



Vision, Guiding Principles and Statutes

Vision

Communication

- ***fans4roger*** provides a platform for communication between fans, and for coordinating all fan-related activities.

Support

- ***fans4roger*** supports Roger Federer and his social and charitable commitments.

International expansion

- ***fans4roger*** promotes and supports the creation of other fan clubs around the world.

Fairness

- Taking Roger Federer as its role model, ***fans4roger*** shows fairness and respect in all its dealings.

Guiding Principles

Goals

- ***fans4roger*** focuses its activities on Roger Federer's fans and their interests.
- ***fans4roger*** supports Roger Federer's social, charitable and sports-related commitments.

Roger Federer

- ***fans4roger*** supports Roger Federer as a sports personality, and respects his privacy.

Sportsmanship

- The members of ***fans4roger*** acknowledge the sporting achievements of Roger Federer's competitors and are respectful and fair in their conduct towards them at all times.

Communication / Information

- ***fans4roger*** is open, direct and prompt in providing information to fans, Roger Federer, his partners, sponsors and the media.

Committee

- The members of the Committee of ***fans4roger*** support each other in all matters, and to the best of their ability, across their individual areas of responsibility.



Statutes

To simplify matters, but with no intent to discriminate, these statutes (and all rules, instructions and guidelines) are worded exclusively in the masculine form.

1. Name, headquarters and purpose

1.1. Name and headquarters

fans4roger is the name of a non-profit-making politically and religiously neutral association as defined in Art. 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code.

fans4roger was founded in 2005 and is headquartered in 4104 Oberwil (Basel-Land).

1.2. Purpose

The Club was formed to support Roger Federer on and off the tennis court, and to provide fans with a platform for doing so.

The Club supports the Roger Federer Foundation, which aims to promote sport amongst young people and finance various worldwide projects for the benefit of children.

fans4roger Switzerland is the umbrella organisation of all other official Roger Federer fan clubs around the world. The Club may have special links with these clubs.

The Club rejects all forms of discrimination on the grounds of politics, religion, ethnicity, gender or race.

2. Members

2.1. General

When joining between 1.1. and 30.6. : 100% of membership fee

When joining between 1.7. and 31.12. : 150% of membership fee - Membership is valid till the end of the following year

Members who leave the Club pursuant to Article 2.6. shall forfeit paid-up membership fees in favour of the Fan Club.

Members of the Committee pay the membership fee applicable to their category.

2.2. Membership categories and contributions

Members:

- Adults
- Family** (specified fixed sum applies irrespective of number of family members. Fan Club will provide services for a maximum of four people)

*for maximal 2 adults and their children under 16 years, living in the same house, maximal 4 persons. The benefits/offers will be for the number of membership cards in the family; until the maximum of 4 people.
- Children/Youngsters: under 17

Patrons and sponsors:

- Natural persons
- Legal persons

2.3. Start of membership

The application form is to be completed and sent to the Fan Club by post. Membership begins on receipt of this form.

Membership of the fans4roger Fan Club implies acceptance of the club's Vision, Guiding Principles, Statutes and Rules. Members must bear in mind at all times that their conduct reflects on the Fan Club's image.

2.4. Rights and duties

All Fan Club members aged 16 and over are entitled to vote. Families have a maximum of two voting rights.

Members who wish to be considered for office must meet the relevant requirements profile.

The Committee shall decide whether a candidature should be submitted to the General Meeting for election. If the operational management in any unit under the Committee's responsibility is unsatisfactory, the Committee may act on its own initiative to replace it during the year without waiting for the next General Meeting. The Committee shall, however, inform members of this at the next General Meeting and provide reasons for the decision.

Patrons and sponsors are not entitled to participate in elections or votes, but may attend the General Meeting.

2.5. Liability

Members shall only be liable to the amount of their membership fee. All personal liability beyond this annual membership fee is excluded

Members are reminded that participants at all club events are responsible for arranging their own insurance.

2.6. Refusal of membership, exclusion and departing members

The Committee is not obliged to state its reasons for refusing membership. Members may, however, appeal against any such decision at the next Ordinary General Meeting.

Members who damage the Club's interests and reputation, who do not abide by the instructions issued by the competent club bodies, or who do not meet their financial obligations towards the Fan Club may be stripped of their membership by the General Meeting.

Excluded members shall be notified in writing of the action taken against them.

Members who do not meet their financial obligations towards the Fan Club will receive two warning letters before being excluded from the Club by the Committee.

Any member wishing to leave the Club must notify the Club of his intention before 31 December of the current year. All claims in respect of the club's assets and/or services shall lapse once a member leaves the Club or is excluded.

