

REVISED PRINCIPLES

The American Turners, a federation of Turner Societies in the United States of America and Canada, is organized to promote health and physical education, cultural education, and rational thinking in order to advance the health, happiness and progress of mankind.

It is the principal duty of our Societies to provide schools in health and physical education for youth and adults and to promote their intellectual and cultural growth and moral character through special classes under qualified and competent instructors.

The American Turners, having, since 1848, endured untold hardships and paid the supreme sacrifice to preserve the Union of these United States as a democracy in a republic, established upon the principles of freedom and equality and dedicated to justice and humanity, it is the purpose of the American Turners to preserve and perfect this democracy.

We recognize the family group upon which the greatness of our country has been built and the harmonious education of the body and mind as the most important factors to preserve and perfect this democracy.

The American Turners endeavor to accomplish their purposes and promote their ideals through:

1. A planned program of health and physical education for the development of a sound body;
2. A planned program of cultural education for the development of a sound mind;
3. A planned recreational and social program for all members of the family group; and
4. Participation in all worthy civic projects, both Local and National.

The American Turners is not a political or sectarian body obligating its members to any definite demands except United States or Canadian citizenship, but urges its members to exercise the right of independent thought and action through the ballot and to follow the dictates of their conscience in religious matters.

The American Turners strive to attain the preceding objectives as incorporated in these their Principles, by staunch adherence to its motto "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body."

1. The American Turners is a federation of Turner Societies of the United States of America and Canada. To insure efficient organization and cooperation, the Societies of the American Turners are divided into Districts.

OBJECTS

2. The American Turners have as their primary object the consolidation and coordination of the Societies of the American Turners into a unified National operating body.

3. The Societies of the American Turners are organized to promote health and physical education, cultural education and rational thinking for the entire family group, in order to advance the health, happiness and progress of mankind. The Societies of the American Turners endeavor to accomplish their purpose and promote their ideals through:

1. Planned programs of health and physical education for the development of a sound body;
2. Planned programs of cultural education for the development of a sound mind;
3. Planned recreational and social programs for all members of the family group; and
4. Participation in all worthy civic projects both Local and National.

MOTTO AND EMBLEM

4. The Motto of the American Turners is "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body."

5. The Emblem or Seal of the American Turners consists of this motto and a representation of the Discobolus within a circle including the words "American Turners." This emblem is registered in the United States Patent Office by the American Turners.

ADMINISTRATION

6. The National Convention, which is composed of district-delegates, is the highest legislative body in the American Turners.

7. The National Council is the highest executive body. It shall be elected and organized as hereinafter specified.

9. A District is composed of several Turner Societies located near one another.

10. The highest legislative body in the District of the American Turners is the District Convention composed of delegates from the Societies comprising the District, which convention shall meet at least once annually.

11. The District Council is the highest executive body in the District, and shall be constituted as directed by the District Convention.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION

12. The National Convention shall meet biennially. It shall select the place of meeting of the next Convention, which shall be held in May, June, July, August, or the first half of September. The National Council shall fix the date of opening of the Convention, and shall give four months' notice thereof.

13. If for any reason a National Convention can not be held at the place designated by the preceding Convention, the National Council shall be empowered to select a substitute place of meeting for the Convention. The National Council shall inform the Councils of Districts and the Societies of this change at least thirty (30) days before the Convention is to be held.

14. If a number of Districts representing at least one-third the total membership of the American Turners so demand, the National Council shall call a special Convention, fixing the time and place, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days after the demand.

15. A special Convention shall not meet earlier than thirty days after the call.

16. Each Convention shall be sovereign unto itself, and may rescind or modify any resolution, recommendation or action taken by a preceding Convention not designated as amendments or additions to the Statutes.

16a. The Convention shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised. In the event that there is a discrepancy between the Statutes of the American Turners and Robert's Rules of Order, then the Statutes shall be the governing document.

16b. The delegates to a National Convention may consider any resolution, not affecting a change in Principles or Statutes of the American Turners, originating with any individual member of the American Turners; a District; Society; the National Council or any organized group of American Turners members. Preferably, such resolutions should be submitted to the National office at least thirty days in advance of the National Convention, but may be submitted after that time, or during the convention proceedings, if necessary.

17. The minutes of the National Convention shall be attested by the chairman and the secretary of said body and delivered to the delegates as soon as possible after the adjournment of the Convention, before their departure. The National Council is authorized to make editorial changes, by which, however, the sense of the resolutions in question shall in no wise be changed. Within two weeks after the close of the convention, the remaining delegate, society and district copies of the minutes shall be forwarded to the respective districts for distribution and fifty (50) copies shall be mailed immediately to the National Office. (amended 08/06/04)

18. All acts of the National Convention that are not subject to approval by a referendum, shall take effect thirty (30) days after adjournment of the Convention.

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DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

19. Every District shall be represented at the National Conventions. No proxies allowed. (Amended 09/02/98)

20. Districts are entitled to the following number of federal votes: For 75 members or less, one vote; for every additional 75 members or more than one-half of this number, one additional vote. Each Society having a membership of 75 or more may elect from among its members one national delegate. The remaining delegates are to be elected by the District convention. One delegate may represent all the votes of his District. The number of Delegates elected by any District shall not exceed the number of federal votes to which the District is entitled. Computation of the votes to which a District is entitled shall be based on the

number of membership cards issued and paid to the National Council for the year preceding the Convention and such additional members as are exempted from paying per capita taxes.

20a. Members at large shall be allowed one (1) Federal vote representing all of the members at large. The members at large who attend a National Convention shall caucus just prior to the opening of the Convention to elect one of their members as the delegate to the convention.

