



# CHARTER

# INDIAN OCEAN

# ISLAND GAMES

(This translation is provided for information,  
Rule 14 will apply in case of dispute)

# ABBREVIATIONS

IOC	: International Olympic Committee
OC	: Olympic Charter
R....	: Rules of the Olympic Charter
AR	: Application of Rules
OCOG	: Organising Committee of Olympic Games
IF	: International Federation
IOIG	: Indian Ocean Island Games
IGC	: International Permanent Games Council
OCIG	: Organising Committee of the Island Games
CROS	: Comité Régional Olympique Sportif
ROSC	: Regional Olympic Sports Committee
ASOIF	: Association of Summer Olympic International Federations
AIOWF	: Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federation
NOC	: National Olympic Committee
ICP	: International Paralympic Committee
ANOC	: Association of National Olympic Committees
ANOCA	: Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa
OCA	: Olympic Council of Asia
PASO	: Pan-American Sports Organisation
ONOC	: Oceania National Olympic Committee

EOC : European Olympic Committees  
CAS : Court of Arbitration for Sport  
OGIS : Olympic Games Information Service  
WADA : World Anti-Doping Agency  
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IOA : International Olympic Academy  
ITC : International Technical Committee  
RADO : Regional Anti-Doping Organisation

## FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

### Rule 1 : OBJECTIVES

The Indian Ocean Island Games (IOIG), have been created by the NOCs and the CROS

- to foster friendship and mutual understanding amongst the peoples of the islands of the Indian Ocean in the olympic spirit
- to contribute towards regional cooperation through the development of sport in the region, namely through the organisation of Games with the participation of athletes of different member islands, without racial, religious or political discrimination.
- to do everything possible to foster solidarity amongst the Islands of the Indian Ocean and favour sports and technical exchanges to enhance the level of sports in the islands

The contribution of States and Governments of member islands of the Indian Ocean is acknowledged and appreciated in the organisation and success of the Indian Ocean Island Games.

The close cooperation existing between the sports bodies at regional, continental and intercontinental levels guarantees the successful organisation of the Indian Ocean Island Games as well as their lasting existence..

The Charter of the IOIG represents the codification of the fundamental principles, the rules and the bye-laws. It governs the organisation and operation of the IGC as well as the relationship between its members. It establishes the conditions for the successful organisation of the IOIG.

## **Rule 2 : PERIODICITY**

In principle, the Indian Ocean Island Games are held every four years. If, for a major cause (natural disasters, insecurity), this cycle was modified, the Games would be held in another year than the one fixed for the Olympic Games and African Games in their cycle. The year of the Games is determined by the INTERNATIONAL PERMANENT GAMES COUNCIL (IGC). The time of the year in which the games are to be held is not fixed.

It is up to the IGC to vet the proposal of the Organising Committee (IGOC)

The organisation of the Indian Ocean Island Games is entrusted to a member island by the International Permanent Games Council (IGC) as defined below.

## **Rule 3 : MEMBERSHIP**

The following islands are members of the IGC :

Comoro Islands

Madagascar

Maldives

Mauritius

Mayotte

Reunion

Seychelles

## **ADMISSION OF MAYOTTE**

The request for admission of Mayotte as member island of IGC was unanimously accepted by Special Resolution during the IGC meeting held on 21-22<sup>nd</sup> April 2006.

The membership of Mayotte rests on the following conditions:

- Mayotte participates in the meetings of all the bodies of the IGC without voting right but with a consultative right.
- Whenever the occasion arises, or for any ceremony requiring the use of a flag, Mayotte will use the flag of the Games and will not make use of any symbol of France ( anthem and flag).

This mode of membership to the IGC, by Special Resolution, must not serve as a precedence for any other request for membership.

## **LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Loss of membership occurs:

1. following a request for resignation to the President of IGC to be submitted in the form of a registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt. That request will be submitted to IGC for approval.
2. Following a decision for exclusion made by the Council for any serious motive which it so determines after the party concerned has been invited, by registered letter, to give written explanation. The decision is made in the absence of the member concerned unanimously by all the other IGC members.

