



**World Confederation  
for Physical Therapy**



**WCPT Articles of Association**  
**Adopted at the 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting**  
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## WCPT Articles of Association

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<b>1. Name, Objectives</b>	
1.1	The name of the organisation is the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT).
1.2	WCPT is an international non-governmental confederation of professional organisations.
1.3	The objectives of WCPT are to:
1.3.1	Promote high standards of physical therapy;
1.3.2	Encourage the development and promote the strength of national organisations of physical therapists;
1.3.3	Encourage communication and exchange of information including organisation of international congresses of physical therapists;
1.3.4	Represent physical therapy internationally;
1.3.5	Promote the health, wellness and fitness of global populations;
1.3.6	Co-operate with relevant international and national organisations;
1.3.7	Comment on social and political issues relevant to health;
1.3.8	Engage in all necessary activities to further the work of WCPT in the best interests of physical therapists and the profession of physical therapy;
1.3.9	Engage in all necessary activities to further the work of WCPT in the best interests of users of physical therapist services.
<b>2. Members</b>	
2.1	WCPT consists of national organisations of physical therapists. At any one time only one national organisation per country shall be eligible for membership.
<b>2.2 Requirements</b>	
2.2.1	The majority of the membership of the organisation must be qualified physical therapists.
2.2.2	The majority of the governing body of the organisation must be physical therapists.
2.2.3	The organisation must be open to all physical therapists eligible to practise in the country
2.2.4	The organisation shall have a Code of Ethics consistent with WCPT Ethical Principles.
2.2.5	The organisation must promote the objectives and work of WCPT.
2.2.6	Disputes related to requirements
2.2.6.1	When there is more than one organisation that meets membership requirements, only the organisation representing the largest number of qualified physical therapists in the country shall be eligible for membership.
2.2.6.2	The WCPT <i>Executive Board</i> shall have the power to call for such evidence it thinks fit in order to permit the Executive Board to determine which organisation shall be eligible for membership and the determination of the Executive Board shall be final.
2.2.6.3	If the Executive Board becomes aware of a conflict within a member organisation or between individual or groups competing for WCPT recognition and the organisation is unable to meet Article 2.4.5, the Executive Board shall have power to call for such evidence as it thinks fit in order to permit the

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<p>Executive Board to establish which individual member or groups of members in the organisation shall be recognised by WCPT. The determination of the Executive Board shall be final.</p>
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<p>2.2.6.4 If the Executive Board so determines, the membership of the organisation whose entitlement to membership is being challenged may be suspended by the Executive Board until such time as the matter is resolved.</p>
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<p><b>2.3 Application</b></p>
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<p>2.3.1 Any organisation wishing to become a Member Organisation must submit a written application to WCPT.</p>
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<p>2.3.2 The applicant must submit information as the Executive Board shall require including its articles, code of ethics and details of physical therapy entry level education in that country.</p>
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<p>2.3.3 The Executive Board shall assess the application and, if all requirements are met, make a recommendation for membership to the next General Meeting.</p>
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<p><b>2.4 Duties of Member Organisations</b></p>
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<p>To be and remain in good standing Member Organisations must:</p>
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<p>2.4.1 Comply with the Articles;</p>
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<p>2.4.2 Pay subscriptions in accordance with the Articles;</p>
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<p>2.4.3 Send a voting delegate to at least one out of two consecutive General Meetings;</p>
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<p>2.4.4 Send WCPT a copy of all amendments to their Articles and Code of Ethics within six months following the adoption of these amendments;</p>
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<p>2.4.5 Keep WCPT informed of the names and contact details of their Executive Committee members;</p>
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<p>2.4.6 Keep WCPT informed of national events and developments of relevance to physical therapy;</p>
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<p>2.4.7 Report to WCPT as and when requested;</p>
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<p>2.4.8 Continue to promote the objectives and work of WCPT.</p>
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<p><b>2.5 Rights of Member Organisations</b></p>
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<p>Member Organisations may:</p>
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<p>2.5.1 Participate in the affairs of WCPT in accordance with the Articles;</p>
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<p>2.5.2 Participate in policy development by making suggestions to the Executive Board and to General Meetings;</p>
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<p>2.5.3 Present proposals, speak and vote at General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings;</p>
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<p>2.5.4 Request support in their efforts to improve the situation of physical therapists nationally;</p>
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<p>2.5.5 Vote by proxy if not in attendance at the General Meeting and at any Extraordinary General Meeting; however, this does not substitute for the requirement of Article 2.4.3 to send a delegate to one out of two consecutive General Meetings;</p>
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<p>2.5.6 Participate in the formation of Subgroups;</p>
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<p>2.5.7 Apply for assistance from WCPT funds.</p>
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<p><b>2.6 Termination of membership</b></p>
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Membership may be terminated under the following conditions:

