

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN ATHLETICS CONFEDERATION

TITLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. NAME, VENUE, EMBLEMS

1. The SOUTH AMERICAN ATHLETICS CONFEDERATION, hereinafter CONSUDATLE, was founded on May 24th, 1918, and it is officially recognised by the International Association of Athletics Federations, hereinafter IAAF as the association of national entities which manage Athletics in the geographic area named South America.

2. CONSUDATLE and its members are subjected to the Constitution, standards, rules and regulations issued by the IAAF.

3. CONSUDATLE is a legal entity according to the legislation in force in the Federative Republic of Brazil. Its headquarters are located in the city of Manaus, State of Amazonas, Brazil.

4. The Executive Council of CONSUDATLE defines its emblem and the flag, which must identify the geographical area that it represents.

5. The existence of CONSUDATLE is unlimited.

6. The official languages shall be Spanish, Portuguese and English. In case of doubt, Spanish language shall prevail.

Article 2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. The aim of CONSUDATLE is the promotion of Athletics in all its forms, in South America, in coordination with its Affiliates and following the directives of the IAAF.

2. The objectives of CONSUDATLE are:

- a) To act as the Continental Association of the South American area, designated by the IAAF;
- b) To gather all national entities of South America which manage Athletics in their corresponding countries;
- c) To issue regulations for its international roles and adopt all provisions stated in the Constitution and Regulations of the IAAF;
- d) To recognise South American records of athletes from affiliated entities, in case they were established according to the IAAF Rules;
- e) To organise South American Athletics Championships and other events in the area, jointly with the corresponding members appointed for this purpose, and establish rules and regulations for said championships to take place;
- f) To disseminate sports ethical values and campaign against all forms of doping, as well as discrimination demonstrations in Athletics, either of a racial, political, religious or of any other nature;
- g) To promote the development of Athletics in South America, the publication of specialised books and magazines, the organisation of cultural events, and the dissemination of technical information among its members;
- h) To grant honorary member titles, decorations and other awards to individuals or legal entities who stood out in the development and dissemination of Athletics.
- i) To adopt the World Anti-Doping Code, cooperating with the worldwide anti-doping campaign programme of IAAF and the World Anti-Doping Agency.
- j) To promote good governance practices among its members.

TITLE II - MEMBERS

Article 3. REQUIREMENTS, ADMISSION, DISENROLLMENT

1. The legal entities who are recognised as national sports entities of Athletics and manage this sport in their respective countries are affiliated to CONSUDATLE. It is considered that South America comprises all the countries located south of the Republic of Panama and including it.

2. In order to be affiliated to CONSUDATLE, a sports entity is requested to be affiliated to the IAAF.

3. Only the Assembly with a qualified majority of two thirds may disaffiliate a CONSUDATLE affiliate. The decision may be appealed before the IAAF in the first instance, and before the Court of Arbitration for Sports based in Lausanne, Switzerland, in the second instance.

Article 4. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

1. CONSUDATLE's affiliated entities are entitled to the following rights:

- a) To organise themselves freely in the writing of their Constitution and Regulations, strictly observing the Constitution, Regulations and other CONSUDATLE and IAAF Rules;
- b) To participate in the activities of the Assembly, having the right to voice and vote;
- c) To appoint candidates for positions in CONSUDATLE's Executive Council and Committees;
- d) To promote and participate in championships, tournaments and circuits organised by CONSUDATLE, provided the Member has settled all outstanding fees or other monies payable to CONSUDATLE and the IAAF;
- e) To have their athletes' results officially recognised as South American records of Athletics, pursuant to the IAAF requirements.
- f) To undertake initiatives which do not challenge the Rules of CONSUDATLE and the IAAF, to promote Athletics, to improve techniques, to educate and train coaches, referees and additional staff.

