

Articles of Association

ROCK for Mental Health

Association for the Promotion of Mental Health through Music

Important Notice:

This English version is provided for information purposes only. In the event of any discrepancy or conflict, the official German version of the Articles of Association ("Vereinsstatuten") shall prevail.

§1 Name, Registered Office and Area of Activity

The Association shall bear the name:

ROCK for Mental Health – Association for the Promotion of Mental Health through Music

The Association has its registered office at:

Salzgasse 2, 4th Floor
5400 Hallein, Austria

The Association conducts its activities from Austria, initially throughout Europe and, in the medium term, also in other regions of the world.

The establishment of branch associations is not currently intended.

§2 Purpose

The Association exclusively and directly pursues charitable purposes within the meaning of Sections 34–47 of the Austrian Federal Fiscal Code (BAO).

The Association operates on a non-profit basis and aims to:

- * Increase public awareness of mental health.
- * Reduce the social stigma associated with mental illness, primarily through musical events and artistic and creative formats.

The purpose of the Association is achieved through the organisation and presentation of concerts, music events, workshops, and other artistic or creative activities that promote understanding of mental health.

These events also serve as platforms for providing information about mental health services, support organisations, and community resources, making them more visible and accessible to the public.

§3 Means of Achieving the Association's Purpose

The Association pursues its objectives through both non-material (ideal) and financial means.

Ideal Activities

These include:

- * Organising cultural events that provide information about mental health.

- * Organising and presenting concerts.
- * Organising music workshops and other artistic and creative formats.
- * Cooperating with therapeutic and counselling organisations.
- * Collaborating with professionals and organisations in the health and social sectors.
- * Collaborating with professionals and organisations in education, arts and culture.
- * Conducting public awareness activities through digital and physical communication channels.

Financial Resources

The Association finances its activities through:

- * Membership admission fees and annual membership fees
- * Donations, fundraising campaigns and other voluntary contributions
- * Public grants and subsidies
- * Income generated from events
- * Sponsorships

§4 Categories of Membership

The Association consists of:

- * Ordinary Members
- * Supporting Members
- * Honorary Members

Ordinary Members

Ordinary Members actively participate in the work of the Association.

Supporting Members

Supporting Members primarily support the Association through financial contributions.

Honorary Members

Honorary Members are individuals recognised for outstanding services to the Association.

§5 Admission to Membership

Membership is open to:

- * Natural persons who support the aims of the Association;
- * Legal entities; and
- * Registered partnerships with legal capacity.

The Executive Board decides on the admission of Ordinary and Supporting Members.

Admission may be refused without providing reasons.

The Board also determines the initial membership category and any subsequent changes under the Association's membership fee regulations.

Until the Association was formally established, provisional membership was granted by the founders or, where already appointed, by the Executive Board.

Honorary Membership is awarded by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Executive Board.

§6 Termination of Membership

Membership ends through:

- * Death;
- * Dissolution of a legal entity;
- * Voluntary resignation;
- * Expulsion.

Resignation may only take effect on 31 December of any year.

Written notice must be submitted to the Executive Board at least three months in advance.

Members who fail to pay membership fees for more than six months despite two written reminders may be expelled by the Executive Board.

Membership fees already due remain payable.

A member may also be expelled for:

- * Serious breach of membership obligations; or
- * Conduct detrimental to the reputation of the Association.

Honorary Membership may be revoked by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Executive Board.

§7 Rights and Duties of Members

Members are entitled to:

- * Participate in all Association events;
- * Use the Association's facilities.

Only Ordinary Members have voting rights and may vote or stand for election at the General Assembly.

Members are entitled to receive a copy of these Articles of Association.

At least one tenth of the members may request the Executive Board to convene a General Assembly.

Members must be informed about:

- * The Association's activities;
- * Its financial management;
- * The audited annual financial statements.