21. Only those delegates who are elected by a Society or by a District convention and whose names are shown in the credentials issued by the District in question, are entitled to a seat and vote at regular and special National Conventions.

21a. No person shall be accorded voice or vote at a National or District Convention unless his National and District per capita tax is paid for the year preceding the Convention, as evidenced by the records at the National Office, unless he is specifically exempted from the payment of per capita tax by the Statutes.

21b. The Turner Districts may not assign any of their National Convention Delegates to serve on more than three convention working committees. In addition to the three working committees, a delegate may also serve on the credentials committee and/or the nominating committee. (Added 09/02/98)

21c. The American Turner Districts shall assign their convention delegates to the convention working committees so that their total delegates attending the National Convention are distributed as equally as possible between the working committees. This excludes the credentials and nominating committees where only one delegate is permitted for each district. (Added 09/02/98)

22. No delegate shall represent more than one District.

23. District Conventions and Societies have the right to give instructions to their delegates and instructions thus given shall be binding on the delegates if there be a possibility to vote therefor. Such instructions, however, shall not be construed as abridging the right of the individual delegate to the free expression of his opinion.

24. Districts in arrears with their per capita tax for the fiscal year preceding the National Convention shall be admitted to seat and vote only by resolution at the Convention.

25. Districts not represented at the National Convention may be excluded from the American Turners by the National Council if they do not, within four weeks after the opening of the Convention, present a valid excuse to said Council. The decision of the Council shall be published in the official organ.

26. The expenses of delegates to the National Convention shall be borne by the respective Districts.

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27. At National Conventions, the elected officers of the National Council who are: The president, the First Vice president and the Second Vice President, shall have all the rights of delegates, except the right to vote and hold convention office, and for this reason they cannot represent a District. These officers may be sent to the National Convention at the expense of the American Turners.

27a. The National Secretary/Treasurer, the Chairman of the National Health and Physical Education Committee, the Chairman of the National Cultural Committee and the Chairman of the Bowling Committee may be invited to attend the National Convention in the interest of their particular office or activity. If invited in this capacity, those individuals shall be governed by the same restrictions and privileges granted the elected officers in Article 27. If those individuals attend the convention for any reason other than by invitation referred to above, then they

shall be governed by the same restrictions and privileges granted any other Turner member and in this case they may represent a District and hold convention office, but their expenses may not be paid by the American Turners. (amended 08/06/04)

NATIONAL COUNCIL

28. The National Council shall consist of a National President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Chairman of Health and Physical Education Committee, Chairman of the Cultural Educational Committee, Chairman of the Bowling Committee, District Presidents or his/her representative (one from each District). Any District President or District Representative not attending a National Council meeting shall not be allowed to send proxies to said meeting.

28a. The National President of the American Turners National Auxiliary shall have a seat and vote on the National Council with the expenses to be borne by the treasury of the Auxiliary of the American Turners. (amended 9/2/96)

28b. The immediate Past National president of the American Turners shall attend the first National Council Meeting after departing from office as National president. If anymore consultation is required, an invitation may be extended for his attendance.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

29. The National President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President shall each be elected individually by the Convention by a majority of the federal votes cast, for a term of two years; and shall serve until his successor is elected and assumes office. If no majority is obtained on the first ballot the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped on the succeeding ballot and this process continued until a majority is obtained.

30. The President shall not serve more than two successive terms.

31. The method of election of the Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee, Cultural Education Committee, and Bowling Committee shall be the same as above except that, in view of the technical nature of these offices, the Health and Physical Education Committee of the National Convention, the Cultural Education Committee of the National Convention and the Bowling Committee of the National Convention respectively, shall be required to submit nominees for these offices to the Convention.

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31a. The chairman of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education shall be a technically qualified Turner teacher actively engaged in a Turner Society. If such a technically qualified Turner teacher is not available for this office, then a technically qualified Turner may be elected or appointed until such time as a technically qualified Turner teacher is available.

32. No limitation geographically shall be imposed upon the selection of the above officers.

33. The District Presidents shall be elected by the Society Representatives of the District he is to represent. Election of the District President shall be held at least 60 days before a National Convention. All Societies within the respective District shall be notified 30 days prior to this election. Election shall not be held unless all Societies within the District are represented or have acknowledged having received notice and are unable to send a representative.

34. Nominations for all National officers except that of the District Presidents shall be permitted from the Convention floor.

35. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, First or Second Vice-President, this vacancy shall be filled in the normal sequence of succession. If none of the three are available to fill the office of President, a President shall be elected from among the District Presidents and he shall serve until the next regular Convention of the American Turners. In the event of a vacancy in any of these offices which cannot be so filled, any such vacancy shall be filled by the National Council from among its members.

36. Any vacancy occurring in the National Council or on any Committee shall be filled by the National Council. The National Council shall follow the procedure provided for election to the office in which the vacancy occurs.

37. In order to qualify for election or appointment to the National Council, a Turner must have been a member of the American Turners in good standing continuously for at least five (5) years.

37a. To qualify for the Office of National President, a Turner must have previously served a minimum of two (2) years as a voting member of the National Council of the American Turners.

DUTIES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

38. The National Council shall be charged with and be responsible for the conduct of the business and promotional affairs of the American Turners in accordance with Principles and Statutes and as directed by acts of National Conventions.

39. The elected National Council must meet within thirty (30) days after taking office and thereafter at least once in each year. The President shall be responsible for calling additional meetings as often as in his judgment is necessary, but he shall call a meeting within 30 days after a written request from four (4) members of the National Council is presented.

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40. A majority of the members of the National Council shall constitute a quorum.

41. The term of office of the elected Council shall begin Thirty (30) days after adjournment of the convention at which the Council was elected and shall continue until its successors assume office.

