



Grün-Gold-Club Bremen e.V.

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Articles of Association

§ 1

General Provisions

- (1) The association bears the name "Grün-Gold-Club Bremen e.V., gegr. 1932".
- (2) The association's registered office is in Bremen.
- (3) The association is entered in the register of associations.
- (4) The financial year is the calendar year.
- (5) All references to persons and roles apply regardless of gender. For the sake of readability, the generic masculine form is used.

§ 2

Purpose, Fulfilment of Purpose, Tax Relief

- (1) The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section 'Tax-privileged Purposes' of the German Fiscal Code. In particular, its purpose is to promote ballroom dancing on a sporting basis, to represent the general non-material interests of German dance sport, and to foster an international outlook and the spirit of international understanding by participating in competitions abroad in the interests of Germany's reputation.
- (2) The Association operates on a non-profit basis; it does not primarily pursue its own economic interests and has no political or religious objectives.
- (3) The Association's funds may only be used for the purposes set out in the Articles of Association. Members shall not receive any payments from the Association's funds. Section 11 contains an exception to this principle.
- (4) Upon leaving the Association, or in the event of its dissolution or winding-up, members may not receive back more than their paid-up capital shares and the fair market value of their contributions in kind.
- (5) No person may be favoured through expenditure unrelated to the Association's purpose or through disproportionately high remuneration.
- (6) The association shall adopt a Child and Youth Protection Policy (including a protection concept for children and young people). This policy shall, in particular, regulate preventive measures, the intervention procedure in cases of suspicion and the requirements for staff. The policy shall be adopted by the Executive Board and shall not form part of the Articles of Association.



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§ 3

Members

(1) The association consists of:

- (a) full members
- (b) honorary members
- (c) supporting members

(2) Unless otherwise provided for in these Articles of Association, full and honorary members shall have the usual rights and obligations, namely the right to attend and vote at the general meeting. The right to vote is subject to the member having reached the age of 16.

(3) Supporting members are not entitled to vote; however, they have the right to attend general meetings and must be invited accordingly; they have the same rights to information and to speak as full members. Supporting members are not entitled to take part in the Association's sporting activities. A change from supporting member status to that of a full member is possible with immediate effect, subject to the provisions of § 4(1).

§ 4

Acquisition of Membership

(1) Applications for full membership and supporting membership must be submitted in writing to the association's Executive Committee. Minors require the consent of their legal guardian for admission. The Executive Committee decides on admission by a simple majority of votes. The Executive Committee may refuse admission without giving reasons.

§ 5

Membership Fees

Membership fees are set by the Executive Committee with the approval of the General Meeting and are set out in the membership fee regulations. Any additional contributions required for specific purposes are decided upon by the General Meeting.



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§ 6

Termination of Membership

Ordinary membership and supporting membership shall cease:

1. upon death
2. upon submission of a written notice of resignation

Such notice must be given with two months' notice to the end of a calendar year. If notice is given late, resignation shall only take effect at the next possible date.

3. by striking off

This may be decided by the Executive Committee if the member is in arrears with two membership fee payments.

4. by striking off

A member may be struck off if he has contravened the Articles of Association or damaged the interests or reputation of the Association. Any member may apply to the Executive Committee for a member to be struck off. Within one month of the application being made, the Executive Committee must convene a General Meeting to pass a resolution, at which the member in question is entitled to present his defence.

If at least three-quarters of the members present vote in favour of expulsion, the Executive Committee shall pronounce the expulsion.

§ 7

Organs of the Association

The organs of the Association are:

- the General Meeting,
- the Executive Committee.



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§ 8

Convening the General Meeting, Voting Rights, Resolutions, Minutes

- (1) The General Meeting shall be convened by the Executive Committee in writing, setting out the agenda as determined by the Executive Committee. Notice of the meeting must be given 20 days before the date of the meeting. The invitation shall be deemed to have been received by the member if it is sent to the last postal address notified to the Association. The invitation may also be sent by ordinary email; in this case, it shall be deemed to have been received once it has been sent to the members' last email address notified to the Association. Applications for the agenda must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee at least ten calendar days before the date of the meeting.
- (2) Upon a written request from one quarter of the members, the Executive Committee is obliged to convene a General Meeting within one month.
- (3) Any General Meeting duly convened shall constitute a quorum.
- (4) The right to vote at General Meetings may also be exercised by a member holding a written proxy. However, each member present may claim no more than three delegated votes.
- (5) Resolutions are passed by a simple majority. Amendments to the Articles of Association require a three-quarters majority of the members present.
- (6) The Executive Committee shall appoint the recording secretary. The minutes must be signed by a member of the Executive Committee and the recording secretary.