Members are required to:

- * Support the Association's objectives;
- * Protect its reputation;
- * Comply with these Articles and decisions of the Association's governing bodies;
- * Pay membership fees on time.

§8 Governing Bodies

The governing bodies of the Association are:

- * General Assembly
- * Executive Board
- * Auditors
- * Internal Arbitration Tribunal

§9 General Assembly

The General Assembly is the members' meeting within the meaning of the Austrian Associations Act 2002.

An Ordinary General Assembly shall be held every four years.

Extraordinary General Assemblies may be convened under the circumstances specified in Austrian association law and these Articles.

Members shall receive written notice at least two weeks before the meeting by email.

Only agenda items included in the notice may be voted upon.

All members may attend.

Only Ordinary and Honorary Members have voting rights.

Each voting member has one vote.

Voting rights may be transferred to another member by written authorisation.

The General Assembly constitutes a quorum regardless of the number of members present.

Unless otherwise provided, resolutions are adopted by simple majority.

Amendments to these Articles or dissolution of the Association require a two-thirds majority.

The Chairperson presides over the General Assembly.

§10 Responsibilities of the General Assembly

The General Assembly is responsible for:

- * Approving the annual budget;
- * Receiving and approving the annual report and financial statements;
- * Electing and dismissing members of the Executive Board and Auditors;
- * Approving legal transactions between Auditors and the Association;
- * Granting discharge to the Executive Board;
- * Determining membership fees;
- * Granting and revoking Honorary Membership;
- * Amending these Articles;
- * Deciding upon the voluntary dissolution of the Association;
- * Deciding on other matters included in the agenda.

§11 Executive Board

The Executive Board consists of four members:

- * Chairperson
- * Secretary
- * Treasurer
- * Deputy Treasurer

The Board is elected by the General Assembly for a term of four years.

Re-election is permitted.

The Board may co-opt replacement members until the next General Assembly.

Board meetings are convened by the Chairperson.

The Board has a quorum when all members have been invited and at least half are present.

Decisions are adopted by simple majority.

The Chairperson has the casting vote in the event of a tie.

§12 Responsibilities of the Executive Board

The Executive Board manages the Association and is responsible for all matters not assigned to another governing body.

Its responsibilities include:

- * Financial administration;
- * Accounting and asset management;
- * Preparation of budgets and annual reports;
- * Convening the General Assembly;
- * Informing members;
- * Managing Association assets;
- * Admission and exclusion of members;
- * Employment of staff.

§13 Duties of Individual Board Members

The Chairperson manages the day-to-day affairs of the Association.

The Secretary supports the Chairperson and records minutes of meetings.

The Treasurer is responsible for the proper financial management of the Association.

The Chairperson represents the Association externally.

Official documents require the signatures prescribed by these Articles.

In urgent matters, the Chairperson may act independently, subject to later approval by the competent governing body.

§14 Auditors

Two Auditors are elected by the General Assembly for a four-year term.

They must be independent of the governing bodies whose activities they audit.

The Auditors examine:

- * Financial management;
- * Proper accounting;
- * Compliance with these Articles.

The Executive Board shall provide all necessary documents and information.

The Auditors shall report their findings to the Executive Board.

§15 Internal Arbitration Tribunal

Any disputes arising from membership shall be settled by an internal Arbitration Tribunal.

The Tribunal consists of three Ordinary Members appointed according to the procedures set out in these Articles.

The Tribunal hears both parties and decides by simple majority.

Its decisions are final within the Association.

§16 Voluntary Dissolution

The voluntary dissolution of the Association may only be decided by the General Assembly with a two-thirds majority.

If assets remain after settling all liabilities, the General Assembly shall appoint a liquidator and determine the recipient organisation.

Remaining assets shall, where legally possible, be transferred to an organisation pursuing the same or similar charitable objectives, or otherwise to purposes of social welfare.

The final Executive Board shall notify the competent Austrian authority of the dissolution within four weeks.