

**2017 Report on  
the State of International  
Parkour Organization**

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# Chapter 1 - Introduction

## Goal of the report

The goal of this report is to provide an unbiased overview of the current state of global parkour organizations. This is not an attempt to support or to renounce any particular organization, but rather to provide a single location where the information about each organization can be easily viewed and compared. In principle, since acceptance and support of a global organization is necessary for its success, the hope is that this document can broaden understanding of the efforts currently in progress and promote an informed and open discussion among interested parties.

For convenience and word economy, the term “parkour” with a lowercase “p,” in this document represents the entire range of creative movement and sport activities subsumed under diverse terms like parkour, Arts du Déplacement, and freerunning. “Parkour” with a capital “P” refers specifically to the practice descended from David Belle.

## Who we are

Umbrella CAST<sup>1</sup> is a think tank specializing in solutions based on integration and deep-level thinking. Guided by the principles of reason, we recognize that solutions to most problems are revealed by a thorough examination of the foundational principles on which they are based. This approach yields novel and effective solutions to a wide range of problems including organizational structures, scientific problems, social issues, health, and optimization of the human experience. Our particular interest in the global organization of parkour results from our identification of parkour as a practice consistent with human excellence and exceptionalism. It is in the interest of preserving and supporting the practice of parkour that we lend our support.

## Input from organizations

Prior to the publication of this report we requested input from Fédération Internationale des Arts du Déplacement, International Parkour Federation, Parkour Earth, and Parkour International. Responses are included in the appendices of this document.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.umbrellacast.com/>

## Disclaimer and ordering

Objectivity and unbiased presentation are the guiding principles behind the preparation of this report. Any omissions, misconceptions, or misrepresentations are entirely unintentional.

**Please contribute discussion or corrections to this document in the Parkour Forum, “2017 Report on the State of International Parkour Organization.”**<sup>2</sup> Organizations are listed alphabetically to avoid any ordering bias. Since the purpose of the document is to provide complete information as a foundation for open discussion, a preference for inclusion of organizations (rather than exclusion) has guided our choices of organizations covered in this report.

## Presentation and publication

This report was produced as background research for a presentation given by Craig Constantine on September 29th, 2017, in Brooklyn, New York, as part of the 2017 Art of Retreat<sup>3</sup> event.

## Report structure and explanation of each section

For ease of comparison, each organization is presented in a separate, identically-structured chapter. Volume of content varies on the basis of available information.

- **Identifying Information** such as logo, website, social media, and contact information are provided.
- **Stated Purpose and Goals** of the organization are listed.
- **Who May Join** differentiates by the *type of entities* that can become members (e.g., individual practitioners, groups only, nationally recognized organizations, etc.).
- **Organization** describes the structure of the organization, including the type of organization (club, voluntary association, governing body, representative, non-profit, etc.) and the legal structure of the organization. Links to the constitution of the organization will be included in this section as well as any information on who controls the organization currently (e.g., board of directors, membership, etc.).
- **History of Creation** and development of each organization is listed including date the organization was founded, key players, and the location where the organization initially developed.
- **Salient Events** are listed to illustrate and document important and significant historic events in which the organization has been involved.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://parkourforum.world/viewtopic.php?f=6&t=18>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.artofretreat.com>

## Next Steps

An important next step is the discussion of how a global parkour organization should be structured. The ultimate structure of such an organization, of course, depends on what the organization is expected to do. Will the organization control practitioners and define orthodox parkour? Is it a conduit for creating a common voice for global issues impacting parkour? Is it a resource for best practices? The answers to such questions determine the future development and practice of parkour. Careful consideration and discussion with philosophical guidance are necessary to determine and recognize the correct and best path forward.

Such a discussion must involve conversations across the global community. The Parkour Forum<sup>4</sup> is a place for the serious discussion of the foundational ideas of the practice of parkour. This site has been established as a free and public forum for the discussion of parkour-related concerns. The forum structure provides a durable medium in which old ideas and posts remain visible and can be referenced. Use of ephemeral communications such as social media leads to key ideas being lost and forgotten. Keeping such ideas in the forum allows everyone to build and develop the ideas into a more lasting form of knowledge. The forum is a non-commercial site without advertising and is supported by Umbrella CAST.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://parkourforum.world/>

# Chapter 2 - Fédération Internationale des Arts du Déplacement (FIADD)

## Identifying Information

Logo:



Website:

<http://fiadd.com>

Social Media:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/FedIntADD/>

Twitter - [@FedIntADD](https://twitter.com/FedIntADD)

Contact Information:

[contact@fiadd.com](mailto:contact@fiadd.com)<sup>6</sup>

4th Floor, Burwood House, 14 - 16  
Caxton Street London, SW1H 0QT  
United Kingdom<sup>7</sup>

## Stated Purpose and Goals

FIADD's Committee is committed to facilitating the sharing of ideas and information and actively assisting in the development and growth of parkour / freerunning worldwide. Principally, the FIADD Committee looks after the following:

- The world-wide development and spread of parkour / freerunning

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<sup>5</sup> [Fiadd.com](http://fiadd.com)

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/pg/FedIntADD/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/FedIntADD/about/?ref=page_internal)

<sup>7</sup>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/fiadd---f%C3%A9d%C3%A9ration-internationale-des-arts-du-d%C3%A9placement>



- The creation and enhancement of structures of activities, organisation and education in all FIADD Member Organisations
- International standards for the practise, coaching and reputation of parkour / freerunning
- Protecting and disseminating the values, ethics and spirit of parkour / freerunning<sup>8</sup>

## Who May Join

- National bodies
- Local/regional bodies working towards national recognition
- Parkour / freerunning groups<sup>9</sup>

## Organization

### Type of Entity:

Nonprofit international federation<sup>10</sup> and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)<sup>11</sup>

### Legal Structure:

FIADD is governed by UK law. It is composed of Governors (legislative body), Executive Board (executive body) and Members (the voting member national federations).<sup>12</sup>

The FIADD Committee works to a two year business plan. This plan details the strategic directions, key priorities, strategies and tasks that will be addressed by the Committee over the coming planning cycle.<sup>13</sup>

### Constitution:

*(Not publically posted as of 2017-Sep)*

### Leadership:

Director General Dan Edwardes<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> <http://fiadd.com/governance/>

