



## ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

### CHAPTER 1

#### NAME, LOGO, LOCATION AND DEFINITION

##### CLAUSE 1

The Organisation is to be called *SAPA MUAYTHAI LORK* in Thai with Thai initials – *Sor Mor Lor* and in English it is to be known as the “World Muaythai Council” using the initials of WMC.

##### CLAUSE 2

The logo of the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL consists of two figures fighting according to the art of MUAYTHAI, superimposed on two interlinked globes, detailed with the world map and with the name of SAPA MUAYTHAI LORK in Thai at the top and with the name WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL in English at the bottom in the manner of circumscribing the logo.

##### CLAUSE 3

The Common Seal to verify documents shall bear the letters and characters in Thai and English of the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL trade mark only.

##### CLAUSE 4

Competition for a WORLD MUAYTHAI TITLE, certified by WMC will be called a “WORLD MUAYTHAI TITLE” and the winner of a WORLD MUAYTHAI TITLE will be called a World Muaythai Champion.

##### CLAUSE 5

The Head Office of the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL is situated in Bangkok, Thailand.

##### CLAUSE 6

These Articles of Association are to be known as the Association of the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL.

##### CLAUSE 7

In these Articles:

7.1) Council means the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL.

7.2) MUAYTHAI means MUAYTHAI as a sport and MUAYTHAI competitions according to the rules and regulations of MUAYTHAI which may be given a reward or not given a reward.



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### CHAPTER 2

#### AIMS

##### CLAUSE 8

The aims of the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL.

- 8.1) To maintain and promote this excellent art of self-defense known as MUAYTHAI, to be a leading global cultural art form.
- 8.2) To promote MUAYTHAI as an international sport by its propagation and to support children, youth and people of all countries in the training and knowledge of MUAYTHAI for its use in competition, self-defence and in any other honest activity, which can incorporate MUAYTHAI as part of that activity.
- 8.3) To regulate MUAYTHAI competitions throughout the world under the same Articles, in order to gain cooperation in the promotion and support of MUAYTHAI.
- 8.4) To develop the quality of MUAYTHAI in order for MUAYTHAI to gain widespread popularity and to become a world recognised sport.
- 8.5) To strictly enforce fairness and equality in competitions under the rules of MUAYTHAI.
- 8.6) To organise competitions for MUAYTHAI titles by which the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL will authenticate champions.
- 8.7) To promote safety in MUAYTHAI competitions.
- 8.8) To cooperate with any association, club, federation, council or organization established with similar Articles to those of the Council and are established legally under the law of that country.
- 8.9) To be the main organization in support and driving force for Amateur Muaythai to be accepted into the SEA Games, Asian Games and Olympic Games. As for the organisation and technical aspects, it must abide in respect to the charters set forth by the Olympic Council of Asia and the International Olympic Committee.
- 8.10) The WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL will not be involved in any political activity.



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### CHAPTER 3

#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL has the following duties and responsibilities:

##### **CLAUSE 9**

Stipulating the class and weight of the MUAYTHAIU Competitors, so as to percent undue advantage and the competitions can be held under the same rules, as follows:

<b><u>CLASS</u></b>	<b><u>POUNDS</u></b>	<b><u>KILOGRAMS</u></b>
Mini Fly Weight	105	47.62
Junior Fly Weight	108	48.99
Fly Weight	112	50.80
Junior Bantam Weight	115	52.16
Bantam Weight	118	53.52
Junior Feather Weight	122	55.34
Feather Weight	126	57.15
Junior Light Weight	130	58.97
Light Weight	135	61.24
Junior Welter Weight	140	63.50
Welter Weight	147	66.68
Junior Middle Weight	154	69.85
Middle Weight	160	72.58
Super Middle Weight	168	76.20
Light Heavy Weight	175	79.38
Super Light Heavy Weight	182	82.55
Cruiser Weight	190	86.18
Heavy Weight	209	95.00
Super Heavy Weight	209+	95.00+

##### **CLAUSE 10**

Set the rules and regulations for the competitions by establishing a RULING and Judging sub-committee to have the following duties:

- 10.1) Set, modify and change of the rules to keep up with the current situation.
- 10.2) Set judging standards to ensure fairness and unbiased decisions.



