



# QUEER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE | STATUTE |

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## 01\_GENERAL

### **§01 | NAME | SEAT | FISCAL YEAR**

- 1.1 The club, founded in 1992, goes by the name Queer Volleyball League e.V. (formerly Schwul-Lesbische Volleyball Liga e.V.)
- 1.2 The association is based in Frankfurt and is registered in the register of associations at the district court of Frankfurt under the number 20256.
- 1.3 The fiscal year begins on November 1 of each year and ends on October 31 of the following year.

### **§02 | PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 2.1 The purpose of the association is the promotion of sport, realized in particular through the organization of a regulated volleyball competition and the organization of tournaments. It carries out all measures that it deems suitable for achieving the purpose of the association.
- 2.2 Promoting tolerance, especially same-sex lifestyles.

### **§03 | NON-PROFIT STATUS**

- 3.1 The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the tax code.
- 3.2 The association is selfless and does not pursue any self-economic purposes.
- 3.3 Funds of the association may only be used for the purposes set out in the statutes. The members do not receive any donations from the funds of the association.
- 3.4 No person may be favoured by expenses that are foreign to the purpose of the association or by disproportionately high remuneration.

## 02 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

### **§04 | CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1 Natural and legal persons can become members of the association .
- 4.2 Membership is acquired by admission. A written application for membership must be sent to the association.
- 4.3 Membership is possible from the age of 16. The application for admission of minors requires the written consent of the legal representatives.
- 4.4 The board decides on admission by resolution. Membership begins with the passing of a resolution. By submitting the signed application for membership, the member accepts the association's statutes and regulations in their current version.
- 4.5 There is no entitlement to admission. The rejection of admission does not have to be justified. There is no appeal against the refusal of admission.
- 4.6 The membership rights at the Delegates' Assembly are exercised by the team leaders or a delegated member, with each team having equal voting rights.

## 03 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

### **§05 | RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

- 5.1 Associated with membership is the obligation to form teams for match operations, each of which is represented by one of the team's managers.
- 5.2 Members are obliged to pay dues. Additional admission fees, levies, fees for special services of the association may be charged, which are decided by the Assembly of Delegates.
- 5.3 The delegates' assembly decides on the amount of the membership fees.  
Further details are regulated by the **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**.
- 5.4 Underage members up to the age of 18 exercise their membership rights in the association personally. Their legal representatives are excluded from exercising their membership rights but are entitled to participate in general meetings.

## §06 | TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

6.1 Membership ends by:

- \_A\_ Failure to respond by the deadline set by the Board of Directors
- \_B\_ by leaving the association / termination
- \_C\_ by expulsion from the association
- \_D\_ by deletion from the list of members
- \_E\_ by death
- \_F\_ by dissolution of the association

6.2 Withdrawal from the association (termination) is made in writing to the executive board. The resignation can be declared at any time with a notice period of 4 weeks.

6.3 Upon termination of membership, all claims arising from the membership relationship expire. Outstanding obligations arising from membership, in particular outstanding contribution obligations, remain unaffected by this. Items owned by the association are to be returned to the association or compensated for in terms of value.

6.4 The retiring member is not entitled to repayment of overpaid contributions.

## §07 | EXCLUSION FROM THE CLUB | DELETION FROM THE LIST OF MEMBERS

7.1 Exclusion from the association can take place if a member:

- \_A\_ grossly violates the statutes or regulations culpably
- \_B\_ acts in a gross manner contrary to the interests of the association and its goals
- \_C\_ behaves in a grossly unsportsmanlike manner
- \_D\_ damages the reputation of the association through dishonorable behavior, in particular through expressions of extremist sentiments

7.2 The board decides on the exclusion upon application. Every member and the board of directors are entitled to apply.

7.3 The application for exclusion must be communicated to the member concerned with the reasons for it. The member concerned is invited to comment on the application within a period of 4 weeks. After the expiry of the deadline, the board of directors must decide on the motion with a simple majority, taking into account the statement of the member concerned.

7.4 The decision must be communicated to the member in writing with reasons in writing. The resolution shall take effect upon notification to the member concerned.

