



EUROPE

STATUTES

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STATUTES ICU EUROPE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND STATUS

1.1. The name of this organization is “International Cheer Union - Europe”, hereinafter referred to as “ICU Europe”. ICU Europe is a not-for-profit and non-political sport entity, organized as a committee organization.

1.2. ICU Europe is a continental committee organization established and recognized by the “International Cheer Union” (hereinafter referred to as “ICU”) with the purpose of assisting the ICU with the management and organization of the Sport of Cheer within Europe, including all its disciplines as defined by ICU, in accordance with all ICU policies and statutes.

1.3. ICU Europe is comprised of the ICU member federations of Europe.

1.4. The Statutes and actions of ICU Europe must be and remain fully compliant and consistent with the Statutes and decisions of ICU.

ARTICLE 2. LOCATION

2.1. The ICU Europe administrative address and location must be within Europe and is determined by the ICU Europe Executive Committee in alliance with the ICU Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 3. PURPOSES

3.1. The purposes of ICU Europe are:

- a. Assist ICU to manage, direct, promote, organize, and assist the activities and disciplines associated with Cheer within Europe;
- b. Encourage the growth and development of Cheer programs and opportunities to the youth in Europe;
- c. Provide and create the opportunity to discuss, enhance, and evaluate changes in Cheer in Europe;
- d. Within ICU policies; organize and administer training and development programs for technical experts, officials and other personnel;
- e. Support the ICU to communicate with and support the formation of new National Cheer Federations in countries that are interested in starting Cheer programs, activities, and events;
- f. Support the ICU to provide National Cheer Federations, coaches, teachers, and educators with tools for researching trends, technology, ideas, issues, and solutions to problems associated with Cheer;
- g. Support the ICU to encourage and promote the moral standards which are enhanced through sports experiences and sports education;
- h. To promote clean sport, fight against doping through prevention and education and adhere to the WADA-approved ICU Anti-Doping Rules;

- i. Support the ICU to work with the respective National Cheer Federations to allow for maximum participation in Cheer in Europe;
- j. Serve as ICU's representative body within Europe if such representation is demanded by the legislation of the European countries and/or the European Union;
- k. Do all things necessary for and incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes and goals of ICU.

ARTICLE 4. LANGUAGE

4.1. The official language of ICU Europe is English.

ARTICLE 5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1. ICU Member Federations from the European Region will automatically be a member in ICU Europe as a national federation.

5.2. ICU and ICU Europe have the following types of membership:

- a. Full Members: ICU Member Federations
- b. Provisional Members: ICU Provisional Member Federations

5.3. ICU Europe can have membership fees and other fees.

5.4. Member Federations are considered to be in "Good Standing" for a fiscal year if such member's dues for ICU and ICU Europe from all previous fiscal years have been paid in full.

ARTICLE 6. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

6.1. All membership applications for ICU Europe are to be made through ICU. Only one application is required to become an ICU member and a member of the ICU Europe.

ARTICLE 7. TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

7.1. When membership of an ICU Member Federation is terminated by ICU, this will automatically terminate membership of ICU Europe.

7.1. When the rights of an ICU Member Federation have been suspended by ICU, such suspension will automatically apply to the rights of ICU Europe.

ARTICLE 8. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

8.1. A Full Member in Good Standing has the following "Rights":

- a. To attend the ICU Europe Assembly and other meetings open to all ICU Europe Members;
- b. To use the services of ICU Europe;
- c. To have the right to speak in all deliberations at the ICU Europe Assembly and other meetings open to all ICU Europe Members;
- d. To vote in all deliberations and matters submitted to the ICU Europe Assembly for a vote;
- e. To take part in ICU Europe sanctioned competitions for which they are eligible;

- f. To make proposals and submit resolutions to the ICU Europe for the consideration of the ICU Europe Executive Committee and/or the ICU Europe Assembly;
- g. To nominate candidates for the Executive Committee;
- h. To do or engage in any other act to which a Member in Good Standing is otherwise entitled to do, other than those restricted by the IOC or the ICU.

8.2. A Provisional Member or a Full Member not in Good Standing has the following “Rights”:

- a. To attend the ICU Europe Assembly and other meetings open to all ICU Europe Members;
- b. To use the services of ICU Europe;
- c. To have the right to speak, but not to vote, in all deliberations or in all matters submitted to the ICU Europe Assembly for a vote;
- d. To do or engage in any other act to which a Member in Good Standing is otherwise entitled to do, other than those restricted by the IOC or the ICU.

8.3. The rights of the Members are exclusive and particular to each member as an organization and as such, these rights cannot be delegated by the Member to any other Member or others. Similarly, a Member can only exercise its rights in an ICU Europe Assembly through a delegate duly and properly appointed and authorized by the Member.

