

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
of the European Sport Economics Association (ESEA) e.V.¹

§ 1

Name, Registered Office

The Association shall be named “European Sport Economics Association (ESEA) e.V.”.

The Association has its registered office in Cologne, Germany.

The Association shall be entered in the Register of Associations. After entry, the letters “e.V.” [registered association] shall be added to its name.

The financial year starts on 1 October and ends on 30 September of the following year.

§ 2

Purpose

The Association is a scientific association. It pursues the goal of promoting communications between scientists as well as between scientists and practitioners working in the field of sports economics, and of demonstrating to the fields of science, day-to-day practice, politics and the general public the benefits that are derived from appropriate research and academic education in Europe.

The purpose of the Association is realised in a variety of ways, e.g. by holding all kinds of scientific events such as expert discussions, workshops, seminars and congresses, publishing documents in the field of sports economics and holding consultations with representatives from science, (sports) politics and organisers of non-commercial and commercial sport.

The Association pursues non-profit-making objectives exclusively and directly as defined in Sections 52 ff. of the German Tax Code [AO]. Therefore, it is non-profit-orientated; it does not primarily pursue economic purposes of its own. Its funds must be used solely for the purposes named in these Articles of Association. Members shall not receive any payments out of the funds of the Association. No one may benefit from expenses which are unrelated to the purpose of the Association or from disproportionately high remuneration.

¹ The masculine form is used to denote both sexes in these Articles of Association. No distinction has been made in the wording of the individual clauses.

§ 3

Membership

Any natural person of legal age (18 years and older), who is willing to participate in the Association's academic purpose or who is willing to support the Association, may become a member of the Association.

To become a member, the membership application form must be sent to the Committee.

The committee decides on membership applications. The committee can transfer this authority to the President. If a membership application has been declined, the applicant may demand in writing that a decision is taken at the next Members' Assembly which she/he shall be invited to attend.

Each regular participant of the annual ESEA conference becomes a member of ESEA for the period of the next financial year, i.e. 1 October in the year of the conference until 30 September of the following year, if the conference participant agrees to this while registering for the annual ESEA conference.

The membership is non-transferable and non-hereditary.

The membership is terminated by death, withdrawal, or at the end of the financial year in which the membership begun. If a membership commenced between July 15th and September 30th of a given year, the membership terminates at the end of the following financial year.

A withdrawal has to be sent in writing to the Secretary General.

A member can be expelled from the Association, if the member committed a serious breach of the Articles of Association or the interests of the Association or if the member committed a serious breach of the accepted rules of proper academic practice or if an academic degree of the member has been revoked. The committee decides about the expulsion after a hearing of the member. The expelled member may demand in writing that a decision is taken at the next Members' Assembly which she/he shall be invited to attend.

§ 4

Conference participation fee

The conference participation fee is determined by the local conference organizers in agreement with the Committee of ESEA. This conference participation fee also covers the International Journal of Sport Finance subscription fee (electronic access only) for the next financial year.

§ 5

Organs of the Association

The organs of the Association are

- a. the Members' Assembly
- b. the Committee
- c. the Advisory Board

§ 6

Members' Assembly

The Committee shall convene the Members' Assembly in either writing an Email or posting an invitation on the ESEA webpage, giving one months' notice and stating the agenda. At least one Members' Assembly shall be held each year during the annual ESEA conference in a location provided by the local conference organizers.

The Members' Assembly shall also be convened if one quarter of the members apply to the Committee for this in writing, specifying the purpose of and the reasons for the meeting.

Each member has one vote at the Members' Assembly. Absent members cannot be represented.

The Members' Assembly passes resolutions by a simple majority of those present. However, amendments to the Articles of Association and a resolution on the dissolution of the Association require a two-thirds majority of those present. Abstentions are not counted when calculating the majority.

Resolutions of the Members' Assembly are recorded in the minutes which shall be signed by the General Secretary and another member of the Committee.

Prior to each Members' Assembly each member has the possibility to submit proposals regarding any business of the association. These proposals must be sent as a scanned signed document via email to the General Secretary latest 8 weeks prior each Members' Assembly.

§ 7

Committee

The Committee shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, a General Secretary, an officer responsible for initiatives for young researchers and a Ph.D. student representative. In addition, the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Sport Finance belongs to the Committee. A new Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Sport Finance has to be approved as sixth Committee member by the Members' Assembly.

The Members' Assembly elects the President-Elect, the General Secretary, the officer responsible for initiatives for young researchers and the Ph.D. student representative for a term

of two years. After two years, the President-Elect automatically becomes President for a term of two years. Therefore, the total term of the President-Elect is four years, i.e. two years as President-Elect and two years as President. After two years, the President has to leave the Committee. A re-election for either of the Committee's positions is not possible before two years after retirement as President. A re-election of the General Secretary, the officer responsible for initiatives for young researchers and the Ph.D. student representative is generally possible without any waiting period.

After expiration of their terms, all board members remain in their office until new elections take place.

In case of resignation of the President, the President-Elect or the General Secretary during their term, the Committee can provisionally fill their positions until the next Members' Assembly takes place.

The Committee has the task of heading the ESEA. It is responsible for all those matters which have not been delegated to a different organ of the Association by the Articles of Association. In case that ESEA has its own budget and decides to create an associational bank account, the General Secretary takes over all duties of a Treasurer.

The President, the President-Elect and the General Secretary represent the Association in court and out of court based on an individual power of representation (Section 26 (2) of the German Civil Code [BGB]). Internally, it is agreed that the President-Elect or the General Secretary may represent the Association in court and out of court only if the President is prevented from doing so.

The Committee must account for its actions to the Members' Assembly and is entitled to the formal approval of its actions.

Each member of the Committee may be dismissed by the Members' Assembly for cause. The resolution requires a two-thirds majority of the members present.

§ 8

Cash Auditing

The proper bookkeeping and cash management of ESEA shall be audited on a regular basis by two cash auditors elected by the Members' Assembly. The cash auditors shall submit an audit report to the Members' Assembly.

§ 9

Use of Funds

Any profits may be used solely for the purposes set out in these Articles of Association. Members shall not receive any shares in the profits or any other payments out of the funds of the Association in their capacity as members.

No member shall be entitled to shares in the assets of the Association in the event of his leaving the Association or in the event of the dissolution of the latter. Kein Mitglied hat bei seinem Ausscheiden oder bei Auflösung des Vereins Anspruch auf Anteile des Vereinsvermögens.

§ 10

Dissolution of the Association

The Association shall be dissolved by a resolution of the Members' Assembly.

An application to dissolve the Association shall be decided by an extraordinary Members' Assembly which shall be convened exclusively for this purpose. The dissolution can only be resolved by a majority of three quarters of the votes cast by members. Abstentions shall be considered votes not cast.

In the event of the dissolution of the Association or a termination of its present purpose, 50 per cent of its assets shall fall to the European College of Sport Science (ECSS) and the other 50 per cent to the European Economic Association (EEA) which shall use such assets exclusively and directly for non-profit purposes.