7.5 A member can be removed from the list of members by resolution of the board if he or she is in arrears with the payment obligations (contributions, penalties) despite a one-time written reminder. The decision on the deletion may only be passed by the Executive Board after the expiry of the period granted in the Financial Regulations. The member must have been notified in the reminder that the cancellation will be cancelled in the event of non-payment. The decision on the deletion must be notified to the member concerned in writing.

7.6 If the member to be excluded or deleted is a member of the Executive Board, the Assembly of Delegates decides.

## 04 THE ASSOCIATION'S BODIES

### §08 | ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 8.1 The organs of the association are:
  - \_1\_ the Board of Directors
  - \_2\_ the Assembly of Delegates (DV)

### §09 | BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 9.1 The board of directors according to § 26 BGB consists of at least three members with equal rights. The number of board members is redetermined by the Assembly of Delegates before each board election.
- 9.2 The members of the Board of Directors are appointed by election at the Assembly of Delegates. Re-election shall be permitted.
- 9.3 The board members are elected by the DV for a term of 4 years. They remain in office after the end of their term of office until a new board is elected.
- 9.4 Absentees can be elected if they have previously declared their willingness to elect the office in writing and the written declaration of the Assembly of Delegates is available. If a member of the Executive Board resigns prematurely during the current term of office, the Executive Board may appoint a successor for the remainder of the term of office of the retiring member by resolution.
- 9.5 The task of the board is the management and management of the association. It is responsible for all tasks that are not assigned to another body of the association by the statutes or regulations.
- 9.6 Personnel union between the individual offices of the board is not permitted.
- 9.7 The board of directors passes its resolutions with a simple majority of votes. It shall have a quorum in the presence of half of its members. Resolutions can also be passed by circulation by e-mail or by telephone or video conference.
- 9.8 The board represents the association in and out of court. The members of the board of directors are entitled to sole representation

## §10 | ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES [DV]

- 10.1 The supreme body of the association is the Assembly of Delegates.
- 10.2 The Assembly of Delegates has the following tasks:
  - \_A\_ Receipt of the reports of the full board
  - \_B\_ Acceptance of the budget plan by the board
  - \_C\_ Receipt of the cash audit report
  - \_D\_ Discharge of the Board of Directors
  - \_E\_ Election of the members of the board and the auditor
  - \_F\_ Resolution on amendments to the statutes
  - \_G\_ Resolution on the dissolution or merger of the association
  - \_H\_ Resolution on motions.
  - \_I\_ Resolution on the rules of the association
- 10.3 The ordinary Assembly of Delegates takes place at least once a year. The time and place are determined by the last meeting or, if it does not pass a resolution on this, by the board.
- 10.4 The invitation to the delegates' meeting will be sent 4 weeks in advance in written form to the last known contact address of the team leaders. The period begins on the day following the sending of the invitation. The agenda decided by the board must be communicated.
- 10.5 Motions from members must be communicated to the board in writing 6 weeks before the DV so that they can be included in the agenda. Motions received after this date can only be dealt with by the assembly if it admits them as urgent.
- 10.6 In the Assembly of Delegates, each delegate who has reached the age of 16 has one vote. Every member is eligible to be elected upon completion of the age of 18. This is carried out by the team manager or a member delegated by him.
- 10.7 A team can transfer its vote to a delegate of another team by written power of attorney. Further details are regulated by the **RULES OF PROCEDURE**.
- 10.8 Board members have their own personal voice. However, they are also only allowed to represent their own team.
- 10.9 The board can convene a delegates' meeting if the interest of the association requires it. It must convene a meeting if at least 20% of the members request the convocation in writing and stating the purpose and reasons.
- 10.10 The Assembly of Delegates is chaired by a member of the Executive Board. If no member of the board is present, the meeting appoints the chairman of the meeting. The chairperson of the meeting may delegate the chairmanship of the assembly to another person.
- 10.11 A minute-taker is elected from the Assembly of Delegates.
- 10.12 Minutes of the resolutions of the Assembly of Delegates shall be drawn up, which shall be signed by the chairman of the meeting and the minute-takers and shall be made available to the members.