42. The fiscal year of the National Council shall be the calendar year.

43. The National Council shall appoint a National Secretary, a National Treasurer, and such other persons as may, from time to time, be necessary for the proper conduct and management of the business and promotional affairs of the American Turners and shall fix their compensation.

44. The National Council shall appoint, as hereinafter provided, the members of:

- (a) National Committee on Health and Physical Education to serve under the elected Chairman of Health and Physical Education and that person be active in his/her Society/District Physical Education Program;
- (b) National Committee on Cultural Education to serve under the elected chairman of Cultural Education and that person be active in his/her Society/District Cultural Education Program;

- (c) National Bowling Committee to serve under the elected Chairman for Bowling and that person be active in his/her Society/District Bowling Program; and
- (d) An executive committee shall consist of the elected officers of the National Council who are: The President, the 1st Vice-President, the 2nd Vice-President. This committee to meet from time to time during the interim between National Council meetings to conduct routine business needing immediate attention. The National Council must be informed of all non-routine action taken.
- (e) Such other committees as, from time to time, appear essential.

45. The duties of these committees shall be fully defined by the National Council.

46. The transportation and housing expenses incurred by members of any Committee, attending the authorized meetings of said Committee and the authorized essential expenses of the Committee, shall be paid by the American Turners. (1996 editorial change)

46a. The National Executive committee shall appoint a representative or more when necessary, from the National Council to attend National Championships. The representatives expenses resulting from transportation and housing will be reimbursed by the National Office. Should the host Society or district invite the representative's spouse, or additional National Council members, these expenses will be shared equally by the host society of district and the National Office. The above is not to conflict with visitations by District Presidents as defined in the Procedural Guide. (1996 editorial change)

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46b. Effective January 1, 1997, the National Organization shall reimburse the District Representatives for the cost of their transportation and housing when attending National Council meetings. (added 1996)

47. If any member of any Committee shall be negligent in his duties, the National Council shall declare his place vacant after due notice, and elect a new member.

48. The National Council is authorized to partially fund an approved Retirement Plan for the benefit of one full-time National Office employee at amount not to exceed 10% of that employee's annual salary. (amended 9/2/96)

49. The American Turner Endowment Trust Fund established by an instrument dated June 17, 1947, to insure the perpetuation of the American Turners, is hereby recognized. Trustees of the American Turners Endowment Trust shall be elected according to the terms set forth in the declaration of trust.

49a. The Jahn Educational Fund of the American Turners, established by an instrument dated July 13, 1925, to insure financial endowment for cultural education and the popularizing of Turner philosophy, is hereby recognized. Trustees of the Jahn Fund of the American Turners shall be selected according to the terms set forth in the declaration of trust.

49b. deleted effective 9/3/96

DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

50. The President shall be the major executive officer of the American Turners. He shall be responsible for the calling of all National Council meetings and shall preside at all meetings thereof. He shall represent the American Turners at important Turner affairs. It shall be one of his prime duties to promote the progress of Turner activities and to stimulate cooperation between Turner Societies.

51. The First Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence and cooperate with him in carrying out the duties assigned to the President and shall perform other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the National Council.

52. The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and First Vice-President and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Council.

53. The National Secretary/Treasurer shall function as the chief administrative officer of the American Turners under the control and guidance of the National Council. He/She shall perform such duties as usually pertain to the office of recording, corresponding and financial secretary. Promotional activities shall constitute an essential portion of his/her duties. The National Secretary/Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all funds and shall record and disburse same as directed by the National Council. All disbursements shall be made over the signature of any two (2) of the following four (4) officers: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, or Secretary/Treasurer. (amended 08/06/04)

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54. (Combined into Article 53 effective 08/06/04)

55. Each of the above officers, empowered to disburse funds, and any employee handling funds, shall be properly bonded; premium to be paid by the National Council.

DUTIES OF DISTRICT PRESIDENTS PARAGRAPHS 56 TO 59 DELETED - REFER TO PROCEDURAL GUIDE.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

60. The members of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education shall consist of at least one technically qualified Turner Teacher actively engaged in a Turner Society, from each District of the American Turners. In the event that there is no such technically qualified Turner Teacher in a District, a technically qualified Turner of the District may be appointed.

61. Any District not naming or sending a District representative to the National Health and Physical Education Committee meeting shall not be allowed to send proxies to said meeting. (amended 08/06/04)

61a. The District Committee members shall be elected by their respective districts and recommended to the National Council. (amended 08/06/04)

62. The following shall be ex-officio members of the Committee on Health and Physical Education. The director of the last National Festival, until the close of the next one, and the director of the next Festival beginning with the date of his

appointment, so that, at the close of each National Festival, the director of the preceding Festival shall retire from the National Committee on Health and Physical Education.

62a. The National Golf Chairman shall be a regular member of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education.

63. The Committee on Health and Physical Education, after its appointment, shall convene at a place designated by the National Council for the purpose of formulating its program. Subsequent meetings of the Committee may be called by the National Council upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee.

64. The National Secretary/Treasurer and the National Council shall keep, preserve and have custody of the records of the National Health and Physical Education Committee. (amended 08/06/04)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL EDUCATION

65. The National Committee on Cultural Education shall consist of at least one member from each District of the American Turners, appointed by the National Council upon recommendation of their respective Districts. These members shall be known as District Representatives of Cultural Education.

66. Any District not naming or sending a representative to the National Cultural Education Committee meeting shall not be allowed to send proxies to said meeting. (amended 08/06/04)

67. Deleted 09/02/98.

68. The National Committee on Cultural Education shall be convened as soon as convenient after its appointment, at a place designated by the National Council for the purpose of receiving instructions and for the purpose of formulating its program. Subsequent meetings of the Committee may be called by the National Council upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee.

