

# English Translation of Charter of Dragon Legion e.V.

## §1 Name, Base, Business Year

1. The association is named "Dragon Legion" and, after entry into the register of associations at the local court Aachen, the term "e.V." (registered association) is added.
2. It is based in Cologne, Germany
3. Business year is the calendar year

## §2 Aims and Tasks of the Association

Aim of the association is the promotion of international understanding by means of intercultural youth work and the promotion of social skills of young people. The focus is set to impartment of intercultural cooperation, tolerance and an open-minded, appreciative attitude. The association emphasizes to support initiative and to support young people at an active participation in society. The tool primarily used is the method of role play gaming. The association is involved at universities, youth centers and schools across Europe.

The association reaches its aims especially by:

- a. An international network that supports international communication
- b. Local, national and international events for adolescents, where skills are trained by means of gaming methods
- c. Education of youth workers to teach innovative learning methods
- d. Publications

## §3 Tax shelter

1. The association pursues exclusively and immediately charitable purposes in terms of the section "Steuerbegünstigte Zwecke" (tax-privileged purposes) of the Abgabenordnung (German fiscal code). The association does not act on its own behalf. It does not pursue goals primarily serving its own economic interest.
2. The association's funds must only be used for statutory purposes. Members in their property as a member do not receive any grants from the association's funds. They do not have any right to the association's assets. No person can be benefited by expenses that contradict the association's purposes or by disproportional high payments.
3. Public officers in service of the association elected according to the Charter - especially Directorate members and members of other organs can receive an appropriate payment.

## **§4 Membership**

1. Every natural and legal person that supports the goals of the association can become a member
2. Membership can be acquired by a declaration of entry
3. Resignation of a member is carried out by a written declaration, e.g. via E-Mail, towards the Directorate
4. Membership ends
  - a. for a natural person by death or resignation
  - b. for a legal person by resignation or expiration
  - c. by automatic deletion from the member list, if the member has fallen behind with its membership fee for two months despite a written warning (e.g. via E-mail)
5. With end of membership, the member has to hand back all items belonging to the association. A possessory lien is excluded.

## **§5 Association Exclusion**

1. The Directorate decides upon exclusion. The member must get the opportunity for a written or oral statement before the decision is made. Against the decision of exclusion can be appealed within a period of 8 weeks after the notification of exclusion. The meeting of members decides about the appeal.
2. A member can be excluded from the association, if he or she roughly violates the Charter or the orders of the association's organs and the association's interests hereby are harmed.
3. A relevant reason for exclusion is existent, if
  - a. the member violates the written and unwritten rules of the association and contributes to discomfort of other members
  - b. the member commits crime at the association's or its member's expense
  - c. the member expresses himself or herself in a insulting way in public in his or her function as a member.

## **§6 Rights and duties of the members**

1. The General Member Meeting enacts a scale subscription, which regulates the amount of the annual fee.
2. Members are invited to an active contribution and can raise a claim about a briefing to be informed about operations of the association and the use of funds in form of a General Member Meeting, which can also be conducted via online video, phone or chat conference.

## §7 Organs of the association

1. The organs of the association are:
  - a. the General Member Meeting
  - b. the Directorate.
2. For special tasks as defined by §2, each organ may set up committees or bodies

## §8 General Member Meeting

1. Supreme Organ is the General Member Meeting. It appoints its meeting chairman via vote among all attendees with voting powers.
2. The General Member Meeting lays down the guidelines for the association's operations and decides about issues of fundamental importance. Tasks of the General Member Meeting are in particular:
  - a. election and deselection of the Directorate, the modus is set up by the General Member Meeting.
  - b. Election of members for the bodies, which were set up by the General Member Meeting
  - c. Counsel on the status and the planning of tasks
  - d. Approval of the business and investment plan which is presented by the Directorate
  - e. resolution of the annual financial statement
  - f. receipt of the Directorate's business report
  - g. resolution of the discharge of the Directorate
  - h. decree of the scale subscription, which is not part of the Charter
  - i. resolution of acceptance of new tasks or retirement from tasks on the part of the association
  - j. resolution of changes of the Charter or the disbandment of the association
3. The first chairman invites the members at least four weeks in advance to the General Member Meeting in written form (e.g. via E-Mail) and has to state a preliminary agenda. The General Member Meeting holds a meeting as often as necessary, generally once per year. The General Member Meeting can take place as a personal meeting or as a video, chat or phone conference.
4. An extraordinary member meeting takes place, if at least 33,3% of the members demand it with giving reasons. It must take place not later than eight weeks on receipt of the proposal of written appointment
5. The duly called General Member Meeting is quorate. It makes a decision by simple majority of the attending members with voting powers. In the event of a tie of votes, a proposal is declined.
6. A written protocol of the decisions and, if it is necessary for the understanding of the formation, the course of the negotiations has to be made. It will be signed by the meeting chairman and the reporter.

## **§9 Directorate**

1. The Directorate consists of at least three and at most five members, which is composed of the first chairman, the second chairman, the treasurer, the press officer and additional assessors. They form the Directorate as defined by §26 BGB (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch, code of civil law). Working in the Directorate is voluntary service.
2. The association is represented by the Directorate judicially and extrajudicially. Every member of the Directorate is authorised to represent the association alone.
3. The official signature of the association is only appended by the first chairman. If this person is unattainable, another person of the Directorate can append the signature. As a legally binding representation, the signature of one member of the Directorate is sufficient.
4. The term of office of the Directorate lasts for two years. It stays in office, until the new Directorate is appointed. Re-election is possible. The General Member Meeting can replace a member of the Directorate by a vote of two-third majority of the attendees before expiration of the term of office.
5. The Directorate meets generally once per month
6. Decrees of the Directorate have to be recorded in written form and have to be signed by the first chairman

## **§10 Changes of the Charter and disbandment**

1. The General Member Meeting decides upon changes of the Charter, changes of the purpose of the association and the disbandment of the association. Proposals of changes of the Charter, changes of the purpose of the association and the disbandment of the association have to be directed to all members with voting powers at latest two weeks before the General Member Meeting takes place. For the passing of the resolution, a three-fourth majority of all attendees with power to vote is mandatory.
2. Changes or additions to the Charter that are instructed by the responsible register agency or the fiscal authorities, are implemented by the Directorate and do not require a resolution by the General Member Meeting. Those changes or additions have to be disclosed to the members at latest with the next invitation for a General Member Meeting
3. At disbandment of the association or at abolition of tax-privileged purposes, all assets of the association are transferred to the "Deutscher Jugendschutz-Verband" (German association for the protection of young people), which has to use it immediately and exclusively for charitable and benevolent purposes of youth welfare.