3. Club structure

3.1. Organisation Chart



3.2. Executive bodies

- General Meeting
- Committee
- Auditors

3.3. General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting takes place every year no later than April.

General Meetings must be convened by written invitation, enclosing a list of agenda items, to be sent out at least 30 days in advance. Information about important agenda items such as, for example, extensive modifications to the statutes or dissolution of the Fan Club, etc., must be provided together with the invitation.

Motions by the Committee to have members excluded must be enclosed with the convocation.

The date of the next General Meeting shall be set at each Ordinary General Meeting.

Motions from members must be submitted to the General Meeting in writing at least 20 days in advance (date of postage stamp)

Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened by the Committee, or at the request of two-thirds of the registered members. This convocation must be in writing and must be sent out at least 30 days before the proposed date of the Extraordinary General Meeting.

Members of the Fan Club who wish to take part in the General Meeting must register in writing. Conversely, they must also relinquish their right to participate in writing.

As a general rule, General Meetings will be held in German.

3.3.1. Possible items of business at Ordinary General Meetings

- Election of vote counters and approval of agenda items
- Approval of the minutes of the last General Meeting
- Acceptance and approval of the Annual Reports
- Acceptance and approval of the year-end financial statements
- Acceptance and approval of the auditor's report
- Discharge of the Committee
- Election of the Chairman
- Election of the Auditors
- Approval of the year's programme of activities
- Setting membership fees
- Voting on amendments to the Statutes
- Voting on motions submitted by members
- Voting on the possible dissolution of the Fan Club and the appropriation of Club assets
- Exclusions of members

3.4. Committee

The Steering Committee consists of a maximum of 8 Members, which members will be elected by the General Meeting for a period of two years. Should there be equal votes then the President will make the deciding vote. Re-election is allowed, and not limited to a fixed number of years. The Committee shall constitute itself.

The Committee executes the decisions adopted by the General Meeting, represents the Fan Club to outside parties and takes care of all business not specifically assigned to other executive bodies.

The Committee organises the execution of business on its own authority and prepares an Annual Activities Plan, as well as a budget. It drafts job descriptions for each operational unit and is authorised to entrust individual Committee members or special committees with certain tasks; club members who do not belong to the Committee may be enlisted for such tasks if need be without such action affecting the rights of the General Meeting or the responsibility of the Committee, or of Committee members.

The Committee determines the legally binding signatures for the club. The Committee may propose a full-time or part-time Managing Director to the General Meeting. The General Meeting shall decide on the scope of the Managing Director's duties and authorities. These latter shall be documented in a job description.

The Committee shall constitute a quorum when at least half the Committee members are present and the meeting was convened in accordance with these Statutes.

The Committee may pass resolutions with an absolute majority of Committee members present. The Chairman has the casting vote in the event of a tie.

3.5. Auditors

Acting auditors are not eligible as members of the Committee.

4. Finances

The club year shall run from 1.1. to 31.12.

4.1. Income comprises:

- Membership fees
- Contributions from patrons and sponsors
- Revenues from events and financial interests
- Revenues from merchandising sales
- Agreements with third parties
- Franchising

4.2. Appropriation of income

- In the framework of the year-to-year activities planned by the Committee for each of its operational units.
- The arrangements concerning payment of expenses are set out in a separate regulation to be approved by the General Meeting.

5. Administration of justice

5.1. Place of jurisdiction

The place of jurisdiction is the location of the Fan Club's headquarters

5.2. Liability

The Fan Club shall be liable only to the extent of its assets.

6. Mergers and dissolution

6.1. Fusion

Mergers with other associations and clubs may be discussed and prepared by the Committee. The General Meeting shall vote on all mergers.

6.2. Dissolution

Motions to dissolve the Fan Club must be submitted to the members in writing at least 30 days before the General Meeting.

The dissolution of the Fan Club can be voted at a General Meeting subject to the agreement of two-thirds of the members present at the General Meeting.

If said two-thirds majority is not obtained at the General Meeting, a second Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened within 30 days. Dissolution shall require a simple majority of the members present at this Extraordinary General Meeting.

In the event of dissolution, the Club's assets shall be used to pay any liabilities incurred by the Fan Club. Any remaining assets shall be used to promote young tennis players, or for the Roger Federer Foundation. The last General Meeting shall have the final say on the definitive appropriation of assets.

7. Final provisions

The German language version of these Statutes, and all rules, instructions and guidelines issued by the Fan Club, shall be deemed the original text. The German language version shall take precedence in the event of any discrepancies between the original and the translation.

These Statutes may be amended by the General Meeting with a majority of two-thirds of the valid votes.

The General Meeting may only vote on amendments to the Statutes if the planned amendments have been properly notified as agenda items in advance and tabled as motions.

The provisions of the Swiss Civil Code shall apply unless these Statutes contain any rulings to the contrary.

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