69. The National Secretary/Treasurer and the National Council shall keep, preserve and have custody of the records of the National Cultural Education Committee. (amended 08/06/04)

NATIONAL BOWLING COMMITTEE

70. The National Bowling Committee shall be composed of at least one member from each District of the American Turners, appointed by the National Council upon recommendation of their respective Districts. (amended 08/06/04)

71. Any District not naming or sending a representative to the National Bowling Committee meeting shall not be allowed to send proxies to said meeting. (amended 08/06/04)

72. The National Bowling Committee shall be convened as soon as convenient after its appointment, at a place designated by the National Council for the purpose of receiving instructions and for the purpose of formulating its program. Subsequent meetings of the Committee may be called by the National Council upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee. A percentage of the entry fee for bowling tournaments, as determined by the National Bowling Committee and approved by the National Council, shall be allocated for defraying expenses of the Bowling Committee.

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73. The National Secretary/Treasurer and the National Council shall keep, preserve and have custody of the records of the National Bowling Committee.
(amended 08/06/04)

NATIONAL OFFICE

74. The American Turners shall have a National Office where the National Secretary/Treasurer shall have his/her headquarters and where the business of the American Turners shall be conducted and where the National Health and Physical Education, Cultural Education and Bowling Committee records of the American Turners are to be preserved. (amended 08/06/04)

75. The National Convention shall choose the location of the National Office and the National Office shall remain in the location chosen until changed by some subsequent convention.

DISTRICTS

76. The geographical areas of the component Districts shall be fixed by the National Convention.

77. The National Council shall, from time to time, make a study of the geographical areas constituting Districts and shall present proposed changes in same to Conventions for approval.

DISTRICTS AND SOCIETIES

78. Societies located in the same city shall belong to one and the same District, except as provided in Sections 79 and 80.

79. If the District to which a Society applying for admission to the American Turners should belong, because of location, shall refuse to admit such Society, the latter may join another District in its vicinity. Should the Society be rejected also by this second District, the National Council, upon appeal, shall decide whether such Society shall be admitted, and designate the District to which it shall belong.

80. If a society should desire to be transferred from its District to a neighboring District, passing a resolution to the Councils of both Districts. In case of approval by both District Councils, the transfer shall take place without further procedure. If, however, either of the two Councils should refuse to approve the transfer, the Society shall submit the matter to the National Council. In this case the National Council shall be empowered to transfer the Society temporarily to some third District. The Society and the District Councils shall then submit the reasons for their action to the next National Convention, which shall decide to what District the Society shall belong, such decision being final. The temporary transfer by the National Council shall be made only if said Society shall have discharged all obligations toward the District to which it originally belonged. Approval on the part of a District Council of the transfer requested by any Society shall be taken for granted if the Council shall fail to transmit any statement relative to such request within one month after it shall have received the request.

81. All Districts and Societies of the American Turners shall use the official American Turners Seal, registered in the United States Patent Office, upon all printed and publicity matter. If, for any reason, a District or Society ceases to be a member of the American Turners, its right to use the Seal shall automatically cease.

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82. Upon request, the National Council shall furnish transfer cards to the District. To be valid within the American Turners, such cards must have the seal of the American Turners. Transfer cards issued by the Districts shall be valid for ninety days.

83. The Constitution and By-Laws of Districts and Societies shall not contain any provision conflicting with the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners.

83a. The Statutes or Bylaws of all Societies affiliated with the American Turners shall include the following:

Upon dissolution of this Society, or upon the withdrawal of this Society from the American Turners followed by its dissolution, all Assets of the Society shall be donated to the American Turners.

84. The Principles and the Statutes of the American Turners shall be printed and furnished to Societies at cost. Each District and each, Society shall be required to append to or furnish with its District or Society Constitution and By-Laws the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners.

DUTIES OF DISTRICTS - REFER TO PROCEDURAL GUIDE.

ADMISSION OF SOCIETIES

85. No Society shall be admitted to the American Turners unless such Society shall have adopted a resolution expressing assent to the Principles and the Statutes. A copy of this resolution as well as a copy of the Statutes of the Society must be sent with the applications for admission, to the Council of the District in which the Society is located. The application of a Society for membership in the American Turners shall first be submitted to a District for investigation and, approval. Upon approval of the application, the District shall forward the application, the aforesaid resolutions and Statutes to the National Council.

85a. The Statutes or Bylaws of all Society applying for affiliation with the American Turners shall include the following:

Upon dissolution of this Society, or upon the withdrawal of this Society from the American Turners followed by its dissolution, all Assets of the Society shall be donated to the American Turners.

85b. A Society seeking affiliation with the American Turners shall submit an affidavit with the application releasing the American Turners from any possibility of liability from any pending litigation, outstanding obligations or judgments against the Society.

86. The National Council shall publish such application twice in the official organ and shall consider any protests, after which the National Council will pass upon the application.

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87. Protests against the admission of a Society must be presented to the National Council within thirty (30) days after the second publication.

88. Admission of a Society shall be final when approved by the National Council.

89. An Honorary Society of the American Turners may be established providing its application meets the above requirements for Admission of Societies (par. 85-86-87 & 88), and that there is not a regular established Turner Society within the State.

DUTIES OF SOCIETIES
PARAGRAPHS 90 TO 94 DELETED - REFER TO PROCEDURAL GUIDE.

MEMBERS OF SOCIETIES

95. Candidates for admission to a society belonging to the American Turners must be not less than eighteen years of age. They must be of good character, and must be citizens of the United States or Canada, or must be lawfully admitted permanent resident aliens who have declared their intention to become citizens as soon as legally possible. No candidate expelled from any society of the American Turners within the last five years, or excluded within one year prior to application shall be admitted. Candidates must submit to probation of four weeks, and at their admission must promise on their honor strictly to observe the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners as well as the Statutes of the District and the Society.

