

Articles of Association
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Part One: General Provisions

Article 1 Name; Registration; gender sensitive language

The Association is called Deutscher Fallschirmsportverband e.V. (DFV) and is registered in the Register of Associations of the district court of Munich under VR 90180. For readability and clarity as well as counteracting unintentional exclusion of groups, the Articles of Association, rules and documents of the DFV use the generic masculine form. It is intended to address all genders equally.

Article 2 Registered location; Offices

The registered location of the DFV is Altenstadt in Oberbayern, Germany. The office location is determined by the Executive Board.

Article 3 Purpose; Non-profit status

The Association is not profit-making. It does not primarily pursue its own financial purposes. It exclusively pursues immediately non-profit purposes in the sense of the section on “tax-privileged purposes” in the tax code as opposed to profitable activities. The purpose of the Association is the promotion of sport, skydiving and sport parachuting in particular. For these purposes, skydiving and sport parachuting include all forms of human flight, whether with or without a parachute, such as “indoor skydiving” or “bodyflying”, where other technical assistance is provided (e.g. a wind tunnel) rather than a parachute.

The DFV supports all disciplines defined by the International Skydiving Commission (“ISC”) of the World Air Sports Federation (“FAI”), as well as recreational skydiving and parachuting.

This purpose is achieved by:

- supporting member associations, the state associations and the regional Multi-Air Sports Associations in the conduct of the sport, training of parachutists and the holding of competitions;
- contributing to the creation and maintenance of suitable airfields (“drop zones”), wind tunnels and sports facilities;
- representing members’ interests with ministries, authorities, international and national associations;
- conducting initial, continuing and further education in relation to instruction, rigging and equipment as well as safety;
- promotion of Good Governance in sport.

Cooperation and intentional collaboration with other non-profit bodies or organisations are explicitly permitted on the condition that they serve the purposes of these Articles of Association.

Article 4 Surpluses

Funds may only be used for purposes as defined in this constitution. Membership does not entitle members to any financial benefit or share of funds from the Association. No person may benefit from expenditure by the Association or by disproportionate remuneration. The delegates and members of the Executive Board receive no payment for their participation in the Association Congress. Travel expenses may be reimbursed.

If required, activities by members of the Association can be remunerated within the Association's budgetary constraints if supported by a service contract or in the form of the allowance permitted under Article 3 No. 26a EstG (Ehrenamtspauschale/ volunteer allowance). The decision whether, how much and under what conditions to pay a member for services to the Association beyond Article 3 No. 26a EstG is reached by the elected Executive Board (see Article 28 Sec 25).

Article 5 Bodies

The Association has the following bodies:

- a) Association Congress
- b) Executive Board
- c) Sporting Committee
- d) Legal Committee

Article 6 Representation and Management

1. The president, the four vice-presidents and the treasurer legally represent the DFV. The president does so alone, a vice-president only in combination with the treasurer. Internally the vice-president and treasurer may only deputise if the president is unavailable.
2. Association matters are decided by resolution of the Executive Board (see Article 28 Sec 25) unless it falls under the competence of the Association Congress. They are implemented in accordance with the Association's Articles of Association and legal requirements by the Executive Board, the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General and/or third parties engaged for the purpose.
3. To manage the day-to-day business of the Association the elected Executive Board resolves to appoint its selected Secretary General. Their areas of responsibility are determined by resolution of the elected Executive Board (see Article 28 Sec 25) and documented in the employment contract with the Managing Director.
4. All staff report to the Secretary General.

Article 7 Quorum and Minutes

1. All bodies and committees of the DFV reach their decision by a simple majority of the votes cast unless determined otherwise in the Articles of Association.

2. Meetings, resolutions and decisions should be minuted in a timely fashion, the minutes should be signed by the relevant meeting chair and minute taker and promptly shared with all invited members of the meeting.

Article 8 Financial Year

The financial year is the calendar year.

