



Statutes of the European Orchestra Federation EOFed

Art. 1

Name, seat, legal status

¹ The name "European Orchestra Federation, EOFed" (hereafter also named the Federation) refers to an association of youth and amateur orchestra societies and youth and amateur orchestras in European Countries.

² The Federation, which is subject to the Swiss Civil Code, Art. 60ff, of December 10, 1907 (Catalogue of Federal Laws, SR 210), is politically, ideologically and confessionally neutral and strictly non-profit.

³ It has its seat in CH-3001 Berne, Switzerland.

Art. 2

Aims

¹ The Federation aims to support youth and amateur music, like chamber music ensembles, chamber and symphony orchestras.

² It serves to foster mutual interests and to strengthen ties and contacts between orchestras and musicians in Europe with special focus on youth.

Art. 3

Membership

Art. 3.1

Members

The following categories of membership exist:

- a. Corporate members: National and other comparable non-profit associations of youth and amateur orchestras;
- b. Individual members: Individual non-profit youth and amateur ensembles and orchestras from European countries where no national or other comparable associations exist;
- c. Associate members: individual persons or legal entities other than national and other comparable non-profit associations of youth and amateur orchestras;
- d. Patron members: individual persons or legal entities, which support the Federation;
- e. Honorary members and Honorary presidents: individual persons or legal entities.

Art. 3.2

Admission

¹ Application for membership is to be addressed to the Board and to be decided by the board. The membership is valid when the board has approved the membership application and the membership fee is paid. If the board denies the application the applicant can appeal to the General Assembly who can overrule this decision of the board.

² Membership applications should include appropriate documentation such as statutes, so that the membership status as defined in Art. 3.1 above may be ascertained.



Art. 3.3

Resignation, exclusion

¹ Resignation from the Federation by the end of the calendar year requires a written declaration giving six months notice.

² Members who no longer fulfil the conditions for membership and/or who contravene the principles of the Federation can be excluded by the board. The excluded member can appeal this decision to the General Assembly.

Art. 4

Organisation

Art. 4.1

Organs

The organs of the Federation are:

- a. The General Assembly;
- b. The Board of Directors;
- c. The Auditors.

Art. 4.2

The General Assembly

Art. 4.2.1

Organisation

¹ The General Assembly is the supreme corporate body of the Federation.

² An ordinary General Assembly shall be held every 3 years

³ The Board of Directors convenes the meeting.

⁴ An extraordinary General Assembly may be convoked by the Board or at the request of one fifth of the total votes.

⁵ Three months notice must be given, and the agenda must be specified in each case.

⁶ The President presides over the General Assembly.

⁷ The decisions of the Assembly are recorded in the minutes.

Art. 4.2.2

Duties

The General Assembly has the following duties:

- a. Election of the President and the Board of Directors;
- b. Election of 2 auditors and 1 substitute auditor;
- c. Acceptance of the Board's reports on activities and business conducted;
- d. Adoption of the proposed work programme for the next period;
- e. Approval of the treasurer's and auditors' reports;
- f. Discharge of the Board and the treasurer;
- g. Fixing of the membership fee;
- h. Approval of the proposed budget for the 3 years to come;
- i. Nomination of Honorary members and Honorary presidents;
- j. Amendment of the statutes;
- k. Liquidation order;
- l. Decisions about matters, which are outside the Board's competence

Art. 4.2.3

Voting rights

¹ Corporate members from the same country are entitled to a maximum of 6 votes between them.



- ² Individual members are entitled to 1 vote each.
- ³ Individual members from the same country are entitled to a maximum of 3 votes between them.
- ⁴ Associate members from the same country are entitled to a maximum of 3 votes between them.
- ⁵ Board members are not entitled to vote as individuals but they may vote as representatives of an EOFed member.
- ⁶ Patrons, Honorary members and Honorary presidents are not entitled to vote.

Art. 4.2.4

Quorum

- ¹ The General Assembly has a quorum when half plus one of the possible votes are present.
- ² Voting by proxy is not permitted.
- ³ If the General Assembly does not have the quorum, then, at the proposal of the Board, two-thirds of the votes represented are needed in order to declare a quorum.

Art. 4.2.5

Voting procedure

- ¹ Decisions by the General Assembly require a simple majority of the votes represented unless the present Statutes stipulate otherwise.
- ² Amendments to the Statutes, which must be mentioned in the agenda, require a two-thirds majority of the votes represented.
- ³ Secret voting will be applied if the Assembly so requests in a vote by simple majority.

Art. 4.2.6

Ballot by correspondence

- ¹ A ballot by surface post, online or e-mail may be held to deal with urgent matters if the Board so recommends.
- ² Art. 4.2.3, Voting rights, applies.
- ³ This procedure may be applied if the majority of the possible votes consent.
- ⁴ Ballot by correspondence may not be used to repeal decisions taken by the General Assembly.

Art. 4.3

The Board of Directors

Art. 4.3.1

Board members

- ¹ The Board consists of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 9 members, including the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer and other Board members.
- ² Corporate and individual members according to Art. 3.1, lit. 1 and 2 shall be represented on the Board. A member of EOFed can be candidate for one seat only on the Board.
- ³ At least two board members should represent youth orchestras.

Art. 4.3.3

Term of office

- ¹ The President and the members of the Board of Directors are elected by the General Assembly for a period of 3 years.
- ² The Board constitutes itself.
- ³ After expiration of its term of office, the Board remains in office until elections are held.
- ⁴ Re-election is allowed twice.
- ⁵ However if the General Assembly fails to elect new Board members, the sitting directors remain in office until new Board members are elected.



Art. 4.3.4

Duties

- ¹ The Board represents the Federation internally and externally.
- ² The President and the Vice-President are entitled to sign individually.
- ³ The Board is responsible for the execution of all decisions taken by the General Assembly.
- ⁴ The Board may assign special duties to committees of experts.
- ⁵ The Board determines its agenda.
- ⁶ Membership on the Board is honorary.

Art. 5

Languages

The official language of the Federation is English. Additional languages may be used as appropriate.

Art. 6

Finances

The activities of the Federation are financed by:

- a. Members' fees as determined by the General Assembly;
- b. Proceeds from services offered by the Federation and rights to which it is entitled;
- c. Contributions from national and international public institutions, governments etc.;
- d. Donations and sponsoring.

Art. 7

Liabilities

- ¹ The assets of the Federation shall be liable for the Federation's debts.
- ² Such liability shall be exclusive; personal liability of Board members and the liability of members of the Federation are excluded.

Art. 8

Dissolution

- ¹ The dissolution of the Federation requires a two-thirds majority of the votes present at a General Assembly.
- ² In the event of dissolution the remaining assets after conclusion of the liquidation process will be donated to an organisation whose aims are comparable with those of the Federation.

Art. 9

Final clauses

- ¹ The present Statutes were approved by decision of the General Assembly by way of ballot by correspondence according to Art. 4.2.6.
- ² They take effect on May 8th, 2021 and replace those of May 12th, 2018

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