On notice and for payment of fees

2.6.1 By the Member Organisation itself at the end of the WCPT financial year by giving 6 months previous notice in writing to the Executive Board and paying all outstanding subscriptions;

2.6.2 By the Executive Board when membership fees have not been paid by June 30 where:

2.6.2.1 Liabilities to WCPT were not cancelled and the Executive Board determined not to postpone, waive or suspend the subscription required, and

2.6.2.2 The Member Organisation did not apply in writing for an extension of time.

For conduct detrimental to WCPT

2.6.3 By the General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Board for failure to comply with the Articles and remain in good standing as in Article 2.4 or for conduct detrimental to WCPT.

2.6.3.1 A complaint with respect to a matter arising under Article 2.6.3 may be initiated by the Executive Board or made to the Executive Board in writing by at least two Member Organisations.

2.6.3.2 The detailed procedure for handling a complaint shall be described in an Executive Board document and shall include, but without limitation, the following steps:

- a) The appointment of an independent investigation panel which shall consist of no more than 5 members each of whom must be from a different Member Organisation, so that no member shall be from the Member Organisation filing the complaint or against whom the complaint has been filed;
- b) Following the report of the investigative panel, the Executive Board shall decide if a hearing shall be held. If the Executive Board determines that no such hearing is required, such determination shall be final and the matter concluded;
- c) If the Executive Board determines that a hearing shall be held, the Member Organisation concerned shall be given 3 months' notice and informed of their right to be represented before the panel by a maximum of either 3 of their members or by 2 members and an additional individual only two of whom may speak on behalf of the Member Organisation;
- d) All Member Organisations shall be notified of the decision to hold a hearing. If the panel determines that the complaint should be dismissed it shall so report to the Executive Board and such determination shall be final and the matter concluded. If the panel determines that the complaint be upheld a report shall be made to the Executive Board who shall report to the next following General Meeting with a recommendation for termination;
- e) Should the same complaint be re-submitted to the Executive Board, it must be accompanied by new evidence substantiating the complaint, and the Executive Board shall decide if there is enough evidence for the complaint

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to be reinstated.

**2.7 Reinstatement of a Member Organisation**

- 2.7.1 An organisation that has been terminated from membership as a result of non-payment of membership fees under 2.6.2 may be reinstated by the Executive Board provided that:
- 2.7.1.1 An application is received within 4 years of the date of termination;
  - 2.7.1.2 The organisation still meets the requirements for membership;
  - 2.7.1.3 The current subscription is paid;
  - 2.7.1.4 A reinstatement fee equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the current subscription fee is paid.
- 2.7.2 An organisation that has been terminated from membership under Article 2.6.3 may apply for reinstatement after 2 years provided that:
- 2.7.2.1 A panel shall be appointed by the Executive Board to investigate the organisation's eligibility for reinstatement in light of the original complaint;
  - 2.7.2.2 The expenses of the panel shall be borne by the organisation applying for reinstatement;
  - 2.7.2.3 The panel shall submit its findings to the Executive Board which will consider them and make a recommendation to the next General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting;
  - 2.7.2.4 The organisation may be present at the General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting to speak on its own behalf.
- 2.7.3 An organisation whose membership has been terminated from membership and does not meet the reinstatement requirements in 2.7.1 and 2.7.2 may reapply for membership of WCPT after a minimum stand down period of four years from the time of termination.

**2.8 Professional advice**

Where a conduct hearing or a reinstatement hearing is held pursuant to the provisions of clauses 2.6.3 or 2.7, as the case may be, the members of the panel may appoint and may be assisted by such professional advisers as they think appropriate but no such adviser shall have a vote in determining the outcome of the hearing.

**3. Structure**

- 3.1 WCPT consists of the following entities:
- General Meeting;
  - Executive Board;
  - Regions;
  - Subgroups;
  - One or more trading arms established by WCPT for the purpose of further securing the objectives of WCPT as set out in article 1.3.

**4. General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings**

**4.1 Requirements**

- 4.1.1 A General Meeting shall be held at least once in every five years. The date, place and time will be determined by the Executive Board. Normally it will be in conjunction with a WCPT International Congress.