Article 9 Data protection

1. To meet the purposes and responsibilities of the Association, it collects and processes personal data of its members within the constraints of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, German abbreviation: DSGVO) and the Federal Data Protection Act.
2. Every member is informed of the use of their data by the Association by way of a notice or a consent form in accordance with Article 13, 14, DSGVO, at the time of joining or on completion of said consent form.
3. All members, employees, officers or others acting for the Association are forbidden from processing personal data other than for the purposes of the Association, making them available to third parties or using them in any other way. This duty remains even on leaving the Association.
4. Personal data is protected by appropriate technical and operational measures.
5. The Secretary General appoints a data protection officer. They perform the responsibilities under Art 39 DSGVO.

Part Two: Regulations of the Association

Article 10 Articles of Association

Constitutional matters are passed by resolution of the Association Congress with a two-thirds majority.

Article 11 Rules of the Association

1. The Association Congress can issue Association Congress which can include the following rules:
 - Terms of Reference
 - Election Rules for the DFV Executive Board and Delegates
 - Roles and responsibilities of the DFV Executive Board
 - Audit
 - Rules for honours and awards
 - Fee Schedule
 - Youth Rules
 - Terms of Reference for Safety and Equipment
 - Sports Rules
 - Admission Regulations
2. The Association Congress can also issue further guidelines outside the Association Rules, such as:
 - Mission and Vision
 - Ethics Code
 - Good Governance Guidelines
 - Safe Sport Code
 - Disciplinary Code
 - Safeguarding within the DFV
3. The DFV Executive Board is authorised to issue and amend further rules and policies as needed, including:
 - Compliance Policy
 - Travel Reimbursement Policy
 - Data Protection Policy
 - Policies for technicians and riggers
4. The DFV Sport Board is authorised to issue and amend further rules and policies as needed, including:
 - Anti-Doping Code of the DFV
 - Framework for the prevention of corruption and cheating
 - Competition Rules for German National Championships
 - Competition Rules and proficiency documentation
 - Judges' Rule
 - Structure plan and financial support guidance
 - Framework for selection of national teams and generating talent
 - Coaching Framework
 - Guidelines for Athlete Speakers
 - Guidelines for qualifications at the DFV.

- Framework for Centres of Excellence
 - Framework for health management
5. Rules have the same character as the Articles of Association but are not recorded in the public Club Register (Vereinsregister)
 6. The rules of the Association and individual decisions based thereon are binding on members of the Association as well as third parties where these rules and decisions are based on governmental permissions.

Article 12 Binding policies of the DFV

The DFV acknowledges the constitution of the Federal Republic of Germany (Grundgesetz). It advocates co-determination for and co-responsibility of all people.

The DFV is managed independently. Within the constraints of its financial regulation it decides on how to use the funds it receives.

The DFV has no political affiliation. It advocates human rights as well as religious and ideological freedom.

The DFV guarantees freedom of movement for all people. The autonomy of member clubs shall not be infringed.

The DFV advocates the principles of gender mainstreaming and equality of the sexes.

Through appropriate forms of association work, including its preventive activities, the DFV opposes all forms of violence, discrimination, disadvantage and manipulation, whether physical, mental or sexual.

Part Three: Membership

Article 13 Forms of membership

There are three categories of membership:

- a) **Institutional Members** are clubs, State Associations, regional Multi-Air Sports Associations and miscellaneous members.
 - b) **Personal Members** are individual members and club members
 - c) **Other Members** are Sport Members, Supporting Members, Trial members and Temporary members
1. Clubs are registered and non-profit Vereine for skydiving, which are **Institutional Members** of the Association. All **active sport parachuting members of the member clubs** (not supporting or passive members), who have been registered with the Association, are concurrently Personal Members of the Association.
 2. **State Associations** are registered and non-profit Landesverbände for skydiving, which are **Institutional Members** of the Association. All **active sport parachuting members of State Associations** (not supporting or passive Members), who have been registered with the DFV, are also **Personal Members** of the Association.
 3. Regional Multi-Air Sports Associations are registered and non-profit Landesverbände for airports, which are **Institutional Members** of the Association. All **active sport parachuting members of Multi-Air Sports Associations** (not supporting or passive members), who have been registered with the DFV, are concurrently **Personal Members** of the Association.
 4. Miscellaneous Members are legal entities which are Institutional Members of the Association and are active in the area of skydiving (manufacturers, dealers, schools, windtunnel and dropzone operators).
 5. **Individual members** are natural persons who are direct **Personal Members** of the Association and not registered via another member.
 6. **Club Members** are natural persons, who are registered to the association as **Personal Members** via a club, a State Association or a regional Multi-Air Sports Association.
 7. **Sport Members** are natural persons who are registered with the Association as **Other Members** by a regional Multi-Air Sports Association.
 8. **Supporting Members** are natural persons or legal entities, including public bodies, which are **Other Members** of the Association who wish to support sport parachuting financially or by other means.