8.4 All Members have the responsibility to do the following “Responsibilities”:

- a. To support the ICU Europe in its efforts to achieve its purposes;
- b. To act in accordance with the decisions of the ICU and ICU Europe;
- c. To faithfully carry out the duties and responsibilities entrusted to them, maintaining ethical principles and moral values proper to the organization;
- d. To maintain itself as a Member in Good Standing;
- e. To inform ICU Europe concerning the organization of their national and other competitions, activities and events and the results of the same, and update ICU Europe of the number of its own membership, athletes and such other information as may be required by ICU Europe;
- f. To notify ICU and ICU Europe of any change of name or contact information.

ORGANISATION OF ICU EUROPE

ARTICLE 9. ENTITIES OF ICU EUROPE

9.1. The following entities are governing and administering the purposes of ICU Europe:

- a. The Assembly.
- b. The ICU Europe Executive Committee as the operative body of ICU Europe.
- c. Such working groups as the ICU Europe Executive Committee may deem appropriate

ARTICLE 10. ORDINARY ASSEMBLY

10.1. ICU Europe will hold an Ordinary Assembly every fourth year at the location decided upon by the ICU Europe Executive Committee.

10.2. The agenda of the Ordinary Assembly shall include the following items:

- a. Official opening of the Assembly;
- b. Roll Call and declaration of a quorum;
- c. Approval of the agenda;
- d. Approval of the minutes of the previous Assembly;
- e. Audited Statement of Accounts;
- f. Consideration and approval of motions, applications and proposals;
- g. Elections (if applicable);
- h. Appointment of Auditors (if applicable);
- i. Any other business;
- j. Adjournment.

10.3. The respective agenda for each Assembly is determined by the ICU Europe Executive Committee.

10.4. The agenda may be modified by the Assembly provided there is a 2/3 majority of the votes validly cast.

ARTICLE 11. EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY

11.1. Under special circumstances, an Extraordinary Assembly may be convened at the request of the ICU Europe Executive Committee or upon receipt of a written request from at least ¼ of the full members in Good Standing.

11.2. The Extraordinary Assembly will take place no later than two months after the request.

11.3. The notification for an Extraordinary Assembly must detail the reasons for convening it. The Extraordinary Assembly may only decide upon such matters that have been specified in the notification.

ARTICLE 12. PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

12.1. No item shall be dealt with at the Assembly which does not appear on the agenda.

12.2. The Assembly has a quorum if at least 1/3 of the full members in Good Standing are present.

12.3. Every full member that is in Good Standing at the time of the Assembly is entitled to one vote.

12.4. Only one delegate per full member is entitled to vote at the Assembly. This delegate shall be nominated by the member. If the voting delegate is not a legal representative of the member, he/she must have a written power of attorney signed by the member legal representative.

12.5. In exceptional cases, the Assembly may be held by means of a remote electronic communications system, including by not limited to conference telephone, videoconference, or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting for purposes of a quorum and voting.

12.6. Except in the case of elections, voting will normally be concluded by a show of hands, unless five or more members request a secret ballot.

12.7. The minutes of the Assembly are signed by the Chairman of the meeting and the person responsible for writing them.

12.8. The minutes shall be submitted to the ICU Europe Executive Committee for approval within three months after the Assembly and sent to the members within six months after the Assembly.

12.9. The minutes are submitted for approval at the next Assembly.

12.10. Proxy. A member federation who is not present at the Assembly may authorize, by a written signed instrument which shall be submitted to the ICU Europe Executive Committee prior to any vote, another member federation to vote on his or her behalf. Such authorization shall only be valid for one (1) meeting, and a new authorization must be signed for each subsequent meeting and shall be retained by the ICU Europe Executive Committee with the meeting minutes. No member federation may vote by proxy at a meeting other than as set forth above in this Section. Provided, however, that if the urgency of the case requires such action, the ICU Europe Executive Committee (or, in the case of a meeting of the ICU Europe Executive Committee, the Chairperson of the ICU Europe Executive Committee may authorize an alternate proxy procedure in its discretion.

ARTICLE 13. ICU EUROPE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

13.1. The ICU Europe Executive Committee is the operative body of ICU Europe. It executes the tasks set forward by the ICU Executive Committee and the ICU member federations in Europe.

13.2. The ICU Europe Executive Committee consists of:

- a. the ICU Europe Executive Committee Chairperson elected at the Assembly;
- b. two additional ICU Europe Executive Committee members elected at the Assembly;
- c. up to two ICU Europe Executive Committee members nominated by the ICU Europe Executive Committee and approved by the ICU Executive Committee
- d. the ICU Europe Continent Director appointed by the ICU Governing Council without voting rights.

13.3. The respective ICU Continental Region's ICU Governing Council members who are not directly elected to the ICU Europe Executive Committee shall have the option to serve as a member of the ICU Europe Executive Committee without voting rights.

