
Statutes of the



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§1 Introduction

Art.1.1 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
Art.	Article
B	Board
SCA	Swiss Cheer Association
CCS	Cheerleading Championship Switzerland
ECU	European Cheer Union
GA	General Assembly
ICU	International Cheer Union
MA	Member Association
MC	Member Conference
MT	Member Teams
ZGB	Zivilgesetzbuch (Civil Code [law.])

§2 General

Art.2.1 Association Year

The operational year of the SCA starts on 01.08. and ends on 31.07. of the following year.

Art.2.2 Statutes

The statutes are composed in English.

§3 Name, Address and Accountability

Art.3.1 Name

Swiss Cheer Association (SCA)

The Swiss Cheer Association is an organization as defined in Art.60ff. ZGB.

Art.3.2 Address

The address of the association is the president's home address.

Art.3.3 Accountability

The accountability lies exclusively in the association's assets. Personal financial accountability of any member is impossible.

§4 Function and Objectives

Art.4.1 Function

The SCA supports and develops Cheerleading in Switzerland. The association and the teams promote a positive image of the sport and make an effort to keep and improve the good image of Cheerleading.

Art.4.2 Objectives

The SCA

- Promotes and develop cheerleading in Switzerland
- Offers everyone the possibility to carry out physical activity
- Recognizes the rules of Swiss democracy and is politically and denominationally neutral.

§5 Tasks and Goals

Art.5.1 Tasks

The SCA

- Is responsible for the annual Cheerleading Championship in Switzerland
- Defines the rule book for the official SCA championships
- Is responsible for the realization of cheerleading camps and performance cheer camps
- Supports the member teams at international championships and competitions
- Represent the interest of cheerleading in the public face
- Collaborates with national and international sports associations
- Supports newly founded or existing clubs and associations in their build-up
- Is the connecting body between all the cheerleading clubs in Switzerland
- Supports the members concerning management, training of their coaches as well as their members with special regard to long-term planning and organization.
- Promotes the physical attitude in cheerleading and appropriate advertising
- And fights doping and drug use

Art.5.2 Goals

The SCA

- Considers a high-quality education and qualification as basis of their operation
- Provides educative, sport-ethic, personality-building, socio-active and socio-political work beyond the physical aspect
- Creates possibilities to promote cheerleading in Switzerland

§6 Organization

Art.6.1 The bodies

The bodies of the SCA are:

- The Board
- The Auditors
- The General Assembly

§7 The Board

Art.7.1 Board

The Board is the highest leading body of the SCA

Art.7.1.1 Composition

The B consists of at least 4 members. It constitutes itself with the exception of the president and the vice president.

- President
- Vice president
- Treasurer
- Secretary General
- Other members with defined areas of responsibilities

Art.7.2 Term of Office

Art.7.2.1 The President

The president is elected or reelected by the GA for two years.

Art.7.2.2 Other Members

The other members are elected or reelected by the GA for one year.

Art.7.3 Assumption of Office

The assumption of office takes place after the GA.

Art.7.4 Bye-Election

The B can name a substitute in case of a vacancy to take over the rights and duties of the predecessor. A definite election has to be made by the majority of the teams. This election can be carried out by email or at the next GA.

Art.7.5 Tasks and Competences

The following points will be dealt with at regular board meetings:

- Composition of a year plan
- Definition of responsibilities
- Preparation and Organization of the CCS
- Communication with MTs
- Preparation of the GA
- Connections between the MTs
- Communication with public and private authorities
- Outward representation of the SCA

Art.7.6 Assessor

Interested parties are allowed to assess board meetings without voting rights.

Art.7.7 Responsibilities

The SCA obligates itself legally with collective dual signature. Authorized are the president, and any other member of the board.

Art.7.8 Compensation

Members of the board who have a long commute can receive compensation. Legibility for compensation will be defined in the beginning of the association's year.

Art.7.9 Decision-making

Art.7.9.1 Protocol Obligation

The decisions of the board have to be protocolled.

Art.7.9.2 Voting Procedure

Decisions are final with the majority vote of all the board members (not only present). If the votes are equally distributed the president has the final ballot.

§8 Auditor

Art.8.1 Auditor

The GA elects two auditors who proof the financial statements of the SCA according to the law and give a written report to the GA.

§9 General Assembly

Art.9.1 Body

The General Assembly is the highest body of the SCA

Art.9.2 Composition

It consists of

- Delegates from the member teams
- Honorary members
- Members of the board

Art.9.3 Voting Rights

The delegates of the teams have voting rights. Each association has one vote per team. One team consists of at least 6 persons. Each association has 3 votes at most.

Art.9.3.1

The members of the board do not have voting rights at the GA; except for a final ballot in case of equality of votes. If the chairman of the GA is also the president of one of the member teams, the vote of the team has to be passed to a representative of the same.