9. **Trial members** are natural persons who are Other Members of the Association for a limited time.
10. **Temporary members** are natural persons who are **Other Members** of the Association for a for 90 days. Membership starts on the date of application, so long as the application form has been received and acknowledged by the office within a week of its completion. Temporary membership can only be issued once per calendar year.
11. Membership begins with the issue of a membership card by the office of the club, backdated to the beginning of the quarter in which the written or electronic joining application or registration by a club, State Association or regional Multi-Air Sports Association was received by the Association (different start date for Temporary members). Membership cards for Trial members are only issued on request.
12. Temporary memberships can be converted to a personal membership or Sport Membership at any time on application.

Article 14 Cessation of membership

1. Membership ceases on 31 December of the year during which resignation, expulsion or death occurs.
2. Resignation must be communicated in writing/electronically with two months' notice. Retrospective resignation is not possible.
3. Expulsion occurs following a resolution of the Executive Board if a member has been found to have committed gross violations of safety regulations, in particular endangering third parties or have damaged the perception or financial position of the Association, in particular non-payment of debts for more than 90 days despite reminders.
4. Trial memberships end automatically at the end of the calendar year following the year of joining.
5. Temporary membership automatically ceases 90 days after the application for membership.
6. If the Association is unable to perform its ordinary activities temporarily or not in their entirety as a result of force majeure, government regulations, pandemics or other reasons outside of its control, this is not sufficient grounds for extraordinary resignation.

Article 15 Honorary membership, honorary president

The Association Congress can elect worthy members to be honorary members and past presidents to honorary president. The position is for the duration of valid membership.

Article 16 Rights and responsibilities of members

1. Institutional Members are entitled to take advantage of the services of the Association and

attend the Association Congress. Institutional Members are not included in the membership numbers to derive the delegate count and cannot vote for delegates. They are obliged to adhere to the Association Rules, further rules and guidelines and individual decisions in accordance with Art. 11 and to register all regular members, excluding supporting members and passive members.

2. Personal members are entitled to make use of the services of the Association, vote for delegates at the Association Congress, take up office in the DFV Executive Board, attend the Association Congress and contribute to decisions by being a delegate. They are obliged to adhere to the Association Rules, further rules and guidelines and individual decisions in accordance with Art. 11.
3. Other members are entitled to take advantage of the services of the Association and attend the Association Congress. Other members are not included in the membership numbers to derive the delegate count and cannot vote for delegates. They are obliged to adhere to the Association Rules, further rules and guidelines and individual decisions in accordance with Art. 11.
4. Members are required to inform the Association of any change in their personal data.

Part Four: Fees

Article 17 Obligation to pay fees

Members of the Association are obliged to pay membership fees in accordance with the Fees Schedule.

Article 18 Setting and payment of fees

1. The Fees Schedule determines the details of membership fee levels. It is prepared by the DFV Executive Board
2. The level of membership fees is agreed upon at the association congress.
3. The membership fees can vary by membership type. Differences must have a rationale.
4. Honorary presidents and honorary members in accordance with Article 15 pay no membership fees.
5. When joining the Association every member is obliged to set up a SEPA direct debit mandate for the duration of their membership by which the membership fee is paid. The agreement of the member is recorded on the application form (except trial members and temporary members).
6. Membership fees and other payments by members to the Association are debited directly from the member bank accounts using the SEPA system (except Trial members and Temporary members).

