STATUTES OF THE PORTUGUESE DRAUGHTS SECTION OF FMJD

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

(Name and Nature)

1. The Portuguese Draughts Section, hereinafter referred to as the **Section**, is a structure integrated within the World Draughts Federation (FMJD), dedicated to the promotion, organisation and development of the variant known as **Portuguese Draughts**.
2. The Section is a non-profit entity and shall be governed by these Statutes, as well as by the regulations of the FMJD and, subsidiarily, by those of the Portuguese Draughts Federation.

Article 2

(Autonomy and Institutional Framework)

1. The Section enjoys technical and organizational autonomy within the scope of its functions.
2. The Section operates in coordination with:
   a) The FMJD, whose Statutes and decisions it shall respect;
   b) The Portuguese Draughts Federation (FPD), as the reference entity for this variant.
3. The autonomy of the Section shall not prejudice the authority of the FMJD nor the independence of national federations.

Article 3

(Institutional Seat)

1. The Section shall have its institutional seat within the FMJD.
2. The institutional seat shall be understood as the formal and administrative reference location of the Section within the FMJD and does not necessarily imply the existence of permanent physical premises.
3. The Board may determine operational or administrative locations whenever deemed appropriate.

Article 4

(Purpose and Objectives)

The Section shall have the following purposes:

a) To promote and develop Portuguese Draughts at international level;
b) To establish, interpret and disseminate the rules of the game;
c) To organise, coordinate or sanction international competitions;
d) To award titles and rankings;
e) To foster cooperation among players, clubs and organisations;
f) To represent the variant within the FMJD framework.

CHAPTER II

MEMBERS

Article 5

(Categories of Members)

1. Members of the Section shall include:
   a) Clubs;
   b) Associations;
   c) Players;
   d) Other entities pursuing objectives compatible with the discipline.
2. Honorary titles may be granted to individuals or entities of distinguished merit.

Article 6

(Admission)

1. Admission of members shall fall within the competence of the Board.
2. Members must accept these Statutes and the applicable regulations.

Article 7

(Rights of Members)

Members shall have the right to:

a) Participate in the General Assembly;
b) Elect and be elected to the governing bodies;
c) Participate in competitions organized under the Section;
d) Submit proposals and suggestions.

Article 8

(Duties of Members)

Members shall have the duty to:

a) Comply with the Statutes and regulations;
b) Respect the decisions of the governing bodies;
c) Contribute to the development and prestige of the discipline;
d) Fulfil any financial obligations that may be established.

CHAPTER III

GOVERNING BODIES

Article 9

(Bodies of the Section)

The governing bodies of the Section shall be:

a) The General Assembly;
b) The President;
c) The Board.

Article 10

(General Assembly)

1. The General Assembly is the supreme deliberative body of the Section.
2. It is composed of **all members in full enjoyment of their rights**.

3. The General Assembly shall meet ordinarily **once per year, preferably on the occasion of the World Championship of Portuguese Draughts**.
4. The General Assembly may meet extraordinarily, in duly justified cases, upon initiative of the Board or at the request of a significant number of members, to be defined by regulation.
5. The General Assembly shall, in particular:
   a) Elect and dismiss the governing bodies;
   b) Approve and amend the Statutes;
   c) Approve regulations and activity plans;
   d) Review and approve the annual report and accounts;
   e) Decide on matters of general interest to the Section.

Article 11

(Board)

1. The Board is the executive body of the Section.
2. It shall be composed of five members:
   a) President;
   b) Vice-President;
   c) Secretary;
   d) Two Members.
3. The Board shall be responsible for:
   a) Implementing the decisions of the General Assembly;
   b) Organising competitions and activities;
   c) Proposing regulations;
   d) Managing the Section's resources;
   e) Admitting members.

Article 12

(President)

1. The President represents the Section before the FMJD, the FPD and third parties.
2. The President shall:
   a) Direct the activities of the Board;
   b) Convene and chair meetings;
   c) Ensure the proper functioning of the Section.

Article 13

(Term of Office)

1. The term of office shall be four years.
2. Re-election shall be permitted.

CHAPTER IV

FUNCTIONING AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Article 14

(Meetings and Decisions)

1. Decisions shall be taken by simple majority of votes cast.
2. In the event of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote.

Article 15

(Applicable Regulations)

1. The Section shall adopt, as reference, the technical and game rules established by the Portuguese Draughts Federation and the FMJD.
2. Specific adjustments or adaptations may be introduced, provided they do not contradict the fundamental principles of the game and are approved by the competent bodies of the Section.
3. The Section may adopt its own regulations concerning organisation, competitions and discipline.

CHAPTER V

FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

Article 16

(Resources and Management)

1. The activities of the Section may be financed by:
   a) Support granted by the Portuguese Draughts Federation;
   b) Contributions from members;
   c) Grants, sponsorships or other lawful sources of revenue.
2. Financial management shall comply with principles of rigour, transparency and sound administration.

Article 17

(Accountability)

1. The Board shall prepare an annual report and accounts.
2. The report and accounts shall be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

CHAPTER VI

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 18

(Interpretation and Compatibility)

These Statutes shall be interpreted in accordance with the Statutes of the FMJD and of the Portuguese Draughts Federation.

Article 19

(Amendments)

Amendments to the Statutes shall be approved by the General Assembly by a qualified majority.

Article 20

(Entry into Force)

These Statutes shall enter into force upon their approval by the General Assembly of the Section and validation by the FMJD and the Portuguese Draughts Federation.