2. The obligations of CONSUDATLE affiliated entities are:

- a) To acknowledge CONSUDATLE as the only entity of Athletics of South America, obeying and helping enforce the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of CONSUDATLE and the IAAF in their corresponding jurisdictions, under the penalty of sanctions which may vary from a written warning to suspension, according to the seriousness of the offence.
- b) Not to develop sporting relationships of any nature with entities which are not affiliated to CONSUDATLE or the IAAF, or that are not recognised by them;
- c) To organise National Championships of Athletics in different categories every year, compulsorily.
- d) To submit to CONSUDATLE an annual report stating the detail of activities developed the preceding year, before 31 March. The activities will refer to administrative, legal, marketing, technical, economic and financial results.

- e) To notify in case of change of their authorities and their headquarters.
- f) To comply with the World Anti-Doping Code and cooperate with the anti-doping campaign programmes.
- g) To be subjected to the Court of Arbitration for Sport based in Lausanne, Switzerland, pursuant to this Constitution.

Article 5. HONORARY MEMBERS, DECORATIONS AND OTHER AWARDS

CONSUDATLE grants titles to Honorary Members, decorations and other special awards to individuals or legal entities, who have provided services or contributed to the dissemination of Athletics in South America, in compliance with the corresponding Regulations.

TITLE III - GOVERNANCE BODIES

Article 6. GOVERNANCE BODIES

The governance bodies of CONSUDATLE are:

- a) The Assembly
- b) The Executive Council

CHAPTER I - ASSEMBLY

Article 7. COMPOSITION

The Assembly is the highest authority of CONSUDATLE. It comprises:

- a) Affiliated entities with the right to voice and two (2) votes.
- b) Three (3) representatives of athletes, elected by the Assembly for the Athletes Committee, each one with the right to voice and one (1) vote.
- c) The President or a representative of the South American Athletics Coaches Association, with the right to voice and two (2) votes.
- d) Members of the Executive Council with the right to voice, with the exception of the President who shall vote in the cases foreseen in this Constitution.
- e) The President of the IAAF as an ex-officio member, with the right to voice but not to vote.
- f) The past CONSUDATLE President, with the right to voice but not to vote.

- g) South American representatives in the IAAF Athletes Commission, with the right to voice but not to vote, unless they are also members of CONSUDATLE's Athletes Committee.

Article 8. REPRESENTATION

1. Each affiliated entity shall be represented in the Assembly by up to two delegates appointed by the corresponding executive body.
2. Each affiliated entity must send the appointment of its delegates, even if one of them is the President, fifteen days prior to the concerned Assembly, to CONSUDATLE's office by e-mail with acknowledged receipt.
3. The right to vote of affiliate entities shall be exercised by the delegates in the order in which they are nominated. Only one delegate shall have two (2) votes of the corresponding affiliate.
4. The travel expenses of the delegates attending Assemblies shall be the responsibility of the respective affiliated entities, unless CONSUDATLE has a budget that includes such expenses with the authorization of CONSUDATLE's Finance Committee.

Article 9. MEETINGS

1. The Assembly meets ordinarily every year to discuss the following Agenda:
 - a) Consideration of administrative reports by the President, the Committees and the Commissions, related to the preceding period;
 - b) Approval of the Balance Sheet and Finance & Accounts Reports corresponding to the preceding fiscal period, duly audited by the Audit Committee, submitted in advance to the affiliated entities together with the summon;
 - c) Approval of the Annual Budget proposed by the Executive Council;
 - d) Granting of titles, decorations and other awards to honorary members as suggested by affiliated members, as stated herein and according to the Regulations.
 - e) General issues expressly included in the Agenda;
2. The Assembly shall meet extraordinarily in the following cases:

- a) When summoned by the President;
- b) When requested to CONSUDATLE's President, by at least one third of the affiliated entities, in which case it must be summoned within a maximum period of ninety days after receiving the request.

In the cases foreseen in items a) and b) in this Article, the Assembly may only discuss the items included in the Agenda.

