



FISB Constitution

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Chapter I

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Preamble

1.1 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of the present Constitution and of the related legal instruments, unless otherwise stipulated in the text:

"Speedball"

Means a sport played by one, two or four players using a special racket and hitting a specially designed ball attached to a pole with a 150cm nylon thread, the term "Speedball" is meant to include all forms of the sport including sitting Speedball for the challenged and any other form of competitions, played in all parts of the world at all levels of competition by male and female players, whether played indoor or outdoor, on a hard, soft or sandy surface.

"The International Speedball Federation - FISB"

Means the International Speedball Federation, an international non-governmental non-profit organization, composed of its affiliated National Federations which have freely and voluntarily joined it in order to administer and govern worldwide the sport of Speedball and all its disciplines for male and female players.

"General Assembly – G.A"

Means the assembly of all affiliated National Federations, in good order with FISB duly and statutorily convened by the competent authority, General Assembly constitutes the supreme governing institution of FISB.

"Executive Board - Board"

Means the Board of Administration of FISB, the governing institution responsible for the administration and management of FISB, it is composed of seven members.

"Technical Committees – T.Cs"

Means a permanent working group of specialists, appointed by the **Executive Board**, with the responsibility of fulfilling certain duties as defined by the Regulations.

The following technical committees are already functioning:

The Referees' Committee, The Coaches Committee, The Competition and Players Affairs Committee, Rules and equipments specifications Committee and The International Relations and Communication Committee.



"Confederation- Conf."

Means a group of National Federations affiliated to FISB (at least Three NFs members in FISB), assembled in conformity with FISB Constitution on the basis of their geographical proximity, i.e. African Confederation, Asian Confederation, European Confederation, North & Central American Confederation and South American Confederation.

"National Federations - NFs" Means the National Federations, the national bodies legally recognized in their country or territory to administer and govern all forms of Speedball, structured and organized according to the spirit and provisions of FISB Constitution.

"Presidency"

Means the charge and functions exercised by the President of FISB.

"Regional member"

Means an association governing Speedball in a distant territory that falls within the authority of an affiliated NF.

1.2 FOUNDATION

The International Speedball Federation (FISB), the supreme authority in Speedball, was founded on the 15th of December 1985. In Cairo, Egypt, as a non for profit organization. The founding National Federations of FISB are **Egypt, France and Japan**

1.3 HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of FISB is established in Cairo, Egypt

1.4 OBJECTIVES

FISB shall encourage the expansion of the playing of Speedball in all its forms, in all parts of the world and promote the creation of NFs. It shall promote, coordinate, publicize, regulate, organize, supervise, control, direct and govern the sport of Speedball throughout The world. In particular, and without restricting the extent of the general principles stated above, FISB shall:

- a) Establish and modify the Official Speedball Rules, the official standards and specifications for Speedball equipment and facilities, and all internal executive regulations which must be applied, without exception, on all occasions, particularly at international or World competitions, including the Olympic Games (once **Speedball becomes an Olympic sport**) for which FISB shall also establish the competition system of qualification.

- b) Administer and govern Speedball in all its forms, professional, amateur and athletes with special needs – i.e. Paralympics, including the control of all its competitions and disciplines.
- c) Control and govern the appointment of international referees.
- d) Regulate the eligibility and transfer of players according to FISB specific regulations (Competition and Players' Affairs Committee).
- e) Promote the welfare of the NFs as well as the mutual respect and cooperation among themselves and assist the NFs in the development of their technical expertise.
- f) Take specific measures to maintain the authority, autonomy and exclusive competence of the NFs to administer and govern Speedball activities in their respective countries.
- g) Take all appropriate measures directly and indirectly related to the practice of Speedball and in the best interest of the sport.

1.5 FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

FISB mission

1.5.1

FISB has the mission to govern and manage worldwide all forms of Speedball. Through professional planning, world-class organization and marketing and promotional activities, it aims to develop Speedball as a major world media, high performance and entertainment sport.