<sup>9</sup> <http://fiadd.com/affiliation/>

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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/fiadd---f%C3%A9d%C3%A9ration-internationale-des-arts-du-d%C3%A9placement>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/FedIntADD/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/FedIntADD/>

<sup>13</sup> <http://fiadd.com>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/in/danedwardes/>

## History of Creation

FIADD was launched on 2013-Jan-01, and is based in London, United Kingdom.<sup>15</sup> It was founded by global parkour / freerunning communities and pioneers of the discipline.<sup>16</sup>

## Salient Events

### 2014-Jan-22: Inaugural general assembly meets

FIADD's Inaugural General Assembly (Annual General Meeting) is held on 2014-Jan-22 in London, UK. Hosted by Member Organisation Parkour UK, the GA has founding member countries present including France, UK, Denmark and Finland and addresses a number of very significant issues relating to the growth and development of the international parkour/freerunning community, as well as the ongoing work of FIADD to protect, maintain and disseminate the values, principles and spirit of parkour / freerunning internationally.<sup>17</sup>

### 2017-Apr-21: FIADD opposes FIG

FIADD and members announce opposition to "FIG's attempt to hijack the discipline of parkour" and express support for Parkour UK's letter of condemnation.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/FedIntADD/>

<sup>16</sup> <http://fiadd.com/about/>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/FedIntADD/>

<sup>18</sup>

[https://mobile.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=1447853231934089&id=510634055656016&refid=17&\\_ft=top\\_level\\_post\\_id.1447853231934089%3Atl\\_objid.1447853231934089%3Apage\\_id.510634055656016%3Athid.510634055656016%3A306061129499414%3A3%3A0%3A1506841199%3A267227017579089386&\\_tn\\_=%2AW-R#footer\\_action\\_list](https://mobile.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1447853231934089&id=510634055656016&refid=17&_ft=top_level_post_id.1447853231934089%3Atl_objid.1447853231934089%3Apage_id.510634055656016%3Athid.510634055656016%3A306061129499414%3A3%3A0%3A1506841199%3A267227017579089386&_tn_=%2AW-R#footer_action_list)

# Chapter 3 - Fédération Internationale du Gymnastique (FIG)

## Identifying Information

Logo:



Website:

<http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/>

Social media:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/fig.gym/>

Twitter - [@gymnastics](https://twitter.com/@gymnastics)

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/user/figchannel>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/figgymnastics/>

LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/9197767/>

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info@fig-gymnastics.org<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/>

<sup>20</sup> <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/page/view?id=743>

## Stated Purpose and Goals

FIG is the exclusive, global umbrella organization that governs the discipline, its rules and its competitions.<sup>21</sup> It governs seven disciplines: **Gymnastics for All, Men's Artistic, Women's Artistic, Rhythmic, Trampoline, Aerobic and Acrobatic Gymnastics**.<sup>22</sup> The federation sets the rules, known as the Code of Points, that regulate how gymnasts' performances are evaluated.<sup>23</sup> Additionally, the federation is responsible for determining whether gymnasts are old enough to participate in the Olympics.<sup>24</sup>

## Who May Join

- Continental unions
- National organizations (as affiliated/associated federations)<sup>25</sup>

## Organization

Type of Entity:

An international federation that is the governing body for Gymnastics worldwide<sup>26</sup>, the FIG is the exclusive authority recognised by the International Olympic Committee.<sup>27</sup>

Legal Structure:

The main governing bodies of the federation are the president and vice presidents; the Congress, held every two years; the Executive Committee; the Council; and technical committees for each of the disciplines.<sup>28</sup>

Constitution:

*(Not publically posted as of 2017-Sep)*

Leadership:<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/page/view?id=679>

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/about/federation/brief>

<sup>23</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Federation\\_of\\_Gymnastics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Federation_of_Gymnastics)

<sup>24</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Federation\\_of\\_Gymnastics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Federation_of_Gymnastics)

<sup>25</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Federation\\_of\\_Gymnastics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Federation_of_Gymnastics) (original source not available)

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/about/federation/brief>

<sup>27</sup> <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/page/view?id=679>

<sup>28</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Federation\\_of\\_Gymnastics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Federation_of_Gymnastics)

<sup>29</sup>

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1049923/international-gymnastics-federation-set-for-week-of-key-meetings-in-baku>

President Morinari Watanabe<sup>30</sup>  
General Secretary André Gueisbuhler  
Vice Presidents Vitaly Titov, Nellie Kim, and Luo Chaoyi

## History of Creation

The Fédération Européenne de Gymnastique (FEG) office in Liège, Belgium was founded 1881-Jul-23, with Nicolas Cupérus, President. In 1908, the FEG participated in the Olympic Games for the first time as an official international federation, responsible for gymnastics worldwide. On 1921-Apr-07, the FEG office became the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG).<sup>31</sup>

## Salient Events

### 2017-Feb-21–23: New Executive Committee agrees to develop a new FIG discipline based on parkour

At first meeting of new Executive Committee at FIG headquarters in Lausanne, agreement is reached to develop a new FIG discipline related to obstacle course competitions and parkour.<sup>32</sup>

### 2017-May-04–05: Executive Committee meeting in Baku

Parkour Roadmap was unanimously approved by Executive Committee and the Council.<sup>33</sup>

### 2017-May-28: FIG Obstacle Course Cup in Montpellier, France

With the support of David Belle and Charles Perrière, FIG staged the event in conjunction with the FISE, a major festival of urban sports encompassing also other editions worldwide. APEX School of Movement withdrew from the project.<sup>34</sup> FIG reported the event as a “huge success.”<sup>35</sup>

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[http://www.intlgymnast.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=4697:morinari-watanabe-elected-president-of-fig&catid=2:news&Itemid=53](http://www.intlgymnast.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4697:morinari-watanabe-elected-president-of-fig&catid=2:news&Itemid=53)

<sup>31</sup> <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/about/federation/history>

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<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1104002974775&ca=3514ded5-82cd-4788-8249-b3807e822f52>

<sup>33</sup> <https://gymblogcentral.com/2017/06/parkour-continues-to-move-forward-as-fig-discipline/>

<sup>34</sup> <https://gymblogcentral.com/2017/06/parkour-continues-to-move-forward-as-fig-discipline/>

<sup>35</sup> <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/figNews/view?id=1803>

## 2017-Jun: Decision to dissolve the Mouvement and merge activity under FIG

In a meeting with the Mouvement and FIG, a decision is reached to dissolve the Mouvement, merge, and have all activity under FIG.<sup>36</sup>

## 2017-Jun-09: Parkour moves forward as FIG discipline

SIG press release indicates that Parkour continues to move forward as a FIG discipline despite some negative feedback of practitioners that “relies on bias and misinformation indiscriminately conveyed on social networks.”