Article 10. SUMMONS

The Ordinary and Extraordinary Assemblies are summoned by CONSUDATLE's President through an Official Circular stating the date and the place of the meeting. It shall be sent by the General Director to each member, at least sixty days prior to the Assembly date, together with the Agenda and all relevant documents.

Article 11. AGENDA INCLUSION

Members may submit proposals to be discussed by the Ordinary Assembly. Such proposals shall be sent to CONSUDATLE, at least thirty days prior to the date of the meeting.

Article 12. DECISIONS

All decisions made by the Assembly shall be adopted by a majority of votes of the members present at the meeting, except in cases foreseen in this Constitution.

Article 13. QUORUM

The Assembly of CONSUDATLE shall be legitimately established with the presence of representatives of at least seven entities affiliated to CONSUDATLE.

Article 14. PRESIDENCY

1. The meetings of the Assembly shall be called to order and presided by CONSUDATLE's President, and in case of the President's absence, by the 1st Vice President.

2. The General Director of CONSUDATLE shall be the secretary of the Assembly, who shall prepare the Minutes of the Assembly Meeting, the conclusions of which shall be approved and sent to all members within a maximum period of sixty days after the date when the meeting was held.

Article 15. ASSEMBLY VENUE AND LIABILITY

The affiliated entity in whose territory the Assembly is held shall be responsible for the required organisation needs, such as the choice of suitable premises, facilities and infrastructure in general, as well as payment for accommodation, meals and internal transport for delegates, during the period the Assembly is being, and up to four additional days, before or after the Assembly, according to the flying schedule of their itineraries.

Article 16. EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE

The participation of delegates in an Assembly is allowed, unless the affiliated entity has been suspended by the Assembly of CONSUDATLE, or by the IAAF, but the right to vote depends on the following compliance requirements:

- a) To have settled all outstanding fees or other monies payable to the IAAF and CONSUDATLE;
- b) To have participated in at least two official Championships promoted by CONSUDATLE over the last two years prior to the date of the Assembly.

Article 17. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly has the following rights and obligations:

- a) To guide and manage Athletics in South America;
- b) To preside over South American Athletics Championships and other CONSUDATLE events;
- c) To supervise compliance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of IAAF and CONSUDATLE in the area;
- d) To act as arbitrator in matters arising among affiliated entities, upon request of the parties;
- e) To amend the CONSUDATLE Constitution and Regulations, as proposed by members, the Executive Council, Committees or Commissions;
- f) To decide on any matter unforeseen in this Constitution and Regulations of CONSUDATLE.
- g) To rule on the recognition of South American records, in all categories and recognised Athletics events;
- h) To adopt resolutions and measures in general, concerning good operation and administration of CONSUDATLE;

i) To appoint members of the Commissions and their Presidents as proposed by the affiliated entities.

Article 18. ELECTIONS

1. Every four years, in the same year of and before the elective Congress of the IAAF, the Ordinary General Assembly shall elect the CONSUDATLE President and Vice President, three (3) members of the Executive Council and the members of the Athletes, Finance and Audit Committees, with three (3) members each.

2. Voters shall cast a secret vote, in all cases, for the candidates who have previously sent their propositions for election.

3. Only affiliated entities shall have the right to propose candidates from their countries for CONSUDATLE positions.

4. Affiliated entities shall only have the right to propose one candidate for each position.

5. The members of the Executive Council and of each of the Committees - Athletes Committee, Finance and Audit - shall be from different countries.

6. The proposals of candidates shall be submitted by email, with acknowledged receipt, to the General Director of CONSUDATLE, thirty consecutive days prior to the date of the Assembly. Once the proposal is received, the General Director of CONSUDATLE shall notify all members, who shall have up to ten days before the Assembly to appeal a candidate nomination. From the presented appeals a notification shall be immediately dispatched to the member who submitted the proposal so that a response is to be given within three consecutive days, or a new candidate is proposed. If there is a statement of defence, the Assembly shall decide on the appeal as the first item on the agenda.