1.5.2

FISB is the sole organization competent to administer and govern worldwide the sport of Speedball for male and female players. It is composed of the NFs legally recognized in their country or territory as the sole entities competent to administer and govern Speedball in their respective countries or territories.

The NFs are the basic component of FISB and, as such, are affiliated to FISB directly and not through any other institutions.

1.5.3

FISB shall make no discrimination between individuals and between nations and shall avoid political, religious, philosophical or racial involvement, declarations or manifestations.

1.5.4

All violations of the provisions of FISB legal instruments are subject to sanctions provided for in this Constitution and in the related Regulations. Rights to proper defense are guaranteed by FISB Constitution.

1.5.5

FISB members are forbidden to make, or threaten to make, appeal against decisions resulting from their participation, possible participation or responsibilities in FISB. Official or recognized competitions or Speedball activities hosted by their National Federation, Confederation or by FISB itself to any civil, judicial, arbitration or sports authorities foreign to their National Federation, Confederation or FISB.

1.5.6

1.5.6.1 All tournaments and championships involving more than two regional or representative Teams (clubs or representative teams or countries) that belong to different Members must be authorized by the Confederation on whose territory the tournament is planned, FISB should be announced one month prior to the event.

1.5.6.2 If any of the teams involved belong to different Confederations, the authorization of FISB is required.

1.5.6.3 If any of the teams involved belong to a territory which does not have Confederation yet, the authorization of FISB is required.

1.6 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:

1.6.1

The official language of FISB is English.

1.6.2

English is the official language of minutes, correspondences and announcements

1.6.3

In case of conflict or dispute in the interpretation of the Constitution, Regulations, Official Rules, decisions and legal instruments of FISB, the English version shall prevail.



Chapter II

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Institutions and members of FISB.

2.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1.1

FISB is managed by governing institutions which are assisted by supporting institutions.

2.1.2

FISB members are:

- a) The affiliated National Federations.
- b) FISB governing institutions (General Assembly, Executive Board, and Presidency)
- c) FISB supporting institutions (Confederations, National Federations, Councils, Committee and Secretariat).
- d) Persons elected or appointed to a position in any FISB governing institution other than General Assembly.
- e) Persons elected or appointed to a position in any FISB supporting institution
- f) Organizing Committees of FISB competitions
- g) FISB officials and referees
- h) National leagues, clubs, teams and their leaders, managers, players, coaches, referees, medical staff, Media staff and anti-doping staff.

2.1.3

Only members of NFs that have participated in a World Championships as a senior player or an official at any stage have the right to be elected members of the Executive Board for the next term

2.2 THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS (NFs)

2.2.1

FISB is composed of the founding National Federations and of all other NFs affiliated to it thereafter.

2.2.2

The NFs must be legally constituted and recognized by the sports authorities of their countries or territories, it should be an independent entity competent to administer and govern the sport of Speedball at national level.



2.2.3

The NFs affiliated to FISB mutually recognize one another as the sole Speedball authorities in their respective countries or territories.

2.2.4

The NFs must respect and implement FISB Constitution, Regulations, Official Rules and decisions. Their own Constitution must reflect the provisions of FISB Constitution, Official Rules and Regulations which are considered an integral part of their Constitution. In case of contradiction, FISB Constitution, Official Rules and Regulations shall prevail.

2.2.5

All NFs affiliated to FISB shall have the same rights.

2.2.6 Affiliation

2.2.6.1

The affiliation of an NF to FISB is granted at its own request and by decision of the General Assembly. The Executive Board may accept an affiliation on a provisional basis pending ratification by the General Assembly.

2.2.6.2

The General Assembly defines the conditions and procedures to be fulfilled for such request of affiliation. Should any of the conditions for affiliation cease to be fulfilled, the NF concerned, even provisionally affiliated, and shall lose all of its rights until such time as the conditions of affiliation are met.

2.2.6.3

Each NF must pay an annual fee whose amount and conditions are established by the Executive Board and ratified by the General Assembly (**500 – Five hundreds Euros at present**).

2.3 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2.3.1 Composition and quorum

2.3.1.1

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of FISB It shall meet at least every two (2) years.