## §11 | RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

- 11.1 The subject of the resolution of the Assembly of Delegates is only the agenda items communicated with the convening. Additions to the agenda and other motions require the approval of the Assembly of Delegates.
- 11.2 Each duly convened Assembly of Delegates shall have a quorum regardless of the number of members present.
- 11.3 Votes and elections are open by show of hands. If a secret ballot is requested, the assembly decides. A secret ballot shall be held if requested by at least 20% of the valid votes cast.
- 11.4 Personnel decisions are made in secret ballots. Upon request, a vote by show of hands may be carried out if this motion was adopted without a dissenting vote.
- 11.5 The members of the board are elected individually. Whoever has received more than half of the valid votes cast is elected. If no candidate achieves an absolute majority in the first round, a run-off election will take place between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. In the second round of voting, the candidate who receives the most votes is elected. In the event of an equal number of votes, the decision shall be made by lot. The board members are validly elected when the elected candidates have accepted the office.
- 11.6 The resolutions of the Assembly of Delegates are passed by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. In the event of a tie, a motion is considered rejected. Abstentions are counted as invalid votes and are not counted.
- 11.7 A majority of two thirds of the valid votes cast is required to amend the statutes and to change the purpose of the association.
- 11.8 Urgent resolutions between the delegates' assemblies can be passed in writing by referendum. This requires the participation of two-thirds of the delegates. Amendments to the statutes cannot be made in this way.

## 05 OTHER PROVISIONS

### §12 | CASH AUDITOR

- 12.1 The Assembly of Delegates elects a cash auditor and a deputy cash auditor, who may not be members of the board.
- 12.2 The term of office of the auditor and the deputy is 2 years. Re-election shall be permitted. The Assembly of Delegates may, instead or additionally, decide that the Board of Directors shall commission qualified third parties to audit proper cash management.
- 12.3 Once a year, the auditor audits the association's treasury with all accounts, accounting documents and receipts and submits a report to the Assembly of Delegates. Cash auditors are entitled to carry out a comprehensive audit of all cash registers and all documents from a factual and arithmetical point of view.

## §13 | ASSOCIATION RULES

13.1 Unless the statutes regulate otherwise, the Assembly of Delegates is authorized to issue the following regulations by resolution:

- 1. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS
- 2. RULES OF PROCEDURE
- 3. REGULATIONS FOR PLAY

13.2 The Assembly of Delegates may adopt further regulations.

13.3 The regulations are not part of the statutes.

## §14 | DATA PROTECTION

14.1 In order to fulfil the purposes and tasks of the association, personal data on the personal and factual circumstances of the members of the association are processed in compliance with the requirements of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG).

14.2 Insofar as the requirements described in the respective regulations are met, every member of the association has the following rights in particular:

- the right to information pursuant to Article 15 GDPR
- the right to rectification according to Article 16 GDPR
- the right to erasure according to Article 17 GDPR
- the right to restriction of processing in accordance with Article 18 of the GDPR
- the right to data portability in accordance with Article 20 of the GDPR
- the right to object according to Article 21 GDPR
- Right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority in accordance with Article 77 GDPR

14.3 The organs of the Association and other persons working for the Association are prohibited from processing, disclosing or otherwise using personal data without authorization for purposes other than those relating to the performance of their tasks. This obligation also exists after the departure of the above-mentioned persons from the association.

14.4 In order to perform the tasks and obligations under the EU General Data Protection Regulation and the Federal Data Protection Act, the Executive Board appoints a data protection officer.

## 06\_FINAL PROVISIONS

### **§15 | DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 15.1 The dissolution of the association can only be decided in a duly convened delegates' meeting. A majority of three quarters of the valid votes cast is required for the dissolution of the association.
- 15.2 Unless the general meeting decides otherwise, in the event of dissolution, the members of the board are the liquidators of the association.
- 15.3 In the event of the dissolution of the association or if tax-privileged purposes cease to exist, the assets of the association shall be transferred to a tax-privileged corporation to be determined by the Assembly of Delegates, which shall use them directly and exclusively for non-profit or charitable purposes.

### **§16 | VALIDITY OF THESE STATUTES**

- 16.1 These statutes were adopted by the general meeting on 22.11.2025
- 16.2 These statutes come into force upon entry in the register of associations.
- 16.3 All previous statutes will thus expire at this time.