7. Elections shall be held nominally, position by position in the following order:

- a) The President of CONSUDATLE;
- b) The Vice President of CONSUDATLE;
- c) Three members of the Executive Council;

d) Athletes, Finance and Audit Committees.

The most voted candidates shall be elected. In the event of a tie, a vote shall be cast among the candidates with most votes. If the tie persists, the eldest candidate shall be elected.

8. The members of the Executive Council shall not be eligible for more than three (3) consecutive terms of office.

CHAPTER II - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Article 19. COMPOSITION, TERMS AND DUTIES

1. The Executive Council of CONSUDATLE is composed of:

- a) The President of CONSUDATLE;
- b) The Vice President of CONSUDATLE;
- c) Three (3) Members-at-large;
- d) The President of the Athletes Committee;
- e) The President of IAAF as an ex-officio member;
- f) The Past-President of CONSUDATLE as advisor.

The President of IAAF and the Past-President of CONSUDATLE shall not have the right to vote.

2. The Members of the Executive Council shall be from different countries, except for the case of the President of the Athletes Committee.

3. At least one member of the Executive Council shall be a woman.

4. The term of office of the Executive Council of CONSUDATLE shall last four years, starting in the same year as the elective Congress of the IAAF.

5. If the executive body of the affiliated entity of CONSUDATLE is modified during the term of office of the Executive Council or the Committees, such affiliated entity may request a removal from office of the individual of its nationality who holds a position in such bodies. The removal shall be decided by the Assembly, in which approval shall be granted by a

majority of two thirds. In case of approval, a new member shall be elected in the same Assembly.

6. The removal from office shall not apply to the President or 1st Vice President of CONSUDATLE and the members of the Athletes Committee.

7. The duties of the Executive Council are:

- a) To adopt decisions that do not fall within the scope of the Assembly or any other body of CONSUDATLE in accordance with this Constitution;
- b) To propose an annual schedule of competitions;
- c) To propose the symbols and emblems of CONSUDATLE;
- d) To create, when necessary, by initiative of the President, Commissions in charge of the execution and supervision of special or temporary tasks;
- e) To approve entering agreements of amounts exceeding USD 100,000;
- f) To agree with the appointment of the General Director and of the other administrative staff of CONSUDATLE.

Article 20. PRESIDENCY

1. The President of CONSUDATLE shall be elected at the Assembly for a period of four years and may be re-elected twice.

2. The President may be substituted due to inability or impossibility to exercise his/her duties, declared by two thirds of the Assembly, assembled ordinarily or extraordinarily, in which case a substitute shall be appointed in accordance with this Constitution.

3. The President shall be the legal representative of CONSUDATLE.

4. The President shall fulfil the role of Area Representative in the IAAF Council, for a period of four years, and his/her term of office shall start and end simultaneously with the Elect Members for the IAAF Council.

5. The President shall have the following rights and obligations:

- a) To ensure harmony among affiliated entities, in the interest of progress and enhancement of South American Athletics;
- b) To manage the administrative, technical and financial activities of CONSUDATLE;
- c) To summon and preside over the meetings of the Assembly, without the right to vote, except in the cases foreseen in this Constitution;
- d) To submit to the Assembly an administrative and accounts report of CONSUDATLE of the previous year, as well as the Provisional Budget for the year that begins, at their ordinary meeting;
- e) To open accounts in banking institutions, assign and issue titles, issue cheques, receipts and any other document comprising financial liability together with the Administration & Finance Director;
- f) To enter contract agreements and arrangements of any kind which constitute commitment, without affecting the direct assets of affiliated entities. In that case, approval from the Executive Council and reporting to the Assembly shall be mandatory;
- g) To manage work and coordinate actions of different Committees and Commissions of CONSUDATLE;
- h) To submit to the IAAF Congress, every two years, a report of CONSUDATLE activities;
- i) To appoint a General Director and other administrative staff of CONSUDATLE with the approval of the Executive Council.

