

ISD Sport Verein e.V.

Articles of The Association

Article 1 Name, Location, and Purpose

- 1.1 The name of the Association shall be ISD Sport Verein e.V, hereafter Verein.
- 1.2 The Association has its seat in Düsseldorf and is listed in the register of associations in the local court (Amtsgericht) Düsseldorf.
- 1.3 The purposes of the Association are to promote sports activities at the International School of Düsseldorf e.V. (ISD) and by being a member of the LandesSportBund Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V., to create a base on which to develop connections with local and regional groups through the international language of sport.
- 1.4 The purposes of the Association are exclusively non-profit making and in accordance with the Regulations for Public Charities, dated December 24, 1953.
- 1.5 The funds of the Association as well as any surpluses shall only be used for purposes, which comply with these articles. The members shall neither receive any shares or surpluses nor, in their capacity as members, any other monies from the Association's funds. The Association shall not favor persons by means of administrative expenses which do not comply with the purposes of the Association, or by making disproportionately high payments.
- 1.6 The Association is authorized to cover all expenses connected with its activities from the funds available to it.
- 1.7 Former members or expelled members shall not have access to the Association's funds.
- 1.8 The Association is a member of the LandesSportBund Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V. (LSNW) whose rules and statutes it recognizes. The members of the Association who compete in School or Verein-organized sports will be registered with the LSNW.

Article 2 Membership

- 2.1 Any student who participates in a sports activity of the Verein and his/her parents are members of the Verein. The family of the participant is entitled to one vote on items of business in the General Meetings (see 7.5 below).
- 2.2 Any person who serves the Verein as coach, assistant coach, board member, and/or section leader is automatically a member of the Verein, if he/she is not already a Verein member under Article 2.1.
- 2.3 Any student at ISD, parent or legal guardian of an ISD student, or staff member at ISD, or any person outside of ISD wishing to support the aims of the Verein, may seek supportive membership if he/she is not already a Verein member under Articles 2.1 or 2.2.
- 2.4 Applications for membership must be made in writing and are to be decided by the Verein Board. Student applications shall be cosigned by their legal guardian.
- 2.5 Membership expires automatically at the end of each business year and must be reapplied for at the beginning of each business year.
- 2.6 A member may cancel his/her membership at any time, in writing, to the Verein Board. Fees are non-refundable.
- 2.7 A member may be expelled from the Association if he/she has grossly violated the rules or the interests of the Association. Such a decision must be made by a vote of the members at an AGM. Prior to the vote the member has the right to speak in his or her own defense.
- 2.8 If a resolution to expel a member is adopted, the member concerned shall be informed thereof by means of a registered letter.

Article 3 Honorary Membership

- 3.1 Honorary Membership in the Verein serves to recognize persons for outstanding service to the Verein. Honorary Membership is a lifetime membership in the Verein.

- 3.2 The Board may nominate any person as an Honorary Member of the Verein with a simple majority vote. The nomination must be approved at a General Members meeting.
- 3.3 The Board will give the Honorary Member a suitable title at the time of nomination.

Article 4 Participation and Membership Fees

- 4.1 There will be an annual participation fee for each sport in which an individual participates.
- 4.2 Fees must be paid at the time of registration for each sporting discipline. Failure to provide adequate proof invalidates the registration.
- 4.3 The fees for members covered by Article 2.3 will be 50% of the annual participation fee for one sport.
- 4.4 There will be no fee for members covered by Article 2.2 or for Honorary Members.
- 4.5 The amount of annual fees for the following year will be determined by a vote at the spring General Members meeting.
- 4.6 The business year begins on August 1 and ends on July 31.

Article 5 Bodies of the Association

- 5.1 The Association's bodies are the Board and the General Members meetings.

Article 6 The Board

6.1 The Board of the Verein consists of elected and nominated members:

- The President
- The First Vice-president
- The Second Vice-president
- The ISD Director of Activities
- The Secretary
- The Coaches' Representative
- The Treasurer
- A Representative of the Board of Trustees nominated by the ISD Board of Trustees
- A Representative of the ISD administrative staff nominated by the ISD School Director

The ISD Director of Sports and Activities and the Coaches' Representative will be ex-officio (non-voting) members. Any other board member who is also a paid employee of the ISD Sportverein will be a non-voting member.

