



**FISM**  
**EUROPE**

# RULES OF CONDUCT

for

## **FISM EUROPE**

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### **ARTICLE 1: Name and duration of the FISM Division**

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the European continental structure, as an integral and inextricable part of the overall organization of FISM, was instituted in conformity with article 4 of the FISM Statutes.

The official name of this continental FISM division is: **FISM EUROPE**

A subtitle, that reflects its position and structure best, may be used.

The duration of FISM Europe is unlimited.

### **ARTICLE 2: Membership**

European magic societies, once affiliated to FISM, will automatically be a member society of FISM EUROPE and endorse these rules of conduct

### **ARTICLE 3: Aims of FISM EUROPE**

FISM Europe shares the same aims as mentioned in article 3.1 of the FISM statutes.

### **ARTICLE 4: The Activities of FISM EUROPE**



**4.1** The main activity by which FISM Europe seeks to achieve its aims is the organization of the FISM European Championships of Magic (ECM).

**4.2** Other activities of FISM Europe can be considered, such as:

- stimulate mutual visits of European Magic Societies' representatives;
- exchange of magazines and publishing in each others magazines;
- publishing an information letter, a European magic magazine and the maintenance of a web-site;
- exchange of workshop-leaders or lecturers;
- promoting and encouraging combined conventions and twinning agreements between member societies;
- promoting workshops, lectures, exhibitions or conventions on the history of magic and magic collections;
- developing and maintaining a training for judges of magic competitions
- developing and maintaining a European Academy of Magic;
- assist the FISM Board of Directors in organizing FISM activities on the European Continent and execute delegated tasks.

**4.3** No member society may use the term "European" in conjunction with its name, its convention or its competition, without the explicit consent of the FISM Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 5: Organizational Structure – Membership - Languages**

**5.1** The directive authority for the conduct of the affairs of FISM Europe is vested in the European General Assembly (EGA), presided over by a European President, elected by the EGA.

Between meetings of the EGA, the European Executive Board (EEB) shall be responsible for the conduct of the day-to-day affairs and for the preparation and implementation of the decisions of the EGA.

**5.2** The European Executive Board will meet at least once a year.

**5.3** The Member Societies endorse these Rules of Conduct and will consider implementing the recommendations of the EEB.

FISM Europe has no right to interfere with the internal affairs of a Member Society.  
**5.4** In the absence of a permanent venue, the office of FISM Europe shall be fixed at the



residence of its president.

**5.5** All communications from the European Executive Board to the Member Societies shall be made in English. Member Societies may communicate in one of the four official languages of the FISM (French, English, German and Spanish).

**5.6** These Rules of Conduct will be available in all the official languages of the FISM.

**5.7** In the event of a dispute concerning the interpretation or application of these rules of Conduct, the President, after consultation with the other members of the EEB and the FISM Board of Directors, shall have the authority to take a decision, which shall be final and binding for all parties.

**5.8** These Rules of Conduct and their modification have to be validated by the FISM Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 6: General Assembly and Representative Delegates**

**6.1** The European General Assembly shall be composed of the representative delegates of all European Member Societies of the FISM and the members of the European Executive Board. The representative delegate of a member Society can be the President of the society or any person duly appointed by him.

**6.2** The EGA will handle all questions concerning magic. It will hear the reports of the President, approve the accounts and vote the budget for the new period.

**6.3** The European Executive Board is composed of a President and a minimum of two and a maximum of 4 members, who can be appointed as vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer. They are all elected by the EGA for an initial period of six years, after which they can be re-elected for a consecutive term of three years. Provided, however, the service of the European President shall be limited to one such consecutive three year term.

A member of the FISM Board of Directors cannot be appointed as a member of the EEB.

**6.4** A meeting of the European General Assembly will be held on the occasion of each European Championship of Magic. Each delegate must identify himself/herself at meetings of the EGA and, if necessary, present a copy of the letter of his/her appointment.

Additionally, the number of currently-active members of his or her Society, at the date of the convention, must be confirmed to the secretary.



**6.5** Whenever it is not possible to hold a European Championship of Magic, the President shall convene a General Assembly not later than 12 months following the date on which the ECM should have taken place.

**6.6** Member Societies shall inform the President at least four months before the date of a General Assembly of the actual number of members of their Society and propose the subjects to be discussed.

**6.7** Two months before the date of a European General Assembly, the President will send to each delegate an agenda bearing all questions submitted to the EEB and a copy of the financial state of FISM Europe.

**6.8** FISM Europe will not refund any expenses of delegates participating at the General Assembly.

**6.9** The President of FISM-Europe can be represented by a member of the Board.

## **ARTICLE 7: Voting**

The votes are attributed according to Article 7 of the FISM Statutes.

Every voting about persons will be secret. Each representative delegate shall receive the necessary voting slips with the number of votes attributed to his/her club.

## **ARTICLE 8: Decision Making Process**

**8.1** Decisions of the European General Assembly will be made by voting. Only delegates of Member Societies that are in good standing, including payment in full of their contribution shall vote.

Delegates represent a number of votes according to article 7 of the FISM statutes.

**8.2** A member society is allowed to vote by proxy for another member society. Delegates from one country can vote by proxy for other societies of the same country. However, voting by proxy on behalf of a society from another country is limited to one society.

Voting by correspondence and voting by e-mail is authorized.

**8.3** The European General Assembly shall make its decisions by a simple majority of the votes cast. In case of equality in votes, the President of FISM Europe, shall cast the deciding vote. The proposals for amendments to the Rules of Conduct must obtain the simple majority of present or represented European members.



**8.4** If the General Assembly of the FISM decides to dissolve FISM Europe, the remaining funds will be distributed on the basis of their votes amongst the Member societies of FISM Europe.

## **ARTICLE 9: Organization of FISM European Championships of Magic.**

**9.1** FISM European Championships of Magic will be organized according to article 12 of the FISM Statutes and in conformity with the 'FISM Contest Rules and Procedures'. The European Executive Board shall regularly check the quality and the progress of the organization.

**9.2** FISM European Championships of Magic should take place during a significant (usual national) convention of one of the member countries.

**9.3** The society hosting the FISM European Championships of Magic shall be ratified in a written legal agreement between the International FISM President on the one hand and the European President and the President of the Organizing Committee on the other hand, defining the terms and conditions.

## **ARTICLE 10: Finance**

**10.1** The financial assets of FISM Europe shall be:

- the contributions of the Member Societies
- a percentage of convention fees as stated in the contract
- subvention from FISM
- sponsoring
- gifts
- any other legal income.

The assets shall be utilized to cover the expenses of FISM Europe.

**10.2** The contribution, charged for a period of three years will be determined by the European Executive Board in concert with the FISM Board of Directors and shall be



paid according to FISM procedures.

**10.3** The finances of FISM Europe shall be subject to audit and verification by a Finance Auditing Committee of three delegates, nominated by the European General Assembly.