

# Articles of Swiss Stand up Paddleboarding Association (SUP Suisse)

## 1. Name and Registered Office

The Swiss Stand up Paddleboarding Association (hereafter referred to as “SUP Suisse” or “association”) is an association according to articles 60 ff. of the Swiss civil code (ZGB). The association is party-politically and confessionally independent.

SUP Suisse is located in Switzerland at the domicile of the president in place.

## 2. Purpose of the Association

The purpose of SUP Suisse is to promote stand up paddling in Switzerland in all its varieties and to hold Swiss Championships to nominate the official Swiss champion.

The association may draft and publish press releases and/or other publications.

## 3. Financial Means

To pursue the purpose of the association, SUP Suisse has the following means at its disposal:

- Membership fees
- Income from own events
- Subsidies
- Income from service agreements
- Donations and grants of all kinds

The membership fees are determined annually by the association assembly. Honorary members and acting members of the board are exempt from the membership fee.

The fiscal year corresponds to the calendar year.

## 4. Memberships

Natural and legal persons who support the purpose of the association and pay the annual membership fee can become **members**.

Any natural person who has reached the age of 12 by January 1 of the current year and has not yet reached the age of 20, who wishes to participate actively in club life, who pays the annual membership fee, and who undertakes to comply with the statutes and regulations and to support the club's objectives, may become a **junior member**. Junior members pay half the normal membership fee.

For minors, the written consent of the legal representative is also required.

People with special contributions to the benefit of the association may be appointed **honorary members** by the board. The association assembly approves the nomination. Honorary members have the same rights as members but pay no membership fee.

An application to become a member of the association may be submitted at any time. The membership application must be submitted by email or through the application form on the website of SUP Suisse. The association may further request information and documents in writing. The board decides on the acceptance of new members.

## 5. Termination of Membership

Membership expires

- for natural persons by resignation, exclusion, or death.
- for legal entities by resignation, exclusion, or dissolution of the legal entity.

## 6. Resignation and Exclusion

Withdrawal from the association is possible at any time by written declaration to the boards and becomes effective at the end of the calendar year.

A member can be expelled from the club at any time without giving a reason. The board shall make the exclusion decision. The excluded member may appeal this decision to the association assembly, which will make the final decision.

Membership fees are collected in March of the current year. The payment period is 30 days. Defaulting members will be reminded twice after the payment deadline. If they are not paid by the end of November despite reminders, membership will expire.

## 7. Language and Communications

The official language of the association is English. The association further may, at its discretion, communicate in German, French and Italian.

All communications (including official communications, e.g. invitations to the association assembly, and non-official communications) to its members are made through the website of the association ([www.supssuisse.ch](http://www.supssuisse.ch)), which is the official information platform of the association. Additionally, communications can be done by way of e-mail and/or regular mail as well as through social media channels.

## 8. Association Bodies

The Association is composed of the following bodies:

- Association Assembly
- Executive Board (herein referred to as the “board”)
- Statutory Auditors

## 9. Association Assembly

The supreme body of the association is the association assembly. An ordinary association assembly is held annually in the first quarter of the calendar year.

Members are invited to the association assembly in writing at least four weeks in advance, stating the agenda items. Invitations by email are valid.

Proposals for the attention of the association assembly must be submitted in writing to the board by two weeks at the latest.

The association assembly can be held in Switzerland, during a contest organized by the association abroad, or online using video chat software.

Extraordinary association assemblies may be convened at the resolution of the board or the request of one-fifth of the members.

The association assembly is the supreme body of the association. It has the following inalienable tasks and competences:

- A. Approval of the minutes of the last association assembly.
- B. Approval of the annual report of the board.
- C. Acceptance of the auditor's report and approval of the annual financial statement.
- D. Discharge of the Board.
- E. Election of the president and the other members of the board as well as the Auditors.

- F. Determination of the membership fees.
- G. Taking note of the annual budget.
- H. Taking note of the program of activities.
- I. Taking note of the board member job descriptions.
- J. Passing of resolutions on motions of the board and the members.
- K. Amendment of the articles.
- L. The decision on exclusion of members.
- M. Passing resolutions on the dissolution of the association and the use of the liquidation proceeds.

Any association assembly duly convened shall constitute a quorum regardless of the number of members present.

Resolutions are passed when a simple majority of the members present and eligible to vote so vote. The President casts the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

To be eligible to vote, members must have 2-year minimum seniority. Excluded from this are members of the board and honorary members. The board can grant voting rights to all present members at an association assembly if communicated so with the invitation.

At least a record of the resolutions passed shall be drawn up.

Guests may also be invited to the association assembly, but have no right to vote under any circumstance.

## 10. The Board

The board of directors consists of 3 to 5 persons. The term of office is 2 years. Re-election is possible.

The board constitutes itself except for the presidium. Each position is described by a job description. A board member can hold several positions. All positions can be shared by a maximum of two board members.

The board shall constitute a quorum if at least half of the members of the board are present.

The board manages the day-to-day business and represents the association externally.

It issues regulations. It may appoint working groups (specialist groups). It may employ or commission persons for the achievement of the association's goals in return for appropriate compensation.

The board has all competencies that are not assigned to another body by law or according to these statutes.

The board meets as often as business requires. Any member of the board may request that a meeting be convened, stating the reasons.

If no member of the board requests oral deliberation, resolutions may be passed by circular letter (including e-mail).

The board is in principle active on an honorary basis; it is entitled to reimbursement of effective expenses.

## 11. Statutory Auditors

The association assembly elects two auditors or a legal entity to audit the accounts.

The auditors shall report and propose to the board for the attention of the association assembly.

The term of office is one year. Re-election is possible.

## 12. Authority to Sign

The board regulates the authority to sign in twos.

## 13. Liability

Only the association's assets are liable for the association's debts. Personal liability of the members is excluded.

## 14. Dissolution of the association

The dissolution of the association may be decided by a resolution of an association assembly convened for this purpose by a simple majority of the members if at least three-quarters of the members participate.

In the event of the dissolution of the association, the assets shall be transferred to the foundation for sports for the disabled. The distribution of the assets of the association among the members is excluded.

## 15. Entry into Force

These articles of incorporation were adopted at the founding meeting of 22.12.2020 and became effective as of that date.

Place, date: Greifensee, 22.12.2020

---

The president:

Andreas Saurer

---

The transcript writer:

Florian Gander

---