



Articles of Association

Celtic Supporters Club Switzerland

founded 2003

Name, registered office, object

Art. 1

Under the name Celtic Supporters Club Switzerland (referred to below as “CSC CH”), a politically neutral association has been established in accordance with Art. 60 et seqq. of the Swiss Civil Code. Exceptions in respect of its political neutrality are possible in accordance with Art. 3 of the present Articles of Association. While maintaining its independence, the CSC CH may affiliate with other associations that pursue the same or similar objects.

Art. 2

The legal seat and place of jurisdiction of the association is in the President’s municipality of residence.

Art. 3

The objects of the CSC CH are as follows:

- to support Celtic Football Club
- to provide a social platform for interaction between all those who identify with Celtic FC
- to maintain and promote camaraderie
- to be a well-known CSC with links to Celtic FC, as well as other CSCs and fans
- to bring together and organise like-minded Celtic fans with the goal of supporting Celtic FC
- to be registered as an official CSC with Celtic FC.
- to uphold the charitable principles and heritage of Celtic FC.

Membership

Art. 4

The CSC CH has the following membership categories:

- a) Jimmy Johnstone Members
- b) Henrik Larsson Members
- c) Neil Lennon Members
- d) Rod Stewart Members
- e) Honorary Members
- f) Mini Hoops

The categories under a), b) and e) are active members, while those under c), d) and f) are associate members.

Art. 5

Any person may be admitted as a Jimmy-Johnstone and Henrik-Larsson-Member if they are interested in Celtic FC, are committed to doing their best to ensure the CSC CH achieves its objects, and are interested in tickets for games of Celtic FC and a share in possible season tickets for Celtic Park. These members receive all information from the CSC CH and have full voting rights at the General Meeting.

Art. 6

Any person may be admitted as a Neil Lennon Member if they are interested in Celtic FC or the CSC CH and wish to support the CSC CH. These members receive only restricted information from the CSC CH and do not have voting rights at the General Meeting.

Art. 7

Any person may be admitted as a Rod Stewart Member if they wish to support the CSC CH. These members receive all information from the CSC CH but do not have voting rights at the General Meeting. They are exempt from any duty to pay membership fees. They are appointed by the Committee.

Art. 8

Members who have rendered outstanding services to the CSC CH may be appointed as Honorary Members. These members have the same rights as Jimmy-Johnstone-Members. The appointment has to be made by general meeting on a proposal from the committee. Proposals from members are to be submitted to the Committee three weeks before the General Meeting.

Art. 9

Any person under the age of 16 who is registered by a parent may be enrolled as a Mini Hoop. The Mini-Hoops have neither rights nor obligations. With the 16th birthday the membership expires if the member does not re-register.

Art. 10

The use of the Season Tickets is according terms of use as decided by the general meeting.

Admissions and resignationsArt. 11

Applications to join as a Jimmy Johnstone Member or Henrik Larsson Member are to be submitted to the Committee; no set format is required. Applications to join as a Neil Lennon Member can be submitted via any CSC CH member; no set format is required. The Committee will decide on the admission of new members, and will communicate its decision at the General Meeting.

Art. 12

In joining the CSC CH, new members recognise the present Articles of Association as being binding. Furthermore, the member authorises the CSC CH to publish photographs or other images of the member taken at events on the Internet, social networks or other media. The Committee and any persons it appoints to handle such media must exercise the greatest possible care in publishing images of members. If a member explicitly states that they do not consent to the publication of images, this instruction must be strictly complied with.

Art. 13

Resignations from the CSC CH must be submitted in writing to the President for the attention of the Committee and the General Meeting. Resignations are in principle possible as of the end of the CSC CH's business year and will be acknowledged by the General Meeting.

Art. 14

On leaving the CSC CH, the member in question waives all rights in respect of the association's assets.

Rescinding of membership, expulsionArt. 15

Rescinding of membership occurs if, despite written warning, a member continues to neglect their duties to the association in an inexcusable manner. The decision on such rescinding lies with the General Meeting subject to a motion put forward by the Committee.

Art. 16

Any member who wilfully damages the good name or interests of the CSC CH or fails to meet the high standards expected of Celtic supporters will be expelled from the CSC CH. The Committee can decide on a provisional expulsion during a business year of the CSC CH. The next General Meeting must deal with this decision by the Committee and pass a resolution on any permanent expulsion.

Art. 17

In the case of a rescinding of membership or expulsion of a member, the CSC CH is required to give the member in question reasons for their expulsion or the rescinding of their membership upon request.

OrganisationArt. 18

The governing bodies of the association are:

- a) the General Meeting
- b) the Committee
- c) the Auditors

The General MeetingArt. 19

The supreme governing body of the association is the General Meeting. The Ordinary General Meeting is held as a rule by the end of April each year.

Art. 20

The General Meeting has exclusive powers in respect of the following tasks:

- a) Approving the minutes of the previous General Meeting
- b) Approving the annual report and financial statements
- c) Approving the budget
- d) Setting the membership fees
- e) Changes
- f) Awards and appointments
- g) Appointment of the association's bodies
- h) Treatment of and voting on motions
- i) Amendments to and revision of the Articles of Association

Art. 21

Extraordinary General Meetings are to be called

- if 1/3 of all the members entitled to vote demand such a meeting, or
- if required on account of important or urgent business.