95a. No candidate for membership in any society belonging to the American Turners may be denied such membership on the basis of such candidate's gender.

96. Application blanks for membership shall be made available through the National Office. (amended 08/06/04)

97. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors of each Society to make inquiry from time to time, and at least once a year, whether members admitted on the declaration of their intention to become citizens have actually become naturalized. If the residency time requirement has not yet been reached the member must be a lawfully admitted permanent residence alien to the United States or Canada and must have taken all necessary steps required for application for Citizenship while waiting for the probationary time period to pass. Members who do not acquire citizenship within the shortest time period legally possible after joining the America Turners shall be expelled.

The National office of the American Turners shall be notified whenever an alien is accepted into membership of a Society affiliated with the American Turners giving the date of membership and the date the new member was admitted into lawful permanent residence in the United States or Canada.

98. Every member holding a transfer card signed by the proper officers of his District and Society, and applying for admission to another society, should be admitted without probation and without admission fee, provided the transfer to the new Society be made because of change of residence, and provided the card is presented to a Society within ninety (90) days from the date of issue. If, however, the transfer card shall have been issued by a society of the same city or vicinity, and if within two weeks after the presentation of such card a protest be made against admission to the holder, his application shall be submitted to

a vote within four weeks after presentation of the card, a majority of the votes deciding. Every member of the American Turners submitting a transfer card must pledge himself to obey the Statutes of, the District and the Society. A valid transfer card shall entitle the holder to readmission to the Society by which it was issued. In such case his membership shall be considered to have been uninterrupted.

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99. A transfer card must be issued to any member applying therefore, if such member has discharged all his obligations toward his Society. The Council of the District shall be authorized, after properly recording the facts of the case, to issue a transfer card to any member unable to secure such card either because of the dissolution of his Society, or because of the negligence of its officials.

100. A member leaving his Society without having discharged his obligations, and joining another Society, even under observance of the probationary period, shall, as soon as this fact becomes known, be suspended from the latter Society until he shall have discharged his, obligations toward the former.

101. No person may be a member of two Societies of the American, Turners without the consent of the National Council, honorary members excepted. In matters pertaining to the District or the National Organization, an honorary member may vote in but one Society.

MEMBERS AT LARGE

102. Persons residing in cities not having local Societies of the American Turners, or former members of a Society that has withdrawn from the American Turners or whose Society was dissolved, may become members at large, provided they meet the requirements of Article 95.

103. Membership at large may be issued to individuals at least eighteen (18) years of age provided they meet all other requirements for membership as provided in Article 95. (amended 08/06/04)

104. Applications for membership at large shall be made to the National Office. (amended 08/06/04)

105. Applicants shall declare their assent to the Principles and Statutes of the American Turners, and shall properly submit an application furnished by the National Office. (amended 08/06/04)

106. Applications of former members who have been expelled shall not be considered.

107. The National Office shall publish in two successive issues of the official organ, the names of all applicants for membership at large. Protests against the admission of an application must be submitted to the National Office within thirty days from the second publication. (amended 08/06/04)

108. The annual dues of members at large shall be \$50.00 and submitted to the National Office with the application, by the first day of January. (amended 9/2/96 and 08/06/04)

108a. Members-At-Large of the American Turners shall have the privilege of competing at all competitive events at the District and National level, but may not vote or hold office at the local, District or National levels. (amended 08/06/04)

108b. Honorary 40 year members of the American Turners, who have formerly been members of a Society that has withdrawn from the American Turners or whose Society was dissolved, shall hereafter be classified as members at large unless they become members of another active Society.

RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

108c. Every member of the American Turners, who is in good standing, and has a valid official American Turner membership card issued in his/her name is entitled to all the rights of membership as specified in various sections of these Statutes of the American Turners and in addition, all such members, except National members at large, shall be entitled to the membership rights as specified in the Constitutions and By-Laws of the respective Societies and Districts to which the member belongs. Some of these rights are: to vote at Society, District and National meetings and conventions; hold Society, District and National office; serve on the various committees; use of the gymnasiums and other facilities in accordance with the Society and District rules for such use; participate in National, Invitational and District Championships, tournaments, exhibits and festivals in accordance with the rules as defined in the "Festival Rules Book," the "Cultural Rules Book" and the Bowling Rules of the American Turners.

108d. It is recognized that some Societies have family memberships that entitle the spouse and children of the card carrying member to certain rights at the Society level in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society. At the National and District level such family members (other than the card carrying members) will NOT be entitled to: a vote; hold office or be a member of Council; or be a convention delegate. However, such family members will be entitled to participate in National, Invitational and District competition in accordance with the rules as defined in the "Festival Rules Book," the "Cultural Rules Book" and the Bowling Rules of the American Turners.

PER CAPITA TAX

109. Each Society shall pay to the American Turners an annual per capita tax of \$7.00 for each of its members, regardless of the type of or name of the membership issued and whether such member does or does not pay dues or other fees. Such total per capita tax shall be paid to the American Turners at its National Office on or before January 10, April 10, July 10 and October 10 of each year for each membership card issued for the preceding quarter and the stubs for each membership card issued shall be returned with the payment of the tax. Forty Year Honorary Members, who have been duly recognized by the National Council, shall be exempted from the payment of the per capita tax. Minimum age (Fifty-Eight) with Forty years of membership. (amended 9/2/96)

Members of the American Turners actively serving in the Military Forces of the United States shall be exempt from the payment of National dues during the period of such service, and for six (6) months after date of discharge.

