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## The Japanese Society of Physical Education of Young Children (JPEC) Regulations

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### General Provisions

**Article 1:** This organization shall be named "The Japanese Society of Physical Education of Young Children" as a branch organization of "The Asian Society of Physical Education of Young Children". The English name and abbreviation for "The Asian Society of Physical Education of Young Children" will be APEC, and for "The Japanese Society of Physical Education of Young Children" it will be JPEC.

**Article 2:** The establishment date of this organization shall be August 19, 2005.

**Article 3:** The location of The Japanese Society of Physical Education of Young Children shall be the same as the Society's Secretariat (also the Secretariat for The Asian Society of Physical Education of Young Children). The Society's Secretariat is located in the research laboratory of Yoko Ueda at Kamakura Women's University Junior College.

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## Objectives and Activities

**Article 4:** This organization aims to promote and advance practical guidance based on scientific theory, building upon the progress and development of international, interdisciplinary, and academic research, with the goal of balancing scientific theory and practice in the physical education of young children. To achieve this, it will conduct the following activities:

1. Holding conferences and symposiums to promote research on the physical education of young children among members.
2. Holding seminars and workshops to improve members' teaching skills and to promote and popularize the field.
3. Training instructors in the physical education of young children through society-certified qualifications to popularize the field.
4. Publishing research journals, such as the Journal of Early Childhood Physical Education Research and the Asian Journal of Early Childhood Physical Education Research, and newsletters.
5. Holding general meetings and board meetings where members deliberate on and

decide the society's organizational management.

6. Conducting other necessary activities to achieve the society's objectives.

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## **Membership**

**Article 5:** The members of this organization shall be regular members, supporting members, and special members. Regular members are those who agree with the organization's objectives, are recommended by a branch board of directors, and approved by the central executive board. Supporting and special members are those who provide financial assistance to the organization's activities and are approved by the board of directors.

**Article 6:** Members can participate in the activities conducted by this organization and receive its publications.

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## **Officers**

**Article 7:** The following officers shall be appointed to manage the organization's activities:

1. **President:** 1 person (elected by mutual vote of the directors).

2. **Vice President:** A few people (appointed by the President and approved by the board of directors).
3. **Chairman of the Board:** 1 person (appointed by the President and approved by the board of directors).
4. **Executive Director:** A few people (appointed by the President, Vice President, and Chairman of the Board from among the directors).
5. **Director:** A few people (elected by mutual vote of the regular members).
6. **Auditor:** 2 people (elected by mutual vote of the regular members).
7. **Secretary General:** 1 person (appointed by the President and approved by the board of directors).
8. **Advisor:** A few people (recommended by the President and approved by the board of directors).

**Article 8:** The term of office for officers is four years, and reappointment is not prohibited. If a vacancy occurs, a new officer will be elected by the board of directors, and their term will be the remainder of their predecessor's term.

**Article 9:** A secretariat will be established to assist with the organization's

administration, and the following officers shall be appointed to the secretariat:

1. **Secretary General:** 1 person (appointed by the President and confirmed by the board of directors).
2. **Secretaries:** A few people (appointed by the Secretary General and confirmed by the board of directors).

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## **Meetings**

**Article 10:** The meetings of this organization shall be the general meeting, the executive board meeting, and the board of directors meeting.

**Article 11:** A general meeting shall be held once a year.

**Article 12:** The board of directors shall be composed of the President and other directors, and convened by the Chairman of the Board. Directors are responsible for the execution of the organization's activities<sup>35</sup>. The Chairman of the Board must convene a board meeting if a majority of directors request it.

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## **Accounting**

**Article 13:** The expenses of this organization shall be paid for by membership fees,

donations, and other sources.

**Article 14:**

1. The annual fee for regular members shall be 5,000 yen for the time being, to be paid by the end of December each year for the following year.
2. The annual fee for supporting members shall be 10,000 yen per unit.
3. For corporations that agree with the organization's purpose and become special members, the fee shall be 100,000 yen per unit.

**Article 15:** The fiscal year of this organization begins on January 1 and ends on December 31 of each year.

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**Miscellaneous Provisions**

**Article 16:** Amendments to the organization's regulations and bylaws shall be decided by a majority vote at the general meeting.

**Article 17:** In the event of the organization's dissolution, its assets and other properties will be donated to a non-profit organization.

**Article 18:** For this organization, it is desirable to strive to carry out its activities in

accordance with these regulations to achieve its objectives, and it will be entrusted with discretion based on the actual situation. However, an annual activity report and a financial statement must be submitted to the board of directors and the general meeting, and reported to the members.

**Article 19:** A regular or supporting member shall lose their membership if they fail to pay their annual fees for three consecutive years without a valid reason and do not respond to payment demands.

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### **Supplementary Provisions**

- The original draft of these regulations was submitted on August 19, 2005, and came into effect on May 5, 2006.
- Some parts were revised on February 25, 2017 (Article 7, item 2 revised, item 8 added).
- Some parts were revised on August 24, 2018 (Article 19 added).
- Some parts were revised on August 31, 2025 (Article 3 revised).

This certifies that the content of these regulations is factual and correct.

Daisuke Nishijima, President, The Japanese Society of Physical Education of Young  
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## The Asian Society of Physical Education of Young Children (APEC)

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**Establishment:** August 19, 2005

In August 2005, the 1st Asian Society of Physical Education of Young Children [Asian Symposium on Physical Education, Health, and Welfare of Young Children] was held at Waseda University, led by Professor Akira Maehashi. During this symposium, representatives from Japan, Taiwan, and Korea met in Tokyo and decided to hold an annual international conference on "physical education of young children," rotating among various countries and regions in Asia. This would provide an opportunity to learn about international trends in the field, exchange information on the latest theories and practical research, and create a venue for researchers and practitioners to interact and build friendships. To achieve this, each country and region vowed to cooperate and support each other, promising to meet again every year.

The founders were:

- **Japan:** Akira Maehashi (Waseda University), Mitsuhiro Yonetani (Seinan Gakuin University), Hikaru Tanaka (Ryutsu Keizai University), Yukio Sawada (Sawada Sports Club), Hiroko Ishii (Kyoto Notre Dame University), Kenji Harada (Kyoto

Nishiyama Junior College).

- **Korea:** Sang-ok Seo (Korea New Sports Association), Jung-sook Lee (Myongji University).
- **Taiwan:** Jin-song Qiu (National Taiwan Sport University), Yong-kuan Huang (National Taiwan Sport University).

In 2006, the 2nd Asian Society of Physical Education of Young Children [Asian Symposium on Physical Education, Health, and Welfare of Young Children] international academic research meeting was held on August 19-20 at Chung-Ang University in Seoul, Korea. Afterward, it was decided that the meeting would rotate to other regions, including Taiwan and China. It was agreed that if new participating countries joined and were ready to host, the venue would be given to them.

It was also decided that the organizer (president) of the Asian society would be a representative from the host country of the annual conference. For the time being, the academic journal "Asian Journal of Young Children Physical Education" would be published with the secretariat located at Waseda University in Japan.

To ensure the future operation and mission fulfillment of the Asian Society of Physical Education of Young Children, we invite any country or region interested in the research

of "physical education for young children" to join the society. We look forward to your continued cooperation and support.

**August 20, 2006**

**Organizers:** Akira Maehashi, Mitsuhiro Yonetani, Hikaru Tanaka, Yukio Sawada, Hiroko Ishii, Kenji Harada, Sang-ok Seo, Jung-sook Lee, Jin-song Qiu, Yong-kuan Huang