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10.3) Set safety standards for all MUAYTHAI competitors. The sub-committee must have at least one (1) medical physician as part of the committee members.

### **CLAUSE 11**

To classify the ranking of the MUAYTHAI competitors, so that all competitions of MUAYTHAI worldwide are held under the same system. The WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL will be responsible for classifying the rankings of each class, according to the MUAYTHAI Competitors' record which will be known as the WORLD MUAYTHAI RANKING and will be controlled as follows:

11.1) Appointment of a sub-committee for classification and to be responsible for monitoring and compiling the results of all competitions for all MUAYTHAI Competitors from the member countries of the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL. These will be completed on a continual monthly basis or when deemed appropriated.

11.2) The sub-committee for classification will enact rules and regulations as required, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to ensure fairness and justice for the competitors and those concerned.

### **CLAUSE 12**

Establish a sub-committee for the promotion and propagation of MUAYTHAI with the following role, authority, and duties:

12.1) Certify and support MUAYTHAI schools, camps (gyms) or establishments that have been created for the training of MUAYTHAI, on the basis that they attain the required standards.

12.2) Certify and promote health care for all schools, training camps or training establishments throughout the world and to provide medical advice.

### **CLAUSE 13**

Establish a sub-committee to control MUAYTHAI competitions, to set rules and conduct before, during, and after the competitions.

### **CLAUSE 14**

To support activities established by members for the promotion of MUAYTHAI.

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

### **CLAUSE 15**

Membership of the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL is comprised of the following three categories:



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15.1) Ordinary Members, Persons or committee members of any federation, council, association, club or organization, established through pledge of allegiance with a person or group of people in order to control, promote, support training or organising competitions.

15.2) Extraordinary Members: Persons not stated under Clause 15.1, whom the Executive Committee of the Council deem are entitled to be accepted as Extraordinary Members.

15.3) Honorary Members: Qualified persons, experts or patrons of the Council, whom the Executive Committee of the Council has invited to become a member.

### **CLAUSE 16**

Procedure to become a member:

16.1) Submit an official application form of the Council to the Secretary or the Council and which has been certified by not less than two (2) ordinary members.

16.2) Membership of the applicant will commence when the applicant pays for the registration fee and membership fee.

### **CLAUSE 17**

Registration, Membership and Fight Certificate Fees

17.1) Registration fee for individual member is \$100 (USD) per person and a renewal membership fee of \$100 (USD) annually.

17.2) Registration fee for group of people or organization is \$500 (USD) per group/organisation and a renewal membership fee of \$500 (USD) annually.

17.3) Extraordinary Members and Honorary Members are exempt from registration and/or membership fees.

17.4) Sanction Fee to organize a WORLD MUAYTHAI title fight is \$500 (USD) per event.

### **CLAUSE 18**

Payment of Registration and Membership Fees.

18.1) The Registration Fee shall be paid by new members immediately upon submitting their application.

18.2) The Annual Membership Fee shall be paid before the Annual General Meeting, it must be paid within 30 days from the membership expiration date.



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### **CLAUSE 19**

Right of the members are:

- 19.1) Right to use the logo of the Council.
- 19.2) Right to use the premises of the Council and receive benefits from the Council as prescribed.
- 19.3) Right to submit ideas of give recommendations to the Executive Committee on any subject as stated in the objects of the Council, ordinary members are entitled to submit a motion and to vote, or to be elected as Committee Members.
- 19.4) Any action which damages or brings into disrepute, the name of the Council, then the member that caused it, shall be entitled to explain their action and correct the damage, by acting according to the Articles of Association of the Council.

### **CLAUSE 20**

Responsibility of members.