Article 21. VICE PRESIDENCY

1. The 1st Vice President shall collaborate with the President regarding management, fulfilling the tasks assigned by the President.

2. The 1st Vice President shall substitute the President in case of absence or temporary impediment. When the absence or impediment is permanent or in case of resignation, he/she shall substitute until the next Assembly, in which a new President shall be elected and his/her role of 1st Vice President shall be resumed.

3. In case of permanent impediment of CONSUDATLE President, the 1st Vice President shall substitute as representative of the Area in the IAAF Council until a new President is elected pursuant to this Constitution.

Article 22. MEMBERS–AT–LARGE

Members-at-large, as members of the Executive Council, shall be responsible for the duties corresponding to that Council and to collaborate with the President regarding management, performing the tasks assigned.

TITLE IV - COMMITTEES

Article 23. COMMITTEES

1. The Committees of CONSUDATLE are:

- a) Athletes Committee
- b) Finance Committee
- c) Audit Committee

2. The Committees of CONSUDATLE shall be composed of three (3) members, including their respective Presidents, elected in Assemblies. Their term of office coincides with that of the Executive Council. They may be re-elected without any restriction.

3. The powers and responsibilities of the Committees shall be stated in the corresponding regulations which shall be approved by the Executive Council.

Article 24. ATHLETES COMMITTEE

1. The Athletes Committee shall be responsible for promoting the interests of South American athletes and for collaborating with CONSUDATLE in managing South American Athletics.

2. Only those who have obtained a medal in the Olympic Games or in the Adult World Championships, and have not been sanctioned by the IAAFF and/or CONSUDATLE may be nominated as members of the Athletes Committee

Article 25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall supervise the management of financial affairs and advise the Executive Council on finance and asset administration. It shall analyse the annual budget

and accounts of CONSUDATLE, prepared by the Financial and Administrative Director, and shall submit them to the Executive Council for approval.

Article 26. AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee shall be responsible for verifying the reliability and accuracy of the financial accounting and shall present a report related to the balance sheet to the General Assembly.

TITLE V - COMMISSIONS

Article 27. COMMISSIONS

1. The Commissions of CONSUDATLE are:

- a) Development Commission
- b) Technical Commission
- c) Out of Stadia Competitions Commission
- d) Anti-Doping Commission
- e) Womens Commission
- f) Technical Officials Commission
- g) Legal Affairs Commission
- h) Marketing Commission
- i) Television, Internet and New Technologies Commission
- j) Communication, Publications and Statistics Commission
- k) Event Organisation Commission
- l) School and University Sport Commission
- m) Coaches Commission
- n) High Performance Commission

2. The CONSUDATLE Commissions shall be composed of three (3) members, including their respective Presidents, appointed by the Executive Council.

3. The composition, powers and responsibilities of the several Commissions shall be stated in the specific Regulations which shall be issued by the Executive Council.

4. The President shall represent the commission and lead assignments according to the pertaining Regulation and instructions received from the President of CONSUDATLE.

5. The Commissions may submit to the Executive Council proposals to amend their specific Regulations.

6. The President, in consultations with the Executive Council of CONSUDATLE may create temporary Commissions, when required by circumstances, appointing their members.

7. The Commission meetings shall be held by electronic means, unless under exceptional circumstances authorized by the Finance Committee of CONSUDATLE.

Article 28. DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

1. The Development Commission shall be responsible for analysing the basic aspects of Athletics and the technical development of athletic training.

2. The Development Commission shall be assisted in its duties by the Regional Development Center of the IAAF, based in the city of Santa Fe, Argentina.

Article 29. TECHNICAL COMMISSION

1. The Technical Commission shall be in charge of specific aspects of competitions, compliance with the technical rules of the IAAF and the certification of their results.