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- 4.1.2 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Executive Board or Secretary General at the request of 1/3 of the Member Organisations, stating the proposed agenda item(s).
- 4.1.3 The presence of the voting delegates from a majority of the Member Organisations constitutes a quorum at a General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 4.1.4 Not less than three months prior to the date of the General Meeting and six weeks prior to the date of an Extraordinary General Meeting, Member Organisations shall inform WCPT if they will or will not attend.
- 4.1.5 The General Meeting shall be cancelled by the President if at six weeks prior to the General Meeting, it is determined that there will be no quorum and an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be cancelled by the President if at three weeks prior to the Extraordinary General Meeting it is determined that there will be no quorum.
- 4.1.6 When electronic voting is used the following rules which may be augmented or amended from time to time if the Executive Board so determine shall apply:
- 4.1.6.1 Any notice calling a meeting must include an electronic address for WCPT (to allow members to send documents or information relating to meetings to WCPT in electronic form);
- 4.1.6.2 Only the electronic address provided in the notice is to be used for any purposes connected with the meeting. Use of other electronic addresses shall be invalid and not considered by WCPT;
- 4.1.6.3 WCPT requires a password or other authentication of the identity of the sender of a document or information in electronic form;
- 4.1.6.4 A member will always be entitled to request a hard copy of the document or information. The requested document or information must be sent within 21 days of WCPT receiving a request for a hard copy, and no charge may be made for sending the document or information;
- 4.1.6.5 Where it is agreed that electronic voting may be used for any purpose provided by these articles, the WCPT shall keep records of the details of those members who have agreed to the use of electronic communications and whose agreement thereto has not been withdrawn by written notification sent to the Secretary General;
- 4.1.6.6 WCPT's obligation is satisfied when it transmits an electronic message and WCPT cannot be held responsible for a failure in transmission beyond its control;
- 4.1.6.7 When WCPT is aware of the failure of an electronic communication, it will send a hard copy to the member organisation's last known postal address within 48 hours.

**4.2 Functions**

The rights and powers of the General Meeting are to:

- 4.2.1 Amend the Articles of WCPT;
- 4.2.2 Receive reports of the Executive Board;
- 4.2.3 Approve the annual membership fee;
- 4.2.4 Grant membership;
- 4.2.5 Terminate membership;

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- 4.2.6 Reinstatement membership;
- 4.2.7 Elect the President and Vice President of WCPT;
- 4.2.8 Confirm the election of Executive Board Members from the Regions;
- 4.2.9 Confirm, reconfirm or withdraw the approval of Subgroups;
- 4.2.10 Consider motions submitted;
- 4.2.11 Conduct and operate any other business that promotes the objectives of WCPT.

A simple majority shall be required for all matters provided for in this clause 4.2 save that a 2/3rds majority shall be required for decisions arising from clauses 4.2.1, 4.2.5 and 4.2.6

**4.3 Notice**

- 4.3.1 Notice of a General Meeting, including time and place, shall be given to the Member Organisations at least 12 months before the date of the meeting. In the case of an Extraordinary General Meeting 3 months' notice shall suffice.
- 4.3.2 Proposed amendments of Articles must be received in writing by the Secretary General at least 8 months prior to the General Meeting.
- 4.3.3 Motions for inclusion in the agenda must be received in writing by the Secretary General at least 8 months prior to the General Meeting and any motions not received 8-months prior may only be considered by a majority of the votes cast at the time of the General Meeting.
- 4.3.4 The agenda, motions to amend Articles, other motions and nominees for election shall be circulated to the Member Organisations at least 5 months prior to the General Meeting.
- 4.3.5 Notice of a proposal to amend the Articles shall be given to the Member Organisations at least 3 months prior to an Extraordinary General Meeting called for such purpose.

**4.4 Conduct at General Meetings**

- 4.4.1 Rules of procedure for the General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meetings shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Board and circulated to Member Organisations with the notice calling the meeting. If circumstances arise during a General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting where no relevant rule of procedure exists, the matter shall be determined by the Presiding Officer.
- 4.4.2 Each Member Organisation shall be entitled to send one voting delegate and two non-voting delegates to General Meetings or Extraordinary General Meetings. Delegates must be physical therapists and have a written mandate from the Member Organisation. All delegates have the right to speak and present motions. In the absence or incapacity of the voting delegate the Presiding Officer may allow a non-voting delegate to cast the Member Organisation's vote.
- 4.4.3 The voting delegate may cast one vote. Unless otherwise required under the Articles, any matter before the General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meetings shall be adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast.
- 4.4.4 Voting shall be by a show of hands or electronically using an electronic voting system except for election or when a secret ballot is requested.
- 4.4.5 The Executive Board may appoint a Resolutions Committee to assist Member Organisations with motions to be proposed.
- 4.4.6 Observers may attend General Meetings or an Extraordinary General Meeting except



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the meetings or parts of meetings that are determined by the Presiding Officer to be for delegates only. Observers may speak with the permission of or at the invitation of the Presiding Officer.