Art.9.3.2

Honorary members do not have voting rights.

Art.9.3.3

One delegate can only represent one member team.

Art.9.3.4

Each member association is free to provide a translator.

Art.9.4 Responsibilities

The GA has the following tasks and competences (agenda items GA):

- Passing of proposals
- Passing of inclusion or exclusion of members
- Approval of the previous GA protocol
- Approval of the president's annual report
- Approval of the annual financial statement
- Relief of the board
- Approval of the SCA' annual budget
- Approval of the year plan
- Election/Reelection of the board
- Election of the auditors
- Approval of agreements with other associations and organizations
- Naming of honorary members
- Passing of partial or total revision of the statutes

Art.9.5 Convocation

Art.9.5.1

The ordinary GA takes place at least 3 months after the end of the association's year.

Art.9.5.2

It is convened by the board and led by the president.

Art.9.5.3

The date of the GA must be announced at least 4 weeks in advance.

Art.9.5.4

The agenda items, the budget and the proposals are sent to all MTs at least 4 weeks before the GA.

Art.9.5.5

If a delegate from a team is not able to attend the GA, a substitute can take their place.

Art.9.5.6

The protocol of the GA must be sent to the MAs inside of 30 days.

Art.9.6 Validity of Negotiations

Art.9.6.1

The GA can lawfully negotiate if at least 7 team delegates with voting rights are present; exception of disbandment of the association according to Art.12.1.2.

Art.9.6.2

If the quorum is not met, a new GA has to be convened inside of two months. The assembly is quorate independent of the number of MAs present.

Art.9.7 Procedures

Art.9.7.1

The ballots are carried out openly. The delegates can decide on secret ballots with a voted majority.

Art.9.7.2

Decisions are set with the majority of the votes of the present delegates with voting rights.

Art.9.7.3

Elections are carried out secretly if there are multiple candidates for the same vacancy. The absolute majority of the present delegates with voting rights has to be achieved in the first and second ballot; the relative majority in the third ballot. If there is a voting tie, the lot decides. If only one person is nominated for a vacancy, the absolute majority of the delegates with voting right has to be achieved. These regulations apply to all bodies of the SCA.

Art.9.7.4

A two-thirds majority of the votes of the present MAs is necessary for inclusion or exclusion of a MA and for partial or total revision of the statutes.

Art.9.7.5

The disbandment of the SCA can be carried out according to the rules in Art. 15.1.

Propositions – Candidate Proposals

Art.9.7.6

The GA can only cover agenda items.

Art.9.7.7

Propositions of MAs, as well as candidate proposals have to be handed to the B at least two weeks before the GA.

Art.9.7.8

Non-agenda items and candidate proposals which have not been handed in two weeks before the GA have to be accepted by a two-thirds majority of the delegates with voting rights.

Art.9.8 Extraordinary GA

Art.9.8.1

An extraordinary GA can be convened when

- The board believes one to be necessary
- Half of the MA requests one in written form

If an extraordinary GA is requested by an MA, it has to be convened within four weeks after receiving the request and it has to be held within the following two months.

Art.9.8.2

Only the request at hand is dealt with.

§10 Member Conference

Art.10.1 Composition

It consists of

- One delegate of each member team
- The board

Art.10.2 Tasks and Competences

The MC has the following tasks and competences:

- Information about the upcoming CCS
- Clarify open questions relating to cheer rules
- Other requested items

Art.10.3 Convocation

Art.10.3.1

The MC takes place if need be, usually following a board meeting.

Art.10.3.2

It is convened through the board and led by the president.

Art.10.3.3

If a delegate cannot attend the MC they must appoint a substitute.

Art.10.3.4

The protocol needs to be sent to the MTs within 30 days.

§11 Membership

Art.11.1

The SCA is member of the:

- International Cheer Union (ICU)
- European Cheer Union (ECU)

The SCA can join other national and international organizations if they agree with its objectives.

§12 Members

Art.12.1 Acceptance

Art.12.1.1

Associations and Clubs which want to join the SCA need to apply with the registration form: „Application SCA“ to the board of the SCA.

Art.12.1.2

The B submits the application to the GA after approving it.

Art.12.1.3

The president can grant temporary acceptance for the current association's year (until the GA).

Art.12.1.4

An Association or Club may consist of several subgroups/teams (ex. Peewees/juniors/seniors).

Art.12.2 Member Fee / Licenses

Art.12.2.1

As soon as an association or club has been accepted by the GA a one-time entrance fee of 100.-CHF is due. Every year there is a fee of 100.- per 30 (thirty) athletes per association or club to be paid at the beginning of the association's year. (100.- for clubs with less than 30 athletes, 200.- for clubs with 31-60 athletes, 300.- for clubs with 61-90 athletes etc.)

Art.12.2.2

There is an annual membership fee per active member. This membership fee acts as licence for all SCA organized events throughout the year.