§ 9

Ordinary General Meeting

- (1) The General Meeting shall, at an ordinary meeting to be held within the first six months of the financial year, resolve the discharge of the Executive Committee and receive the Treasurer's report.
- (2) The General Meeting shall elect the Executive Committee, except for the Youth Officer, who is elected by the Youth Assembly; it shall also elect an Advisory Board for specific tasks and appoint two auditors. The Executive Committee and the members of the Advisory Board shall be elected for a term of two financial years, provided that their term of office continues until the next election is held. The appointment of Executive Committee members may only be revoked in the event of a gross breach of duty.



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§ 10

Executive Committee

(1) The Executive Committee consists of:

- the First Chair,
- the two Second Chairs,
- the Secretary,
- the Treasurer,
- the two Sports Officers,
- the Community and Media Officer;
- the Youth Officer.

(2) For the purposes of representation in accordance with § 26 of the German Civil Code (BGB), any two members of the Executive Committee are jointly authorised to act, provided that the First Chairperson, one of the Second Chairpersons or the Treasurer is involved.

(3) The Executive Committee is authorised to appoint a replacement in the event of a member's resignation. Such an appointment is subject to confirmation by the next General Meeting.

(4) The Executive Committee is authorised to adopt the following association regulations as required:

- a) Honours Regulations
- b) Financial Regulations
- c) Rules of Procedure
- d) Administrative and Travel Expenses Regulations
- e) Regulations for the Protection of Children and Young People (PiG Regulations)
- f) Youth Regulations

§ 11

Remuneration for Association Activities

(1) Association offices are, in principle, held on a voluntary basis.

(2) Where necessary, statutory offices may be held in return for remuneration based on a service contract or in return for the payment of an expense allowance in accordance with Section 3 No. 26a of the Income Tax Act (EStG) (voluntary work allowance).

(3) The Executive Committee shall decide on whether association activities are to be carried out for remuneration. The same applies to the terms of contracts and their termination.

(4) The Executive Committee is authorised to commission activities carried out for the association by individuals which are not specified in the Articles of Association, in return for payment of appropriate remuneration or an expense allowance.

(5) Members and staff of the Association may claim reimbursement of expenses incurred during their activities for the Association in accordance with Section 670 of the German Civil Code (BGB). These include, in particular, travel costs, postage, telephone charges, etc.



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(6) Claims for reimbursement of expenses may only be made up to 31 January of the following year. Reimbursements will only be granted if the expenses are substantiated by receipts or statements, which must be verifiable.

(7) The Executive Committee may, by resolution and within the limits permitted by tax law, set appropriate limits on the amount of reimbursement of expenses in accordance with Section 670 of the German Civil Code (BGB).

§ 12

Disputes

(1) Disputes between the Association and a member shall initially be decided by a General Meeting to be convened by the Executive Committee. This does not apply to the enforcement of claims arising from the membership fee regulations.

(2) Direct recourse to the ordinary courts is deemed to be contrary to the Articles of Association.

§ 13

Liquidation, allocation of the Association's assets in the event of dissolution, winding-up or cessation of the previous purpose

(1) Dissolution shall take place by resolution of the General Meeting, provided that three-quarters of all members vote in favour of dissolution. If the required quorum is not present at the General Meeting, a new General Meeting shall be convened, which shall constitute a quorum regardless of the number of members present. In this case, the approval of three-quarters of the members present shall suffice.

(2) In the event of the dissolution of the Association or the cessation of tax-privileged purposes, the Association's assets shall pass to the Landessportbund Bremen e.V., which must use them directly and exclusively for charitable, benevolent or ecclesiastical purposes.

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