

Articles of Association

§1 Name, site and und area of activity

1. The Association has the name „Sammelkartenspielerverein“.
2. It has its site in Linz 4040, and its area of activity spreads all over Austria.
3. The founding of affiliated societies is not intended.

§2 Purpose

The nonprofit purpose of the Association is:

1. Mutual activities in the sense of mind sport competitions using trading card games, organization of one- or multiple day trips to trading card game events, crowning of seasonal champions based on a season point list, crowning of champions on single competition events.
2. The maintenance of social gatherings e.g.: Association regulars' tables, meetings at the end of each season.
3. The promotion and dissemination of the activities mentioned in §2 par.1.

§3 Means to achieve the purpose of the Association

1. The purpose of the Association shall be achieved through the idealistic and material means listed in paras.2 and 3.
2. Idealistic means are:
 - a. Competitions
 - b. Social gatherings
 - c. Attending events of one or more days in the country and abroad
 - d. Holding of information events

3. The necessary material resources shall be raised by:
 - a. Membership fees
 - b. Proceeds from events and the Association's own undertakings
4. Donations, collections, bequests and other contributions
5. Collection of contributions to expenses

§4 Types of membership

1. The members of the Association are divided into full, associate and honorary members.
2. Full members are those who are actively involved in the Association.
3. Admission to the Association is generally as an associate member. As soon as the minimum participation of three regular events in the current calendar year is fulfilled and the membership fee has been paid in the current calendar year, the member is considered as a full member.
4. Associate members are in particular natural and legal persons who support the Association. Associate members are those who are not actively involved in the Association. They have no voting rights in the General Assembly.
5. Honorary members are persons who are appointed for this purpose because of special services to the Association. They are thereby exempted from paying the annual membership fee. Honorary membership may also be conferred on non-members.

§5 Acquisition of membership

1. Only natural persons can be full members of the Association. In addition, the admission of legal entities as associate members is permitted. Honorary members can be both natural and legal persons.
2. The admission of associate members is done by attending an Association event. The board of directors can refuse the admission without giving reasons.

3. Associate members shall be automatically upgraded to full member status if they have attended three regular events in the current calendar year and have paid the membership fees in the current calendar year.

4. Full members shall be reassigned to associate member status by Board resolution or if they have not attended three regular events in the previous calendar year, or if they have not paid their membership fees by the due date in the current calendar year.

5. The appointment of an honorary member is made at the request of the Board or a member of the Association at the General Assembly.

6. Prior to the constitution of the Association, the proponents shall provisionally admit members. However, this membership becomes effective only upon the constitution of the Association.

§6 Termination of membership

1. Membership expires by death (for legal entities by loss of legal personality), by voluntary resignation, by deletion and by exclusion.

2. Termination from the Association can be made at any time. It must be communicated to the board verbally or in writing.

3. Removal of an associate member may be made by the Board if that person has not attended any meeting in the current and previous calendar year.

4. The Board of Directors may cancel the membership of an ordinary member if the member has not paid the membership fee despite two reminders.

4. The exclusion of a member from the Association can be ordered by the Board for gross violation of membership obligations and for dishonorable behavior, as well as for continuous disregard of §7 para.2. Against exclusion an appeal to the general assembly is allowed. Membership rights shall be suspended until the decision of the General Assembly.

5. The withdrawal of honorary membership can be decided for the reasons mentioned in paragraph 4.

§7 Rights and duties of members

1. Members are entitled to participate in all events of the Association according to availability. The right to vote in the General Assembly as well as the active and passive right to vote are only available to ordinary and honorary members, whereby here the age of majority is a prerequisite.

2. Members are obliged to promote the interests of the Association to the best of their ability and to refrain from doing anything that could damage the reputation and purpose of the Association. They have to observe the statutes of the Association and the decisions of the organs of the Association. The full and associate members are obliged to pay the membership fee and the membership dues on time in the amount decided annually by the General Assembly.

3. Members agree that their names and recorded digital footage may be made public during meetings.

§8 Association organs

Organs of the Association are:

- » The General Assembly
- » The Board of Directors
- » The Auditors
- » The Court of Arbitration

§9 The General Assembly

1. The ordinary General Assembly is held once per calendar year.

2. An extraordinary General Assembly shall be held within four weeks of a resolution of the Board of Directors or of the Ordinary General Assembly, of a request made in writing by at least 10% of the members, or of the two auditors.

3. All members are to be invited to both the ordinary and the extraordinary General Assemblies at least two weeks before the date by e-mail or Internet news services. The convocation of the general assembly has to be made by stating the agenda. The convocation shall be made by the Board of Directors.

4. Motions for the General Meeting must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing, by e-mail or Internet news services at least seven days before the date of the General Assembly.

5. Valid resolutions - with the exception of those concerning a motion to convene an extraordinary General Meeting - may be passed on the agenda.