“The development process of Parkour as new FIG discipline successfully passed two key stages with the organization of a first FIG Obstacle Course Cup in Montpellier (FRA) and the discussions held in order to implement the roadmap unanimously approved by the Executive Committee and the Council in Baku (AZE) last month.”<sup>37</sup>

## 2017-Jun-10: David Belle and Charles Perrière meet with FIG

In order to promote their stated objective of achieving global recognition of Parkour, David Belle and Charles Perrière meet with FIG in support of the idea of competition.<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> Private communication in Facebook “Parkour Research” group

<sup>37</sup> <https://gymblogcentral.com/2017/06/parkour-continues-to-move-forward-as-fig-discipline/>

<sup>38</sup> Post on the Facebook page for Parkour International, <https://www.facebook.com/parkourinternational/>

# Chapter 4 - International Parkour Federation (IPF)

## Identifying Information

Logo:



IPF logo<sup>39</sup>

Website:

<http://internationalparkourfederation.com>

Social Media:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/theinternationalparkourfederation/>

Twitter - [@IPF\\_Parkour](https://twitter.com/IPF_Parkour)

Instagram - [@ipf\\_insta](https://www.instagram.com/ipf_insta)

Contact Information:

[Contact@internationalparkourfederation.com](mailto:Contact@internationalparkourfederation.com)

*(No known mailing address as of 2017-Sep)*

## Stated Purpose and Goals

The Mission of IPF is to promote the practice of Parkour and related disciplines through community building, world wide and local competitive and noncompetitive events, charitable initiatives for underserved parkour communities, and the creation of affiliated Parkour National Governing Bodies in countries around the world. IPF is committed to partnership with like-minded people of good will, with the goal of filling our 15 member executive council and 30 member board with a diverse group of global leaders who share our vision inclusion and equality regardless of race, gender, religion or sexual orientation. We will continue our

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<sup>39</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/theinternationalparkourfederation/>

pro-parkour, pro-social initiatives around the world, which we believe represent the best of the parkour philosophy, "Be strong to be useful."<sup>40</sup>

The purpose of the organization shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. To perpetuate and improve Parkour world-wide
2. To encourage the growth and development world wide of Parkour programs and offerings to the world's youth.
3. To encourage the creation of national teams for the purpose of representation of their respective countries for the opportunity to conduct and organize worldwide competition.
4. To coordinate efforts with all other agencies promoting Parkour by stipulating its collective opinions through its elected officials and executives in the various mediums that are available through world sport.
5. To work with companies, manufactures[sic], agencies and all other commercial and public entities that have the ability to assist in the growth, development and promotion of Parkour
6. To give concrete recognition for outstanding contributions to Parkour by groups, individuals and events
7. To provide coaches, teacher and educators tools for the research of trends, technology, ideas,safety, other issues and solutions to problems, associated with Parkour and its many teaching and learning environments
8. To provide and create the resources and activities that allow the members the opportunities to discuss, enhance and evaluate changes in Parkour with implications at levels from beginner through Olympic caliber athletes
9. To communicate with and support the interest of new federations and countries that may be interested in starting programs, activities and events in Parkour
10. To encourage and promote the good moral standards that are enhanced through the sports experience and through a sports education and to help steward that responsibility at all levels of Parkour participation.
11. To follow and promote the laws of international sport, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) as they apply to the use of drugs, banned substances and other agents that destroy the integrity of sports participation and competition.

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<sup>40</sup> <http://internationalparkourfederation.com>



12. To create new events, properties, activities, publications, literature, materials, promotions and other such enhancements that will aid in the marketing, promotions and growth of Parkour
13. To establish rules and regulations for all the competitive events and programs under the jurisdiction of the IPF and to identify, train and educate the technical experts, officials and other required personnel to help guarantee fairness, accuracy of evaluation and objectivity in all of the Parkour competitive programs and events.
14. To establish the rules of eligibility, none of which will be more restrictive than those established by the IOC and to work with the respective National Federations to assist them in such governance that will allow for maximum participation by parkour athletes and everyone interested worldwide.
15. To create, promote, disseminate and have jurisdiction over the rules of conduct for international competitions including international contests and exchanges, World Championships, World Cups and the Olympic Games. Also, to assist in the conduct of the Olympic Games, working with Sportaccord/GAISF and the IOC, as well as the respective Local Organizing Committee that is responsible for the conduct of the Games, as assigned and awarded by the IOC. The IPF must also support the procedures of honesty and integrity of sport, and as they apply to the enforcement and systems of fair play. The IPF thus recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and endorses and accepts their rules and regulations, policies and mandates.
16. To protect and prevent the involvement of government or political organizations as well as religious groups or other groups, including commercial entities that may not have the best interests of the athletes, the events or Parkour
17. The IPF recognizes and supports the purposes of the important international organizations such as Sportaccord/GAISF, as well as the reverence for their rules, protocols and structure.
18. Other purposes, so designated and assigned by the Executive Council and the General Assembly, or in accordance with the rules of Sportaccord and the IOC.<sup>41</sup>

## Who May Join

- National federations
- Regional alliances including continental bodies
- Honorary individual members

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<sup>41</sup> <http://internationalparkourfederation.com/constitution/>

- Industry/commercial members (no vote)<sup>42,43</sup>

## Organization

Type of Entity:

Nonprofit, independent, non-governmental international sports organization<sup>44</sup>

Legal Structure:

Elected Officers

- President
- Vice Presidents (8)
- Treasurer

Executive Council

- One representative each from (8) major continental regions
- Athlete Representatives (3)
- Industry Representatives (2)
- Legal Counsel (no vote)
- Secretary-General (no vote-paid staff)

Constitution:

[Constitution and Conflict of Interest Statement](#)<sup>45</sup>

Leadership:

