

IVV-Europa European Volkssportverband
Association sans but lucratif
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Amendment to the Articles of Association

§ 1 Name, registered office, language and legal personality

1. The name of the association is IVV Europa - European Volkssportverband asbl, abbreviated to: IVV-Europe.
2. Its registered office is in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, address: 3, route d Arlon L - 8009 Strassen and it is registered in the trade and association register.
The place of jurisdiction and fulfilment is the competent court for the registered office of IVV Europe.
3. The official languages of IVV-Europa are German, English and French. All official documents (e.g. statutes/documents/contracts) and records must be drawn up in these languages. If there are any differences in the wording, the German version shall prevail.
4. The financial year is the calendar year.
5. IVV Europa is the association of national Volkssport federations and clubs at European level. It is party-politically and denominationally neutral.
6. The association is founded for an indefinite period and is recognised by the International Volkssportverband e.V. (IVV).

§ 2 Non-profit status

1. With the promotion of Volkssport, IVV Europa pursues exclusively, directly and selflessly charitable purposes within the meaning of Art. 1 of the Luxembourg legislation of 21 April 1928 on foundations and associations.
2. The IVV Europa does not pursue any economic, profit-orientated objectives. The Association's funds may only be used for the statutory purposes. The Presidium decides on the allocation of funds for the promotion of Volkssport to the member associations and informs all member associations promptly.
3. No natural or legal person may benefit from high remuneration.
4. The IVV Europa works economically independently. It must therefore be guided exclusively by economic considerations in the procurement of all materials required to fulfil the purpose of the association.

§ 3 Tasks and objectives

The tasks and objectives of the association are :

1. to deal with all issues relating to sports without timekeeping, target times and classification (Volkssportarten).
2. to promote all kinds of Volkssport and Volkssportfederations, clubs and Volkssportler in the spirit of peace, understanding and fair play, without discrimination on the basis of political views, gender, religion, race or other reasons.
3. to support hiking and popular sports in European countries in general with the aim of establishing European hiking and popular sports associations.
4. to develop opportunities to practise these sports and to coordinate the activities of IVV Europe member associations and clubs in this field.
5. to promote unity in questions of hiking and popular sports among the member associations.
6. to safeguard the overall interests of the member associations.
7. to maintain good relations and co-operation with the IVV.
8. balancing the interests of the member associations, settling differences of opinion between them and providing assistance in all matters on request.
9. to represent the interests of the member associations in national and international organisations
10. to seek and maintain partnerships with like-minded associations.
11. to promote the objectives of nature conservation and landscape management in order to safeguard and develop its sporting interests.

It advocates a balance of interests between popular sport and the environment, as well as the preservation of the right of access to the great outdoors and endeavours to enforce this where it is not yet guaranteed. Priority nature conservation objectives remain unaffected by this.

§ 4 Acquisition of membership

1. The existing national European Volkssport associations can become members of IVV Europe.
2. In justified exceptional cases and in agreement with the IVV, an association that belongs to another continent and is not a member of another continental association may become a member of IVV Europe.
3. Individual member clubs from European countries - in which no national association exists yet - can become members of IVV Europe. These members can submit applications and participate in the IVV Europe meetings, but have no voting rights.
- 4 Admission to IVV Europe requires a written application. The Presidium decides on the admission and informs the existing members immediately of the decision.

§ 5 Rights and duties of the members

1. The member associations/clubs are authorised to submit motions to the IVV Europe Presidium and the Congress of Delegates via their respective responsible association bodies.
2. The member associations are obliged to participate in the Congress of Delegates and to exercise their voting rights; digital participation is possible if the technical possibilities are given. In this case, however, the association concerned may not participate in secret ballots.
- 3 The member associations are obliged to promote and uphold the purposes and objectives of IVV Europa and to comply with the statutes, regulations and guidelines.
4. The member associations/clubs are obliged to pay annual contributions, dues and fees.

§ 6 Cancellation of membership

1. Membership in IVV Europa shall expire through
 - dissolution
 - resignation
 - exclusion
2. Resignation can only be declared by registered letter to the IVV Europa office with three months' notice to the end of the financial year. The resignation should be justified.
3. A member association can be expelled if it acts against the interests of IVV Europa or the IVV through gross negligence or willful misconduct, especially if it violates the IVV Europa Statutes, Regulations or IVV Guidelines.
- 4 The Assembly of Delegates decides on the exclusion, whereby the person concerned has no right to vote. The member association must be heard before the expulsion. In the event of non-appearance at the Congress of Delegates, a decision will be made on the basis of the files. The decision requires a 2/3 majority of the voting delegates present. The decision must be justified and announced in writing. The IVV Association Arbitration Court may be called upon to rule against this decision.
5. All rights and obligations associated with membership expire with the dissolution, resignation or exclusion of the member association. The withdrawing association has no property claims against IVV Europa. It is obliged to fulfil its existing obligations towards IVV Europa immediately.
- 6 These regulations apply accordingly to individual member associations.

§ 7 Organs of the Association

The organs of IVV Europa are

1. the Presidium
2. the Assembly of Delegates

§ 8 Presidium

- 1 The Presidium consists of the President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
- 2 Members of the IVV Executive Presidium cannot be members of the Presidium of IVV Europe at the same time.
3. The Presidium is elected by the Congress of Delegates for a period of four years. The term of office begins with the election. If a member resigns from the Presidium before the end of his term of office, the Presidium is authorized to fill the office temporarily until the next Congress of Delegates. A by-election for the vacant position must be held at this delegates' meeting.
Nominations for the election of the Presidium must be submitted in writing to the IVV Europe Office at least 15 days before the Congress of Delegates.
5. The Executive Committee has the task of managing and representing the association as a whole and coordinating all tasks of the association. It must implement the resolutions of the Delegates' Meeting and ensure compliance with the statutes, regulations and guidelines.
6. The Executive Committee distributes tasks among its members in accordance with the rules of procedure.
7. The President is authorized to represent the Association alone. Within the Association, it is determined that, if the President is unable to attend, the Association shall be represented jointly by two of these members of the Presidium.

