

CONSTITUTION

Of

The Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP)

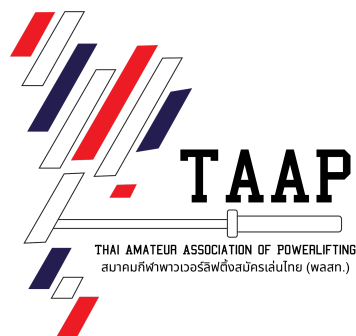


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1. Objective

The objective of the Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) is to promote and organise the powerlifting sport and support general powerlifting training. Part of the duty is to stimulate cooperation between the members and to represent the Association in international competition, seminars and other events hosted by the international bodies.

The work shall have a character of voluntariness, transparency and equivalency. All sport activity shall be based on fellowship, health and honesty.

2. Organisation

The Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) is a union of members, clubs, schools and private institutions practising powerlifting and weight training.

The Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) is a member of the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT), the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) and the Asian Powerlifting Federation (APF) and is subject to their Rules and Laws.

Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) follows and accepts fully the IPF Anti-Doping rules and the WADA *Code*.

Powerlifting is and shall be practised in accordance with the IPF Technical Rules.

The Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) and its members recognize the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne as the only external body for jurisdiction, applying the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration for all disputes which cannot be settled amicably or through local arbitration or mediation. However, all internal legal remedies must be exhausted before referring a matter to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

3. Duties and competence

The Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) shall develop activities, organisations, good economic and auditory systems to meet requirements from the members, the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT), the Asian Powerlifting Federation (APF) and the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF).

Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) shall serve and is the only National Governing Body authorised by the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) for the sport of Powerlifting in Thailand.

The education and training of elected people, serving in the Executive or Committees and all commissions, is an important part of the duties.

4. Membership

All individual members, clubs, schools and private institutions have the right to

become a member of Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP). All members accepted by the Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) have an obligation to comply with the rules and by-laws of the Sport Authority of Thailand (SAT) and the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF).

5. Subscriptions

Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) decides on the subscription and fees, with approval from the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT).

Unpaid subscriptions and fees result in loss of votes and rights at the Congress.

The disciplinary committee may suspend members that owe subscription or fees for more than 1 year.

6. Economic compensations for honorary posts

Elected people in the Executive and committees may receive a reasonable compensation for their work and documented expenses. Such compensations shall be included in the budget and the annual accounts for the Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP).

7. Inability

A person employed by the Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) may simultaneously hold an honorary post in the Association.

8. Disciplinary cases

The Laws and Disciplinary Committee rules on all disciplinary infractions of the members of the Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) and oversees the disciplinary proceedings. The committee has the rights' to impose sanctions and penalties.

The Laws and Disciplinary Committee shall be made up of members, with a clean criminal record and of legal experience or background.

For anti-doping rule violations, defined in article 2 of the IPF Anti-Doping Rules and the WADA Code all anti-doping rule violations nationally will be determined by the Laws and Disciplinary Committee . All disciplines at IPF International or World Championships will be determined by the IPF Doping Hearing Panel.

9. The National Congress

The National Congress is the supreme governing body of the Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP). The Congress shall meet annually before the end of *April* each year.

The Executive Committee shall notify the members no later than 45 days ahead of the General Assembly. Proposals and amendments must be received by the Executive

Committee at the latest 30 days prior to the General Assembly. The Complete Agenda must be sent to all members at the latest 7 days prior to the General Assembly.

The notice must be in writing, and clearly released on the website or other channels.

The General Assembly may be held in a virtual format when conditions do not allow for an in-person meeting.

At the Congress, a quorum will consist of at least 50% of all members. No member or their proxy shall have more than one vote.

Proposals to change the law of the Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) can only be examined if included in the Agenda distributed to all members and requires 2/3 majority by the members present in the meeting to be accepted. All accepted proposals will be in power from the first day after the Congress if not otherwise stated.

10. Voting Rights

As a private membership Association. All members have the right to vote and in the event that they can't be present they may appoint a proxy to attend the meeting and vote on their behalf. In the event that a proxy is present the member must provide a power of attorney.

In the event of a tie, the president shall have the casting vote.

The president shall chair the meeting if the president is not present. The vice-president shall preside over the meeting, if the vice-president is not present, the members shall elect a member of the board in attendance to be the chairperson.

11. The powers of the Congress

The duties of the Congress are:

1. Roll call of members.
2. To accept the Agenda.
3. To examine the Executive report.
5. To examine the Treasures report
6. Appoint Auditors.
7. To examine proposals and amendments.
8. Decide about membership fees and other fees
9. To examine the budget.
10. Election of the members of the Association's Executive Board, for a renewable term of four years
 - President

- Vice President
- General Secretary
- Treasurer

10. Election of the Chairmen of Committees, for a renewable term of four years:

- Technical Committee
- Laws and Disciplinary Committee
- Coaches Committee.
- Athletes Committee.