- 20.1) To comply with the Articles of Association of the Council, it's rules, orders, resolutions of the General Meeting and the Executive Committee.
- 20.2) To promote and cooperate with any activities of the Council.
- 20.3) To pay all fees to the council as prescribed.
- 20.4) To maintain the honour and interests of the Council.
- 20.5) To propagate the activities of the Council.
- 20.6) To carry out activities in order to promote the art of MUAYTHAI.

### **CLAUSE 21**

Termination of membership.

- 21.1) Death
- 21.2) When a member organisation has been dissolved.
  - 21.2.1) By court order
  - 21.2.2) Due to economic or political reasons



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21.3) By resignation after submitting a letter to the Executive Committee.

21.4) When the Executive Committee has resolved to terminate a member due to evidence of bringing the Council's name into disrepute or failure to comply with the regulations. This resolution shall be carried by a vote of not less than two thirds of the Committee Members attending the meeting.

21.5) When the member's name has been withdrawn from the registration.

21.6) By not paying the membership fee for two consecutive years.

### CHAPTER 5 DIRECTORS

#### **CLAUSE 22**

The Committee members of an Executive Committee. Members of the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL shall elect a qualified and suitable representative to the position of President of the Council. The President of the Council shall appoint not more than thirty (30) additional members of the Executive Committee to the following positions:

22.1) Vice President(s) of the Council

22.2) Secretary General

22.3) Treasurer

22.4) Librarian

22.5) Registrar

22.6) Public Relations Officer

22.7) Receptionist

22.8) Other Directors' positions

#### **CLAUSE 23**

A term of office of the Executive committee is 4 years.



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### **CLAUSE 24**

Power and Duties of the Executive Committee.

- 24.1) To administer the business of the Council in accordance with the aims of the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL.
- 24.2) To adopt ruled and procedures which are not in conflict with the aims or Articles of Association of the Council.
- 24.3) To invite or appoint patrons or qualified persons to serve as advisers to the Council, as it may deem fit.
- 24.4) To appoint any member or several members of the Executive Committee to perform duties or work that is beneficial to the Council, in accordance with a resolution adopted by a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 24.5) The President of the Council has the following power and duties:
- 24.5.1) To conduct the business of the Council in accordance with the rules, regulations and resolutions of the Executive Committee and those passed at general meetings.
  - 24.5.2) To serve as the representative of the Council, in activities connected with non-members and to act as chairman of the meeting of the Executive Committee.
  - 24.5.3) To certify MUAYTHAI world championship matches.
  - 24.5.4) To Certify panels of judges and referees required for rulings and for scoring in MUAYTHAI world championship matches.
  - 24.5.5) To Common meetings of the Executive Committee at any time but not more than one meeting per month to consider urgent problems.
  - 24.5.6) To supervise officials of the various departments of the Council.
  - 24.5.7) To authorise the Vice Presidents or any member of the Executive Committee to act on his behalf.
  - 24.5.8) Enter into legal actions on behalf of the Council with legal entities or group of persons or person that will bind the council, in association with legal matters, is to be within the power of the President to appoint or authorise the Council's legal advisor(s) or international legal experts to act on behalf of the Council.





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24.6) There are five (5) Vice Presidents, whose power and duties are as follows:

24.6.1) To assist the President in all business that is within the scope of the power and duties of the President.

24.6.2) To act on the President's behalf when the President absent or when he is unable to perform his duty.

24.6.3) To perform such duties as assigned by the President of such duties as assigned under resolutions adopted at meetings of the Executive Committee.

24.7) The Secretary General is responsible for handling all correspondences keeping documents of the Council, acting as secretary at meetings of the Executive Committee and at general meetings and performing such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.

24.8) The Treasurer is responsible for keeping and making payments on behalf of the Council, performing financial accounting, preparing, keeping and issuing all property of the Council and performing such other duties as may be assigned.

24.9) The Librarian is responsible for looking after the library records of the Council, organising and carrying out all purchasing and procurement assuming responsibility for all document storage and performing such other duties as may be assigned.

24.10) The Registrar is responsible for all matters related to the registration of members and those of the Council, and to look after the premises and property of the Council.

24.11) The Public Relations Officer has the responsibility to coordinate any publicity concerning the business of the Council, preparing such material and organizing the distribution of such material.