Article 19 Part-payments, due dates

1. The first payment of a new member is prorated from the start of membership (see Art. 13 Sec 11) until the end of the relevant calendar year. The first payment is due on application for membership, subsequent annual fees are due on 1st January each year (apart from trial members and temporary members).
2. For Individual members, who are direct members of the Association or are registered via an Other Member, the individual member or the other member must pay the membership fee. In the case of multiple memberships, the membership fee for DFV e.V. is payable only once per personal member. The Other Member, which the Personal Member joined first, is required to pay the membership fee. On request and with agreement by the other member, payment can also be managed differently.
3. For Club Members, who are registered with the Association via a Club, State Association or regional Multi-Air Sports Association, the registering Club, State Association or regional Multi-Air Sports Association is required to pay the membership fee. In the case of membership in multiple Clubs, State Associations or regional multi-Air Sports Associations, the membership fee for DFV e.V. is payable only once per personal member. The Club, State Association or regional Multi-Air-Sports Association which the Personal Member joined first, is required to pay the membership fee. On request and with agreement by the Clubs, State Associations or Multi-Air-Sports Associations, payment can also be managed differently.

4. For Sport Members, the Multi-Air Sports Associations is required to pay the membership fee. In the case of a Sport Member being in multiple Multi-Air-Sports Associations, the membership fee for DFV e.V. is payable only once per personal member. The Multi-Air Sports Association, which the Personal Member joined first, is required to pay the membership fee. On request and with agreement by the Multi-Air Sports Associations, payment can also be managed differently.
5. Membership fees for trial members and temporary members are due on application for membership.
6. If the Association is unable to perform its ordinary activities temporarily or not in their entirety as a result of force majeure, government regulations, pandemics or other reasons outside of its control, this is not sufficient grounds for shortening membership.

[Article 20 Duration of obligation to pay fees](#)

The obligation to pay fees ceases on 31 December of the year during which resignation, expulsion or death occurs. Ending membership does not end the obligation to pay outstanding or overdue fees.

Trial members and temporary members need only pay once, on application for membership.

Part Five: Association Congress; Audit

Article 21 Convening and format

1. The Association Congress is to be convened once a year by the president, a vice-president or the Secretary General to receive the report of the Executive Board and the audit report and to discharge the current Executive Board and vote for the next Executive Board and auditor.
2. The Association Congress can take the format of a virtual meeting. The notice for the meeting states whether the meeting will be in-person or virtual.
3. Additional Association Congress can be convened if the Executive Board considers it necessary or 30% of the delegates or 10% of the members request it with substantiating reasoning in writing.

Article 22 Notice and quorum

1. The notice period for convening the annual Association Congress is three weeks, for additional Association Congress meetings in accordance with Article 21 Sec 3, two weeks.
2. Notice is given in writing to the address held by the Association or electronically to the email address held by the Association.
3. The notice to convene must include the date, place, time, and provisional agenda.
4. The Association Congress can pass resolutions regardless of the number of people present.

Article 23 Agenda items

1. The final agenda will include:
 - 1.1 All motions received at the Association offices in writing/electronically at least one week before the date of the Association Congress; items raised later or at the Association Congress are emergency motions.
 - 1.2 Emergency motions, insofar as they do not pertain to a change of the Articles of the Association, its disbanding or a vote of no-confidence in the Executive Board and two-thirds of the Association Congress agrees.
2. Any member may request a motion to be placed on the agenda.
3. Motions will only be considered if the requester is known by name and is present either in person or by proxy.
4. Motions for changes to the Articles of the Association, disbanding of the Association or votes of no-confidence in the Executive Board should be added to the preliminary agenda if they have been received at the Association offices in writing/electronically six weeks before the date of the meeting.

Article 24 Vote of delegates

1. Personal Members registered with the DFV through Clubs, State Associations or regional Multi-Air Sports Associations, vote for the delegate and alternate delegate of the Association Congress in the federal state in which the Club, State Associations or regional Multi-Air Sports Associations which remits their membership fees is registered.
2. Individual members in accordance with Article 13 Sec 5 vote for the delegate and alternate delegate in the federal state in which they have their postal address.
3. Individual members as per Article 13 Sec 5 who reside outside Germany can only exercise their vote through personal membership of a Club, State Associations or regional Multi-Air-Sports Association.
4. One delegate shall be elected per 200, or part thereof, personal members eligible to vote in a federal state. The Executive Board determines the number of delegates applicable to each federal state based on the personal membership on 1st January of the election year.
5. Delegates and alternate delegates are elected for a period of 3 years.
6. The election shall be in writing or electronic by a simple majority. Details of the electoral procedure shall be laid down in the electoral rules of the DFV.