**4.5 Postal/electronic vote**

The Executive Board may decide that a postal vote or an electronic vote under the rules of 4.1.6 shall be taken on matters of significance between General Meetings.

**4.6 Minutes**

Minutes of General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings shall be circulated to Member Organisations within 8 months of the meeting being held.

**5. Executive Board**

**5.1 Structure and Powers**

The Executive Board consists of the President, Vice President and a member from each Region – known as the Regional Member. The President shall be the representative of WCPT and preside over Executive Committee and General Meetings. The President may appoint a Presiding Officer to preside over General Meetings or Extraordinary General Meetings with the approval of the Executive Board. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case of absence.

Acting in the best interest of WCPT, the powers of the Executive Board are to:

- 5.1.1 Conduct the business of WCPT consistent with the Articles and policy directions of the General Meeting;
- 5.1.2 Determine the location of the secretariat and employ a Secretary General who will be responsible for the administration of WCPT and may be referred to with title Chief Executive Officer, CEO;
- 5.1.3 Provide for an annual audit by a registered accountant and to act as the trustees of WCPT as a charity registered in the United Kingdom;
- 5.1.4 Submit an annual report of WCPT's activities and finances to the Member Organisations;
- 5.1.5 Appoint committees or panels, for example, standing committees, sub-committees and working groups;
- 5.1.6 Assess applications for membership and, if all requirements are met, make a recommendation for membership to the next General Meeting;
- 5.1.7 Deal with complaints relating to the good standing of Member Organisations and make recommendations to the General Meeting or to an Extraordinary General Meeting based on the outcome in relation to the complaint;
- 5.1.8 Where the good standing of a member organisation is in question the Executive Board may suspend the organisation until such time as the outcome has been determined;
- 5.1.9 Assess applications for Subgroup recognition;
- 5.1.10 Make provisions and set conditions for holding congresses;
- 5.1.11 Review activities of Regions, Member Organisations and Subgroups

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<p>5.1.12 Make awards according to criteria;</p> <p>5.1.13 Perform any other activities and take such other steps, including but without limitation, obtaining insurance guarantees and indemnities as are ancillary to and appropriate to advance the objectives of WCPT;</p> <p>5.1.14 Operate one or more trading arms established for the purpose of further securing the objectives of WCPT as set out in article 1.3.</p>
<p><b>5.2 Conduct of Business</b></p> <p>Business may be conducted by all available means at the discretion of the Executive Board.</p>
<p><b>5.3 Meetings</b></p> <p>5.3.1 The Executive Board shall meet at least annually in person.</p> <p>5.3.2 An Extraordinary Executive Board Meeting may be requested by the majority of the Executive Board members and shall be called within 3 months stating the agenda.</p> <p>5.3.3 A quorum of 5 members is required to conduct business, one of whom must be the President or Vice President.</p> <p>5.3.4 Subject to the provisions of the WCPT Articles, the Executive Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure.</p> <p>5.3.5 Minutes of meetings shall be circulated to Executive Board members within 3 months of the meeting.</p> <p>5.3.6 Expenses of members on WCPT business shall be borne by WCPT according to the policy agreed from time to time by the Executive Board.</p> <p>5.3.7 Regional Members shall act in the interests of WCPT and speak of the concerns of the Region at the WCPT Executive Board Meetings. In the Region they shall act as a resource.</p>
<p><b>5.4 Nominations</b></p> <p>5.4.1 Nominations for the positions of President and Vice President must be received in writing at least 8 months prior to the General Meeting and shall be accompanied in written form by evidence satisfactory to the Executive Board that the nomination has the approval of the nominee's own Member Organisation. Nominations for President and Vice President shall be submitted by at least two Member Organisations, one of which may be the candidate's own.</p> <p>5.4.2 Any physical therapist member of a Member Organisation may be nominated. The candidate shall have served for a period of at least 2 years on the governing body of a Member Organisation.</p> <p>5.4.3 Members of the Executive Board must be from different Member Organisations.</p>
<p><b>5.5 Elections</b></p> <p>5.5.1 Election of the President and Vice President will be by separate, secret and successive ballot at the General Meeting.</p> <p>5.5.2 The President shall be elected by majority vote. If there is no majority vote on the first ballot, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be removed from the ballot and the ballot shall be retaken. The ballot shall be repeated until there is a decision.</p> <p>5.5.3 The Vice President shall be elected by majority vote from the candidates for this office and from the unelected candidates for President. Ballot procedures are the</p>