## **Rule 4 : APPLICATION FOR HOSTING OF GAMES**

The application to host the IOIG must be made by the National Olympic Committee or any other Organisations concerned (recognized by the IGC) and with the support of the competent sports authority of the member island.

Any member island, wishing to organize the IOIG must commit itself to respect the present Charter and the General Rules of the Games.

Any person or organisation who forms part of the IGC, must accept its supreme authority and comply with all its Rules and Regulations.

## **Rule 5 : FLAG**

The flag of the Games has a blue background without any hem. In its centre is found the Games emblem composed of four interwoven rings, yellow and green, yellow and red, yellow and red, yellow and green, two at the top and two in the middle on a background formed by the letters J.I.O.I.

The flag belongs exclusively to the IGC.

## **Rule 6 : THE GAMES SYMBOLS**

The Games Symbols (logo, mascotte and anthem) are specific to each Games edition. They are the sole property of the Organizing Committee of the Island Games (OGIC) up to its dissolution.

## **GENERAL ORGANISATION**

### **Rule 7 : Administrative organisation**

The administrative structure of the Indian Ocean Island Games are :

- (i) The International Permanent Games Committee (IGC)
- (ii) The Executive Committee
- (iii) The Organising Committee for the Indian Ocean Games OCIG.

For the holding of the meetings of the IGC and the Executive Committee, the quorum is reached when a majority of members is present.

For the deliberations of the IGC and the Executive Committee to be valid, the attendance of half the members is necessary. Decisions at the level of the IGC and the Executive Committee are made if there is a majority among the members in attendance except when special provision is made in the Charter.

In case of a tie, the President chairing the meeting has a casting vote.

Voting can be cast by secret ballot upon a special request from a member.

Votes with regard to persons are taken by secret ballot.

Minutes of Meetings are signed for the IGC and the Executive Committee by the President and the Secretary General.

### **Rule 8 : THE INTERNATIONAL PERMANENT GAMES COMMITTEE (IGC)**

The IGC is the Games' supreme authority of the Indian Ocean Island Games. The IGC is composed, to the maximum, of one delegation of three representatives from the participating islands, having the right of speech. Each delegation has only one vote to be expressed by the President of the NOC or Sports Organisation or his representative.

The IGC can set up commissions which are entrusted with attributions destined to facilitate the role of the IGC or the Executive Committee.

### **Rule 9 : AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF IGC**

The IGC's aim is to reach for the objectives of the Indian Ocean Island Games, namely through the Organisation of these Games.

The IGC decides on

- The admission, as member, of an island of the Indian Ocean.
- The choice of the venue of the next Games, and the opportunity, if need be, to change the venue of the Games. This choice must be made, at latest, except in case of force majeure, before the Closing Ceremony of the current Games in process.
- The power to entrusting the organisation of the Games to an Organizing Committee of a member Island.



- The sports disciplines to be included in the programme as well as the number of demonstration sports.
- The adoption of the General Rules of the Games.
- The final decision concerning the organisation of the protocol, including the Opening and Closing ceremonies in close collaboration with the OCIG.
- The settlement of all conflict beyond the jurisdiction of the ITC.
- The election of the Executive Committee
- The final recording of all results for the different competitions, subject to the disposition within the bounds of anti-doping campaign. The decision will be taken during a meeting organized at the end of the last competition.
- The IGC is responsible for the relations with the International Federations as regards agreement for the specific Rules and Regulations of the Sport Discipline and possible exemption of rules to be requested. It ensures the follow-up of procedures.

## **Rule 10 : ADMISSION**

Any Indian Ocean Island having a National Olympic Committee or a Sports Organisation (CROS), which is liable to send a delegation in view of its participation to the Indian Ocean Games, can solicit its admission to the IGC by sending request to the President. This admission is subject to a vote of the IGC to be taken at the majority of votes of members present.

Voting takes place by secret ballot if the President chairing the meeting so decides or upon request from one of the members present.