2.3.1.2

The General Assembly is composed of all the affiliated NFs up to date in their obligations and financial commitments. Each affiliated NF may be represented by a maximum of two delegates, duly accredited for that purpose, who must be members of the NF and nationals of the country concerned with the exception of the provisions of Article.

2.3.1.3

An affiliated NF may be represented by another affiliated NF accredited delegates. Such accredited delegates cannot represent more than one other affiliated NF, **Proxy letter** shall be issued by the NF that will not be able to attend.

2.3.1.4

Only NFs who have paid the annual membership fees (full membership) are eligible for voting in the General Assembly meeting, however all NFs who are FISB members or those applying for membership may attend the meeting of the General Assembly but with no right to vote.

2.3.1.5

Only the NFs in good order and those with the right to vote are counted to determine if the quorum is reached and are entitled to attend with the right to vote. The delegates of a NF under suspension, for any reason whatsoever, may attend the General Assembly as observers, but the NF cannot be counted for the purpose of the quorum.

2.3.1.6

The General Assembly may open if at least one-half of NFs with the right to vote, as established by Article 2.3.1.4, are present or represented. However, in the future, amendments to the Constitution may be adopted only if at least one-third (1/3) of FISB NFs are present.

2.3.2 Competence

2.3.2.1

The General Assembly has sole and exclusive competence for:

- a) Amending the Constitution;
- b) Amending the Official Rules of Speedball.
- c) Adopting FISB budget and defining its execution and the financial controls.
- d) Defining the procedures of affiliation and expulsion of an NF.
- e) Affiliating and expelling an NF.
- f) Electing the President of FISB and the Executive Board members.
- g) Confirming the Confederation Presidents as Vice Presidents of FISB.

2.3.2.2

The General Assembly has the competence for overseeing the adoption of Regulations derived from this Constitution, the execution of its decisions or the decisions of the other institutions of FISB and, in a general manner, all activities pertaining to FISB.

2.3.3 Agenda

2.3.3.1

The Presidency prepares the agenda for a General Assembly, as defined in the General Assembly Regulations. In all cases, this agenda shall include, among others, the following items:

- a) Amendments to the Constitution as required.
- b) Changes in the Official Rules of Speedball, Beach Speedball, special need /Paralympics Speedball, etc. as required.
- c) Presentation and approval of FISB President's report;
- d) Presentation and approval of the financial report;
- e) Presentation and approval of the biennial accounts;
- f) Adoption of the budget;
- g) Appointment of auditors;
- h) Election of FISB President as required;
- i) Election of the Executive Board members as required.

2.3.3.2

At a General Assembly, only items on the agenda may be discussed. In case of emergency and on the recommendation of the Executive Board of administration, items not on the agenda may be debated, provided that the General Assembly agrees by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes validly cast.

2.3.4 Decisions

2.3.4.1

Except where otherwise provided for in this Constitution or the Regulations, the decisions of the General Assembly are taken by a simple majority of the voting NFs. However, an amendment to the Constitution requires a three-quarters (3/4) majority of the votes validly cast to be approved.



3.2.4.2

Except where otherwise provided for in this Constitution or in specific decisions of the General Assembly which may fix an earlier or later date for enforcement of its decisions,

Such decisions shall enter into force three (3) months after the closing of the General Assembly.

2.3.5

Elections to the Presidency and the Executive Board.

2.3.5.1

The President and the members of the Executive Board are elected by the General Assembly at its assembly held in conjunction with the World Championships.

At present time the election process of The President and the members of the Executive Board will be scheduled to the General Assembly at its assembly held in Conjunction with the 2015 World Championships and on a quadrennial bases then after.

2.3.5.2

Candidatures for the Executive Board shall be submitted to FISB Secretariat by the NFs, with a copy to their respective Confederations for possible advice, no later than six (6) months prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

2.3.5.3

Only members of the Executive Board are eligible to the Presidency. The outgoing President is re-eligible to the Presidency. Other candidatures for the Presidency shall be submitted to FISB Secretariat by the respective NFs no later than six (6) months prior to the opening of the General Assembly. Such candidatures require the approval of the Executive Board, prior to submission to the General Assembly.