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	<p>same as for the President.</p> <p>5.5.4 Regional members of the Executive Board and their alternates shall be elected by the Region and recorded in the minutes of the General Meeting.</p> <p>5.5.5 Member Organisations unable to attend a General Meeting may mandate their Regional Member to vote on their behalf on election of the Executive Board or may send a postal vote or an electronic vote as the case may be. Notice of the chosen method must be received in writing 2 months prior to the General Meeting.</p> <p>5.5.6 Members of the Executive Board, including the President and the Vice President will serve from the end of one General Meeting to the end of the next and will be eligible for re-election. If the General Meeting is held in conjunction with a Congress, the term of office will extend to the end of that Congress and start from the end of that Congress as the case may be.</p> <p>5.5.7 The Treasurer shall be elected by the Executive Board from among the Regional Members and shall be responsible for the financial accounts of WCPT and advise the Executive Board and the Secretary General on financial matters.</p>
<b>5.6</b>	<b>Vacancies</b> <p>5.6.1 In the event of the resignation or death of the President, the Vice President shall take the place of the President and the Executive Board shall elect a Regional Member as Vice President.</p> <p>5.6.2 In the event of resignation or death of a Regional Member, the alternate will assume the vacancy to the end of the term.</p>
<b>5.7</b>	<b>Conflicts of interest</b> <p>5.7.1 Each Member of the Executive Board shall at the time of his or her election, at the start of each session following a General Meeting, and from time to time as required, make a written declaration to the Executive Board of any interest in any other organisation or body which would, or which might be perceived by others, to be in conflict with the interests of WCPT. A note of each such declaration shall be recorded in a register maintained by the Executive Board.</p> <p>5.7.2 Where a conflict of interest has been declared, or in any case where a conflict of interest arises during the course of any discussion at the Executive Board, the member of the Executive Board subject to the conflict declaration shall withdraw from the meeting and take no further part in the discussion of the matter where a conflict arises. Subject to the agreement of all the other members of the Executive Board the member in conflict may be permitted to remain in the meeting but shall take no part in the proceedings or in any vote or determination of the matter in question.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Regions</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Requirements</b> <p>6.1.1 The Regions exist to assist in the development of physical therapy within their Region.</p> <p>6.1.2 The Region will determine its specific activities based on its needs and resources. Its activities must be consistent with the objectives of WCPT.</p> <p>6.1.3 There shall be no more than 6 Regions</p> <p>6.1.4 All Member Organisations shall be assigned to one of the Regions by the Executive Board.</p>

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- 6.1.5 Regions shall comply with WCPT Articles for Regions as decided by the General Meeting.
- 6.1.6 Specific regional articles or rules must be approved by the WCPT Executive Board. The articles and/or rules must be consistent with the objectives of WCPT.
- 6.1.7 The Regions are financially independent of WCPT. Expenses for activities and financial obligations incurred by the Region shall be the responsibility of the Member Organisations that participate in the Region.
- 6.1.8 Member Organisations that do not participate in the Region, including paying fees, but are in good standing with WCPT shall retain rights in WCPT.
- 6.1.9 The name of each Region shall be “The ... Region of WCPT”, or “WCPT...Region.”

### **6.2 Meetings**

- 6.2.1 Meetings of the Region or any meeting of Member Organisations of a Region shall not constitute meetings of WCPT nor obligate WCPT to any decision adopted.
- 6.2.2 Only physical therapist members of a Member Organisation in the Region may be voting delegates in regional meetings.

### **6.3 Secretariats**

- 6.3.1 Member Organisations in the Region may establish a regional secretariat to administer matters within the Region.
- 6.3.2 Terms and conditions for the operation of a regional secretariat shall be determined by the Member Organisations within the Region and be the responsibility of such Member Organisations.

