

# Statutes of EUSA

## **A) Name / Objectives / Duration**

1. The name of the association shall be "European University Sports Association" and the association's official abbreviation shall be "EUSA" (hereinafter "Association"). The Association will be non-profit making and does not pursue commercial objectives.
2. The objectives of EUSA are
  - a. to maintain and develop regular communication between the national federations;
  - b. to co-ordinate competitions, conferences, mass-sport-events and other activities both at university and national level;
  - c. to represent university sport in general and the member federations in particular in relation to European organisations;
  - d. to disseminate throughout Europe the ideals of university sport in close collaboration with the International University Sports Federation (FISU) and other European organisations.
3. EUSA will pursue these objectives without any discrimination on political, religious or racial grounds.
4. The duration of EUSA is unlimited.

## **B) Official Seat / Language**

5. The Association has its legal seat at Zürich/Switzerland.
6. The Association is subject to the national law of its legal seat.
7. The official working language of the EUSA is English.

## **C) Membership**

8. All European national University Sports Federations (hereinafter "NUSA") may be ordinary members. Only one NUSA will be recognised in each country. In the case of dispute the NUSA will be the one recognised by the Executive Committee.
9. Members shall be admitted on application by a decision of the General Assembly. Approval of new members shall require an absolute majority of the active Members attending the General Assembly.
10. Membership of EUSA shall be terminated, or suspended, as appropriate, by dissolution of the NUSA automatically per the date of dissolution, by withdrawal by the NUSA or by exclusion or suspension of the NUSA by the General Assembly on recommendation of the Executive Committee. Exclusion or suspension of membership requires the support of an absolute majority of those active Members attending the General Assembly. During the period of suspension, the suspended NUSA is not deemed an active Member.
11. The Members shall pay an annual fee fixed by the General Assembly for a period of 2 years.

12. Only the Members whose annual fee has been paid by the end of the specific financial year will be considered to be active Members.
13. Organisations with an interest in University Sport may be invited as observers to the General Assembly by the Executive Committee. The General Assembly may grant such observer an observer status without granting any rights or obligations to the observer organisation.

#### **D) Organs, Officers and Committees**

14. Organs, Officers and Committees of the Association are:
  - a. the General Assembly;
  - b. the Executive Committee;
  - c. the President;
  - d. two Vice-Presidents;
  - e. the Treasurer;
  - f. the Secretary General;
  - g. the Commissions;
  - h. the Auditors.

#### **E) General Assembly**

15. The General Assembly is the supreme governing authority for the Association. It comprises the delegates appointed by the active Members. More than 50% of active Members shall constitute a quorum. The General Assembly is led by a person who is elected by the General Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Committee.
16. The functions of the General Assembly are:
  - a. to approve the annual reports;
  - b. to approve the annual accounts (balance sheet and financial statements) of the period in question after having taken into consideration the report of the Auditors;
  - c. to approve the budgetary provision for the following period;
  - d. to elect the voting members of the Executive Committee and the Auditors
  - e. to agree upon the number and composition of the Commissions on proposal of the Executive Committee;
  - f. to adopt a strategy plan and the activity programme;
  - g. to make modifications to the statutes;
  - h. to deliberate and to decide upon all questions or proposals submitted by the active Members or by the Executive Committee
17. The ordinary General Assembly is held annually at a date and venue to be determined by the Executive Committee.
18. An extraordinary General Assembly may be convened on the demand of at least one fifth of the active Members or by decision of the Executive Committee.
19. The notice of the meeting must be sent to each Member at least 90 days before the date of the General Assembly.
20. Items for the agenda (in respect of active Member proposals) must be with the President at least 45 days before the date of the General Assembly.

21. The agenda and other documentation relating to proposals from active Members, changes to statutes, and nominations must be sent to the Members not later than 30 days before the date of the General Assembly.
22. Each active Member will be entitled to one vote. Each NUSA delegation may include up to two delegates.
23. The decisions of the General Assembly are taken by a simple majority except where otherwise prescribed in the statutes.

#### **F) Elections**

24. All candidates must be of the nationality of the NUSA with the status of active Member which proposes him/her, except in the case of the position of president. Each NUSA can only present one candidate. A candidate can only be presented for a maximum of two posts and can only be elected to a single post.
25. All elections are by absolute majority of the active Members attending the General Assembly in the first round and there after by simple majority, and by secret ballot. If, however, only one candidate runs for or is nominated for election, his/her election in each round and in any event requires the absolute majority of the active Members attending the General Assembly. If the number of candidates is less than the number of vacant positions active Members may vote, by an absolute majority of the active Members attending the General Assembly, to reopen nominations. If the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacant positions the election may be held by an open ballot unless an active Member of the General Assembly objects.

Where there is more than one position available in an election, the voting will take place simultaneously for all positions. The names of all candidates will appear on the ballot paper, and those voting must select the exact number of the positions available. Ballot papers with less or more than the exact number of available positions will be invalid.