## **Rule 11 : EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

At the first meeting of the ICG held in the island organizing the Games, the Council elects a Committee comprising the following :

1. A President
2. Four Vice-Presidents
3. A Secretary General
4. A Treasurer

For its efficiency, the Secretary General and the Treasurer should come from the Games Organizing Island; however, the President should not be from the Organizing Island. Members of the committee are elected in their own behalf for four years, and can be reelected if they still stand as representatives of and are still resident of their island.

The Council can nominate one or more Honorary President(s) or Honorary Member(s), having honorary and consultative attributions.

If a member of the committee resigns, changes his dwelling place outside the Indian Ocean Islands or cannot fulfill his role, or is prevented from doing so, he is automatically replaced by another member named by the island he comes from. This new member will terminate the mandate of the one he replaced.

Once elected, the President does not vote. He chairs the meetings and in case of a tie, has a casting vote. He represents the IGC in dealings with the authorities.

If the President is temporarily unable to fulfill the duties (cannot fulfill his role or is prevented from doing so), one of the Vice-Presidents from outside of the organizing island, according to the order of his election replaces him.

In the event the President is definitely unable to hold his office, he is replaced by one of the Vice-Presidents from outside the organizing island, according to the order of his election. The latter will assume the Presidency until the next session of the committee when a new president will be elected. The new president will be elected. The new president completes the term of office of the President whom he is called upon to replace.

The Secretary General coordinates the activities of the IGC. He keeps the records and is responsible for the correspondence of the committee.

The Treasurer ensures the coordination between the members of the IGC and the OCIG for all financial matters.

## **Rule 12 : THE OCIG**

The organisation of the Games is entrusted to a member island by the IGC through the NOC or the recognized Sports Organisation (CROS). The NOC or the sports organisation delegates the mandate it has been entrusted with, to an organizing committee of the Island Games (OCIG).

The OCIG shall have a legal status.

The executive body or Bureau of the OCIG shall include one of the members of the IGC from the Games Organizing island and the President of the NOC or his representative or of the recognized sports organisation, whichever be the case.

The dissolution of the OCIG shall be effective within a period of 6 to 12 months after the Closing Ceremony of the Games. As from then on, the committee can only act towards the goals needed for its winding up, the span of which cannot exceed 12 months.

## **Rule 13 : IGC MEETINGS**

After consultation and agreement with the President, the Secretary General sends the convocation for the IGC Meeting, one month before the date of the Meeting, with the Agenda fixed by the President, after consultation with all the other delegations.

An item which does not appear on the Agenda may be discussed if the assembly so decides or be inserted on the agenda of the next IGC meeting.

The Organisation costs for the meeting, board/lodging and local transport of the President of IGC, of two members per delegation are taken charge of by the OCIG of the Organising island.

The cost for International Transport of the President of the IGC and at least one delegate of a foreign member island are borne by the OCIG of Organizing island in Economic class.

#### **Rule 14 : OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

The official languages of the IGC are French and English. In case of difference between the French and English texts, for these rules, the French version shall prevail.

#### **TECHNICAL ORGANISATION**

##### **Rule 15 : ELIGIBILITY CODE**

Requirements for Eligibility of Islands at the IOIG : Only Member Islands are invited to participate in the IOIG.

##### **Requirements for Eligibility of Athletes at the IOIG**

To be eligible to participate in the IOIG, any participant shall :

1. Abide by the requirements stipulated in the Rules of the Olympic Charter with regard to the participation in the Olympic Games and their bye-laws.  
(Eligibility code - Nationality of Competitors)

Besides, for Reunion Island and Mayotte (resolution made during meeting of IGC dated 21- April 2006) :

- Be a born citizen of the island.

- Those not born in the Island must have been holders of a licence issued by the Sports Movement of the Island during the three consecutive calendar years preceeding the Games including the year in which the Games are held or having been licensed 5 years in the island.
- 2. Comply with the conditions of Rules of International Federations governing age.

### **Rule 16 : ENTRY**

Only NOC's or Sports Organisations recognized by the IGC are competent to enter competitors in the Island Games.

The deadlines for the entries in principle, and of the Final Entry by name, are set by the General Rules of the Games.

NOC's or Sports Organisations check and guarantee the accuracy of information regarding their competitors.