24.12) The Receptionist has the duty to receive members and guests of the Council or of its members.

### **CLAUSE 25**

Expiration of Committee Membership:

A Committee Member shall cease to hold office:

25.1) Upon death.

25.2) When he retires by rotation.

25.3) When his resignation is approved by the Committee.



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25.4) When his membership expires.

25.5) When he has been absent from meetings without a valid reason for more than three (3) times.

25.6) When a resolution at a meeting requires his retirement.

25.7) When he becomes bankrupt or when he has been sentenced by a court of law.

### **CLAUSE 26**

In case the President of the Council, for any reason whatsoever vacates his office before the end of the four (4) year term, the Executive Committee members shall elect and qualified Vice President to serve as Acting President until the end of the office term.

### **CLAUSE 27**

At any meeting of the Executive Committee, there must be more than half of the number of the Committee Members present at the meeting to constitute a quorum.

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

### **CLAUSE 28**

An annual general ordinary meeting must be held every two (2) years to consider the following items of agenda:

28.1) To approve the minutes of the previous general meeting.

28.2) To consider the performance of the Council in the past year(s).

28.3) To consider and approve the balance sheet.

28.4) To elect a President of the Council at the end of his official term.

28.5) To appoint an auditor and fix his fee.

28.6) Any other business.

### **CLAUSE 29**

An annual ordinary meeting must be attended by one-third of the total number of ordinary members, in order to constitute a quorum.



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### **CLAUSE 30**

Members of each country may be permitted from time to time to host such an annual ordinary meeting, by nominating themselves as the host and submitting it for approval at a general meeting.

### **CLAUSE 31**

In addition to an annual ordinary meeting, the Executive Committee, by virtue of the authority of the President of the Council or a person authorised by him, may exercise the power of the President to summon an extraordinary meeting, in order to consider a petition or any other problem which is in the interest of the members.

### **CLAUSE 32**

An extraordinary meeting must be attended by one-half of the total members, in order to constitute a quorum.

### **CLAUSE 33**

In voting for a resolution at any meeting, the result will be governed by the majority of the votes. In the case of a split vote, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to cast his vote.

### **CLAUSE 34**

Members who will attend an ordinary meeting must be responsible for their own travelling, accommodation and food expenses.

### **CLAUSE 35**

Members who attend an annual ordinary meeting must pay a fee of \$100 (USD) before attending each ordinary meeting.

## **CHAPTER 7**

### **FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING**

### **CLAUSE 36**

The President of the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL has the authority to spend no more than \$4,000 (USD) of the Council's funds each time within the scope of a project or resolution adopted at a general meeting, or a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Committee.

### **CLAUSE 37**

Cash of the WORLD MUAYTHAI COUNCIL must be deposited within a bank. The Treasurer of the Council has the authority to keep not more than \$2,000 (USD) at the Council's premises.

### **CLAUSE 38**

Payments for any item in the amount of \$2,000 (USD) or more requires the approval of the Executive



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Committee. Each cheque for payment must bear the signature of the President of the Council or the Treasurer and one other Committee Member and must bear the Council's seal.

### **CLAUSE 39**

An annual ordinary meeting shall appoint an auditor and the auditor must complete the examination and certification of the balance sheet, before the holding of each general meeting.

## **CHAPTER 8**

### **AMENDMENT TO THE COUNCIL'S ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION**

### **CLAUSE 41**

The Council shall be dissolved only by a resolution of an annual ordinary meeting, except in the case of dissolution by legal reasons. A resolution to dissolve the Council must be voted for by at least three-fourths of the total numbers of members.

### **CLAUSE 42**

In the event of dissolution of the Council for any reason whatsoever, a committee shall be appointed to perform an audit of the accounts, unless the meeting that adopts the resolution for the dissolution shall pass a resolution otherwise. After liquidation, any remaining assets shall be transferred to the MUAYTHAI Fund of the Anadha Mahidol Foundation under His Majesty the King's Royal Patronage.