Cofounder Victor Bevine<sup>46</sup>

Cofounder David Thompson<sup>47</sup>

Representative Ryan Doyle<sup>48</sup>

## History of Creation

In 2014, IPF filed not-for-profit incorporation papers in Indiana (later transferred to New Jersey). Federation by-laws were written and an application was submitted for membership in Sport

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<sup>42</sup> <http://internationalparkourfederation.com/apply/>

<sup>43</sup> <http://internationalparkourfederation.com/constitution/>

<sup>44</sup> <http://internationalparkourfederation.com/constitution/>

<sup>45</sup> <http://internationalparkourfederation.com/constitution/>

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/in/victor-bevine-8376406/>

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/in/davidrichardthompson/>

<sup>48</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/in/ryan-doyle-58b70321/>

Accord/GAISF, the first step in formal recognition for a new sport, while developing the 40 affiliated recognized National Governing Bodies (NGB's) required for full membership.<sup>49</sup>

## Salient Events

2014-Jun-01: First Constitution<sup>50</sup>

2017-May-18: Open Letter to FIG

IPF and WFPF respond to Federation International de Gymnastique (FIG) email invitation on 2017-May-14 to meet in Switzerland and comment on attempt by FIG to take over competitive parkour.<sup>51,52</sup>

2017-Jun-15–16: Sport Accord meeting

Representatives of IPF from the US and UK, are invited to a meeting at Sport Accord/GAIFS in Lausanne, Switzerland to review IPF's pending application with an eye towards approval for GAISF's newly created "observer" status.<sup>53,54,55</sup>

2017-Aug-11: Iran Parkour/IRIFPF letter to IPF

Iran Parkour/IRIFPF writes letter to acknowledge their support for IPF as the "only" official international parkour federation.<sup>56</sup>

2017-Sep-08: First Revision of Constitution

Constitution includes a Technical Committee for Freerunning and Parkour, which is responsible for writing the rules of competition for the Olympic Games and other major international contests including World Championships and World Cups.<sup>57</sup>

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<sup>49</sup> <http://internationalparkourfederation.com/about-ipf/>

<sup>50</sup> <http://internationalparkourfederation.com/constitution/>

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<https://www.wfpf.com/message-wfpf-ipf-re-attempt-fig-federation-international-de-gymnastique-take-competitive-parkour/>

<sup>52</sup> <https://www.wfpf.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/WFPF-Letter-1.jpg>

<sup>53</sup> <http://internationalparkourfederation.com/about-ipf/>

<sup>54</sup> <http://internationalparkourfederation.com/2017/07/ipf-meets-gaisfsport-accord-ioc-representatives/>

<sup>55</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/worldfpf/posts/10155065407701609>

<sup>56</sup> Private communication in Facebook "Parkour Research" group

<sup>57</sup> <http://internationalparkourfederation.com/constitution/>

## 2017-Sep-11: IPF/WFPF announce the USA Parkour Cup

WFPF announces the USA Parkour Cup, sanctioned by IPF and in partnership with the All Star Games, to be held in Washington, DC, on 2018-Jan-19–21.<sup>58</sup>

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<sup>58</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/worldfpf/>

# Chapter 5 - Le Mouvement International du Parkour Freerunning et l'Art du Déplacement (MIPFA) aka The Mouvement<sup>59</sup>

## Identifying Information

Logo:



MIPFA logo<sup>60</sup>

Website:

Formerly <http://ww38.themouvement.org/><sup>61</sup>  
(No known website as of 2017-Sep)

Social Media:

Twitter: [@wethemouvement](https://twitter.com/wethemouvement)

Contact Information:

2 RUE THIROUIN  
91090 LISSES  
France<sup>62</sup>

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<sup>59</sup> <https://www.uia.org/s/or/en/1122277961>

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<http://www.francsjeux.com/communiqués/2014/09/03/le-mouvement-international-du-parkour-freerunning-et-lart-du-deplacement-est-en-route/14026>

<sup>61</sup> <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2014/09/prweb12141185.htm>

<sup>62</sup> <https://fr.kompass.com/c/mouvement-int-parkour-freerunning/fra00sig1/>

## Stated Purpose and Goals

The following information is taken from an article posted in French on the website francsjeux.com on 2014-Sep-09.<sup>63</sup>

*The mission is achieving universal awareness, appreciation and engagement for parkour, freerunning and l'art du déplacement.*

*From Afghanistan to the United States, we have seen that a sport must be recognized by international bodies before being promoted by the authorities, respected by the municipalities taught in schools and so on. Our first priority is international recognition. This is what will help our community most. But we will also ensure that our practice is always seen as more than a sport. Part of our community is interested in the competition and we will accompany these people. But competition is not what motivates us the most and our practice will always go beyond in order to develop the practice for all. "Said Belle.*

*We will measure the success of the Movement in our ability to contribute to positive social change through freerunning, parkour and the art of travel, "said Sébastien Foucan, the founder of freerunning. "For children, it is natural to use their everyday environment as a support for play and as a source of self-expression through creative physical activity. Society should develop this natural inclination of the children instead of discouraging it. This is an important issue and challenge that our organization wishes to address."*

*Chau Belle, one of the founders of l'Art du Déplacement said, "Only 17 years ago, we began to introduce parkour, freerunning and the art of traveling to the world via television. Having already achieved more research and more views on YouTube than any action sport is fantastic. But this success must be accompanied by a real understanding of the right training methods. In the development of parkour, freerunning and art moving from the beginning, we know that a well-supervised training is the essential condition to ensure safety, avoid injuries, and to develop personal skills which then allow the crossing of obstacles. The creation of the Movement will allow us to defend our practice while promoting it safely."*

## Who May Join

- National associations

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<http://www.francsjeux.com/communiqués/2014/09/03/le-mouvement-international-du-parkour-freerunning-et-lart-du-deplacement-est-en-route/14026> Google Translate

- Other groups<sup>64</sup>

## Organization

Type of Entity:

International nonprofit association

Legal Structure:

Created under the French law of 1901<sup>65</sup>

Constitution:

*(Not publically posted as of 2017-Sep)*

Leadership:

Founding members David Belle, Williams Belle, Chau Belle, Malik Diouf, Sébastien Foucan, and Charles Perrière.<sup>66</sup> The six founding members have agreed to rotate the Presidency of the organisation for the first four-year term, with David Belle serving the first eight months.<sup>67</sup>

## History of Creation

Current statutes were adopted 2014-Aug-29<sup>68</sup> in London and registered in accordance with French law of 1901. In Paris and London on September 3, 2014, the founders of parkour, freerunning and art du déplacement launched a new international organization to develop their practice.<sup>69</sup> Founding members are David Belle, Williams Belle, Chau Belle, Malik Diouf, Sébastien Foucan, and Charles Perrière.