2.3.5.4

The Executive Board may accept one or more of its previous members for another period(s) of membership even if he applies for it independent of his national federation.

2.3.5.5

Elections to the Presidency and the Executive Board are held by secret ballot, unless there are no other candidacies.

2.3.6 Special Provisions

2.3.6.1 The General Assembly shall determine the dates and the place of its next assembly. The dates and the place must be reconfirmed to the affiliated NFs at least eight (8) months in advance.

2.3.6.2

An extraordinary General Assembly is held pursuant to a decision of the Executive Board or at the request of three-quarters (3/4) majority of NFs with no less than three (3) countries.

2.3.6.3

On the recommendation of the Executive Board, the General Assembly may grant honorary titles, corresponding to positions previously held, to persons who have rendered remarkable services to FISB.

2.3.6.4

The General Assembly Regulations shall be established by the Executive Board and ratified by the General Assembly.

2.4 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD/BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

2.4.1 Composition and Quorum

2.4.1.1

FISB President is the President of the Executive Board

2.4.1.2

Members of the Executive Board Shall be elected From among the candidatures submitted by the NFs to the General Assembly, or from current &/or former Executive Board members applying personally to the General Assembly, held in conjunction with the World Championships.

2.4.1.3

Members of the Executive Board shall be:

[President of FISB - President of African Confederation - President of Asian Confederation – Named Member from federation located in Africa and not from the country of the African Confederation President - Named Member from federation located in Asia and not from the country of the Asian Confederation President – Named Member from European Federation – Secretary General]



2.4.1.4

The Secretary General is a member of the Executive Board.

2.4.1.5

During their term, Executive Board members may only be removed from office, by decision of the Executive Board, for justifiable reasons.

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2.4.1.6

The Executive Board shall meet at least once a year.

2.4.2 Competence

2.4.2.1

The Executive Board shall be responsible for the overall administration and management of FISB. It shall handle urgent and exceptional situations in the spirit of this Constitution and in the general interest of FISB.

2.4.2.2

The Executive Board has the competence to adopt all Regulations derived from this Constitution, the exception of the Statutes and administrative procedures are the exclusive competence of the General Assembly.

2.4.2.3

The Executive Board has the competence to create the Committees and Councils, to appoint officials to or discharge them from such institutions. The Executive Board shall establish the limits of powers, responsibilities and functions of each Commission and Council through Regulations.

2.4.2.4

The decisions of the Executive Board, derived from the competence entrusted to it by the Constitution, are binding on all FISB members covered by such decisions.

2.4.2.5

The Executive Board may appoint a lawyer to defend the interests of FISB.

2.4.2.6

The Executive Board is empowered to apply sanctions:

- a) Simple admonition;
- b) Solemn admonition;
- c) Warning;
- d) Fine;
- e) Disqualification from competition;
- f) Loss of match or reversal of results;
- g) Adjustment of competition results;
- h) Discharge from official position;
- i) Suspension;
- j) Expulsion.

2.5 THE PRESIDENCY

2.5.1

Fulfillment of the charge

2.5.1.1

The functions and responsibilities of the Presidency shall be carried out by the President, elected by the General Assembly

2.5.1.2.

The President represents FISB legally.

2.5.1.3

He is primarily responsible for:

- (a) Implementing the decisions passed by the General Assembly and the Executive Board through the general secretariat,
- (b) Nominate staff and employees and supervising the work of the general secretariat;
- (c) Relations between FISB and the Confederations, Members, political bodies and international organizations.

2.5.1.4

Only the President may propose the appointment or dismissal of the Secretary General.

2.5.1.5

The President shall preside over the General Assembly, the Executive Board and Emergency Committee meetings and those committees of which he has been appointed chairman.

2.5.1.6

The President shall have an ordinary vote on the Executive Board and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.

2.5.1.7

If the President is absent or unavailable, the longest serving Vice President shall deputise.