6. All members are entitled to participate in the General Assembly. Only the full and honorary members are entitled to vote, but not the associate members. Each member has one vote. Legal entities shall be represented at the General Assembly by an authorized. The transfer of the right to vote to another member by means of a written authorization is permissible. Each member of the Association can be assigned a maximum of two votes.

7. The General Assembly shall constitute a quorum if half of all voting members (or their representatives) are present (para.6). If the General Assembly does not have a quorum at the appointed hour, the General Assembly shall be held thirty minutes later with the same agenda, which shall have a quorum regardless of the number of those present.

8. Elections and resolutions in the General Assembly are generally carried out by a simple majority of votes. However, resolutions to amend the statutes of the Association or to dissolve the Association require a qualified majority of two-thirds of the valid votes cast.

9. The election of the Association officials has to take place in three parts. The chairman, the auditors and the other board members are to be elected separately.

10. The General Assembly shall be chaired by the Chairman or, if he is unable to do so, by his deputy. If the latter is also prevented, the oldest member of the board present shall chair the meeting.

§10 Scope of duties of the General Assembly

The following tasks are reserved for the General Assembly:

- » Receipt and approval of the statement of accounts and the financial statements.
- » Adoption of resolutions on the budget.
- » Confirmation or appointment and dismissal of the members of the Board of Directors and the Auditors.
- » Determination of the amount of joining fee and the membership fees for the associate and full members.

- » Award and revocation of the honorary membership.
- » Decisions on appeals against exclusions from membership.
- » Passing resolutions on amendments to the Articles of Association and the voluntary dissolution of the Association.
- » To deliberate and adopt resolutions on the other matters on the agenda.

§11 The Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors is composed of the following officers:

- a. Chairman
- b. Deputy Chairman
- c. Treasurer

2. The term of office of the Board of Directors is 5 years. In any case, it lasts until the election of a new board. Retired board members are eligible for re-election.

3. In the event of the resignation of an elected member, the Board has the right to co-opt another member in his or her place, for which subsequent approval must be obtained at the next General Assembly. Board members may resign at any time in writing or by e-mail. The declaration of resignation is to be addressed to the executive Board, in case of resignation of the entire executive Board to the General Assembly. The resignation becomes effective only with the election or co-optation of a successor.

4. The board is convened by the chairman, in his absence by his deputy, in writing or orally. The board has a quorum if all board members are invited and at least half of them are present. Apart from death and expiry of the term of office, the function of a board member expires through dismissal, resignation and withdrawal of membership.

5. The executive Board shall adopt its resolutions for its term of office by a simple majority of votes. Members of the executive Board with dual functions shall have only one vote on the executive Board. In the event of a tie, the chairman shall have the casting vote.

6. Valid resolutions of the Board of Directors can only be amended by the General Assembly with a simple majority.

7. The General Assembly may at any time dismiss the entire Board or individual members thereof.

§12 Chairman

The chairman is the highest official of the Association. He is responsible for representing the Association, especially externally, towards authorities and third parties. He chairs the General Assembly and the Board. In case of imminent danger, he is entitled to issue orders independently under his own responsibility, even in matters that fall within the scope of the General Assembly or the Board; these, however, require the subsequent approval of the competent body of the Association. Another task of the chairman is the keeping of the minutes of the general assembly and the board with the help of the deputy chairman.

§13 Deputy Chairman

1. The deputy chairman shall represent the chairman in his absence and perform his duties.

§14 Treasurer

1. The treasurer is responsible for the proper financial management of the Association, including the acquisition of third-party funds.

§17 Auditors

1. The two auditors are elected by the General Assembly for a period of one year. Re-election is possible.

2. The auditors are responsible for the ongoing business control and the review of the financial statements. They shall report to the General Assembly on the results of the review.

§18 Arbitration Court

1. In all disputes arising from the Association relationship, the arbitration court decides.
2. The Arbitration Court shall be composed of three ordinary members of the Association. It shall be formed in such a way that each party to the dispute nominates one member as arbitrator to the Board of Directors within eight days. Within a further eight days, they shall elect another ordinary member of the Association as chairman of the Arbitration Court by majority vote. In the event of a tie, a decision shall be made by drawing lots among those nominated. The members of the Arbitration Court may not belong to any organ - with the exception of the General Assembly - whose activities are the subject of the dispute.
3. The Arbitration Court shall reach its decision with a simple majority of votes in the presence of all its members. It decides to the best of its knowledge and belief. Its decisions are valid within the Association.

§19 Dissolution of the Association

1. The voluntary dissolution of the Association can only be decided in an extraordinary General Assembly convened for this purpose and only with a two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast.
2. The General Assembly also has to decide on the liquidation - if there are assets of the Association. In this liquidation, the members of the Association shall have a pre-emptive right to all items. The proceeds brought in by the liquidation can be divided among all members in aliquot parts in the amount of their contributions and any remaining assets can be donated to an organization pursuing similar or charitable purposes.