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<sup>64</sup> <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2014/09/prweb12141185.htm>

<sup>65</sup> <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2014/09/prweb12141185.htm>

<sup>66</sup> <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2014/09/prweb12141185.htm>

<sup>67</sup>

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1022376/parkour-sets-up-new-organisation-in-what-could-be-first-step-towards-olympic-recognition>

<sup>68</sup> <https://www.uia.org/s/or/en/1122277961>

<sup>69</sup>

<http://www.francsjeux.com/communiqués/2014/09/03/le-mouvement-international-du-parkour-freerunning-et-lart-du-deplacement-est-en-route/14026>

## Salient Events

2014-Sep-03: Is established

2016-Feb: Contribution to Lillehammer 2016 Youth Olympic Games

The Mouvement, at the invitation of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), contributes to the Lillehammer 2016 Youth Olympic Games as part of the sports and culture festival that runs alongside the more traditional competitions.<sup>70</sup>

As of 2017-May-11: Some founders are no longer involved

Sébastien Foucan, Williams Belle, and Chau Belle are no longer involved. Mark Cooper and Florian Busi are administrators.<sup>71</sup>

2017-Jun-10: Disagreement among founders reported

David Belle and Charles Perrière report in public Facebook post under Parkour International that they will continue to work for Parkour in their own names and leave the other founding members of The Mouvement free to work on “their own respective disciplines (Freerunning, ADD).”<sup>72</sup>

2017-Aug-26: Mark Cooper comments on IPF

Mark Cooper notes that questionable governance issues with IPF’s 2014 statutes convinced him and the founding members of the Mouvement that it would be more appropriate for IPF to join the Mouvement. He states that IPF had been working entirely unannounced.<sup>73</sup> Since these comments, IPF has updated its Constitution.

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<sup>70</sup> <http://obstacleracingmedia.com/tag/lillehammer-2016-youth-olympic-games/>

<sup>71</sup> <http://www.accessparkour.com/fig-gate-the-story-so-far/>

<sup>72</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/parkourinternational/>

<sup>73</sup> Private communication in Facebook “Parkour Research” group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/theinternationalparkourfederation/videos/338158076610226/>



# Chapter 6 - Parkour Earth

## Identifying Information

Logo:



*PE logo*<sup>74</sup>

Website:

<http://parkour.earth/>

Social Media:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/ParkourEarth/>

Instagram - [@parkourearth](https://www.instagram.com/parkourearth)

Twitter - [@parkourearth](https://twitter.com/parkourearth)

Contact Information:

26 Red Lion Square  
London, England WC1R 4AG  
info@parkour.earth  
+44 20 3544 5834<sup>75</sup>

## Stated Purpose and Goals

Parkour Earth is the International Federation for Parkour/Freerunning/Art du Déplacement. As such, it will be the custodian of the philosophy, integrity, and sovereignty of the sport, art and/or discipline of Parkour/Freerunning/Art du Déplacement internationally for and on behalf of the international community.

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<sup>74</sup> [parkour.earth](http://parkour.earth)

<sup>75</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/ParkourEarth/>

It will also serve as the sole governing and administering body for the Parkour/Freerunning/Art du Déplacement internationally to protect the rights, freedoms and promote the interests of traceurs/traceuses, freerunners, practitioners, members & the international community.

Parkour Earth will comprise of and lead the international community from a platform of good governance, sound democratic process, and ethical conduct.

By the community, for the community.<sup>76</sup>

The Values include:

- *To ensure that the practice of the Sport in all its branches is a human right such that every human can have the possibility of freely practicing the Sport, without discrimination of any kind, within the spirit of friendship, solidarity, equality and fair play regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.*
- *Where relevant, to develop the Sport beyond the sporting context including the promotion of sport for social change, sport for development and the arts.*
- *To be responsible for the development of non-competitive and/or competitive programmes at international level and where relevant to co-ordinate events nationally and/or internationally. Parkour Earth's objects, values, and principles are summarized below:*

The Objects include:

- *To be the custodians of the philosophy, integrity and sovereignty of the Sport internationally for and on behalf of the international community.*
- *To protect the rights, freedoms and promote the interests of Traceurs/Traceuses, Freerunners, practitioners, members & the international community.*
- *To be the sole governing and administering body for the sport internationally.*
- *To comprise of national federations and/or organisations governing and/or administering the sport at national level.*
- *To encourage, support and promote national federations in individual countries, nations or territories not yet members of the Federation, where the sport is not yet nationally recognised to increase membership internationally and to encourage, support and promote the formation of national federations in individual countries, nations or territories where the Sport is not yet nationally organised.*

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<sup>76</sup> <http://parkour.earth>

The Principles include:

- *Good Governance – to encourage and support the promotion of and ensuring that principles of good governance be applied within and throughout the Sport.*
- *Autonomy – The autonomy of international sport is recognised as a fundamental principle and the Federation will take all appropriate measures to promote, preserve and protect the autonomy of the Sport internationally and The Federation shall provide Members complete autonomy in their own territory. It will have no part nor interfere in purely national issues unless such issues affect or undermine the objects, values and principles the international image and/or the international status of the Sport and/or the Federation in any way.*<sup>77</sup>

## Who May Join

- National federations
- Organizations/communities trying to for a national federation where there is none<sup>78</sup>

## Organization

Type of Entity:

Nonprofit international federation<sup>79</sup>

Legal Structure:

Company limited by guarantee<sup>80</sup>

Constitution:

<http://parkour.earth/#1501454230160-962c023a-86e2>

Leadership:

Chief Executive (GBR) Eugene Minogue<sup>81</sup>

Independent Director (NZL) Belinda Wheaton<sup>82</sup>

Independent Director(GBR) Stuart McInnes<sup>83</sup>

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<sup>77</sup> <http://parkour.earth>