13.4. Decisions of the ICU Europe Executive Committee shall be by simple majority. The ICU Europe Executive Committee Chairperson has a casting vote in the event of a tied vote.

ARTICLE 14. ELECTIONS, TERMS OF OFFICE, REPLACEMENT

14.1. Each candidate for an elected or nominated ICU Europe Executive Committee member (13.2. a., b. and c.) requires prior approval by the ICU Governing Council.

14.2. Each elected or nominated ICU Europe Executive Committee member (13.2. a., b. and c.) shall originate from a different country.

14.3. Candidates for office must have reached the age of majority in their own country and be in full possession of their civil rights.

14.4. The term of elected ICU Europe Executive Committee members (13.2 a. and b.) is four years.

14.5. If an elected ICU Europe Executive Committee member (13.2 a. and b.) resigns before the end of their term or cannot fulfil their duties as ICU Europe Executive Committee member at full

capacity, the remaining ICU Europe Executive Committee members have the right to appoint another eligible member. An ICU Europe Executive Committee member co-opted as a replacement holds temporary office until the next Assembly, where an election must be held for the replaced ICU Europe Executive Committee member. The term of the newly elected ICU Europe Executive Committee member ends with their predecessor's term.

14.6. Nominated ICU Europe Executive Committee members (13.2. c.) may be replaced at any time by a proposal of the ICU Europe Executive Committee members with voting rights and upon approval by the ICU Executive Committee.

14.7. Membership of the ICU Europe Executive Committee shall not render such member personally liable for the debts and obligations of ICU Europe. ICU Europe hereby indemnifies each member of the ICU Europe Executive Committee against any liability of that member arising from the discharge of his or her duties whilst acting in good faith and honesty.

ARTICLE 15. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ICU EUROPE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

15.1. The ICU Europe Executive Committee is responsible for all matters not reserved for other bodies by these statutes, regulations and directives of ICU Europe.

15.2. The responsibilities of the ICU Europe Executive Committee are:

- a. Manage and implement the day-to-day operations of ICU Europe;
- b. Prepare and call for the Assembly;
- c. Submit proposals to the Assembly;
- d. Prepare the annual budget, balance sheets, financial statement and annual reports on the financial activities, duly audited, that should be approved by the next Assembly;
- e. Monitor and supervise the activities of working groups, whose members are appointed by the ICU Europe Executive Committee;
- f. Ensure that decisions made by member federations during meetings other than the Assembly are timely and properly implemented;
- g. Otherwise take actions as required or necessitated by these Statutes.

15.3. The ICU Europe Executive Committee will appoint a treasurer who is responsible for managing the financial affairs of ICU Europe.

ARTICLE 16. WORKING GROUPS

16.1. The ICU Europe Executive Committee can appoint working groups or individuals to perform certain tasks if it deems necessary for the good administration of ICU Europe.

16.2. The ICU Europe Executive Committee will appoint and dismiss chairpersons and members of working groups.

16.3. If ICU has established a commission or committee on a specific topic, the members of such commission or committee representing Europe will automatically also be a member of the respective working group of ICU Europe.

16.4. Working groups act on the authority and under the supervision of the ICU Europe Executive Committee. Every working group has terms and operating procedures, which shall be approved by the ICU Europe Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

ARTICLE 17. FINANCIAL MATTERS

17.1. ICU Europe is allowed to raise funds to the maximum extent permitted by law, and by whatever means proper under these Statutes. The income and property of ICU Europe shall be used towards the fulfilment of the purposes of ICU Europe, as determined by the ICU Europe Executive Committee in the proper exercise of its powers, or the management of ICU Europe under the control of the ICU Europe Executive Committee.

17.2. The treasurer of ICU Europe shall prepare an annual written financial report which shall be audited and certified by two auditors appointed by the Assembly, reviewed and approved by the ICU Europe Executive Committee.

17.3. ICU Europe is liable for its obligations with its assets. Such liability is limited to these assets.

17.4. The income of ICU Europe will derive from:

- a. Membership fees paid by all categories of Members, including new Members, as determined by the Assembly
- b. Amounts payable under activities and events under the ICU Europe's jurisdiction (which rights are the sole property of ICU Europe).

17.5. Any assets remaining after the dissolution of ICU Europe shall, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, be transferred to a not-for-profit organization or a sports organization as determined by the Assembly. Under no circumstances shall they be paid or distributed among the members of the federation.

FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 18. DISSOLUTION

18.1. The dissolution of ICU Europe shall require an Extraordinary Assembly at which the proposed dissolution shall be the sole item on the agenda. The dissolution of ICU Europe shall require a decision of the Extraordinary Assembly by a majority of not less than 2/3 of the present full members in Good Standing.

18.2. Any assets remaining after the dissolution of ICU Europe shall, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, be transferred to a not-for-profit organization or a sports organization as determined by the Extraordinary Assembly. Under no circumstances shall they be paid to or distributed among the members of ICU Europe.

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