2.5.1.8 Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organization regulations of FISB.



2.5.2 Competence

2.5.2.1

Jointly with the Executive Board, the President shall be responsible for executing the decisions of the General Assembly and the Executive Board.

2.5.2.2

When the Executive Board is not in session, the President may take all urgent measures. These must be notified to the Executive Board within one (1) month and ratified at its next meeting.

2.5.2.3

The President shall represent FISB with all legal powers. He chairs the sessions of the General Assembly, the meetings of the Executive Board and has the prerogative of chairing all other meetings of FISB Institutions.

2.5.2.4

In his capacity as Chairman of a meeting, the President has the casting vote.

2.5.2.5

The President shall be responsible for the on-going administration and management of FISB. He shall be the only person authorized to sign all contracts and committing documents. The President may delegate power of attorney on behalf of FISB.

2.5.2.6

Subject to prior approval of the Executive Board and within the parameters established nationally and internationally for non-profit organizations, the President may undertake procedures leading to act of ownership for FISB.

2.5.2.7

The President shall propose to the Executive Board the members of the Committees chosen from among, but not limited to, the candidatures presented by the NFs, and including external experts when considered necessary.

2.5.2.8

The President may accept a deputy for any member who is unable to attend the general assembly meeting provided that an official letter is sent by the national federation concerned at least one week prior to the meeting.

2.6 THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

2.6.1

The Executive Board may establish Committees in order to facilitate implementation of the objectives of FISB.

2.6.2

FISB technical committees shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) members each including the President, FISB President and FISB two Vice Presidents may propose To the Executive Board the Committee members, including external experts when considered necessary.

2.6.3

The primary role of the Committee is to make proposals to the Executive Board on matters of a highly technical or specialized nature.

2.6.4

Candidatures to the Committees shall be submitted to the Presidency by the NFs, no later than three (3) months prior to the opening of the General Assembly. The Presidency proposes to the Executive Board the Committee's members, including external experts when considered necessary. An affiliated NF may have only one (1) member per Committees.

2.6.5

FISB Technical Committees shall propose to the Executive board its own working Regulations and rules for approval, and in the future, may propose any required new amendments to the Executive Board.

2.6.6

The Executive Board shall establish the limits of powers, responsibilities and functions of each Committee through regulations.

2.7 THE CONFEDERATIONS

2.7.1 Composition

2.7.1.1

FISB Executive Board shall submit to the General Assembly the grouping into Confederations of the NFs on the basis of their geographical proximity.

2.7.1.2

The five (5) Confederations shall be:

- African Confederation;
- Asian Confederation;
- European Confederation;
- North/Central American and Caribbean Confederation;
- South American Confederation.

2.7.1.3

The bodies of the Confederations shall be:

- General Assembly;
- Executive Board.
- Technical Committees.
- Continental Secretariat.

2.7.1.4

The Constitution, Regulations and decisions of the Confederations must be approved by FISB Executive Board and follow the general principles and provisions of FISB Constitution.

2.7.1.5

The Confederations must constitute their Executive Board with members of different genders (masculine and feminine) with at least one member of the gender in minority to the other elected or appointed members, Only members of NFs that have participated in Senior Continental Championships at any stage as a player or an official have the right to be elected members of the Executive Board.

2.7.2 Competence

2.7.2.1

After the General Assembly and the Executive Board of FISB, the Confederations are the most representative institutions of FISB in their respective territories.

2.7.2.2

The Confederations may obtain legal status for the purpose of facilitating their administrative operations in the country where they have their headquarters. This prerogative shall not be construed as authorization to adhere to or be part of any other sports organization or entity or to take any action beyond the limits of this Constitution.

2.7.2.3

The Confederations shall have broad autonomy within the activities of FISB provided that they respect FISB Constitution, Regulations and decisions.

2.7.2.4

The competence of FISB Institutions should apply mutatis mutandis to the equivalent institutions of the Confederations. The decisions of the Confederations shall not conflict with those of FISB.

