

On the basis of Regulations of Law of Union Representation (Ur. List RS 13/93), athletes who are registered in sports clubs in the Republic of Slovenia have adopted, on day 22. 4. 2004, at founding meeting, the following

STATUTE of SŠS – Slovenian Athletes Union

I. CHAPTER

Introduction

1. article

Slovenian Sports Union is an independent organization, established for an indefinite period of time, whose members are athletes, who are or have been registered in the Sports Clubs in the Republic of Slovenia and the athletes who are citizens of Slovenia, registered in Sports Clubs outside the Republic of Slovenia.

2. article

Slovenian Sports Union functions on the whole territory of Republic of Slovenia.

3. article

Union bears the name 'Slovenian Sports Union'. Union uses short name SŠS. Registered office is in Ljubljana.

4. article

SŠS has a sign, which shape and form is decided by the Board.

5. article

SŠS is a legal body and can conduct all kind of business deals for the purpose of satisfying interests and tasks, for which it was founded.

6. article

SŠS is legally represented by the President of the Union. President can select another person to represent the Union.

II. CHAPTER

Objectives and Rights

7. article

The basic objectives of the Union are the following:

- a) to fulfill and protect common interests of its members with all available means;
- b) to solve problems that concern any of its members and to find appropriate solutions;
- c) to promote solidarity among its members and to strengthen common conscious of the Union;
- d) to encourage respect of legal and moral norms among all the participants within the all participants in sport;
- e) as an umbrella union of athletes in the Republic of Slovenia, joining all trade unions in joint effort to improve the legal and social status of athletes.

8. article

The Union has the right and obligation to:

- a) enter into collective agreement with Sport Clubs or their unions and to control its implementation;
- b) participate in decision-making process within the organs of all the Sports Associations in Slovenia, about important issues that concern members of the Union;
- c) intervene into disciplinary procedures taken against its members and to actively cooperate in case of club's unilateral breach of contractual relation with the member of the Union;
- d) offer any kind of legal or other support to the members of the Union in conflicts arising from contractual relations with sport clubs or sport associations;
- e) inform members of all the activities of the Union;
- f) ensure that duty of care will be exercised when dealing with the Union's assets;
- g) establish and to run institutions of social nature.

III. CHAPTER

Membership

9. article

An individual who satisfies the conditions from Article 1 of this Statute can become a member of the Union if he issues a written statement to the Board in which he specifies to voluntary enter the Union and to respect the Articles of this Statute and other regulations of the Union.

Members of other sports unions become members of Slovenian Sports Union at the time when the sports union is joining Slovenian Sports Union as an umbrella organization of sports unions in Slovenia, with a contract of association.

The Board of the Union may, by order, admit membership to the union, to former athletes and people who are protecting the interests of the union and its members through their personal conduct and reputation.

10. article

The Board can decide to refuse the right of a membership in the Union to an athlete if there exists an objective reason justifying that his membership could be against interest or reputation of the Union.

11. article

Member of the Union has the following rights:

- a) to propose the candidates, to vote and to be elected into the organs of the Union;
- b) to freely express his interests, to adapt them in coordination with interests of other members of the Union and to participate in all activities of the Union;
- c) to access legal advice and other services of the Union when exercising his rights and obligations in sports clubs and other sports organizations or associations;
- d) possibility to attend and actively participate on the general meeting of the Union;
- e) other rights defined by this Statute and other general regulations of the Union.

12. article

Member of the Union has the following obligations:

- a) to respect provisions of this Statute and other general regulations of the Union;
- b) to exercise the functions he was elected or appointed to with duty of care;
- c) to act solidary in the benefit of the common interests, irrespective to the circumstances;
- d) regularly pay the annual membership fee and other contributions in cash, in accordance with the decision of the competent organ of the Union;
- e) to fulfill other obligations, detailed by this Statute and other general regulations of the Union, as well as the obligations that are put upon him by the competent organ of the Union.

13. article

A membership of the Union can terminate when a member voluntary submits written statement to the Board to withdraw from the Union.

A membership of the Union terminates on the ground of expulsion with the final decision of the Board on the expulsion of the member. Expulsion will be granted if a member strongly violates any of the obligations detailed in this Statute.

A membership also terminates in case of delay with the annual payment of the membership fee, if the delay is longer than 3 months. The payment of the membership fees can be deferred for the period of 1 year for those athletes who did not received their salaries (income) for the period longer than 3 months.

IV. CHAPTER

Authorities

14. article

Organs of the Union are: General Assembly, the Board, president of the Union, Executive Board and Supervisory Board.

The Board can establish a special consultant body and for specific regions also regional committees.

15. article

The president of the Union and representatives of the Board are elected by the General Assembly among the members of the Union for a period of 4 years, with the possibility of re-election. Representatives are elected with the majority of the votes of the present members.

Representatives in organs of the Unions can be expelled from the functions, individually or collectively, by the two thirds of votes of the present members of the General Assembly. Newly elected representatives will hold functions for the remaining period of the mandate, until the next elections.

