European Grand Old Rugby (EGOR) Articles of Association (Statuten)

Section 1: Name, Seat, and Purpose

Article 1: Corporate Name and Legal Form

Under the name European Grand Old Rugby (hereinafter referred to as EGOR), there exists a non-profit association governed by the present Articles of Association and by Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code (CC).

EGOR shall be neutral in all matters regarding religion, politics, and nationality.

Article 2: Seat

The legal seat of the Association shall be in Switzerland. The Executive Committee shall determine the exact physical and mailing address.

Article 3: Purpose

The primary purpose of EGOR is to promote, develop and encourage the practice of rugby among individuals and federations over the age of 35 ("Golden Oldies Rugby") across European nations, fostering the core values of fun, friendship, and fraternity.

To this end the EGOR will accept as members individuals interested in said goals.

To achieve this objective, the Association shall organize or designate a local organizing committee, on its behalf, a European Festival open every two years to all paid up members if Rugby Europe or World Rugby do not have policies that prevent this. The Executive Committee retains the authority to exceptionally allocate a Festival out with the standard two-year cycle to a specific city or club due to extraordinary circumstances, provided all criteria are met. Subsequent festivals shall resume the biennial cycle.

The Association may support and cooperate with other rugby governing bodies, such as Rugby Europe and World Golden Oldies Rugby organizations.

Section 2: Membership

Article 4: Eligibility and Categories

Active Membership:

Open to all veteran rugby (men and women) teams. Team representatives (on behalf of their teams or club) are designated by nomination of the team/club. If a team/club does not officially nominate their representative by a statement to the EGOR secretary, the team/club is assumed to not have a representative with voting rights.

Passive Members:

A separate category without voting rights are associate or passive members. These are e.g.- individuals who share the ideals of EGOR.

The membership fee of a team/club is considered the same as the membership fee for an associate member.

All members except for honorary members pay a biennial subscription to EGOR to be determined by the General Members Meeting, if no such decision is made at the meeting, the membership fee of the last period automatically applies.

Payment of the membership fee must be done until 31. December of the calendar year in which the financial year begins except in the case of festivals, which require the participants to be paid-up members of EGOR before the festival begins. The committee may sanction members which fail to pay their subscriptions.

Participation at the EGOR festival requires that the membership fee is paid.

Honorary Membership

The Executive Committee may bestow honorary membership upon individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the sport of rugby or the Association. Honorary members are exempt from membership fees.

Article 5: Admission, Resignation, and Exclusion

Applications for membership must be submitted to the Executive Committee through the EGOR Secretary or by paying the membership fee upon which permits to participate in an EGOR Festival.

The Secretary informs the Executive Committee of all new applications that he sees and if the Executive Committee does not react within 21 days, membership is granted. The committee retains the ultimate authority regarding admission.

Membership may be terminated via written resignation submitted to the Executive Committee if the committee decides that “not paying” the membership fee is not enough.

A representative of the member in question has the right to be heard by the Executive Committee prior to a final decision. In accordance with Swiss law, the excluded member may appeal the decision at the next General Members Meeting.

Section 3: Liability

Article 6: Liability

In accordance with Article 75a of the Swiss Civil Code, the financial liabilities of the Association shall be secured solely and exclusively by the Association’s assets. Personal liability of the individual members or the Executive Committee for the debts of the Association is strictly excluded.

Section 4: Organs of the Association

Article 7: Organs

The governing bodies and organs of EGOR are:

- The General Meeting (General Members Meeting / GMM)
- The Executive Committee (Vorstand)
- The In dependent Auditors (Revisionsstelle), if mandated by law or resolved by the General Members Meeting.

Article 8: The General Members Meeting (GMM)

The General Members' Meeting is the supreme authority of the Association. A regular General Members Meeting (GMM) shall be convened during the European Festival, in which case it is expected that all members will participate in person.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (Special General Meeting) may be called by the Executive Committee through the secretary or must be convened within twenty-one (21) days upon a written request submitted to the Secretary by at least twenty (20) full members, stating the agenda items.