2. Representatives of CONSUDATLE in the three (3) Technical Committees of the IAAF (Technical, Cross Country and Race Walking) shall be full-right members.

Article 30. OUT OF STADIA COMPETITIONS COMMISSION

The Out of Stadia Competitions Commission shall be in charge of compliance with the technical rules of the IAAF and the certification of the results of the Cross Country, Road Running and Mountain Running, and any other competition that is not held inside a stadium or in a track.

Article 31. ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION

The Anti-Doping Commission shall be in charge of the medical and technical aspects associated with control programmes and campaigns against doping.

Article 32. WOMENS COMMISSION

1. The Womens Commission shall be responsible for coordinating aspects relating to the participation of women in all instances of competition, supervision, organisation of events and operation of CONSUDATLE.

2. The representatives of CONSUDATLE shall be full-right members before the Womens Committee of the IAAF.

Article 33. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COMMISSION

1. The Technical Officials Commission shall be responsible for supervising the enforcement and interpretation of the regulations of competition of the different Athletics events. It certifies, in conformity with the IAAF rules, the technical Officials in different categories.

2. The representatives of CONSUDATLE in the International Technical Officials Panel of the IAAF shall be members with full right.

Article 34. LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

The Legal Affairs Commission shall be responsible for analysing legal issues related to Athletics, as well as the evolution of the Constitution and Regulations of CONSUDATLE.

Article 35. MARKETING COMMISSION

The Marketing Commission shall be responsible for advising the Executive Council on preparing and implementing agreements with its various sponsors, as well as analysing marketing strategies that have been created.

Article 36. TELEVISION, INTERNET AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES COMMISSION

The Television, Internet and New Technologies Commission shall advise the Executive Council on preparing and implementing agreements for CONSUDATLE with television,

internet and new technologies of communication services, as well as analyse and set strategies for the best exploitation of audio-visual rights regarding sporting events that are the property of CONSUDATLE.

Article 37. COMMUNICATION, PUBLICATIONS AND STATISTICS COMMISSION

1. The Communication, Publications and Statistics Commission shall be responsible for the working conditions of the representatives of the media at events and competitions of CONSUDATLE, in addition to liaise and facilitate relationships with regional media organisations.

2. The Commission shall also be responsible for the publication of results and statistics of the events of CONSUDATLE and the production of printed and multimedia material contributing to the institutional promotion of activities and events of CONSUDATLE.

Article 38. EVENTS ORGANISATION COMMISSION

1. The Events Organisation Commission shall be responsible for organising CONSUDATLE sports events and establishing the protocol programme for competitions that are the property of CONSUDATLE.

2. The Commission shall advise the local organising committees of South American Championships and other events in the Area which CONSUDATLE members organise with its authorisation.

Article 39. SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SPORT COMMISSION

The School and University Sport Commission shall be in charge of establishing contact with entities that organise events for these groups, coordinating the collaboration and technical advice to CONSUDATLE in this area.

Article 40. COACHES COMMISSION

The Coaches Commission shall be in charge of organizing, in coordination with the IAAF RDC, the continuous training and the coordination between CONSUDATLE and the South American Athletics Coaches Association.

Article 41. HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMISSION

The High Performance Commission shall be in charge of evaluating the Area results, making recommendations and establishing programmes to obtain world-class results in international competitions.

TITLE VI - JURISDICTION

Article 42. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

1. CONSUDATLE shall exercise disciplinary authority over all those who participate in Athletics in South America, specially, but not limited to:

- a) Affiliated entities and entities liaised with their affiliates;
- b) Officials of their affiliated entities and officials of entities liaised with their affiliates;
- c) Athletes;
- d) Staff accompanying the athlete, especially coaches, physical trainers, doctors, physiotherapists;
- e) Technical Officials.

2. Disciplinary sanctions shall be stated in a special Regulation which shall observe the principle of legality while also establishing suitable procedures that guarantee the right of defence.

