

Status: August 31, 2025

I. General

Art. 1 - Name, Affiliation, Location

1. The University Surf Club Lausanne is an association within the meaning of Article 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.
2. Its seat is in Lausanne (VD).

Art. 2 - Purpose

1. The University Surf Club Lausanne aims to foster community and integration among students by organizing activities and events related to surfing and related disciplines.
2. It must primarily address the student community on campus.
3. It must comply with applicable Swiss law and ethical standards. It seeks to respect the values and regulations of the universities with which it collaborates.
4. It should promote networking among surfers and people interested in the sport. It also promotes contact, cooperation, and understanding with similar associations, organizations, and companies operating within the sport.

Art. 3 - Neutrality requirement

1. The University Surf Club Lausanne is politically and confessionally neutral and does not participate in political/confessional events or discourses. Politically motivated ideologies have no place in the University Surf Club Lausanne.
2. It is strictly forbidden for members to make political or confessional statements in the name of the club, either in word, writing, or sign and with respect to any form of communication.

Art. 4 - Tasks

1. The University Surf Club Lausanne primarily pursues the goals formulated in the Purpose.
2. Organizes weekly sports events during the semesters from April to June and from September to November. In addition, it may organize major events, either independently or in collaboration with other clubs and entities in Lausanne.
3. Activities outside of the semester are optional.

Art. 5 - Liability

1. The club's assets are solely liable for the club's debts. Personal liability of members is excluded.

Art. 6 - Club logo

1. The University Surf Club Lausanne must only use the logo voted on during the General Assembly.

Art. 7 - Accreditation and Affiliation

1. The University Surf Club Lausanne may seek accreditation or partnerships with universities in Lausanne in order to support its activities.

II. Membership, Contributions & Finances

Art. 8 - Membership

Membership in the University Surf Club Lausanne may be acquired by natural persons. Applicants must be enrolled students or alumni of the universities of Lausanne.

The University Surf Club Lausanne is primarily intended for students and alumni of the universities of Lausanne. In exceptional cases, membership may also be granted to students or alumni from other Swiss universities. While the association is fundamentally a university club, this provision provides flexibility while maintaining its primary focus on university students.

Art. 9 - Committee Membership application

1. A membership application can be made using the designated forms or by email to the board.
2. The board reviews the application and decides on admission. The decision must be confirmed at the ordinary general assembly by a simple majority.
3. The board is entitled to reject an application directly if it obviously violates the statutes. If no obvious violation exists and the application is rejected, this must be justified in writing, and the rejection also confirms the rejection at the next general assembly by a simple majority.

Art. 10 – Termination of Committee Membership

1. Committee membership ends upon expiration of the mandate, resignation, exclusion, dissolution of the association, or death.
2. Resignation from the committee is possible at any time. The board must be notified in writing. The date of receipt of the written notice shall be considered the official resignation date.
3. A member may be excluded by decision of the General Assembly upon the board's request, requiring a four-fifths majority vote.
4. If resignation or exclusion occurs after the beginning of the club year, the full annual contribution remains due.

Art. 11 - Contributions

1. The membership fee is either CHF 30.- per semester (payable at the beginning of the fall and spring semester) or CHF 50.- annually. A different rate may apply for non-student members.
2. For board and committee members, the contribution is voluntary.
3. For individuals who are actively involved in the club but do not hold a board position, such as trainers, the contribution is voluntary. The board must determine the "special status" for the individual by resolution. The resolution is valid for two semesters.

Art. 12 - General Financial Resources

The University Surf Club Lausanne derives its financial resources, in addition to membership contributions, from various club activities, as well as sponsor and patron contributions and others.

Art. 13 - Reserves

1. The use of reserves must be authorized at the general assembly with a qualified majority.

Art. 14 - Financial Year

The financial year runs from September 1 to August 31 of the following year and is thus aligned with the University year.

III. Organs

Art. 15 - Organs

The organs of the University Surf Club Lausanne are:

- a. the General Assembly
- b. the Board Members
- c. the Committee Members

A - General Assembly

Art. 16 – General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the supreme governing body of the University Surf Club Lausanne.
2. It holds the following inalienable responsibilities and powers:
 - a. Approval of the minutes from the previous General Assembly.
 - b. Approval of the board's annual report.
 - c. Review of the audit report, if an audit committee is in place, and approval of the annual accounts.
 - d. Election of the board members.
 - e. Election of the audit committee.
 - f. Acknowledgment of the annual budget.
 - g. Acknowledgment of the proposed activity program.
 - h. Decision-making on proposals submitted by the board and the members.
 - i. Amendments to the statutes.
 - j. Decisions on the exclusion of members.
 - k. Decisions regarding the dissolution of the association and the allocation of liquidation proceeds.

Art. 17 – Timing and Location of Meetings

1. There are two types of ordinary General Assemblies:
 - a. **Major Assemblies**, held in January and June, primarily for the election of board members and strategic decisions.
 - b. **Regular Assemblies**, held in March and September, focused on appointing other committee members, reviewing activities, and addressing operational matters.
2. The date and agenda of each Assembly are determined by the board and communicated in accordance with Article 18.
3. All General Assemblies must take place within the canton where the University Surf Club Lausanne is legally based. The President designates the specific location.