The General Meeting has the following unalienable powers:

- Adoption and amendment of the Articles of Association (the constitution).
- Election of the Executive Committee and the President and approval of the Auditor.
- Approval of the annual reports and the audited financial statements.
- Discharge of the Executive Committee from liability.
- Determination of membership subscriptions up to an amount of EUR 200 per year.
- In special cases: Dissolution of the Association.

Invitations and proposals from member clubs must be submitted to the Secretary in writing at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting.

The meetings of the General Members Meeting may be with remote participation except for the regular GMM at the festivals.

Article 9: Quorum and Voting Rights

At the General Members' Meeting, a quorum of five (5) members present shall be required to conduct business validly.

Resolutions and elections shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast by the members present.

Member teams will be represented by their chosen representative at the GMM and vote on their behalf.

In the event of a tie, the President (or Meeting Chairman) shall have a casting vote in addition to their deliberative vote, which he may have as a representative of a team.

Article 10: The Executive Committee (Management Committee)

The Executive Committee shall consist of up to eleven (11) members, including the President, Secretary, Treasurer. The President shall be explicitly named by the GMM.

Members of the Executive Committee are elected by the General Meeting for a term of four (4) years. They are eligible for re-election. To ensure continuity, the President shall not be replaced at the same time as the Secretary, except by the explicit decision of the GMM.

If a vacancy arises during a term, the Executive Committee has the power to co-opt a replacement member with full voting rights to serve until the next General Meeting. It may also co-opt members to the Executive Committee if the constitution requires it, or to represent the It may also co-opt members to the Executive Committee if the constitution requires it, or to represent the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of a festival on the Executive Committee.

A member of the Executive Committee shall be a representative of a team when first elected, meaning that the team needs to have paid their membership fee. No member of the Executive Committee should be forced to retire because his club decides not to pay the membership fee anymore, however they lose their voting rights in this case.

The Executive Committee may co-opt non-voting advisors or appoint liaison officers to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of a Festival.

The Executive Committee represents the Association to its members, vis-à-vis third parties, manages day-to-day operations, and may nominate one representative to Rugby Europe for a four-year term.

Members of the committee are the designated representatives of a member team and have voting rights as such representatives.

The President is ex officio chairman of the Executive Committee.

The meetings of the Executive Committee may be in Person or with remote participation.

A quorum for Executive Committee meetings requires at least five (5) members to be present.

Section 5: Finances and Administration

Article 11: Financial Resources and Year

The Association's resources shall consist of membership subscriptions, festival levies, sponsorships, donations, and other revenues.

All funds must be deposited into a dedicated bank account in the name of European Golden Oldies Rugby at a financial institution approved by the Committee.

For Finances: Legally binding signatures on behalf of the Association require the signature of the Treasurer or of the President and Secretary (unless the amount surpasses EUR 2500, in which case the approval of the treasurer and the President or Secretary are required).

Anything Else: Legally binding signatures on behalf of the Association require the signature of the President and/or Secretary.

The financial term of the Association shall commence on April 1st and conclude on March 31st in the calendar year of a festival, which usually means a term of two calendar years. Proper financial records and books of accounts shall be maintained. At the regular GMM, members may vote on the financial transactions of the last two years and thus discharge the Executive Committee from liability.

Section 6: Dissolution and Liquidation

Article 12: Dissolution of the Association

The dissolution of EGOR may only be resolved by a majority vote at a General Members Meeting specifically convened for this purpose, with at least twenty-one (21) days' prior notice sent to all members.

Upon dissolution, any remaining assets after the settlement of all valid debts and liabilities shall not be distributed among members. Instead, remaining assets must be transferred to a tax-exempt organization or charity registered in Switzerland pursuing similar objectives or to Rugby Europe (for European Youth Rugby) or to an approved rugby charity.

Section 7: Enactment

Article 13: Adoption

These Articles of Association replace all prior versions (including those adopted in Split 2002 and San Sebastian 2015). They have been approved and formally adopted by the members following the extraordinary General Members Meeting on August 1, 2026.

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