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110. Fifty cents of the National per capita tax shall be set aside in a special fund to be used and expended primarily for the purpose of a National Festival. This fund may also be used to defray the costs of conducting National Championships approved by the National Council providing the balance in this fund exceeds the cost of the last National Festival.

111. The American Turners shall publish an official organ, and the expense of publishing and placing every member of the American Turners on the subscription list if this organ, presently known as "American Turner Topics", shall be allocated from the General Fund of the American Turners.

112. All membership cards of every Society of the American Turners shall be issued by the National Council. No Society shall have authority to issue any membership card except the official membership card furnished by the National Council, not shall it honor any other membership card.

113. All taxes unpaid shall remain as a charge against a delinquent Society retained in membership, to be amortized and collected when more favorable conditions return.

114. Districts and Societies which, after having been twice notified by the National Council, fail to discharge any of their obligations toward the American Turners, may be suspended without further procedure. The District Council may proceed in like manner against Societies that fail to discharge their obligations toward their District.

115. District and Societies expelled from the American Turners may be readmitted at any time after they have discharged their obligations.

NATIONAL REFERENDUM

116. Referendum votes, when required or ordered, shall be taken separately by each Society. In a referendum vote, each Society shall be entitled to referendum votes equal to its total number of members. The computation of the referendum votes to which a Society is entitled shall be based on the number of membership cards issued and paid to the National Council for the year preceding the date of the call for the referendum, plus such additional members as are exempted by the Statutes from paying National per capita taxes. The number of member votes for and the number of member votes against the proposition shall be reported to the National Council which shall divide the number of referendum votes to which the Society is entitled in exact proportion to this vote of the Society members.

117. A referendum vote shall be taken on all acts of the National Convention intended to revise the Principles, and such revisions, additions, or deletions shall take effect and be in force only after they have been approved by a majority of the referendum votes and publish as provided in Article 125.

118. The National Convention is authorized to order a referendum vote by a majority of the Federal Votes represented at the Convention. If, during the convention, according to its minutes, ten delegates from six Districts shall have demanded in writing that any motion adopted or rejected be submitted to a referendum, and if the minority vote on such motion shall have been at least one-fourth of the Federal Votes, it shall be the duty of the National Council to submit such a motion to a referendum. Such order shall be carried into effect by the National Council within four weeks after publication of the official minutes.

119. In urgent cases growing out of extraordinary, unforeseen occurrences, the National Council may order a referendum.

120. The National Council shall order a referendum:

(a) In case of a proposed amendment to the Statutes, if demanded in writing by at least two percent of the members of the American Turners;

(b) In case of a proposed revision of the Principles, if at least four percent of the members of the American Turners so demand in writing;

(c) If at least six percent of the American Turners, in writing, demand such vote on any question not related to the Principles or the Statutes.

121. The last previous annual report shall be used in computing the number of signatures required.

122. Each Society shall fix a day for the referendum vote, and inform its members of the time and the propositions submitted. Only such votes shall be counted as are cast by members in person.

123. The referendum shall be closed three months after the call was issued by the National Council.

124. The number of votes reported by any Society shall be valid only if the president and the secretary have attested the correctness of the report with their signatures and the Society seal.

125. The National Council shall publish the number of referendum votes cast for and against the proposition submitted, arranged by Districts, in the official organ of the American Turners, within ninety (90) days after the close of the referendum. Every proposition submitted and adopted by a majority of the referendum votes shall be in full force and effect from the date of such official publication. In the event that the National Council fails to publish the result of such referendum within the time provided herein, any member of the National Council is empowered to publish same. Such publication shall have the same force and effect as publication ordered by the National Council.

CONFERENCES OF INSTRUCTORS
IN HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

126. The National Council shall call a conference of Directors of our Schools of Health and Physical Education each year, such conference to be under the direction of the National Committee on Health and Physical Education. The time for such conference shall be announced two months before the date set. It shall be incumbent upon all Societies to send and pay the expenses of their Physical Education Directors to such

conference.

FESTIVALS - NATIONAL, INVITATIONAL AND DISTRICT

127. A National Festival shall be held every fourth year unless otherwise decided by National Convention: the time and place to be fixed by the National Council subsequent to its rendering invitations to all Societies and Districts.

128. District or Invitational Festivals shall not be held in conflict with a National Festival.

129. The judges for National Festivals shall be appointed by the National Council from recommendations of the National Health and Physical Education Committee and National Cultural Education Committee and the Local Festival Committee.

130. No prize of substantial monetary value shall be awarded at National Invitational or District Festivals.

131. Society Instructors are eligible for participation in competitive events in a National Festival.

SCHOLARSHIPS

132. It is the principal duty of our Societies to provide schools in health and physical education for youth and adults and to promote their intellectual and cultural growth and moral character through special classes under qualified and competent instructors.

In support of this Principal the American Turners will award scholarships to qualified members or class members of Turner organizations affiliated with the American Turners and also provide financial assistance to train Turner instructors. The National Council is authorized to award scholarships to promising Turner members and/or Turner class members to any recognized college or university in the United States provided the school selected by the applicant receives approval of the American Turners Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee shall develop a scholarship plan containing rules and regulations to determine the eligibility of the applicants seeking an award and a system of priorities to select the best possible candidates. The number of scholarships and the amount of the awards to be made in any year shall be at the discretion of the National Council based on the number of applications received and the amount of funds set aside in the "Scholarship Awards Reserve" account for that year. (Amended 09/02/98)

CHARGES, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

I. CHARGES

133. A charge, or accusation, consists of notifying the proper tribunal of facts or omissions which, if proved, are subject to penalties.