2.7.2.5

The Confederations shall be responsible, in their geographical area, for:

- a) Ensuring the respect of FISB Constitution, Regulations, Official Rules and decisions;
- b) Providing technical support and expertise to their NFs by all available means for the implementation of continental and FISB programs
- c) Approving the zonal competition calendars and regulations.

2.7.3 Special Provisions

2.7.3.1

FISB Executive Board may revise all or part of a decision taken by the Confederations if, in its judgment, such decision is contrary to the Constitution, Regulations, Official Rules, decisions and general interests of FISB.

2.7.3.2

The Confederations are empowered to apply sanctions in connection with competitions under their authority and as provided in the Code of Conduct.

2.8 FISB SECRETARIAT

2.8.1

The Secretariat shall, under the authority of the President and the direction of the Secretary General, take all necessary measures to ensure that this Constitution is respected. It shall provide support and assistance to the various institutions of FISB in order to promote the technical level, image and moral implication of Speedball at the highest level.

2.8.2

The functions of the Secretariat shall be to:

- a) Arrange for and organize meetings of the General Assembly, Executive Board, and Committees.
- b) Prepare reports for the work of the Committees at their meetings and for the implementation of projects approved by the Executive Board, and any other reports required;
- c) Study the reports of the various meetings and request from the supporting institutions such further information as it deems necessary to ensure the implementation of this Constitution;
- d) Perform the functions entrusted to it under the provisions of this Constitution;
- e) To select and hire, subject to the approval of the Presidency, the requisite staff to execute professionally the decisions of FISB institutions;
- f) Publish periodically and distribute to the NFs and the public, latest editions of all FISB publications, together with any information which will facilitate the development and growth of Speedball;
- g) Perform any other functions as may be entrusted to it by the General Assembly, the Executive Board, and the Presidency.



Chapter III

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Financial Provisions

3.1 FISCAL YEAR

3.1.1

FISB fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

3.2 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

3.2.1

FISB financial resources shall consist of:

- a) Annual fees of the affiliated NFs
- b) Revenue from marketing and television rights' agreements
- c) Recognition fees for sports competitions
- d) Fines
- e) Revenue from television and marketing rights
- f) Any other sources of funding approved by the Executive Board.

3.3 BUDGET

3.3.1

On the proposal of the Executive Board, the General Assembly shall adopt the biennial budgets.

3.3.2

The Executive Board may adapt the budgets to newly arising needs; it shall justify same to the General Assembly.

3.4 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

3.4.1

The Executive Board shall approve the profit and loss statement and balance sheet of each fiscal year and discharge the President and the Secretary General.

3.4.2

The Executive Board shall submit the last biennial accounts to the General Assembly for its approval and final discharge of the President.



3.5 AUDITORS

3.5.1

External Auditors

FISB accounts are audited annually by an official, professional firm of auditors, appointed by the Executive Board.

3.5.2.

The External Auditor report to the Executive Board and the General Assembly on the auditing of the:

- a) Profit and loss statement and balance sheet of the period;
- b) Revenue and expenditure results of the period, and Budget.

3.6 REGULATIONS

3.6.1

All the financial requirements for the operations of FISB including, but not limited to, the resources, authorizations, expenditures and control mechanisms are defined in the General Regulations, adopted by the Executive Board.

3.6.2

The External Auditor has access to all accounting documents for the purpose of their duties.

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Chapter IV

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Entry into force and Amendments

4.1

This Constitution shall enter into force on the date of its approval by the General Assembly held in **New Delhi, India October 31st 2014.**

4.2

This Constitution shall supersede the previous Constitution and all amendments thereto, which are hereby abrogated.

4.3

This Constitution shall be modified only by the General Assembly. Proposals for amendments must be presented by the Executive Board, or by at least three (5) NFs which must submit them to the Secretariat at least six (6) months prior to the opening of the General Assembly for distribution to the NFs. To be adopted, an amendment requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes validly cast.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SUBSCRIBERS:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Tel.</u>



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Dated the _____ day of _____ 2014
WITNESS to the above Signatures:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>

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