Invitations to such an Extraordinary General Meeting must be issued within 30 days of the receipt of the request from the members, subject to the timeframe set out in Art. 20.

Art. 22

The Committee calls general meetings by way of written invitation setting out the items on the agenda, which must be sent at least 21 days before the meeting. Motions to be put before an upcoming General Meeting must be received in writing no later than 7 (seven) days prior to the meeting at the President's domicile or the official address of the CSC CH.

Art. 23

Every active member (as defined under Art. 4.2 above) aged 16 or older is entitled to vote and participate in elections. Elections and votes are decided by the relative majority of the votes cast. They are normally conducted on a show of hands, unless 1/3 of the eligible voters present demand a secret ballot. It is not possible to transfer a vote to a representative in the event of absence, nor are persons holding two offices entitled to vote twice. Members are required to abstain in the case of elections or votes in which they are personally involved. In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

Art. 24

In the case of resolutions passed at a General Meeting that were not listed in the duly published agenda, the members have the right to submit objections. Any such objection is to be submitted within one month of the resolution being passed to the President for the attention of the Committee. The Committee is obliged to examine this objection in detail to enable it to consider a possible suspension of the resolution until the next General Meeting.

Art. 25

Minutes are to be kept of the meetings, detailing any resolutions passed.

The Committee

Art. 26

The General Meeting elects a Committee to run the association. This Committee must comprise at least three members. The Committee is self-constituting. Its members include:

- a) the President
- b) the Vice-President
- c) the Secretary
- d) the Treasurer
- e) perhaps Committee Member

Art. 27

The Committee is responsible for the following tasks:

- a) Constituting the Committee
- b) Handling the current business of the CSC CH
- c) Processing applications
- d) Handling the Articles of Association and the regulations
- e) Managing the association's assets
- f) Drawing up reports and budgets
- g) Setting the agenda
- h) Calling general meetings
- i) Where applicable, representing the CSC CH at meetings of associations

Art. 28

The President is responsible for coordinating the management of the association. The President represents the association externally, chairs the General Meeting and Committee Meetings, and is responsible for calling the latter.

The Vice-President deputises for the President in the latter's absence.

Art. 29

The Secretary is responsible for administration, handling correspondence, taking minutes, managing the membership list, and archiving.

Art. 30

The Treasurer is responsible for cash management, the association's accounts and financial planning. The Treasurer deals with all questions of a financial nature, and draws up the annual financial statements and the budget.

Art. 31

The Committee may set up working groups or appoint specific officers to handle particular items of business.

The Auditors

Art. 32

The Auditors audit the annual financial statements, any statements of account for association events, the accounting and the activities of the Treasurer.

Art. 33

The General Meeting elects at least one auditor. The auditor is elected for a term of one year. A re-election is possible. A Committee Member may not at the same time serve as an Auditor.

Art. 34

The Auditors are entitled to inspect the books and activities of the Treasurer at any time.

Art. 35

The Auditors submit a written report on their findings to the General Meeting.

Finances

Art. 36

The income of the association comprises the following:

- a) the annual membership fees
- b) income generated by events
- c) contributions made in cash and in kind
- d) other income

Art. 37

The membership fees are set each year by the General Meeting. Different membership fees may be set for each category, and for members with or without regular income.

Art. 38

The Committee ensures that the budgeted expenses are not exceeded. The Committee may authorise justified overruns of 10% in respect of total expenses. Any larger overruns require a resolution of the General Meeting.

Art. 39

All Committee members have joint signatory rights in respect of bank accounts in the name of the CSC CH, and may sign together with another authorised signatory.

Art. 40

All invoices or equivalent receipts must be inspected by the President.

Art. 41

The business year runs from 17 March to 16 March of the following year.

Art. 42

All the association's liabilities are covered exclusively by the association's funds. Any personal or collective liability on the part of the association's members or bodies is excluded, subject to Art. 55 para. 3 of the Swiss Civil Code.

Concluding provisions

Art. 43

The members of the association are to participate in the association's activities to the best of their ability. They are to remain true to the resolutions of the General Meeting and the Committee in the association's affairs. When representing the CSC CH, in particular at games of Celtic FC, they must embody the high standards and values for which Celtic supporters are generally known.

Art. 44

The dissolution of the association requires a resolution of a General Meeting, to be passed by a qualified majority of three quarters of the eligible voters present. However, the association may not be dissolved as long as five active members declare themselves willing to carry on the association. In the event of a dissolution, the association's funds with inventory are to be deposited at a suitable location. Should no new association with similar intentions be formed within five years, the funds will accrue to the Celtic Foundation or any successor organisation.

Art. 45

Any amendment of the Articles of Association requires a resolution of the General Meeting. Motions to amend the Articles of Association may be put before the General Meeting by:

- a) the Committee
- b) members

Motions in accordance with b) above are received by the Committee for review for the next General Meeting.

Art. 46

Unless otherwise stated, the rules set down in Art. 60 – 79 of the Swiss Civil Code apply. The German version of the present Articles of Association is binding in the event of any disputes arising from formulations in the various language versions open to different interpretations. If cases arise that are not covered by provisions in the present Articles of Association, the Committee shall decide, subject to approval by the General Meeting.

Art. 47

The present Articles of Association were approved at the General Meeting on 13 May 2023, and enter into force with immediate effect.

Bern, 13 May 2023

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