Article 25 Vote; Majority

1. The delegates, or in their absence the alternate delegates, represent the institutional, personal and other members of their federal state at the Association Congress. Each delegate has one vote. Transfer of votes is not possible.
2. Resolutions at the Association Congress are passed by a simple majority of the valid votes cast, unless otherwise determined by the Articles of Association or the Law. Abstention is not a vote. In the event of a tie, the chair of the meeting shall cast a deciding vote.
3. The Association Congress can pass written resolutions. To enable this, the Executive Board shall send draft resolutions to the delegates, to be returned to the Association within the time limit set. In addition, an in-person event can be held.

Article 26 Meeting Chair; Minutes

1. The chair of the meeting is the president, in his absence one of the vice-presidents. The chair of the meeting has the right to expel individuals from the meeting.
2. Where matters concern the chair personally, especially in the discharge and election, a delegate is appointed by acclamation to chair the meeting for those matters only.
3. Minutes of the Association Congress shall be kept and signed by the chair of the meeting or by a vice-president.

Article 27 Audit

The finances of the Association are to be checked annually by two auditors. They must be suitably qualified. The auditors must not be members of the Executive Board. Their election shall be in accordance with the provisions applicable to members of the Executive Board. If there are no qualified candidates available, the Executive Board shall appoint an independent qualified accountant to conduct the audit. Elected auditors may be re-elected twice in succession. The minimum qualification for the auditors is regulated in the rules of the Association.

Part Six: Executive Board

Article 28 Composition

1. The Executive Board is composed of:
 - 1.1 The six voting members of the Executive Board
 - a) the president
 - b) the four Vice-Presidents
 - c) the treasurer
 - 1.2 as well as further members of the DFV Executive Board with advisory positions.
 - a) the specialist advisors
 - b) the speakers
 - c) the contact persons

Specialist advisors and their areas of responsibility are described in the rules of the Association.
2. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer are elected by the Association Congress ("Elected Executive Board").
3. Specialist advisors and Contacts are appointed and dismissed by the Executive Board.
4. The Delegate Speaker and Alternate Delegate Speaker are elected by the Association Congress.
5. The Good Governance advisor is elected by the Association Congress.
6. The Contact People are appointed and dismissed by the DFV Executive Board.
7. The Speakers of the cooperating Multi-Air Sports Associations are elected by the regional Multi-Air Sports Associations.
8. The Association Congress can instruct the Executive Board to focus their work on specific areas of interest. The Executive Board assigns certain tasks to its members.

Article 29 Personal Requirements; Term of Office

1. The members of the Executive Board must be able to act without restriction and must be members of the DFV.
2. The term of office of the elected members of the Executive Board (voting members, delegate speakers) is 3 years; it may be shortened by the elected assembly. The term of office of the appointed members of the Executive Board ends with their dismissal.

Article 30 Elections

Elections shall be held in secret if a person entitled to vote so requests. If there is more than one candidate for a post, the one who receives the relative majority of the valid votes cast in the first ballot is elected. In the event of a tie in the second round of voting, the decision is made by draw. Block and list selection are allowed. The election is managed by the Secretary General of the DFV, if unavailable the deputy Secretary General, if they are unavailable, a representative is appointed by the Executive Board.

Article 31 Simultaneous offices

1. An elected member of the Executive Board cannot take on a further elected position, including Delegate Speaker, Alternate Delegate Speaker or Speaker of the cooperating Multi-Air Sports Associations. Senior employees cannot stand for elected positions in the Executive Board. The Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and the Good Governance advisor cannot simultaneously take on elected positions including elected Executive Board Member, Delegate Speaker, Alternate Delegate Speaker or Speaker of the Multi-Air Sports Associations.
2. Elected Executive Board Members, the Secretary General or Deputy Secretary General as well as the Good Governance advisor may simultaneously take on the position of specialist advisors or contact (except the Good Governance advisor). Equally, specialist advisors or contact (except the Good Governance advisor) may take on elected positions on the Executive Board.
3. Further positions of specialist advisor or contact can be transferred to existing specialist advisors, Speakers and Contacts, including the Good Governance advisor,

Article 32 Constructive Vote of No Confidence

Any elected president may be replaced by a vote of no confidence of the Association Congress. A new candidate is to be elected for the remainder of the term of office of the Executive Board.

