Second: General Assembly: The General Assembly of the Iraqi National Olympic Committee.

Third: Executive Office: The Executive Office of the Iraqi National Olympic Committee.



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Fourth: Chairman: Chairman of the Iraqi National Olympic Committee.

Fifth: Federation: A sports body that manages an Olympic, non-Olympic or qualitative sport in accordance with the rules and regulations of the International Federation of the Game.

Sixth: Charter: The Olympic Charter which includes the code of basic principles for the Olympic ideals and the basic rules adopted by the International Olympic Committee.

Seventh: Bylaw: The committee's rules of procedure, as approved by the General Assembly and approved by the International Olympic Committee, in accordance with the Olympic Charter and this law.

Article 2

This law aims to do the following:

First: Supporting the committee to carry out its mission and role in accordance with the charter and its bylaw.

Second: Consolidating the principles of the International Olympic Committee by calling for the Olympic movement and preserving the Olympic rules and principles.

Third: Developing, strengthening, protecting and taking care of the Olympic movement in Iraq.

Fourth: Consolidating the principle of ideals and sportsmanship and combating doping in accordance with international anti-doping law.

Article 3

The objectives of this law shall be achieved by the following means:



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- First: Organizing the Olympic, international, continental, Arab and regional Games to be held in Iraq.
- Second: Helping sports federations and supporting them financially, morally and technically, pursuant to the possibility available to them.
- Third: Effective cooperation with governmental and non-governmental sports institutions, with mutual respect for their respective roles and responsibilities.
- Fourth: Preparing the requirements for the success of the Iraqi teams' participation in the Olympic, international, continental, Arab and regional tournaments.
- Fifth: Holding the necessary technical and administrative courses and seminars to develop the cadres working in the committee and federations.
- Sixth: Preparing plans and programs to raise the efficiency of high achievement sport, in coordination with sports federations.

Chapter Two

Establishment

Article 4

- First: A committee called (the Iraqi National Olympic Committee) shall be established, and it shall be considered the highest non-governmental sports body that manages the Olympic movement in Iraq, and shall have a legal personality and a financial and administrative independence, and it shall be based in Baghdad, and it may open branches in the regions and provinces, and it shall work in accordance with the



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provisions of this law, the Iraqi laws in force, the Olympic Charter and the decisions of the International Olympic Committee and its bylaw.

Second: The committee shall have a chairman with experience and competence in the sports field.

Third: The committee's chairman shall perform the following tasks:

- a. Presiding over the meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Office.
- b. Representing the committee in front of governmental, judicial and other authorities.
- c. Representing the committee in Arab, continental, regional and international meetings and conferences.
- d. Signing agreements and contracts decided by the committee after approval by the Executive Office, in accordance with the law and the bylaw.
- e. Signing the instruments and exchange permissions of the committee.
- f. Honouring athletes, administrators and workers in the Olympic field, in accordance with the controls set by the Executive Office.
- g. Performing any other tasks stipulated in the bylaw.

Fourth: The chairman shall have a deputy or more who exercises the powers delegated to him/her by the chairman and in accordance with the bylaw.



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Chapter Three Formation

Article 5

The committee shall be consisted of the following two main bodies:

First: The General Assembly.

Second: The Executive Office.

Branch First General Assembly

Article 6

First: The General Assembly shall be considered the supreme authority of the committee, as defined in the Olympic Charter and the bylaw, and it shall be consisted of:

- a. Members of the International Olympic Committee in Iraq.
- b. Olympic federations belonging to international federations, provided that they constitute the majority of votes in the assembly.
- c. Athletes who represented Iraq in one of the last three Olympic Games shall be elected from among those participating in those Games.

Second: The General Assembly may elect other members representing:

- a. Official bodies concerned with sports affairs in accordance with the bylaw.



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- b. Groups of games, organizations and sports personalities that provided services to sports and Olympic thought.
- c. Non-Olympic federations belonging to international federations recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

Third: The General Assembly shall undertake the following tasks:

- a. Drawing up the general policy of the committee.
- b. Electing the President and members of the Executive Office by direct secret ballot and the majority of those present.
- c. Approving the committee's budget.
- d. Approving the committee's bylaw.
- e. Approving the report of the executive office of the committee's activities and the work plan for the new year.
- f. Certificating the accounts of the committee.
- g. Certificating the certified public accountant report.
- h. Approving the final account of the ended fiscal year.
- i. Ratifying the minutes of the previous meeting of the General Assembly.
- j. Discussing issues that the Executive Office decides to refer to it and taking the appropriate decision regarding them.
- k. Performing any other tasks stipulated in the bylaw.