11. Regional Representatives

- North
- Central
- East

Candidates of both sexes are equally eligible to be represented in the Executive Board and Committees.

12. Order of votes at the Congress

If not otherwise decided, a proposal is accepted by a majority of votes. However, Constitutional changes require a 2/3 majority present.

13. Extraordinary Congress

Extraordinary Congress may be called by the Executive with at least 7 days notice if:

- a) Required by a superior Sport organisation or the Government/National umbrella organisation
- b) Decided by the Congress
- c) Decided by the Executive
- d) Is required by at least 1/3 of the members.

The Extraordinary General Assembly may be held in a virtual format, when conditions do not allow for an in-person meeting. And only shall only deal with cases included in the agenda when called. In the case that 1/3 of members require an Extraordinary congress the executive board must fulfil the requirement within 30 days.

14. Quorum

A quorum of at least 50% of the members is required. In the case that the quorum doesn't meet on the set date, after a certain period of time at the appointed time of the meeting if the quorum is not met the board shall adjourn the meeting to be held at a different date within 14 days' without a quorum.

In the event of an extraordinary congress being held by request of 1/3 of the members

and the quorum is not met, the meeting is deemed invalid.

15. Executive Board

The Executive Board performs organisational, administrative and specialist-technical tasks.

The Board is the executive body of the Association and performs tasks given by the Congress of Members and tasks in its field; it leads the Association between sessions of the Congress of Members.

Members of the Association Executive Board are: the President, the Vice President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer.

16. Powers of the Executive

1. It shall be the governing body of the Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) between Congresses.
2. It shall carry out decisions made by the Congress and superior sport authorities.
3. It shall carry out daily management of the Association, represent the Association and practice skilled authority.
4. Appoint members to committees others that elected by the Congress and work out guidelines for such committees.
5. To maintain running control of the expenditures of the Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) , in accordance with the budget approved by the Congress.

17. Committees

- a) Technical Committee
- b) Laws and Disciplinary Committee
- c) Coaches Committee
- d) Athletes Committee

a) *Technical Committee*

- The committee shall consist of 3 members of whom the chairman is elected by the Congress and two other members appointed by the Executive, for a renewable term of four years.
- The committee shall educate and instruct referees, organise referee clinics, and appoint referees at national championships.

b) *Laws and Disciplinary Committee*

- The Disciplinary Committee (LDC) shall consist of 3 members of whom the chairman is elected by the Congress and two other members appointed by the Executive, for a renewable term of four years.
- The LDC shall be entrusted with the examination and decision of disciplinary cases within the Association handed to them by the Executive Board.

- The LDC shall collect all relevant information needed to deal with a case according to the Constitution. Sensitive information shall be treated confidential within the parties involved.

c) ***Coaches Committee***

- Shall consist of 3 members of whom the chairman is elected by the Congress and two other members appointed by the Executive, for a renewable term of four years.
- The Coaches Committee shall oversee the development of the national team.
- The committee shall educate and instruct coaches, organise coaching clinics and approve all coaches participating in all international championships.
- Appeal against a decision of the Coaches Committee must be lodged to the Executive within 1 month after the decision is made by the Coaches Committee.

d) ***Athletes Committee***

- Shall consist of 3 members of whom the chairman is elected by the Congress and two other members appointed by the Executive, for a renewable term of four years.
- The athletes committee shall oversee the development and wellbeing of all the Thai Amateur Association of Powerlifting (TAAP) members.
- The committee shall educate and instruct athletes, organise lifting clinics, and provide necessary support to all member athletes.

18. Constitutional changes

Constitutional changes are only possible at the ordinary Congress or at an extraordinary Congress. Such proposals must be included on the agenda when the Congress is called and require 2/3 majority of the delegates present.

19. Vacancies

Vacancies may result from any of these conditions; death, resignation, not qualified to serve and/or dismissals from position by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote from congress.

In the result of a sitting President vacancy, the whole committee is required to be removed. The board will convene to a meeting and will be called to appoint a new interim president within 30 days.

In vacancies before the term ends the president has the right to nominate a new member into the vacancies, in cases which don't include vacancies resulting from dismissal by the general congress.

20. Dissolution

A proposal to dissolve the Association must first be discussed at an ordinary Congress. If a decision is made in favour of a dissolution by a 3/4 majority, an extraordinary Congress shall be called 3 months later. Again a 3/4 majority is required for a final decision of a dissolution of the Association.

The funds of the Association shall come to a superior sport authority or to a charity organisation as decided by the Congress.

21. Conflict

In case of any conflict or inconsistencies with the by-laws registered with the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT) the by-laws shall prevail.