<sup>78</sup> <http://parkour.earth>

<sup>79</sup> <http://parkour.earth/#1501454230160-962c023a-86e2>

<sup>80</sup> <http://parkour.earth/#1501454230160-962c023a-86e2>

<sup>81</sup> <http://parkour.earth/#1501454259009-414b3416-fcf8>

<sup>82</sup> <http://parkour.earth/#1501454238885-ca96e891-1f73>

<sup>83</sup> <http://parkour.earth/#1501454230160-962c023a-86e2>

Elected Director (FRA) Sacha Lemaire<sup>84</sup>  
Elected Director (AUS) Eliot Duffy<sup>85</sup>  
Elected Director (ZAF) Paul Gray<sup>86</sup>  
Elected Director (NZ) Damien Puddle<sup>87</sup>

## History of Creation

Six National Federations reached an accord 2017-Jul-04 to establish Parkour Earth, and the founding agreement was signed by the following representatives:

Eugene Minogue on behalf of Parkour UK (GBR)  
Sacha Lemaire on behalf of Fédération de Parkour (FRA)  
Damien Puddle on behalf of New Zealand Parkour – Tauhōkai Aotearoa (NZL)  
Eliot Duffy on behalf of Australian Parkour Association (AUS)  
Paul Gray on behalf of Parkour South Africa (ZAF)  
Tomasz Dabrowski on behalf of Polska Federacja Parkour i Freerun (POL)<sup>88</sup>

Parkour Earth was subsequently incorporated on 2017-Jul-12 and registered at Companies House in the UK.<sup>89</sup> Companies House is a government body that stores information on all of the limited companies and limited liability partnerships registered in the UK.<sup>90</sup>

## Salient Events

### 2017-Jul-04: Is established

A number of national federations reach an accord to establish Parkour Earth as the International Federation for Parkour/Freerunning/Art du Déplacement.<sup>91</sup>

### 2017-Jul-12: Is incorporated

Parkour Earth is incorporated and registered in the United Kingdom.<sup>92</sup>

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<sup>84</sup> <http://parkour.earth/#1501790088962-b6147f67-d0fb>

<sup>85</sup> <http://parkour.earth/#1501790090141-9f14ae56-c054>

<sup>86</sup> <http://parkour.earth/#1501790091427-0ff6b922-6250>

<sup>87</sup> <http://parkour.earth/#1501790092622-60f896d9-5533>

<sup>88</sup> <http://parkour.earth>

<sup>89</sup> <http://parkour.earth/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Parkour-Earth-Public-Announcement-FINAL.pdf>

<sup>90</sup> <https://www.freeagent.com/glossary/companies-house/>

<sup>91</sup> <http://parkour.earth/parkour-earth-launches/>

<sup>92</sup> <http://parkour.earth/parkour-earth-launches/>

## 2017-Jul-27: Sport Integrity Global Alliance membership

Parkour Earth is formally accepted as a member of Sport Integrity Global Alliance (SIGA).<sup>93</sup> SIGA is a worldwide, independent, nonprofit association incorporated under Swiss law with the intent of promoting the highest standards of fair play in the administration of sport, particularly in the areas of good governance, financial integrity, and sports betting integrity.<sup>94,95</sup>

## 2017-Aug-24: Open letter to Fédération Internationale du Gymnastique

Parkour Earth writes an open letter to FIG.<sup>96</sup>

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<sup>93</sup> <http://parkour.earth/parkour-earth-launches/>

<sup>94</sup> <http://siga-sport.net/>

<sup>95</sup> <http://siga-sport.net/statement-of-intent/>

<sup>96</sup> <http://parkour.earth/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/PKE-Open-Letter-to-FIG-24-August-2017-FINAL.pdf>

## Chapter 7 - Parkour International (PKI)

### Identifying Information

Logo:



*PI logo*<sup>97</sup>

Website:

<http://www.parkourinternational.org>

alternatively <http://pk-i.org>

Social Media:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/parkourinternational/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/fifpk>

Contact Information:

+33 6 42 41 69 87

[contact@fifpk.org](mailto:contact@fifpk.org)<sup>98</sup>

### Stated Purpose and Goals

Elle est un organe de réflexion, de formation et d'action qui a pour objet de promouvoir le Parkour tel qu'il est défini par son fondateur, David Belle.<sup>99</sup> (Translation: It is a body for reflection, training and action which aims to promote parkour as defined by its founder, David Belle.)

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<sup>97</sup> <http://www.parkourinternational.org>

<sup>98</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/parkourinternational/>

<sup>99</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/pg/parkourinternational/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/parkourinternational/about/?ref=page_internal)

## Who May Join

- Anyone<sup>100</sup>

## Organization

Type of Entity:

Nonprofit organization<sup>101</sup>

Legal Structure:

*(Not publically posted as of 2017-Sep)*

Constitution:

*(Not publically posted as of 2017-Sep)*

Leadership:

*(Unknown)*

## History of Creation

The organization was founded in 2010 in France<sup>102</sup> by David Belle and associates, under the impetus of Guy Janodet.<sup>103</sup>

## Salient Events

2010: Is founded

Fédération Internationale pour la Formation du Parkour (FIFPK) is founded. (The name Parkour International was adopted later.)<sup>104</sup>

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<sup>100</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/parkourinternational/>

<sup>101</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/pg/parkourinternational/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/parkourinternational/about/?ref=page_internal)

<sup>102</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/pg/parkourinternational/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/parkourinternational/about/?ref=page_internal)

<sup>103</sup> <https://parkourforum.world/viewtopic.php?f=5&t=14>

<sup>104</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/pg/parkourinternational/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/parkourinternational/about/?ref=page_internal)

## 2011-Apr-01: Is recognized under French law

FIFPK (later Parkour International) becomes an official association under French law 1901 by declaration in the prefecture of Evry.<sup>105</sup>

## 2011: Parkour is recognized in France via Union Française des Oeuvres Laïques d'Education Physique (UFOLEP).

UFOLEP is a multi-sport federation whose aim is to federate sport association and organize at local, regional, and national level competitions.<sup>106</sup>

## 2014: Hiatus

Organization is in hiatus with members supporting creation of The Mouvement.<sup>107</sup>

## 2017: PKI resumes

Organizational activities resume, including redesign of website, “since the Mouvement has reached the end of its actions.”<sup>108</sup>

## 2017: Members attend meeting proposed by FIG

Founding/honorary members Charles Perrière and Florian Busi (as Acting President and representative of David Belle, who could not attend) attend meeting proposed by FIG. Intentions of FIG are to begin discussions within the parkour community before creating a “Parkour Committee.”<sup>109</sup>

## 2017-Jun-07: Parkour International launches public forum

<http://forum.parkourinternational.org><sup>110</sup> This is a members-only site.