Art. 18 – Invitations and Agendas

1. A formal written invitation including the agenda must be sent to members at least 20 days prior to the meeting.
2. The board sets the agenda.
3. Members may request the addition of agenda items if supported by at least one-fifth (1/5) of the membership. Such requests must be submitted at least one month prior to the Assembly.

Art. 19 – Proposals

1. Proposals must be submitted in writing to the board at least 10 days before the General Assembly.
2. All members of the University Surf Club Lausanne may submit proposals.

Art. 20 – Extraordinary General Assemblies

1. May be convened at any time by the board or upon written request by at least one-fifth (1/5) of the members, stating the reasons.
2. The Assembly must take place within six weeks of receiving a valid request.

Art. 21 – Resolutions

1. Resolutions are passed by an absolute majority of votes cast.
2. In the event of a tie, the President casts the deciding vote.
3. Exceptions:
 - a. Amendments to the statutes generally require a qualified majority.
 - b. Articles 17 and 18 may only be amended by unanimous vote.
 - c. Article 16, paragraph 2, may only be amended by unanimous vote.
4. Written minutes must be maintained.
5. Any properly convened General Assembly is deemed to have a quorum.

Art. 22 – Form of Execution

1. The General Assembly is normally held in person.
2. If required by exceptional circumstances, a virtual format may be adopted.

B. Board Members

Art. 23 - Task

The board has the following minimum tasks:

- a. Conducts the day-to-day business.
- b. Represents the association externally.
- c. Issues regulations and develops internal rules.
- d. Can hire or commission individuals for the association's goals for reasonable compensation.

Art. 24 - Competence in Emergencies

The board has all competencies not legally or statutorily assigned to another body. It decides alone in unforeseen cases and in cases of force majeure.

Art. 25 - Composition

The board consists of at least three and at most five persons.

Art. 28 - Meetings

1. The board meets as often as needed.
2. During the semester, at least one meeting per month is required.
3. Any board member can request a meeting.

Art. 27 - Presidential Position

- **Presidency responsibilities:**
 - a. Supervision of all club processes.
 - b. Presentation of annual report at the General Assembly.
 - c. Strategic planning and orientation.
 - d. Mediation in disputes.
 - e. Representation of the section.
 - f. Leading negotiations.
 - g. Coordination of board activities.
 - h. Convocation and leadership of meetings.
- **Vice-Presidency responsibilities:**
 - a. Direct support and representation of the President in case of absence.
 - b. Preparation of meetings and assemblies.
 - c. Minute-taking.
 - d. Member management.
 - e. Infrastructure management.
 - f. University communication.

Art. 28 - Head of Finance

- a. Collection of membership fees.
- b. Handling payments and management of assets.
- c. Preparation of annual financial statements and reports.
- d. Tax declaration.

Art. 29 - Head of Communication

- a. Development and implementation of advertising strategies.
- b. Management of social media accounts.
- c. Creation of annual marketing report.

Art. 30 - Head of Sports

- a. Management of sports offerings.
- b. Contact for university sports organizations.
- c. Implementation of new sports and infrastructures.
- d. Creation of annual sports & events report.

Art. 31 - Head of Events

- a. Management of all events.
- b. Direct contact with external partners.
- c. Implementation of new event offerings.
- d. Creation of annual events report.

Art. 32 - Office Term, Induction and Resignation

- 1. Term of office is aligned with the club year.
- 2. Outgoing board members must train successors before the new club year.

Art. 33 - Signatory Authority

- 1. Presidency and Vice-Presidency are collectively authorized to sign.
- 2. Transactions under CHF 300 may be signed individually by board members.

C. Committee Members**Art. 34 - Committee Members**

Committee Members support the operational functioning of the association:

- a. Assist Heads of Sports, Events, and Communication.
 - b. Help organize activities and events.
 - c. Contribute to day-to-day management.
 - d. Represent the association externally when delegated.
 - e. Attend meetings and provide input.
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IV. Dissolution and Liquidation

Art. 35 - Dissolution

1. Dissolution requires a four-fifths majority vote at the General Assembly.
2. Once dissolution is decided, the new purpose of the club is its liquidation.

Art. 36 - Liquidation

1. The board oversees liquidation.
 2. After debts are settled, remaining assets go to other University Surf Clubs or similar student surfing associations.
 3. If no such clubs exist, the equipment and funds shall be stored by a member of the association's presidency until a new recipient club or association is identified.
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Entry into Force

These statutes were adopted and confirmed by the General Assembly on **31.08.2025**.

Signatures

Name	Date
Kilian Pouderoux	31.08.2025
Anthony Verhoeven	31.08.2025
Yona Farina	31.08.2025
Léopold Popper	31.08.2025
Jean-Sébastien Delineau	31.08.2025
Lina Sajid	31.08.2025