The number of competitors per sports discipline and the number of Technical Officers and office Bearers/officials are fixed by the General Rules of the Games

### **Rule 17 : SPORTS DISCIPLINES**

The number of sports disciplines in the Games is fixed by the General Rules of the Games. The number must be at least equal or more than five and must compulsorily include Athletics and Swimming.

At least 80 % of the sports disciplines must perforce be Olympic sports disciplines.

Eighteen months prior to the Games, the Organisation shall make known the Sports disciplines proposed in the Games Calendar with a view of obtaining the entries in principle of the participating NCO's or recognized Sports Organisations.

Only those sports disciplines in which at least 3 NOC's or recognized Sports Organisations are participating will be registered for the Games. With the

agreement of the IGC, the OCIG can organize for the Games, sports disciplines as demonstrations.

For every sports discipline, competitions and events shall take place under the Technical Rules drawn up by the OGIC, and validated by the International Federation concerned and by the IGC in accordance with the International Rules of the Sports discipline.

### **Rule 18 : GAMES VILLAGE AND ACCOMODATION**

Except in specific circumstances, which the IGC will appraise, the OCIG will plan for a Games Village in such a way that the competitors and the officials of the teams are accommodated in the same venue.

The Games Village, will be made available to the delegations, at least two days before the Opening Ceremony and two days after the Closing Ceremony of the Island Games.

Accommodation shall also be provided for the judges, referees, etc. designated by the Federations, within the time-limit fixed by the IGC.

Only competitors, coaches, managers and Heads of sports delegations, can stay in the Games Village or at an official accommodation centre. The OCIG should admit or take the required steps to admit in the Games Village or in other accommodation venues agreed upon, the accompanying personnel appointed by the NOC's or Sports Organisations approved by the ICG, in accordance with the quota defined in the bye-laws.

The Games Village must fulfill all the requirements as established by IGC (separate accommodation venue for men/women, handicapped participants, minors, in accordance with the rule of the Olympic Charter)

## **PRACTICAL ORGANISATION**

### **Rule 19 : Equipment and Amenities**

The OCIG, directly or through the NOC or sports Organisation of the host island, shall inform the IGC, the NOC's or Sports Organisations of the other islands, of the Technical amenities, and the sports material and equipment, six months before the start of the Games.

### **Rule 20 : PARTICIPATION FEES**

Participation fees are paid to the OCIG by the delegations for each of their athletes and officials.

These fees are fixed by the General Rules of the Games 18 months before the start of the Games. The participation fees include the costs for accommodation, catering and local transport of members of delegations participating in the Games and are borne by the Organizing island in accordance with the limit regarding the number of participants as set in the General Rules.

### **Rule 21 : ACCREDITATION - MASS MEDIA COVERAGE**

All the necessary steps will be taken to accredit the representatives of different media in accordance with the Olympic Charter.

The IGC shall reserve the right to accede or refuse any accreditation, whoever be the one making the request. It can also withdraw any accreditation already delivered. Its decision is final.

A media representative duly accredited as such, will not, in any case, be accredited in another category.

The OCIG can claim rights for transmission rights at rates fixed by the General Rules of the Games.

## **Rule 22 : PROPAGANDA, ADVERTISING AND PICTURE**

### **1. PROPAGANDA**

No kind of political religious or racial demonstration or propaganda is permitted in the Games venues (Stadia, Games Village, Press centre etc) :

### **2. ADVERTISING**

No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise shall be allowed to appear on sportswear, accessories, or more generally on any clothing or equipment used by the competitors or any persons holding an official role in the Indian Ocean Island Games, with the exception of the usual identification of the manufacturer which cannot exceed the regulations authorized by the International Federations for International Competitions.

However an exception to this rule can be granted by the IGC to the OCIG for the numbers worn by competitors. Request for such must be made to the Executive Committee of the IGC, at least one month before the start of the Games.

All contracts of the OCIG containing any element whatsoever of advertising including the right or licence to use the emblem or the mascot of the Games must comply with the General Regulations included in the contract signed between the IGC, the NOC and the island hosting the games.