§ 9 Assembly of Delegates

1. The Assembly of Delegates is the supreme body of the Association. It consists of the members of the Executive Committee and the elected or appointed members of the individual national member associations.
2. Each national member association has two delegates, regardless of its size.
3. All members of the Assembly of Delegates have the right to vote. National member associations may transfer voting rights to their delegates or to other member associations by means of a proxy. A member association may accept a maximum of 1 proxy.
4. The Assembly of Delegates shall be convened by the President every two years for an ordinary meeting. The Assembly of Delegates must be convened in writing at least three months in advance, stating the place, time and agenda.
5. The Assembly of Delegates shall constitute a quorum if it is duly convened and at least one delegate more than half of the delegates determined are present. The chair of the meeting is responsible for determining whether a quorum is present. If the Assembly of Delegates is not quorate at the beginning, a new Assembly of Delegates with the same agenda shall be held half an hour later, which shall in any case be quorate.
6. The President or a chairman appointed by him shall chair the meeting.
7. The Assembly of Delegates shall decide by an absolute majority of votes of the delegates present. Amendments to the Articles of Association and the dissolution of the Association require a two-thirds majority of the delegates present. Abstentions and invalid votes are not counted when calculating the majority.
8. Minutes of the delegates' meeting must be drawn up and signed by the chair of the delegates' meeting and the keeper of the minutes. The minutes of the Assembly of Delegates must be sent to the member associations/clubs in writing within 8 weeks of the meeting.
9. The Assembly of Delegates shall decide on all matters not reserved for the Presidium, in particular
 - a) Acceptance of the Presidium's annual report.
 - b) The discharge of the Presidium with regard to accounting and management after discussion of their areas of activity, including the cash audit report.
 - c) Adoption of the budget.
 - d) Election of the Presidium and the auditors.
 - e) Adoption of resolutions on amendments to the statutes and the regulations of the IVV Europe
 - f) Passing resolutions on motions submitted by the Presidium, the national associations and individual member associations regarding the affairs of IVV Europa.
 - g) Determining the membership fee,
 - h) the exclusion of member associations or individual member clubs,
 - i) the determination of the place and date of the next General Assembly,
 - j) the dissolution of the Association.
10. An extraordinary Assembly of Delegates shall be convened
 - a) if the Assembly of Delegates so decides or
 - b) if at least half of the member associations submit a written request stating the purpose of the meeting

§ .10 Reimbursement of expenses

1. All offices in IVV Europa are honorary offices.
2. Travelling expenses are charged according to the Luxembourg table (for trips abroad).
if necessary, the Presidium may decide to employ salaried persons.

§ 11 Audit of accounts

1. Two auditors and two substitute auditors, who may not be members of the Executive Committee, shall be elected by the Assembly of Delegates for a period of four years to audit the cash transactions prior to the Assembly of Delegates. They have no voting rights at the Assembly of Delegates.
2. The annual cash audit report must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee and the member countries.

§ 12 Legal basis and responsibilities

1. IVV Europa regulates its affairs through these Statutes and Rules of Procedure.
2. In all other respects, the guidelines and regulations of IVV Europe apply to the entire activity of IVV Europe, unless the Rules of Procedure of IVV Europe contain their own regulations. In detail, these are the following regulations:
 - Admission regulations,
 - disciplinary regulations,
 - Rules of Honour
 - Financial and contribution regulations
 - Rules of procedure
 - Rules of arbitration
3. These IVV regulations are an integral part of these Statutes.
However, the members of the Presidium, the Assembly of Delegates, the bodies of the Association, the national member associations, the individual member clubs and the participants of Volkssport events (insofar as these are not covered by a national member association) submit to the activities and their

participation and acknowledgement of the conditions of participation of the statutes and regulations of the Association.

4. IVV Europe is responsible for monitoring the statutory and proper behaviour of the member associations, the individual member clubs and their members within the framework of the applicable regulations

§ 13 Dissolution of the association

1. IVV Europa can only be dissolved by resolution of the Congress of Delegates. Such a motion must be expressly designated as such on the agenda.
1. The motion to dissolve IVV Europa must be submitted in writing by at least two thirds of the member associations to the Presidium, which must immediately convene the Congress of Delegates. The dissolution can only be decided by a written vote of all participants entitled to vote in the Congress of Delegates with a two-thirds majority.
2. In the event of the dissolution or cancellation of IVV Europa or the discontinuation of its previous purpose, the IVV Europa assets shall be transferred to the International Volkssportverband e.V. (IVV).

§ 14 Final provisions

1. Unless otherwise stipulated in these Articles of Association, the legal provisions governing the ASBL associations of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg shall apply.
2. All amendments to the Articles of Association must be submitted electronically to the Trade and Companies Register during the month of their entry for publication in the RESA.

* I V V = International Volkssport Association

These Statutes were adopted by the Founding Assembly of IVV-Europe on 10 July 2010 in Luxembourg.

First amendment to the Statutes at the Congress of Delegates on 19 October 2011 in Antalya (Turkey)

Second amendment to the Statutes at the Congress of Delegates on 13 June 2015 in Winterthur (Switzerland)

Third amendment to the Articles of Association at the delegates' meeting on 20 October 2021 in Sillian (Austria)