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Branch Second

Executive Office

Article 7

First: The executive office shall be considered the executive body of the committee and shall be consisted of the chairman and members elected by the general assembly from among its members.

Second: The president and members of the executive office shall be elected for a period of (4) four calendar years, and they may run again in accordance with the bylaw.

Third: The Executive Office shall undertake the following tasks:

- a. Implementing General Assembly decisions.
- b. Managing the committee's affairs from the technical, administrative and financial aspects.
- c. Preparing the committee's draft budget.
- d. Implementing the policy established by the assembly with regard to the representation of Iraq in the International, continental, Arab, and regional games, or in matches that take place with external teams inside and outside Iraq, and the organizing the related affairs.
- e. Setting programs for the sports season in coordination with sports federations and institutions.



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- f. Setting the necessary programs and plans to implement the general policy of the committee.
- g. Hiring a legal accountant to prepare the final account.
- h. Agreeing to conclude contracts required by the committee's work in accordance with the law and the bylaw.
- i. Performing any other tasks stipulated in the bylaw.

Fourth: The Executive Office may form specialized committees and work groups, made up of experts, in accordance with the bylaw.

Chapter Fourth

Membership

Article 8

The head and members of the executive office must meet the following conditions:

First: They must be Iraqi.

Second: They must be familiar with sporting activities and to have knowledge of Olympic principles.

Third: They must be not convicted of a non-political felony or dishonorable misdemeanor.



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Chapter Five

Finance resource

Article 9

The financial revenues of the committee shall be consisted of the following:

First: government grants.

Second: Donations and endowments made to the committee from inside and outside Iraq in accordance with the law.

Third: Revenues from Olympic, regional, continental and Arab tournaments and friendly tournaments organized by the committee.

Fourth: The rights to television broadcasting of tournaments, information and activities organizing the committee.

Fifth: Grants provided by recognized international sports bodies, including the International Olympic Committee, the Federation of National Olympic Committees, the Olympic Council of Asia and the Olympic Solidarity Committee in accordance with the law.

Sixth: The returns on investment of the properties owned by it, in accordance with the law.

Article 10

The committee's fiscal year shall be on the 1st of January first each year and ends on 31st of December of the same year.



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Article 11

- First: The committee's government grant accounts shall be subject to the control and scrutiny of the Federal Financial Control Bureau.
- Second: The committee must disclose the non-governmental grants that are duly audited annually to the government and the General Assembly.
- Third: The committee shall deposit its funds with one of the Iraqi government banks only, and it must inform the concerned authorities upon changing the bank with which its funds were deposited within a week of its occurrence.
- Fourth: Government financial grants shall be provided directly to the federations without going through the committee.

Chapter Six

General provisions

Article 12

The elected head and members of the executive office shall not receive any salary or allowances in exchange for the performance of their duties, and their work shall be voluntary, except for travel and residence expenses and any other expenses for the works entrusted to them.



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Article 13

First: Athletes affiliated with official bodies and students shall be considered full-time during the period of their representation of Iraq in sports events, tournaments and official training camps.

Second: The head and members of the Executive Office of the affiliated with the official bodies of Olympic work shall be made full-time during their membership period.

Article 14

The committee may approve the recognized Olympic badges and emblems in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Charter.

Article 15

The mechanisms for holding the assembly's and the executive office's meetings, their workflow, the quorum and the voting and election mechanism shall be determined by a bylaw issued by the committee's chairman and published in the official gazette.

Article 16

A centre for sports settlement and arbitration shall be established, with legal personality, financial and administrative independence and shall be specializing in examining sports disputes in accordance with the Charter and the International Sports Arbitration Council based on the bylaw, and the centre shall be consisted of:

First: A president holding a higher degree in law and has experience of no less than (10) ten years in the sports field.

Second: Representatives of sports have higher education degrees in physical and sport sciences and have an experience of no less than (10) ten years in the sports field.



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Third: Three members have an initial university degree and have experience of no less than (10) ten years in the sports field.

Article 17

The Iraqi National Olympic Committee Law No. (20) Of 1986 amended by Law No. (33) Of 1988 and all laws that contradict the provisions of this law shall be repealed, and any text that contradicts the provisions of this law shall not be enforced.

Article 18

The chairman shall issue instructions in accordance with the bylaw to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of this law.

Article 19

This law shall be effective once it is published in the Official Gazette.

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President of the Republic