Article 33 Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee consists of the President and two other elected members of the Executive Board.
2. The executive committee decides on matters that are
 - 2.1 urgent and/or
 - 2.2 have been transferred from the Executive Board to the executive committee.
3. The resolutions of the executive committee have the rank of Executive Board decisions and can only be repealed and amended by the Executive Committee, the Executive Board, or the Association Congress.

Article 34 Resolution; Voting Rights

1. Executive board decisions must be taken by at least 4 members of the Executive Board with voting rights by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the chair of the meeting shall cast a deciding vote. The elected Executive Board Members are eligible to vote (see Art. 28). Specialist advisors, Speakers, Contacts, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General have advisory positions.
2. The chair of the meeting is the president of the DFV, in their absence one of the vice-

presidents.

3. Decisions of the executive committee must be unanimous. Without unanimity, the Executive Board decides.
4. All resolutions shall be minuted and communicated to all members of the Executive Board of the relevant meeting without delay.
5. The DFV Executive Board can pass resolutions during video or telephone conferences. Urgent decisions to be taken at short notice may also take the form of a written resolution without a meeting.

Article 35 Liability protection for the volunteers

The DFV Executive Board is only liable to the Association for any damage caused in the performance of its duties in cases of intent or gross negligence.

Article 36 Good Governance

1. The Good Governance Advisor is elected every 3 years by the Association Congress.
2. The Good Governance Advisor is independent, does not belong to the Executive Board and does not have to be a member of the DFV directly or indirectly.
3. Any suspicion of any form of non-compliance with the Good Governance Guidelines or Ethics Code should be notified to the Good Governance Advisor. The advisor then investigates this suspicion and is given access to all the documents that appear helpful for the investigation.
4. To prevent this, the Good Governance Advisor is to be invited to all Executive Board meetings, the Sporting Committee and the Association Congress and has the right to be present and to speak at all non-public meetings.
5. An activity report must be prepared for the Association Congress.
6. Depending on the situation of an incident requiring investigation, the Good Governance Advisor decides which committee to submit the result of the investigation and/or recommendations to for further action.
7. The Good Governance Advisor has a duty of confidentiality both internally and externally over all information that they have received, provided that the information does not have to be passed on for legal reasons. If additional persons have to be involved in the investigation, this obligation of confidentiality applies to them to the same extent.

Part Seven: Sporting Committee

Article 37 Composition

1. The Sporting Committee Board is composed of:
 - 1.1 the voting members of the Sport Board
 - a) the six members of the Executive Board elected as per Art. 28, Sec 2, point 1.1 and
 - b) the two elected speakers of the cooperating Multi-Air Sports Associations
 - c) the elected athlete speakers
 - 1.2 as well as further members of the DFV Sporting Committee with advisory positions
 - a) the elite sports advisors
 - b) the national coaches
 - c) the speakers
 - d) the contact persons.
2. The President, the Vice-Presidents and Treasurer are elected by the Association Congress ("Elected Executive Board"). The members DFV Executive Board also take on the responsibilities in the Sport Board. The two speakers of the cooperating Multi-Air Sports Associations are elected by the cooperating regional Multi-Air Sports Associations. Athlete Speakers and alternate Athlete Speaker of the W-Squad, P-Squad and E-Squad are elected by the athletes in these squads. Athlete Speakers and alternate Athlete Speaker of the NK1 Squad and NK2 Squad are elected by the athletes in these squads.
3. Elite Sports Advisors and National Coaches are appointed and dismissed by the Sport Board.
4. The elected delegate speaker, the alternate delegate speaker and the Contacts for the Executive Board also advise the Sporting Committee.
5. The responsibilities of the Sporting Committee are described in the Sporting Rules.
6. The Association Congress can instruct the Sporting Committee to focus their work on specific areas of interest. Sporting Committee Board assigns certain tasks to its members.

