



Statutes eass (Version valid since 2023)

Article 1: Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the eass is the promotion of social sciences and social research in sport at the European level. For the purpose of these statutes 'sport' refers to all forms of human movement which aim to maintain or improve physical fitness or mental well-being, create or improve social and cultural relationships, or obtain results in competition at all levels.

1.2 The eass shall support European institutions such as the EU and the Council of Europe by offering scientific advice and assistance to coordinated European research projects defined by these bodies.

1.3 The eass intends to cooperate with organizations on international, continental and national levels.

1.4 The eass is a non-profit organisation; the pursuit of financial gain shall not be its main priority.

1.5 The funds of the eass can only be spent to further the purposes of these statutes. The members shall not receive dividends or any other form of salary from the eass.

1.6 The European Journal for Sport and Society (ejss) is the official publication of the eass.

Article 2: Membership

2.1 Membership is open to all who share the same objectives as the eass.

2.2 Regular members shall be persons with a substantial interest in research in the sociology of sport and related fields.

2.3 Honorary members of eass shall be persons who have contributed substantially to the development of the sociology of sport. Honorary members shall be elected by the Executive Board of the eass.

2.4 A person becomes a member on receipt by the Executive Board of the eass of the appropriate fee and the completed membership form. If the fee is not paid annually the member shall be deleted from the regular eass membership list.

2.5 The Executive Board of the eass shall send a "Welcome" letter to each new eass member immediately on receipt of the membership application and fee.

2.6 Membership fees are to be paid annually. The membership year is the calendar year.

2.7 The amount of the relevant annual fee shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Article 3: The Board

3.1 The Executive Board consists of the President, the President-Elect, the Past President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer, and the Editor-in-Chief of the journal (ex officio). The President-Elect and the Past President also hold the status of Vice-President. The President-Elect is elected at the beginning of the term of office of the President. The President-Elect becomes the President at the end of the term of office of the current President.

3.2 The members of the Executive Board in their respective functions are in office for a two-year term. They can be re-elected (see art. 4).

3.3 The Extended Board consists of the Executive Board plus four - seven Fellows. No more than two persons based at institutions in the same country may be represented in the board simultaneously.

3.4 The members of the Extended Board are not remunerated for their work. They can receive compensation for the expenses they incur in the pursuance of their mandates as officers of the eass.

3.5 The Extended Board shall direct the affairs of the eass on the basis of the principles contained in these statutes. It shall advise the Executive Board on fundamental matters relating to the policy of the eass.

Article 4: Election

4.1 The President-Elect of the eass will be elected every two years by the General Assembly. Re-election to the same position is not permitted.

4.2 Eligible candidates for President-Elect can be nominated by the Executive Board, or by at least ten members from at least three different countries ten weeks prior to the General Assembly at the latest.

4.3 The Secretary General will be elected every two years by the General Assembly. The candidate is nominated by the Executive Board. A Secretary General can only be re-elected once.

4.4 The Treasurer will be elected every four years by the General Assembly. The candidate is nominated by the Executive Board. A Treasurer can only be re-elected once.

4.5 The Editor-in-Chief of the ejss is nominated every four years by the Executive Board. A Editor-in-Chief can only be re-nominated once.

4.6 Fellows are elected by the General Assembly for two years and can only be re-elected once. They are nominated by the Executive board, or by at least ten members from at least three different countries ten weeks prior to the General Assembly at the latest.

4.7 All members who are in good standing are eligible to vote.

4.8 To be eligible for election to the Executive Bord or Extended Board a membership in good standing for at least two years prior to the election are required.

Article 5: President

5.1 The President represents the Association in all matters and may ask another member of the Executive Board to represent her/him.

5.2 In the absence of the President the meetings of the eass will be chaired by one of the Vice-Presidents.

Article 6: Secretary General

6.1 The Secretary General is responsible for executing the business of the President, Vice Presidents and the full Board. In agreement with the President, s/he is responsible for the correspondence of the eass and for the minutes of the meetings of the Executive and Extended Board.

Article 7: Treasurer

7.1 The Treasurer of eass is responsible for all financial matters pertaining to the eass. In addition to the administration of membership fees, s/he solicits financial support from other sources. S/he provides an annual budget and arranges for auditing of expenses/income.

Article 8: General Assembly

8.1 All members of the eass are invited to the General Assembly.

8.2 A regular General Assembly must be held every two years.

8.3 The Executive Board is responsible for the invitation to the General Assembly and the drafting of the agenda. Both the invitation and the agenda must be sent to members four weeks in advance of the General Assembly.

8.4 Elections are held by secret ballot.

8.5 The results of the General Assembly are to be minuted. The chair of the meeting and the Secretary General must sign the minutes.

Article 9: Alteration of Statutes

The statutes can be altered by the Extended Board with the approval of the General Assembly.