6.2 Board members are elected for a two-year term of office. Elections will be arranged in such a way that in odd years, three members are elected and in even years, four members are elected. Incumbent Board members can be re-elected. The Board remains in office until a new Board is elected.

6.3 The Board conducts the current business of the Association. Its activity is not remunerated.

6.4 The Board shall meet at least four (4) times a year. The Board may act when five voting members are present. Decisions are taken by a simple majority.

6.5 In accordance with paragraph 26 of the German Civil Code, The Board consists only of the President and the First Vice-president. Both the President and the First Vice-president may represent the Association alone. Within the Association, in case of absence, the First Vice-president will act on behalf of the President and the Second Vice-president will act on behalf of the First Vice-president.

- 6.6 The Annual General Meeting has to approve the Budget proposed by the Board, which has to reflect the planned business activities of the following year. Transactions related to the AGM approved budget can be executed by the Board. Transactions not included in the budget at the time of approval which are exceeding €3.000,00 (per case, investment or spending) have to be approved by the AGM before the transaction is executed. The AGM approval can be collected by mail vote. Such extraordinary transactions have to be recorded in the minutes of the next AGM.
- 6.7 Associate Board Members. The Board is entitled to appoint individuals and/or committee chairpersons as needed on a yearly basis to support the work of the Board. These individuals/committee chairpersons will be “Associate Board Members”. Associate Board Members may attend all board meetings, but have no voting rights.

Article 7 General Members Meetings

- 7.1 General Member meetings will be held at least one (1) times a year and will be announced in the ISD newsletter.
- 7.2 Extraordinary AGMs shall be called by the Board, or if one fifth of all members have filed a written request to the Board, indicating the purpose and reasons for an extraordinary meeting.
- 7.3 The quorum for General Members meetings is 15.
- 7.4 Resolutions, decisions and elections are decided by a simple majority vote. Resolutions involving a change in the Articles of the Association shall require a majority of three quarters of the members present. A change in the purposes of the Association, outlined in Article 1, shall require a majority of nine tenths of all members present.
- 7.5 Each member family defined in Article 2.1 shall have one vote. All other members as defined in Articles 2.2, 2.3 and 3.1 shall have one vote per family. A family vote may be exercised by any member of the family over the age of sixteen. All members, regardless of age, are encouraged to participate in the General Members meetings and to make proposals to the agenda.

- 7.6 The voting procedure shall be determined by the Chairperson of the meeting.
- 7.7 Resolutions adopted by a General Members meeting that involve expenditure in excess of EUR 3000,- (three thousand) shall be supported and approved by the majority of the Board members, whether present at the meeting or not.
- 7.8 Minutes shall be taken at each General Members meeting. The minutes shall be signed by the Chairperson of the meeting. They will be publicized prior to the next General Members meeting at which they will be submitted for approval.
- 7.9 A nominating committee shall nominate candidates for the Board for the following year. The names will be published with the invitation to the Spring General members meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Elections will be decided by a simple majority of the members present.
- 7.10 The Spring General Members meeting will hear and approve reports from the President and the Treasurer on the status of the Verein and its finances.
- 7.11 Each member over the age of sixteen present at the General Members meetings may have one proxy vote. The proxy votes shall count toward the quorum required in Article 7.3.

Article 8 Dissolution

- 8.1 The Association may be dissolved upon a resolution adopted by the General Members meeting. Invitation by the Board to this meeting shall be in writing, four weeks before the date of the meeting.
- 8.2 A majority of nine tenths of the votes cast at that meeting shall be required for dissolution.
- 8.3 If the Association is dissolved, or if the purposes of the Association no longer exist, the Association's remaining funds, after payment of all debts, shall go to the LandesSportBund Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V. If the funds are not accepted by the LandesSportBund Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V., they will be turned over to the city of Düsseldorf to be applied exclusively and directly to the promotion of sports as a vehicle to bring young people from different nationalities together.

Article 9 Liability of Members

9.1 In accordance with the applicable German law, no member of the Association, of any classification, has an obligation with respect to liabilities. Therefore a claim can only be raised against the Association's assets.

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