Article 38 Resolution; Voting Rights

1. Resolutions of the Sport Board must be approved by at least 5 voting members of the Sport Board by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the chair of the meeting shall cast a deciding vote. The elected members of the Sport Board are entitled to vote (Art. 37 para. 1 No. 1.1). The remaining members of the Sporting Committee who have advisory positions.
2. The chair of the meeting is the president of the DFV, in their absence one of the vice-presidents.
3. All resolutions shall be minuted and communicated to all meeting invitees without delay.

4. The Sport Board can pass resolutions during video or telephone conferences. Urgent decisions to be taken at short notice may also take the form of a written resolution without a meeting.

Part Eight: Skydiving Youth

Article 39 Composition

1. Members of the DFV, who have not yet reached their 25th birthday, form the "Skydiving Youth of the DFV".

Article 40 Organisation

1. The Skydiving Youth of the DFV is a recognised provider of free youth assistance in accordance with the Children's and Youth Aid Act (SGB VIII).
2. The Skydiving Youth sets its own Youth Regulations, which must not contradict the statutes of the DFV and requires the prior approval of the DFV Executive Board. The same applies to changes.

Article 41 Independence of the Skydiving Youth

1. The Skydiving Youth manages and leads itself independently and decides on the funds to be allocated to it via the budget of the DFV within the framework of the principles of the DFV statutes, taking into account the non-profit status of the DFV.
2. The Federal Youth Leader, elected in accordance with the Youth Regulations, is a special representative according to § 30 of the German Civil Code and externally represents the Skydiving Youth within its scope of tasks and responsibilities. Internally the Federal Youth Leader is only entitled to represent young people in conjunction with one of the elected representatives of the Skydiving Youth.

Part Nine: Arbitration and Sports Jurisdiction

Article 42 Arbitration

1. Unless otherwise provided for in these Articles, all disputes between the organs, bodies and members of the DFV shall be settled in accordance with the Sports Arbitration Rules of the German Arbitration Institute e. V. (DIS) (DIS-SportSchO). The decision shall be made by an individual arbitrator, subject to an alternative agreement between the parties. Ordinary legal recourse is excluded; this also applies to interim legal protection.
2. The place of arbitration is Frankfurt am Main. The language of proceedings is German. German law is to be applied in any legal matter.

Article 43 Sports jurisdiction, sports penalties and other measures

1. Culpable violations of the Articles of Association, the Association Rules, the other rules and guidelines, individual case decisions and the resolutions of the association bodies, as well as behaviour that is detrimental to the association, can be punished by the Executive Board with an association penalty.
2. Association penalties may be imposed in accordance with the Safe Sport Code, the Anti-Doping Code and the DFV Disciplinary Code by the competent bodies or adjudicating bodies.
3. At international sporting events organised by the DFV on behalf of and in accordance with the instructions of the FAI, complaints, protests, penalties, exclusions, and appeals are determined according to the sporting Code of the FAI.
4. At national sporting events, which the DFV carries out or has carried out on its own behalf and on its own responsibility, the sports jurisdiction, the sports penalties and recommendations for the revocation of sports licenses issued or for the exclusion as a member of the DFV (§ 14), as well as the remedies of the opposition, the complaint and appeal processes of the provisions of the DFV disciplinary code apply.
5. In order to fulfil its statutory duties in the fight against interpersonal violence, the DFV has adopted a Safe Sport Code, which is regulated in more detail in Art. 44.
6. In order to carry out the statutory duties in the fight against doping, the DFV issues an Anti-Doping Code (ADC), which is not part of these articles of Association. The Sport Board is authorised to amend and adapt the ADC by a simple majority decision. The ADC is published on the website of the DFV. The ADC must be recognised in writing by participants in DFV competitions and/or by holders of an FAI sports license issued by the DFV. Further information is provided in the ADC. Penalties may be imposed for violations of the ADC. The details, in particular the nature of the sanctions, are regulated by the ADC. All disputes which are the subject of an infringement against the ADC will be decided in accordance with the German Arbitration Institute (DIS) (DIS-SportSchO), with the exclusion of litigation. The German Sports Arbitration Court is also responsible for the relevant proceedings for interim legal protection as well as for the award of sanctions. The decision shall be made by an individual arbitrator,

subject to an alternative agreement between the parties. According to the DIS-SportSchO, an appeal may be brought against the award in a dispute concerning an infringement of anti-doping rules at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne. The members and organs of the DFV are obliged to recognize and implement decisions of the German Sports Arbitration Court and the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