### **6.4 Executive Committee of Region**

- 6.4.1 A region's Executive Committee members must be physical therapist members of a Member Organisation in the Region.
- 6.4.2 Regions shall have at least a chairman and a financial officer.
- 6.4.3 The WCPT Executive Board member from the Region shall be a member of the regional Executive Committee with full rights but shall not be an officer of the Region. Participation as a member of the regional Executive Committee will be supported by the Region.
- 6.4.4 WCPT Executive Board members from the Region act in the best interests of WCPT at WCPT Executive Board meetings and may not be mandated by the Region.

### **6.5 Relationship to WCPT**

- 6.5.1 The President and/or Vice President and/or Secretary General of WCPT may attend meetings in the Region and have the right to speak.
- 6.5.2 Regions shall submit financial reports and reports of activities to the Executive Board 3 months prior to a WCPT General Meeting and at other times as requested.
- 6.5.3 Documentation required shall be submitted in the official language of WCPT.

## **7. Subgroups**

### **7.1 Requirements – Subgroups shall**

- 7.1.1 Have a specific interest and be organised to exchange scientific knowledge and to

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	promote the advancement of physical therapy;
7.1.2	Be approved by the Executive Board, and require confirmation at the next and at each succeeding General Meeting;
7.1.3	Be composed of at least 10 groups from at least three regions. The groups must be either WCPT Member Organisations or groups recognised by the WCPT Member Organisation. Members of the groups must also be members of the WCPT Member Organisation;
7.1.4	Comply with WCPT Articles;
7.1.5	Submit their articles and other information 3 months prior to a WCPT General Meeting and at other times as requested by the WCPT Executive Board;
7.1.6	Have a governing body composed of physical therapists only;
7.1.7	Submit proposed amendments to their articles for approval of the WCPT Executive Board;
7.1.8	Submit all documents required in the official language of WCPT.
7.2	<b>Rights</b> – Subgroups may send a delegate to WCPT General Meetings with a right to speak but not the right to propose or second motions or to vote.
7.3	<b>Finance</b> – Subgroups shall:
7.3.1	Be financially independent of WCPT;
7.3.2	Pay such fees as the General Meeting might require;
7.3.3	Keep financial accounts and audit them annually.
7.4	<b>WCPT attendance at subgroup meetings</b>
7.4.1	An Executive Board member and/or the Secretary General and/or a person nominated by the Board shall have the right to attend any Subgroup meeting and speak there at.
7.5	<b>Withdrawal or withdrawal of approval</b>
7.5.1	Subgroups may withdraw from WCPT by methods contained in their Articles.
7.5.2	The WCPT Executive Board may recommend that the General Meeting withdraw approval of the subgroup.
7.5.2.1	Nine months' notice must be given to the Subgroup of the WCPT Executive Board's intention to recommend withdrawal of approval.
7.5.2.2	Representatives of the Subgroup may be present and two may speak on its behalf.
7.5.2.3	A 2/3 vote of the General Meeting is required to withdraw approval.
<b>8. Finance</b>	
8.1	The financial year of the WCPT shall be the calendar year.
8.2	A financial report shall be given at the General Meeting.
8.3	WCPT shall accept, hold, invest, reinvest and administer subscriptions, gifts, legacies, bequests, funds, grants, and property of any sort or value without limitations as to amount or value.
8.4	Member Organisations shall pay the annual subscription as decided by the General Meeting.

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Subscriptions are due on 1 January each year and are payable in the currency stipulated by the Executive Board.
<b>9. Language and definitions</b> 9.1 The official language is English and shall be used for all meetings and documents of WCPT. 9.2 Where there is reference in these Articles to writing or a document being in written form the same shall include a document prepared and sent or received electronically.
<b>10. Amendment of Articles</b> 10.1 Articles may be amended at any General Meeting subject to Articles 4.3.2, 4.3.3 and 4.3.5. 10.2 A 2/3 affirmative vote is required to adopt an amendment to the Articles.
<b>11. Dissolution</b> 11.1 The dissolution of WCPT shall be considered at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. 11.2 A 2/3 affirmative vote is required for the dissolution and 2/3 of the Member Organisations must be represented at the meeting by their voting delegate. 11.3 If such a motion is carried, a referendum shall be called within 60 days to confirm or revoke the vote to dissolve. 11.4 The methods of dealing with outstanding accounts, disposal of assets and compensation of employees shall be consistent with legal requirements. Any funds remaining shall be dispersed to one or more organisations having aims and objectives as similar as may be to those of WCPT.

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