General Assembly

16. article

The General Assembly is competent to:

- a)** adapt the Statute and to modify it;
- b)** elect and dismiss Union representatives in the bodies;
- c)** issue the guidelines for annual work programs and financial plans;
- d)** deliberate on the budget, proposed by the Board;
- e)** decide on other matters in accordance with this Statute and other general regulations of the Union.

The General Assembly consists of all the members of the Union. President of the Union calls for the General Assembly to meet generally every 4 years. Exceptionally the General Assembly can meet on the request of one half of all the members of the Union.

Work of the General Assembly is coordinated by the working presidency, elected by the present members of the Union. Decisions are made on the basis of majority of all the votes by public voting procedure, except when appointing or expelling the members, when the voting is held in secrecy.

The Statute can be amended or modified on the proposal of the Board or at least 10 members of the Union by decision taken on the General Assembly by two third of majority.

More specific rules on calling and running of the General Assembly can be established with the rules of procedure adopted by the General Assembly with a qualitative majority of the present members.

Managing Board (The Board)

17. article

The Board, consisting of seven members and the president of the Union, leads work of the Union.

Exceptionally, the alternate members can replace the Board members when it comes to deciding.

The Board has the following functions:

- a) to fulfill and implement the adopted plans and politics of the Union in between the General Assembly meetings;
- b) to appoint the Union loyalists in sports clubs;
- c) to handle all the matters concerning membership in the Union;
- d) to adopt regulations and measures for implementing the rights and interests of the members of the Union;
- e) to adopt general regulations of the Union, annual work programs and financial plans in accordance with the Union's guidelines;
- f) to decide on the amount of the membership fee and other obligations of the members;
- g) to run a membership correspondence of the Union;
- h) adopts rules on the possible lock out and appoints the Lock out Board
- i) decides on the participation of the Union in other organizations and associations;
- j) reports to the General Assembly about its work and work of the Union;
- k) appoints alternate members of the Board and Supervisory Board;
- l) to fulfill other tasks, appointed by this Statute and other regulations of the Union.

The Board fulfills its tasks on sessions, called upon and run by the president of the Board who is simultaneously also the President of the Union.

The Board is competent to make decisions if there are at least one half of its members present on the meeting. The decisions are taken with majority of the members present, whereas the President has a preferential vote.

The Board may also sit at correspondent meetings when the quorum needed for decisions cannot be provided.

Specific provisions on calling and running the meeting of the Board can be determined by the rules of procedure, adopted by the Board.

President of the Union

18. article

The President of the Union has the following competences and tasks:

- a) to represent and to present the Union;
- b) to call for General Assembly and to call and chair meetings of the Board;
- c) to coordinate work of the organs of the Union and its partners;
- d) to propose regulations and measures for implementing rights and interests of the members of the Union;
- e) to fulfill other tasks in accordance with this Statute and other general regulations of the Union as well as other tasks put upon him by other organs of the Union.

In the period of absence of the president, his competences and tasks will be fulfilled by his deputy, who will also be appointed by the Board for the same period of time as the president.

The President of the Union has the right to remuneration for the work done, based on the decision of the Board.

Executive Board

19. article

The Executive board is administrative-technical organ of the Board that consists of 3 members, appointed by the Board for the period of 2 years.

Members of the Executive board, professionally or contractually, conduct organizational, material and financial aspects of the Union's business.

Supervisory Board

20. article

The Supervisory Board has a president and 2 members, appointed by the General Assembly for the period of 4 years.

The Supervisory board supervises financial matters of the Union. At least once a year financial matters and assets of the Union are revised and reported to The Board and

other members of the Union. The Supervisory board revises financial report and drafts a written report.

21. article

When regional Committees (boards) are established by the Board at the same time its territory, composition and the manner of voting are determined.

Regional boards can deliberate on all questions regarding implementation of the rights and interests of the members of the Union. Their proposals and opinions can be delivered to the General Assembly, the Board and to the President of the Union.

V. CHAPTER Loyalists of the Union

22. article

The Union's loyalists act as representatives of the Union in sports clubs or sports associations in the Republic of Slovenia. The Board appoints them for a period of one year or more active years as an athlete. Each sports club can only have one loyalist of the Union and his deputy.

The Union's loyalist has the following tasks:

- a) to represent the Union in his football club within granted powers, given to him;
- b) to establish, remain and develop permanent contacts between the members and the Union;
- c) to inform the members with activities and other functions of the Union;
- d) to attend annual conferences, called by the Board.

VI. CHAPTER Financing

23. article

Activities of the Union are financed from the membership fee, other contributions and other sources, in accordance with annual financial plan.

Financial decisions are taken by the President of the Union, in accordance with laws and regulations as well as with decisions of the organs of the Union.

Documents of financial nature are to be signed by the President of the Union and other persons appointed by the Board.

VII. CHAPTER
Termination of the Union

24. article

The Union terminates if the Board adopts such a decision or if the number of the members falls below ten.

In the case of termination of the Union, the assets will be distributed equally among its members who have been members for at least one year, after all the obligations have been fulfilled.

VIII. CHAPTER
Transitional and final provisions

25. article

This Statute becomes valid when the members of the Union adopt it at the founding meeting.

26. article

Until the first General Assembly, the Union is run by the temporary President and his deputy, who are elected at the founding meeting

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