134. Charges maybe preferred:

(a) By a member or members:

(1) Against a member or members of the same or some other Society before the Society to which the accused belongs.

(2) Against Societies, before the Council of the District to which accused Society belongs.

(3) Against a District, before the National

Council.

(b) By Societies:

- (1) Against members of other Societies, before the Society by which they belong.
- (2) Against other Societies, before the Council of the District to which the accused Society belongs.
- (3) Against Districts, before the National Council.

(c) By the District Council:

The District Council may prefer charges against members, Societies, and District Councils, before the same tribunals before which charges may be brought before the National Council.

(d) By the National Council.

The National Council may by resolution order any member, Society, or District to prefer charges, as provided in this Section, upon the failure of such member, Society, or District to file same, when the National Council in its sole discretion, deems such action necessary for the welfare of the American Turners.

135. Societies, may, by resolution, direct one or more of their members to prefer charges against one or more other members of their Society.

136. All charges, by whomsoever made, against several Societies that belong to different Districts, must be referred to the National Council.

137. (a) When accusing a member, the charge shall be referred to the Board of Directors of his Society for trial and judgment. At least one week prior to the session at which the trial or hearing is to be held, the accused shall be given written notice of the time and place of such trial or hearing, and a copy of the charges preferred against him.

(b) The Board of Directors, or any three directors, including the President of a Society, may suspend an accused member, pending final determination of the charges preferred against him, or, in case of emergency, pending the filing of such charges.

(c) Upon failure of the accused member to appear, after due notice of date set for the trial or hearing, as provided in Paragraph 137 (c), the Board of Directors may proceed to act on the charges preferred as though the accused were present, and render judgment accordingly.

138. The Board of Directors shall be competent to proceed to trial only if at least two-thirds of its members be present. If the accuser or the accused be a member of the Board the case shall be tried by a special Trial Committee.

139. If the accused or the accuser shall declare his disbelief in the impartiality of the Board of Directors, the accused shall be referred to a special Trial Committee, said Trial Committee, to be elected by the members of the Society at a regular meeting.

140. Request for a Trial Committee must be made to the Society in writing. The special Trial Committee is to consist of five (5) members, a majority of which shall be necessary to conduct the trial and to render a decision.

141. The judgment pronounced by the Board of Directors or the Trial Committee shall be recognized as the decision of the Society without further ratification.

142. At the session of the Board of Directors, or the Trial Committee, at which the proceedings take place, the charges shall first be explained by the presiding officer: then the testimony of the witnesses for the accuser shall be heard and afterward that of the witnesses for the accused. If the accuser should desire to rebut the testimony of the witnesses of the accused, he may again call witnesses; and the defense may do the same, for the purpose of rebutting testimony of witnesses of the accuser who were last heard.

143. The accused shall have the privilege of being represented by counsel, who must be a member of a Society of the American Turners, and who may cross-examine the witnesses. The same privilege of cross-examination shall be granted the accuser's counsel, who also must be a member of the Society of the American Turners.

144. After the close of the testimony, the accuser or his counsel, and thereupon the accused or his counsel, shall have the right to present arguments.

145. Deliberations relative to the judgment shall take place in secret session, from which all persons shall be excluded who are not members of the tribunal trying the case.

146. The testimony of the witnesses shall in its essentials be entered by the secretary in the minutes and certified as correct by the presiding officer and the secretary.

147. If charges be preferred against a Society or the District Council of a District, all testimony shall be submitted in writing. Oral testimony, may, however, be heard when more convenient.

148. Penalties shall consist of: (a) Reprimand, (b) Suspension, (c) Expulsion.
- (a) Reprimand: must be given in writing by the tribunal.
 - (b) Suspension: the party must be divested of all membership rights for a certain period of time, according to the severity of the offense, founded upon the findings of the tribunal. At the expiration of this period the party shall be reinstated.
 - (c) Expulsion: Members, Societies or Districts if expelled, may not be readmitted before the expiration of the time set by the tribunal in charge. The length of time should be based upon the seriousness of the offense, and in no case should be less than one year. The procedure for readmittance

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after the expiration of their expulsion shall be the same as with new applicants for membership.

II. COMPLAINTS

149. Complaints consist of notifying the proper tribunal of acts or omissions, for the purpose of causing issuance of a mandatory order or injunction, and eventually the determination of reciprocal rights to complaints.

150. The rules pertaining to charges shall, as far as possible, be applicable to complaints.

151. Complaints by a Society against its members must be made to the District Council.

152. Orders and injunctions issued in consequence of complaints must be obeyed by the party against whom they are directed. If not obeyed, the official body that issued the order or injunction may impose a penalty. In this case punishment shall be the same as in the case of judgment rendered in consequence of charges.

III. APPEALS

(A) In Cases Involving Charges

153. In appeals, the sequence of tribunals shall be as follows: District Council, District Convention, National Council, National Convention.

154. The highest tribunal for members, according to the penalty imposed, shall be:

- (a) In Case of reprimand, the Society.
- (b) In case of suspension, the District Council.
- (c) In case of expulsion, the National Council. In this case, appeal to the District Convention shall be omitted.

155. When an appeal is taken by an accused Society, the highest tribunal shall be: In case of reprimand, the District Convention; in case of suspension, the National Council; in case of exclusion or expulsion, the National Convention.

156. For Districts, the National Convention shall in all cases be the only appellate tribunal.

157. Proceedings in all cases involving charges, and in all appeals relative thereto, shall take place in secret session.

158. No appeal may be taken in case of acquittal by the tribunal having original jurisdiction. Such acquittal is final.

159. In all cases where the National Council has original jurisdiction, an appeal to the National Convention shall be permitted.