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<sup>105</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/364240560297830/posts/364593750262511/>

<sup>106</sup> <http://www.ufolep.org/?mode=about-ufolep>

<sup>107</sup> <https://parkourforum.world/viewtopic.php?f=5&t=14>

<sup>108</sup> <https://parkourforum.world/viewtopic.php?f=5&t=14>

<sup>109</sup> <https://parkourforum.world/viewtopic.php?f=5&t=14>

<sup>110</sup> Private communication from Parkour Research Facebook group



## Chapter 8 - Parkour Worldwide Association (PAWA)

### Identifying Information

Logo:



PAWA logo<sup>111</sup>

Website:

Formerly *pawa.fr*<sup>112</sup>

Social Media:

*(Unknown)*

Contact Information:

*(Unknown)*

### Stated Purposes and Goals

PAWA was created to transmit, show, and develop parkour as David Belle's father communicated it to David. One important mission is the construction of a Parkour center. Other projects are to establish the word Parkour and to count how many practitioners there are in the world. Also, PAWA plans to show what challenge is expected with Parkour and how to progress.<sup>113</sup> More generally, Parkour involves learning to get over all obstacles in one's path as in an emergency situation, so that one can help help others.<sup>114</sup>

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<sup>111</sup> <http://parkour19.skyrock.com/4.html>

<sup>112</sup> <http://web.archive.org/web/20050508021450/http://www.pawa.fr:80/Welcome/welcome.html>

<sup>113</sup> <http://web.archive.org/web/20050508021450/http://www.pawa.fr:80/Welcome/welcome.html>

<sup>114</sup> <http://parkourpedia.com/about/interviews-and-articles-of-interest/pkcali/>

“You have to make the difference between what is useful and what is not in emergency situations. Then you'll know what is parkour and what is not. So if you do acrobatics things on the street with no other goal than showing off, please don't say it's parkour. Acrobatics existed long time ago before parkour.”<sup>115</sup>

## Who May Join

*(Unknown)*

## Organization

Type of Entity:

*(Unknown)*

Legal Structure:

*(Unknown)*

Constitution:

*(Not publically posted as of 2017-Sep)*

Leadership:

Jocelyn Demoniere has served as President, Ramón Soto Tautiva as Vice President, and Romain Moultault as Director and Coach.<sup>116</sup>

## History of Creation

According to an unverified Wikipedia article, David Belle founded PAWA.<sup>117</sup> In 2004, at a press conference for the Russian premiere of the movie District 13. David Belle made a statement about the foundation of PAWA.<sup>118</sup> Oleg Krasnyansky became President of PAWA Russia and Sandra Hess became President of PAWA Germany.<sup>119</sup> Cliff Kravit became a U.S. representative<sup>120</sup> and Moses Kallweit an Austrian representative.<sup>121</sup> A world tour was planned to

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<sup>115</sup> <http://web.archive.org/web/20050508021450/www.pawa.fr/Welcome/welcome.html>

<sup>116</sup> <https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/PAWA>

<sup>117</sup> <https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/PAWA>

<sup>118</sup> <https://sites.google.com/site/parkurlifestyle/home/istoria-parkura>

<sup>119</sup> [https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandra\\_Hess\\_\(Sportlerin\)](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandra_Hess_(Sportlerin))

<sup>120</sup>

<http://www.myajc.com/lifestyles/fitness/from-france-california-parkour-gives-physical-mental-conditioning/xrQ4QTCf0vJnP4UgmH7L2K/>

illustrate that parkour can be done anywhere in the world, regardless of the environment<sup>122</sup> and to raise awareness as well as proper understanding of the sport and its practitioners.<sup>123</sup>

## Salient Events

### 2006: David Belle withdraws

David Belle announces his withdrawal from the organization.<sup>124,125</sup>

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<sup>121</sup> <https://www.parkour-vienna.at/community/topic/787-parkour-austria-moses/>

<sup>122</sup> [http://www.pkcali.com/parkour\\_plugins/content/content.php?content.8](http://www.pkcali.com/parkour_plugins/content/content.php?content.8)

<sup>123</sup> <http://www.dw.com/en/running-through-life-the-parkour-way/a-1701098>

<sup>124</sup> <https://tracers.ru/en/2007/12/istoriya-parkura-i-tracers/>

<sup>125</sup> <http://www.parkourpedia.com/docs/misconception.pdf>

## Appendix: Parkour Earth's Response to Request for Information

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## **The right of self-determination and common unity brings the international Parkour community together to federate and establish the International Federation - 'Parkour Earth'**

**Any** International Federation protecting the sovereignty of the sport, art and/or discipline of Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement **should and must be** established only by consensus of the international community, via a process of federating National Federations, as per entrenched and recognised international norms, on the established right of self-determination. By virtue of that right **we**, as an international community determine our sporting, social and cultural development, in accordance with the freely expressed will and desire of the international community.

As a result of a clear and demonstrable common unity and purpose within the international community, a number of National Federations reached an accord on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to establish [Parkour Earth](#) as the International Federation for Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement - our sport<sup>1</sup>, our community, our culture, our identity.

The six founding National Federations are [Parkour UK](#) (GBR), [Fédération de Parkour](#) (FRA), [New Zealand Parkour - Tauhōkai Aotearoa](#) (NZL), [Australian Parkour Association](#) (AUS), [Parkour South Africa](#) (ZAF) & [Polska Federacja Parkour i Freerun](#) (POL).

The accord by the founding member National Federations has had approval of their Boards, members and/or communities. Following the transparent and democratic approval of the accord, [Parkour Earth was incorporated on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017](#) and registered at Companies House in the UK.