26. The President, the two Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer shall be elected by a separate vote.
27. For the positions of President and Treasurer, if there are two or more candidates for each of these positions, the candidate who receives the absolute majority of the votes is elected. If no candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes, there will be a final ballot between the two candidates who have received most votes. If in the first ballot two or more candidates receive equal votes a ballot between these will take place to determine who shall qualify for the final ballot. If the two candidates in the final ballot receive equal votes, drawing of lots is decisive.
28. The two Vice Presidents shall be elected in one ballot.
29. The other members of the Executive Committee are elected in one ballot.
30. For the election of the two Vice Presidents and the other members of the Executive Committee each active Member has a number of votes which matches the number of available positions to be filled, but may cast only one vote per candidate. The candidates with the most votes are elected. In the case of equal votes between two or more candidates in determining who is to be elected, a new ballot between these candidates will be decisive.

#### **G) Executive Committee**

31. The Executive Committee is responsible for:
  - a. the execution of decisions taken by the General Assembly;
  - b. the administration and running of the association;
  - c. the proposal to the General Assembly of the number and the composition of the Commissions;
  - d. the nomination of Working Groups;
  - e. convening an extraordinary General Assembly as required.
32. The Executive Committee is composed of 13 voting members including the President, the two Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer. Voting members must all come from different NUSA. The Secretary General shall be an additional member but will not have voting rights.
33. Voting members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for a term of 4 years. Each such term ends at the date of the next General Assembly following the end of the respective term. Voting members shall be eligible for re-election. Elected members sit in their personal capacity.
34. The Executive Committee meets at least twice a year.
35. Any matters not covered specifically by the statutes shall be referred to the Executive Committee, whose majority decision shall be final.

#### **H) President**

36. The President
  - a. represents the Association with all legal rights and duties;
  - b. presides over the meetings of the Executive Committee;
  - c. signs the minutes, accounting documents and the financial reports
37. He/she is authorised to sign any contract with the agreement of the Executive Committee.
38. When he/she is unable to fulfil his/her functions as President, he/she is replaced by the Vice-President with the longest service in the Executive Committee. The Vice-Presidents may deputise for the President for particular duties when so required.

#### **I) Honorary President**

39. An Honorary President is appointed by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Executive Committee.
40. To be nominated as Honorary President, an individual should have completed a minimum of two EUSA terms as President.
41. The Honorary President has the right to take part in the General Assembly and, on request of the Executive Committee, to represent EUSA at certain events.
42. An Honorary President will relinquish his/her position if the Executive Committee should decide to appoint a new one with due notice. It is intended that only one position of Honorary President shall be created within EUSA.

## **J) Officers**

43. The Treasurer is responsible for the financial administration of EUSA. His/her special responsibilities include:
- a. complete a detailed set of accounts and balance sheet for the last financial period of EUSA, which will be submitted to the Executive Committee, to the Auditor and to the General Assembly;
  - b. make a periodic report at the meetings of the Executive Committee;
  - c. draw up a budget for consideration by the Executive Committee;
  - d. to agree on all payments of more than an amount determined by the Executive Committee.
44. The Secretary General is responsible for the secretariat of EUSA. He/she is appointed by the Executive Committee. His/her special responsibilities include:
- a. to organise the secretariat and to establish basic administrative procedures;
  - b. to prepare and organise the meetings of the Executive Committee and minutes of the Executive Committee, General Assembly and other meetings as designated by the President;
  - c. to coordinate all regular activities and special projects of EUSA;
  - d. to maintain files and annual reports, minutes of meetings, statements of accounts and other important records;
  - e. to maintain close contact with all NUSA;
  - f. to present a report to all meetings of the Executive Committee on the current working of the secretariat.

The Secretary General is responsible to the Executive Committee for the efficiency of the administration.

## **K) Commissions**

45. The Association may establish Commissions whose number and composition are determined by the Executive Committee.

## **L) Auditors**

46. Two auditors are elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years. The auditors shall be eligible for re-election save that they shall not serve for more than three consecutive terms. Auditors shall not be members of the Executive Committee.
47. They report their findings to the General Assembly.

## **M) Finances**

48. The financial year of the Association shall begin on 1st January and end on 31st December, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee.
49. The resources of the Association shall be derived from:
- a. membership fees;
  - b. all other revenue

#### **N) Working in an Honorary Capacity**

50. The members of the Executive Committee render their work in an honorary capacity and are entitled only to the reimbursement of effective expenses. A reasonable compensation may only be paid for specific members of the Executive Committee for particular efforts.

#### **O) Modifications of the Statutes and Dissolution**

51. Any modifications of these statutes require a majority of 2/3rds of the active Members present at the General Assembly voting in favour in order to be adopted.
52. The dissolution of EUSA requires a secret vote with a majority of 2/3rds of the active Members present at that General Assembly voting in favour. On dissolution of the Association any distribution of the effects will be decided by the same General Assembly. Any such distribution must, however, be for the benefit of a tax-exempted institution with objectives that are the same as to similar to the ones of the Association. A distribution to the members is excluded.

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