(B) In Case of Complaints

160. A party dissatisfied with the decision of any tribunal may appeal to the next higher tribunal.

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161. The sequence of tribunals is as follows: Society, District Council, District Convention, National Council, National Convention.

162. In all case, except if a District be a party, the National Council shall be the highest tribunal. If a District be a party, an appeal may be had from the decision of the Council to the National Convention.

IV. GENERAL RULES

163. Accusations and defamatory insinuations must not in any wise be made public. If, however, well-founded reasons exist for making a charge or a complaint, it shall be the duty of the member, Society, or District in question to bring such charge or complaint before the proper tribunal.

164. Members, Societies, or Districts disregarding or violating any statute of the American Turners shall be called to account by the official body next above them. In the event of the failure of the official body to act, the National Council may take action. They may be suspended or expelled. They shall, however, have the right of appeal.

165. Appellate tribunals may reverse, modify or otherwise alter judgments, but shall in no case render the same more severe. Appellate tribunals are also empowered to remand a case for trial to the tribunal having original jurisdiction.

166. A member, either before or after decision of the trial tribunal, may at any time within one year petition in writing for a new trial or reopening of the case, if sufficient cause is shown that newly discovered evidence can be presented to establish the innocence of the accused. If a new trial is denied, an appeal may be taken from such decision.

167. In all appeals, the appellant must, within thirty days after being informed of the judgment or after notice thereof was forwarded to him, inform the other party and the tribunal that rendered the last judgment, of his intention to appeal, and must also submit his appeal to the tribunal to which the case is appealed. The day on which notice of judgment was given, as well as the day on which the appeal was forwarded or submitted, shall be excluded from said period of thirty days. The National Council may grant an extension of time in case of appeals to the National Convention. Appeals to the Convention must be sent to the National Council.

168. The tribunal from which a case may be appealed, shall, as soon as notified by the appellant, send the appellate tribunal all papers and documents pertaining to the case.

169. If the majority of the members of the District Council to which an appeal be taken belong to a Society that is a party of such appeal, said Council shall refer such appeal to the Council of another district.

170. New evidence shall not be admissible in case of appeal. The testimony given before the first tribunal shall be sent or delivered to the appellate tribunal, and the judgment must be based on such

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testimony. In cases, however, in which the correctness of taking testimony may be impugned, the appellate tribunal shall be authorized to ascertain the truth, so far as possible.

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171. Suspension or expulsion may be decreed for any violation of the Principles or Statutes of the American Turners, or for any violation of the Constitution, and By-Laws of a Society, or for a violation of the rules governing the conduct of members of the Society of which the accused may be a member.

172. If the penalty be suspension or expulsion, the member shall be divested of his rights in the Society, except the right of appeal, as hereinbefore provided, and said member shall be exempt from his obligations. If this appeal should be

successful, he cannot be compelled subsequently to discharge his obligations for the period of his exclusion.

173. If the penalty imposed be expulsion, and the National Council should reverse the judgment and acquit the accused, then in case of an appeal to the National Convention the judgment rendered by the tribunal having original jurisdiction shall remain in force, provided not less than eighteen months have elapsed since adjournment of the National Convention preceding. If, however, less than eighteen months have elapsed, the National Council shall be authorized to decide whether or not the original judgment shall remain in force until the Convention shall have passed upon the case.

INTERPRETATIONS OF STATUTES

174. Whenever members, Societies, or Districts, on account of differences of opinion as to the meaning of Statutes, fail to agree in regard to mutual rights and duties, they shall have the right to demand of the National Council a decision of the point in controversy; and it shall be the duty of the Council to render such decision in accordance with the following rules.

175. The matter may be submitted to the National Council either by any one of the parties concerned, or by all the parties conjointly. In the former case, the Council shall cause the other parties to be notified, fixing a space of time within which they may submit a statement.

176. If the statements submitted by the parties should be at variance relative to the facts that gave rise to the controversy, it shall be optional with the National Council to dismiss the matter or to attempt to bring about an agreement in regard to the facts.

177. Any interpretation of the Statutes handed down by the National Council in accordance with Article 174 shall be given the same binding force as the Statute to which it applies and it shall be the duty of the parties to act in accordance therewith.

REVISION OF PRINCIPLES AND AMENDMENT OF STATUTES

178. These Principles and Statutes may be revised and amended, respectively, by National Referendum as hereinbefore provided. The Statutes may be amended at a regular National Convention by a two-thirds

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majority of the federal votes represented in the Convention.

178a. "A proposed amendment to the Principles or Statutes can originate with any individual member of the American Turners, a District, Society, or any organized group of American Turner members. However, before any proposed amendment may be recognized by a National Convention, it must be submitted in resolution form to the National Office after being approved by a District Convention having jurisdiction over the Turner(s) who initiated the proposed amendment. If the District Convention rejects the proposed amendment, the Turner(s) who initially proposed such amendment may appeal to the National Council. The National Council is also authorized to initiate proposed amendments to the Principles and Statutes if approved by the majority of the members of such body at a regular meeting or by a mail poll of the National Council members.

179. Proposed revisions and amendments to the Principles and Statutes, respectively, intended to be voted upon at a National Convention must be submitted to the National Council in writing and not later than ninety (90) days prior to the National Convention. The National Council shall forward copies of such proposed revisions and amendments to each District sixty (60) days prior to the Convention.

179a. All proposed resolutions to amend the Principles or Statutes of the American Turners must be acted on by the Principles, Statutes, and Grievances

Committee at a Turner National Convention before such resolution is presented to the Convention General Assembly. (Added 09/02/98)

180. An amendment to the Statutes shall be valid only if the number of federal votes cast in the affirmative and in the negative by each District represented, be given in the attested minutes of the convention, showing a two-thirds majority.

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