7. The review of association penalties not covered by paragraphs 3, 5 and 6 and the decision on all disputes between the association, its bodies, committees and volunteers among themselves and with its members as well as between members and decisions of the Good Governance Officer shall be carried out by the Legal Committee. This also applies to subsequent reviews of sanctions, which do not fall under paragraphs 3, 5 and 6. Decisions of the Legal Committee may be appealed to the German Court of Arbitration for Sport of the German Institution of Arbitration (Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit e. V.), which will make the final decision.
8. Details on the Legal Committee are governed by the DFV Disciplinary Code.
9. The principles, procedural rules and details to be observed, in particular the type of penalties imposed by the association, are set out in the DFV Safe Sport Code, the DFV Anti-Doping Code and the DFV Disciplinary Code. The Disciplinary Code is part of the Articles of Association.

Article 44 Safe Sport

1. The DFV's Safe Sport Code (SSC) regulates protection against interpersonal violence within the DFV's area of responsibility; with the exception of the Code of Conduct, it forms part of the Articles of Association.
2. In the event of a culpable offence against the SSC, association penalties may be imposed on members of the Executive Board and Sports Committee, as well as institutional, personal and other members of the DFV.
3. In the event of indications or evidence of a breach of the Safe Sport Code by the persons named in paragraph 2, the Zentrum für Safe Sport shall lead the investigation. The responsibility for conducting disciplinary proceedings and imposing any club penalties is governed by the Safe Sport Code. Further details are governed by the Safe Sport Code.
4. The DFV, the accused and the person concerned may appeal against decisions of the competent decision-making bodies to the German Institution of Arbitration (Deutschen Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit e. V.). Section 12 of the Safe Sport Code provides further detail.
5. The DFV and the decision-making bodies under the Safe Sport Code may use the support of external experts and service providers to fulfil their tasks under Art. 3 of the Safe Sport Code and in the implementation of safe sport procedures or appoint external expert commissions for the purpose of fulfilling their tasks. Any such instruction must be given by the DFV Executive Board.

6. The DFV is entitled to transfer both the investigation of a possible violation and the implementation of the disciplinary proceedings to third parties (e.g. the Zentrum für Safe Sport). The DFV Executive Board makes the decision for such a transfer. The transfer of authorisation shall take effect when a corresponding agreement enters into force.
7. The DFV is authorised to adapt the DFV Safe Sport Code of Conduct, which is attached to the Safe Sport Code as an appendix and does not become part of the Articles of Association, to the existing structures at any time and to amend them accordingly. The DFV Executive Board decides on any adaptation or change of the Code of Conduct.

Part Ten: Dissolution of the Association

Article 45 Responsibilities; Procedures

1. The dissolution of the Association is exclusively the responsibility of the first or the second dissolution assembly.
2. The proceedings shall be governed by the provisions on the Association Congress, unless otherwise specified.
3. The notice to the meeting must explicitly state it includes the first or second dissolution assembly.

Article 46 First and second dissolution assembly

1. The first dissolution assembly is quorate if three quarters of the delegates of the DFV are present. The resolution of the dissolution is adopted by a three-quarter majority.
2. The second dissolution meeting is convened if the first one was not capable of reaching a decision due to lack of participation. It must take place no later than four weeks after the first and is quorate regardless of the number of people present.

Article 47 Liquidation

The President and the Treasurer shall be designated as liquidators to execute the activities relating to the dissolution, provided that the first and second dissolution assemblies do not elect any other liquidators. The electoral procedure is based on the rules governing the election of the Executive board.

Article 48 Assets

In the event of liquidation and the loss of non-profit status, the assets of the DFV shall be transferred to the Deutsche Aero-Club e. V., provided that they are used exclusively and directly for non-profit purposes in accordance with its statutes.

Eleventh Part Final Provisions

Article 49 Taking effect

The updates to the Articles of Association were approved at the Association Congress on 3 April 2025.

The Articles of Association come into force on their registration at the Register of Associations. These Articles replace the Articles of Association of 06.11.2022.