3. The events of doping shall be subjected to the Disciplinary Tribunal of the IAAF, when they occur during competitions organised by CONSUDATLE directly or by delegation of one its members

Article 43. DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

1. The Disciplinary Tribunal shall be composed of one President and two members-at-large appointed by the Assembly.

2. The members of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall remain in office for the same period as the Executive Council.

3. The Disciplinary Tribunal shall make decisions by the majority of its members, according to the respective Regulation.

4. The disciplinary power to suspend or exclude a member of CONSUDATLE shall be reserved to the Executive Council and the Assembly, pursuant to this Constitution.

Article 44. Court of Arbitration for Sport

1. CONSUDATLE shall recognise the jurisdiction and competence of the Court of Arbitration for Sport based in Lausanne, Switzerland, called “Tribunal Arbitral du Sport” or “Court of Arbitration for Sport”, in French or English, as the only body of appeal for the whole final decision of the IAAF and its bodies, which shall definitely resolve the dispute in accordance with the Arbitration Code in the field of sport. The period for appealing shall be twenty-one days from the notice of decision that shall be the matter of appeal. The languages for procedure shall be Spanish or English.

2. The members of CONSUDATLE shall compulsorily and exclusively submit to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, any appeal concerning - or arising from - a final decision of CONSUDATLE by the enforcement of the Constitution and Regulations of CONSUDATLE, or of the IAAF.

3. Members of CONSUDATLE may also submit internal disputes, concerning or resulting from the enforcement of its Constitution or regulations to the Court of Arbitration for Sport or to a National Court of Arbitration.

4. The appeal to ordinary courts is prohibited, unless it is stated by the Constitution of CONSUDATLE or the IAAF, or by mandatory provision of the national legislation.

TITLE VII - ADMINISTRATIVE SCOPE

Article 45. GENERAL DIRECTOR

1. The Executive Council of CONSUDATLE shall appoint a General Director.

2. The General Director shall be responsible for the activities of CONSUDATLE and shall be in charge of the administrative operation of its staff, including the publication of Circulars, which is the means of communication between CONSUDATLE and its affiliated entities. In addition, the General Director shall be responsible for the preparation of an administrative report which shall be submitted by the President to the Assembly.

3. The General Director of CONSUDATLE shall have the following duties:

- a) To administratively manage CONSUDATLE under the instructions of the President and the Executive Council;
- b) To keep an updated record of the Constitution and Regulations of CONSUDATLE and its members;
- c) To execute the budget approved by the Assembly, under the instructions of the President and the Executive Council;
- d) To keep an updated record of sponsorship, marketing and television agreements that CONSUDATLE has signed;
- e) Any other duty assigned by the President or by the Executive Council.
- f) To execute orders given by the Executive Council
- g) To coordinate the activities of Committees and Commissions.

4. For a better fulfilment of the duties of the General Director, the President of CONSUDATLE, in accordance with the Executive Council, shall appoint an Administrative & Financial Director and a Foreign Relations Secretary.

5. The Administrative and Financial Director shall help the President of CONSUDATLE to manage and control the financial resources of CONSUDATLE, including payments to be made, and shall prepare a report on accounts audited by an independent company, which shall be submitted by the President of the Assembly, as well as a partial Balance Sheet in case of a change of authorities.

6. The Foreign Affairs Secretary shall be in charge of contacting the IAAF and other international institutions.

Article 46. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF THE IAAF

The Regional Development Center of the IAAF in South America shall have the following duties:

- a) To keep an updated record of athletes, in which the names of the athletes who have participated in competitions organised by CONSUDATLE are recorded by country;
- b) To keep an updated record of naturalised athletes, in which there shall be updated copies of the document or certification which grants naturalisation;
- c) To keep an updated record of technical officials and referees, in which referees are registered upon the request of affiliated federations, specifying their nationality, date of birth and speciality;
- d) To keep an updated record of South American Championships, Tournaments and Circuits, stating place, date, results of the competitions organised by CONSUDATLE, thus constituting the recorded history of South American Athletics;
- e) To keep an updated register of South American records, containing the history of the best continental Athletics results;
- f) To keep an updated record of Honorary Members, decorated members and members holding other special awards;
- g) To continuously update CONSUDATLE website, as well as the communication with the media.
- h) To organise training courses according to the needs of CONSUDATLE members.