The founding member National Federations, have elected and appointed [a transitional Board of Directors](#) on phased initial terms of office. The Transitional Board consists of four Elected Directors - Damien Puddle of New Zealand Parkour – Tauhōkai Aotearoa, Eliot Duffy of Australian Parkour Association, Paul Gray of Parkour South Africa & Sacha Lemaire of Fédération de Parkour. In addition to two Independent Directors - Stuart McInnes MBE as Independent Chair & Dr Belinda Wheaton. Additionally, Eugene Minogue of Parkour UK has been nominated and appointed as transitional CEO on an ex-officio basis. The transitional arrangements are fully detailed in Schedule 3 of Parkour Earth's [Memorandum & Articles of Association \(constitution/statutes\)](#) and on [our website](#).

<sup>1</sup> While our use of the term sport stems from the Council of Europe definition Parkour Earth recognises that some groups of practitioners may not describe the activity as 'sport'.

Council of Europe definition "Sport" means all forms of physical activity which, through casual or organised participation, aim at expressing or improving physical fitness and mental well-being, forming social relationships or obtaining results in competition at all levels.



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As the International Federation for Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement, Parkour Earth will be the custodians of the philosophy, integrity and sovereignty of the Sport internationally for and on behalf of the international community and be the sole governing and administering body for the sport internationally to protect the rights, freedoms and promote the interests of Traceurs/Traceuses, Freerunners, practitioners, members & the international community.

Parkour Earth has been established on two fundamental principles;

- 1) National Federations federating – to comprise of national Parkour/Freerunning/ Art Du Déplacement communities, as represented by their National Federations and/or organisations governing and/or administering the development of the sport, art and/or discipline nationally, as well as embracing and supporting those communities trying to form a National Federation in territory where there is no National Federation and/or organisation.
- 2) Established on the recognised principles of ‘Good Governance’ – this starts with the [Memorandum & Articles of Association](#) defining and creating a clear, practical and proportionate system which sets out what the International Federation can do, who the members are and can be, how decisions are made and who is responsible for making it happen. By implementing Good Governance practices, Parkour Earth will ensure that it is being managed effectively, in a way that helps it to achieve its objects, values and principles whilst also safeguarding the integrity of the Federation and the best interests of all its members and the international community.

In-line with the founding fundamental principle of Good Governance and as part of our primary objects, Parkour Earth applied to become members of the [Sport Integrity Global Alliance \(SIGA\)](#) - an independent, neutral, and global body dedicated to the promotion and safeguarding of integrity, good governance, and ethical behaviour in sport. Parkour Earth attended the SIGA Sport Integrity Forum II on the 26 July 2017 and the SIGA Congress on the 27 July 2017 in Lisbon, Portugal where Parkour Earth was formally accepted into membership of SIGA. To ensure that Parkour Earth wholly fulfills its founding principle and object of Good Governance, Parkour Earth will begin to fully implement the SIGA ‘[Universal Standards](#)’.

Parkour Earth is now beginning the process of on-boarding other National Federations and communities from around the world. The first AGM (Congress) will be held within 210 days of incorporation, therefore in early 2018. At the AGM the members/community will be asked to nominate, elect and/or appoint the Board of Directors (by electing and/or appointing up to 6 additional directors). The full Board will then comprise a maximum of 12 members - 4 Independent

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directors and 8 Elected directors - at least one of whom must be an

Athletes representative. Additionally, as part of the founding fundamental principle of Good Governance, there are additional requirements surrounding the composition of the Board, as set out in the Memorandum & Articles of Association. These include requirements such as; the number of Independent Directors shall not be greater than the number of Elected Directors appointed at any one time. A member National Federation may only be represented on the Board by one director at any time. Parkour Earth encourages gender parity and ethnic diversity and is committed to ensuring that the Board, as far as is reasonably practicable, shall aim to have not less than thirty percent representation of each gender and individuals from different ethnic backgrounds. Additionally, terms of office are limited to a maximum of two four year terms.

Parkour Earth's primary objects, values and principles are set out in the [Memorandum & Articles of Association](#) and it will also do all within its power, as shall be thought fit to further the interests of the Federation, its members and or the international community to the attainment of all or any of the objects, values and principles.

The **Objects** include:

- *To be the custodians of the philosophy, integrity and sovereignty of the Sport internationally for and on behalf of the international community.*
- *To protect the rights, freedoms and promote the interests of Traceurs/Traceuses, Freerunners, practitioners, members & the international community.*
- *To be the sole governing and administering body for the sport internationally.*
- *To comprise of national federations and/or organisations governing and/or administering the sport at national level.*
- *To encourage, support and promote national federations in individual countries, nations or territories not yet members of the Federation, where the sport is not yet nationally recognised to increase membership internationally and to encourage, support and promote the formation of national federations in individual countries, nations or territories where the Sport is not yet nationally organised.*

The **Values** include:

- *To ensure that the practice of the Sport in all its branches is a human right such that every human can have the possibility of freely practicing the Sport, without discrimination of any kind, within the spirit of friendship, solidarity, equality and fair play regardless of age,*

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*ethnicity, gender, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.*

- *Where relevant, to develop the Sport beyond the sporting context including the promotion of sport for social change, sport for development and the arts.*
- *To be responsible for the development of non-competitive and/or competitive programmes at international level and where relevant to co-ordinate events nationally and/or internationally.*

The **Principles** include:

- Good Governance - *to encourage and support the promotion of and ensuring that principles of good governance be applied within and throughout the Sport.*
- Autonomy - *The autonomy of international sport is recognised as a fundamental principle and the Federation will take all appropriate measures to promote, preserve and protect the autonomy of the Sport internationally and The Federation shall provide Members complete autonomy in their own territory. It will have no part nor interfere in purely national issues unless such issues affect or undermine the objects, values and principles the international image and/or the international status of the Sport and/or the Federation in any way.*

Parkour Earth as the International Federation for our sport has chosen to utilise the globally recognised term 'Parkour' within the name of the Federation to fully represent the sport, art and/or discipline of Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Deplacement. However, it is recognised that there are sensitivities and nuances in language throughout the international community on the various names/terminologies utilised.

Parkour Earth has adopted an interim logo and will hold an open process of logo design and submissions for, by and from the members/international community for consideration and shortlisting by the Board. The shortlist will then be put to the community/membership for formal vote of the adoption of the official logo of Parkour Earth at the first AGM in early 2018.

The official languages of the Federation are English and French. As and when appropriate, other working languages may be introduced and simultaneous translations may be provided at meetings.

## **ENDS**

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