The OCIG shall ensure the protection of the property of the emblem and the mascot of the Indian Ocean Games, both nationally and internationally, according to the conditions spelt out in the contract signed at the moment of the attribution of the Games to the host island by the IGC.

However, the OCIG and subsequently the NOC of the country hosting the Games, after the dissolution of the OCIG, can continue to exploit the emblem and the mascot as well as other brands, pictures, pins, posters, any objects or documents related to the Indian Ocean Island Games during the preparation period, the duration of the Games and for a period expiring not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which the Games are held. As soon as this period has expired, the rights will be the sole property of the IGC.



The identification of the manufacturer on all technical gear, installations and other apparatus for use in competitions, including timing equipment and scoreboards may on no account be larger than the regulations agreed by the IF for the International Competitions.

Advertising on alcohol and tobacco is prohibited in all the Games venues / sites.

All those contravening the present article will be immediately disqualified or deprived of their accreditation.

### **3. PICTURE**

Unless authorized by the IGC, no competitor, coach, trainer or official who participates in the Indian Ocean Island Games shall allow his person, his name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the Games.

The IGC, in conjunction with the OCIG, takes all the necessary measures to ensure that the Indian Ocean Island Games get the most comprehensive coverage of the various means of communication and information as well as the largest possible audience across the world.

Any participant in the Indian Ocean Island Games in any capacity whatsoever, must sign the following declaration :

*“ It is understood that as a participant in the Indian Ocean Island Games, I take part in an exceptional event which has an international and sustainable historical significance and having given the acceptance of my participation, I agree to being filmed, namely by television, photographed, identified or recorded by any other means during the Island Games, according to the conditions and for purposes, now or in the future, laid down by the IGC for the promotion of the Games”.*

### **Rule 23 : THE MEDICAL CODE**

The Medical Code set up by the IOC for the Olympic Games is entirely applicable for the Indian Ocean Island Games, as stated in the Olympic Charter.

Doping is strictly forbidden.

The provisions concerning the list of prohibited substances and uses as well as the anti-doping control are specified in the General Rules.

A Medical Commission to implement the Medical Code of the Games will be set up.

A Medical Service will be available to all participants to the Games.

## **Rule 24 : PROTOCOL**

### **Invitations and formulae**

Invitations to take part in the Indian Ocean Island Games will be sent by the OCIG in accordance with instructions received by the IGC.

They are sent to all NOC's or approved Sports Organisations and shall be expressed in the following terms:

“The Organising Committee of the Indian Ocean Island Games, in accordance with the instructions of the International Permanent Games Council, has the honour of inviting you to participate in the competition and the festivities which will take place in ..... at ..... from ..... to .....”

Invitations must all be sent simultaneously by registered air-mail, with acknowledgement of receipt.

## **Rule 25 : MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES**

Medals and Certificates, provided by the OCIG will be awarded to the competitors, as per the provisions of the General Rules of the Games, and the Technical Rules of each sports discipline.

## **Rule 26 : CEREMONIES**

The Opening and the Closing and Victory Ceremonies shall be held in accordance with the Olympic tradition.

The details of these ceremonies shall be communicated to the IGC at least 3 months before the Games by the OCIG to the IGC to be validated at least six months before the Games.

The Protocol applicable to all personalities attending the Games will be defined in the General Rules of the Games. It will indicate the nature of the Accreditation Cards, the type of accomodation, the means of transport and seating arrangement in the venues for the events. The O.C.I.G. must ensure that the protocol is strictly adhered to in the Games venues.

## **Rule 27 : SECURITY**

The OCIG will take all necessary steps to ensure the security of all participants during the Games.

## **Rule 28 : MODIFICATION**

18 months before the Games, no modification to the Charter will be applicable, unless decision to do so is unanimous.

Made in good faith

Bergaya Hotel, Beau Vallon Bay, Seychelles on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

The President of the IGC, Mr. Jean François BEAULIEU .....

The President of Mauritius National Olympic Committee, Mr. Philippe HAO

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The Vice President of the CROS, Reunion Island, Mr. Adolphe PEPIN

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