TITLE VIII - ASSETS AND FINANCES

Article 47. ASSETS

The assets of CONSUDATLE is comprised by all goods, donated or acquired by virtue of any title, as well as financial resources which were granted to its disposal.

Article 48. FISCAL YEAR

The administrative and financial period starts 1 January and ends 31 December each year.

Article 49. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

1. CONSUDATLE is the owner of all Athletics Competition rights organised directly or through its members, as well as of the events arising from those competitions. These rights

include, among other, all kind of proprietary rights, registration rights, reproduction and audio-visual broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, sponsoring/promotional and marketing rights, as well as intangible rights such as name and distinctive brands rights and copyright.

2. The Executive Council shall decide if these rights shall be exercised by CONSUDATE exclusively, or if it shall do so jointly with a third party, or entirely through a third party.

TITLE IX. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Article 50. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

1. The Constitution and Regulations of CONSUDATLE shall be applicable to the following international competitions:

- a) South American Athletics Championships, Tournaments, and Circuits, which are always organised by CONSUDATLE;
- b) International Competitions of the South American Area, expressly authorised by the IAAF, by CONSUDATLE.

2. All international competitions held in the South American Area, in which a foreign athlete participates, shall be authorised by CONSUDATLE.

TITLE X. CONSTITUTION INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENT - APPROVAL AND AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

Article 51. MAJORITY AND PROCEDURE.

1. To amend the present Constitution, approval is required by two thirds of the Ordinary or Extraordinary Assembly.

2. The amendment proposals of the Constitution may be submitted by the President, by the Executive Council or by any of the members of the Assembly for consideration by the Assembly.

3. The amendment proposals of the regulations may be submitted by the President, by the Executive Council or by any of the members of the Assembly or Commissions for consideration by the Assembly.

Article 52. INTERPRETATION

The interpretation of this Constitution shall correspond to the Assembly which, ultimately, shall solve omissions in the corresponding text.

TITLE XI. FINAL AND TEMPORARY PROVISIONS

Article 53. DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

1. CONSUDATLE may only be dissolved by resolution of three quarters of the members assembled in the Assembly to this only end.
2. Once dissolution is complete, assets shall be delivered to the IAAF, and placed in trust as *bonus pater familiae* until the reconstitution of CONSUDATLE.

Article 54. CONSTITUTION VALIDITY

This Constitution and any other amendment, shall come into effect immediately after approval by the Assembly of CONSUDATLE, and shall be submitted to the IAAF to this end.

Article 55. COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. For the purpose of the composition of the Executive Council until the end of present term, the CONSUDATLE Assembly to meet on 28 March 2017, in Sao Paulo, shall elect a 1st Vice President and three (3) Members-at-large in accordance with the Constitution being amended. The Vice Presidents, elected in 2015, shall be part of the Executive Council. As such, if the executive body of the affiliated entity of CONSUDATLE is modified, the new board may request the removal from office of the individual of its nationality.
2. The proposals for the candidatures for the Executive Council positions will be presented immediately after the approval of the CONSTITUTION by the accredited delegates.

Article 56. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEES

1. For the purpose of the composition of the Athletes, Finance and Audit Committees until the end of present term, the CONSUDATLE Assembly to meet on 28 March 2017, in Sao Paulo, shall elect its members, following the same procedure of Article 55. 2.

This Constitution was approved by the CONSUDATLE Assembly held in São Paulo, Brasil, on 28 March 2017.