HANDBOOK

OF THE

INTERNATIONAL
AMATEUR ATHLETIC
FEDERATION

1927—1928
INTRODUCTION.

It gives us pleasure to present this new Year Book of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. It contains the Minutes from the important Congress held at Amsterdam in connection with the Olympic Games, July and August 1928. It also contains an up-to-date list of our Members and the various Committees of our Federation as well as the present By-laws and Amateur Status.

Our office in Vesterås, Sweden, is always at the disposal of our Members for any information they may desire. The World’s Records Committee of the I.A.A.F. has its office in Budapest, Hungary (c/o Mr. S. Stankovits, IV. Eskütér 5).

We remind the Members of the I.A.A.F. of the next Congress of our Federation which will be held in the Spring of 1930, at Berlin, Germany.

Owing to lack of funds this Year Book will be printed in the English language only. The modifications and additions to the International Athletic Rules, decided by the Congress in Amsterdam, 1928, will, however, be printed separately in all the three official languages and sent to the Members as soon as possible.

Wishing all our Members success in their work, we remain with cordial greetings,

Vesterås, Sweden, October 1928,

For the Council of the
INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION

J. S. EDSTRÖM          HILDING KJELLMAN
President.            Hon. Secretary.
country might be put in competition with third or fourth rate athletes of another country, and hence it would not be a regular competition between countries as such.

Mr. Hulbert (U.S.A.) having defined the difference between national and international meetings, Mr. Ekelu (Sweden) expressed the wish that all members adopt the international rules and with the hope that the said wish will soon be realised withdrew the Scandinavian proposition.

C) Denomination of Combined International Meetings.

The Deutsche Sportbehörde für Leichtathletik had raised the question of combined international meetings and had proposed that this question be studied by the Congress. The proposal was withdrawn by the German delegates.

SECTION 13.

»Doping».
(Comp. Section 22.)

The Council having studied the question of »doping« in its sessions during the Olympic Games proposed to the Congress, that a rule should be made prohibiting the use of drugs or stimulants in athletic competitions. The Congress voted unanimously that such a rule should be introduced, whereupon a lively discussion ensued as to the text to be adopted in this respect. The various propositions and amendments were handed over to the Council which was asked by the Congress to present a definite text to be adopted by the Congress at the next day's meeting.

SECTION 14.

Committee for Modern Pentathlon.
(Comp. Section 21.)

Mr. Genet (France) having just returned from the meeting called together to form an organisation for Modern Pentathlon, to which meeting he had been delegated by the Council, was asked by the President to report to the Congress. Mr. Genet informed the Congress that it had been
Committee, which had forwarded them to the Organising Committee of the Games. Under such circumstances the Council recommended that no further action be taken. The Belgian delegate approved of the proposition of the Council, which was adopted by the Congress.

(At 1 p.m. the Congress was adjourned for lunch.)

Tuesday, Aug. 7th, at 2 p.m.

SECTION 21.

Modern Pentathlon.

(Comp. Section 14.)

The President advised the Congress that the Council which had met between the sessions of the Congress, had delegated Messrs. Kirby (U.S.A.) and Stankovits (Hungary) to the Committee which was to govern Modern Pentathlon.

SECTION 22.

»Doping».

(Comp. Section 13.)

According to the decision reported in Section 13 the Council had again studied the question of »doping» and proposed that the following rule be accepted by the Congress:

»Doping is the use of any stimulant not normally employed to increase the power of action in athletic competition above the average.

Any person knowingly acting or assisting as explained above shall be excluded from any place where these rules are in force or, if he is a competitor, be suspended for a time or otherwise, from further participation in amateur athletics under the jurisdiction of this Federation.»

After a short discussion, the proposition of the Council was accepted.
Group of the delegates to the Congress of the I.A.A.F. at Amsterdam, taken on the opening day, the 27th of July, 1928.