The membership fee per active member and coach is CHF 10.00. The active members have to be registered in the online tool at least 3 months before the Swiss championship. Late registration results in a rise of the membership fee to CHF 20.00 each. Clubs who register athletes 3 weeks (or less) before the Swiss championship will be fined with a fee of CHF 300.00. One member per association can be added without additional fee. Registrations 1 week before the championship are not possible anymore. Passive members do not pay a membership fee.

Art.12.2.3

All MAs have to register their members at least once a year (until the 31.10.) in the official online registration tool of the SCA. Honesty is expected.

Art.12.2.4

The amount of the membership fees can be adjusted at the GA.

Art.12.3 Resignation

Art.12.3.1

Resignations have to be explained to the SCA in written form at least 3 months before the end of the association's year.

Art.12.4 Exclusion

Art.12.4.1

Exclusion can occur when MTs, deliberately or negligently, violate the statutes, rules, agreements or guidelines of the SCA.

Art.12.4.2

Exclusions can be determined by the GA after revising a justified request by the B.

Art.12.5 Sanctions and fines

Sanctions and fines can be issued to MAs and members, as well as board members if there are offences against the association's purpose or the Swiss law. Details are decided at the GA.

Art.12.6 Rights

- The MAs are independent in matters of organization and administration.
- The MAs can propose motions for the B or the GA.

Art.12.7 Obligations

The MTs are obliged to

- Abide to the statutes, rules, agreements and guidelines of the SCA
- Participate in at least one event (championship or camp) annually
- Participate in the annual rulebook instruction
- Support and promote the aims of the SCA and the board
- Send one person per MT as representative to the GA and the MC.
- Get cheerleading events organized by the SCA in Switzerland approved.
- Refrain from statements in public concerning the association.
- Discuss articles/interviews concerning the association with the president beforehand.

Art.12.8 Passive Membership of Individuals

Art.12.8.1

An individual who wants to join the SCA needs to apply to the board of the SCA for a passive membership. It is at the board's discretion to accept individual passive members.

Art.12.8.2

There is a passive membership fee of 50.-CHF to be paid at the beginning of the association's year.

Art.12.8.3

Passive membership allows the individuals access to information about association events and the possibility of attending educational courses.

Art.12.8.4

Individuals with passive membership do not have voting rights.

Art.12.8.5

Individuals with passive membership can be excluded from the SCA when they, deliberately or negligently, violate the statutes, rules, agreements or guidelines of the SCA.

§13 Events

Art.13.1 Cheerleading Championship Switzerland (CCS)

Art.13.1.1

The SCA organizes the CCS.

Art.13.1.2

The SCA can delegate the organization of the SCA to an external company or club.

Art.13.2

In this case, a profit sharing will be granted to this external company or club.

Art.13.2.1

The amount of the profit sharing will be decided at the GA.

Art.13.2.2

The rule book for the CCS is annually adjusted. It is based on the rule book of the European Cheer Union (ECU).

Art.13.2.2.1

The current rule book is sent to the MA in the beginning of the association's year before the CCS.

Art.13.2.2.2

The rule book instruction should be held annually before the CCS.

Art.13.1 Cheerleading Camps

Art.13.1.1

The SCA can organize official association's camps.

Art.13.1.2

Each MA can organize their own cheerleading camps and is obligated to inform the SCA in good time so that it can be included in the planning of the year.

Art.13.2 International Events

The SCA is responsible for the organization of international events.

§14 Finances

Art.14.1 Income

The income of the SCA consist mainly from

- Annual membership fees of the MAs
- Registration fees for the teams at the CCS
- The revenue of the association's assets
- The income of events
- The income of special campaigns
- Donations, grants and legacies
- Marketing and sponsoring earnings

Art.14.2 Expenses

Expenses are defined in the budget and are approved by the GA. Non-budgeted expenses in the current year can only be transacted with the mutual agreement of the president and the auditor, however not more than CHF 2000.00 in total.

Art.14.3 Financial Year

The financial year starts on 01.09 and ends on 31.08 the following year.

§15 Final Clause

Art.15.1 Disbandment

Art.15.1.1

Disbandment can only be decided in an extraordinary GA with this topic as its only agenda.

Art.15.1.2

Validity of the disbandment is reached when four fifth of the present MAs are in favor.

Art.15.1.3

If disbandment is definite the association's assets will be divided among the member clubs, or if not possible, will be transferred to an association with similar goals

Art.15.2 Cases not included in the Statutes

Cases which are not included in the statutes are decided by the B with reservations in the next GA.

Art.15.3 Legal Validity of the Statutes


This current revision of the statutes has been approved by the member clubs by circulation decision from 26.09.2020

These statutes have been certified by an attorney and replace the statutes from the GA of the SCA on 22.06.2016.

These statutes have been translated from the German version by Cristina Hengartner on 15.01.2016.

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