



GOLDEN
EYE
CIRCLE

***ASSOCIATION
GOLDEN EYE CIRCLE***

STATUTES

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PART I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 - Name and Location

Under the name "Golden Eye Circle", there exists a non-profit association governed by these Articles of Association and by Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code (SCC). The association is established for an indefinite period.

The registered office of the association is in Zurich.

Article 2 - Objective

The purpose of the association is to promote the Zurich Film Festival, to support filmmakers from Switzerland and abroad, and to award prizes in connection with the Zurich Film Festival.

PART II - MEMBERSHIP

Article 3 - Ordinary Members

Any natural person may become a member of the association.

Article 4 - Admission of Members

Applications for membership may be submitted in writing to the President at any time. The Board shall decide on the admission of applicants at its next meeting.

A one-time admission fee of CHF 1'500 shall be payable upon admission.

Article 5 - Honorary Members

Upon proposal of the Board, persons who have rendered outstanding services to the purposes of the association may be appointed Honorary Members.

Article 6 - Withdrawal

A member may resign from the association by submitting written notice to the President no later than the end of June of the current financial year. If such written notice is submitted after that date, the member shall remain liable for payment of the membership fee for the current year.

Article 7 - Expulsion

A member who acts in a manner manifestly contrary to the interests of the association or who fails to pay the membership fee despite a formal reminder may be expelled by resolution of the Board.

PART III - ORGANISATION

Article 8 - Ordinary General Assembly

The General Meeting of Members is the supreme governing body of the association. An Ordinary General Meeting shall be held once per year and shall be convened by the Board.

The General Meeting shall be chaired by the President or by another member of the Board.

The General Meeting shall have the following powers:

- to supervise the activities of the Board;
- to approve the Board's annual activity report and the annual financial statements;
- to elect the members of the Board and the auditors;
- to discharge the members of the Board from liability;
- to determine the annual membership fee;
- to decide on all matters not delegated to the Board or submitted by the Board for decision;
- to amend the Articles of Association.

The General Meeting may remove members of the Board from office at any time, with or without stating reasons.

Article 9 - Extraordinary General Assembly

Upon request of at least one-half of the Ordinary Members, the Board shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting within a reasonable period of time. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall have the same powers as an Ordinary General Meeting.

Article 10 - Voting Rights

At the General Meeting, each member shall have one vote. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

Resolutions of the General Meeting shall be adopted by a simple majority of the members present. Abstentions shall not be counted as votes cast. The General Meeting shall constitute a quorum if at least one-third of the registered members are present.

Article 11 - Board of Directors

The Board shall consist of at least three members elected for a term of one year. Re-election is permitted. The Board shall determine its own organisation and allocation of functions.

Members of the Board shall serve in an honorary capacity and shall generally only be entitled to reimbursement of actual expenses and out-of-pocket costs. Reasonable compensation may be paid for special services rendered by individual Board members.

The Board shall have the following duties:

- to implement the resolutions of the General Meeting;
- to manage and represent the association;
- to inform members about the affairs of the association;
- to decide on the admission of new members;
- to report to the General Meeting.

Board resolutions shall be adopted by a majority of the Board members present. A resolution shall be valid only if at least two Board members are present when the resolution is adopted. Resolutions may also be adopted by circular resolution, provided that all Board members agree unanimously.

In the event of a conflict of interest, the affected Board member shall recuse himself or herself from deliberations and voting.

Article 12 - Patronage Committee

The Board may appoint an Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall advise and support the Board in connection with special events and activities.

Article 13 - Statutory Auditor(s)

The audit body shall consist of one or more auditors elected by the General Meeting for a term of one year. The auditors shall examine the annual financial statements prepared by the Board and report their findings to the General Meeting.

PART IV - FINANCES

Article 14 - Membership Fee and Donations

The annual membership fee is based on age and is valid as follows until acceptance of the 70th member:

- for members between the ages of 20 and 29: CHF 2'500
- for members between the ages of 30 and 39: CHF 3'500
- for members between the ages of 40 and 49: CHF 4'500
- for members above the age of 50: CHF 5'500

When the number of Members reaches 71, the membership fee for all new Members is CHF 5'500, regardless of age. Should the number of Members later fall below 70 due to Members withdrawing from the association, the membership fee remains at CHF 5'500. The effective date when calculating the age of Members for purposes of the membership fee is April 1 of the association year. The liability of Members is limited to the payment of the membership fee.

The Honorary Members of the Association are excluded from having to pay the membership fee.

The Association is further financed by donations.

In return for the membership fee, Members receive to:

- 2 personalised tickets to the Zurich Film Festival Opening Night and Award Night

- 2 personalised tickets to the Golden Icon Award Ceremony
- exclusive ticket ordering possibilities in the run-up to the ZFF
- a personalized Donors Pass for the festival
- individual support before and during the festival
- 2-3 invitations to special Association events during the year
- a full list of members

PART V - CHANGES TO THE STATUTES AND DISSOLUTION

Article 15 - Changes to the Statutes

Changes to the statutes are made by resolution of the General Assembly.

Article 16 - Dissolution

Dissolution of the Association requires a resolution made by a majority of four fifths of Ordinary Members.

Article 17 Assets

Following dissolution of the association, any remaining assets are transferred to a tax-free institution with the same or similar objectives. Distribution of the assets amongst Members is excluded.

PART VI - LEGAL VALIDITY

Article 18 - Legal Validity

These Articles of Association were approved by the General Meeting on 28 May 2026 and shall enter into force on 28 May 2026.

They replace the Articles of Association dated 27 May 2024.

The General Meeting of 28 May 2026 resolved to change the name of the association from “Verein Zurich Film Festival Donors” to “Golden Eye Circle”. These Articles of Association replace the previous version in its entirety.