

# Linea Recta

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## STUDENTENTURNVERENIGING



## BY LAWS

### GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION "LINEA RECTA"

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## **Chapter 1            Members**

### **Article 1            Regular members**

The rights of regular members are:

- a. Attending, speaking, and submitting proposals at and to the general members meeting.
- b. Active and passive voting rights.
- c. Receiving association publications.
- d. Participating in association-organized activities, excluding training sessions.
- e. Representing the association at student events, subject to meeting all requirements.
- f. Participating in training sessions, fully or partially funded by the University of Twente.
- g. Participating in training sessions fully funded by the association.

### **Article 2            Honorary members**

- a. Honorary members are individuals appointed for special merits toward the association, who are not or have never been regular members
- b. Honorary members have the same rights as regular members, provided they possess a facility card from the University of Twente or Saxion University of Applied Sciences.
- c. Honorary members without such a facility card have the same rights as regular members, except for the right mentioned in Article 1 sub f.
- d. The board may nominate an honorary member. After announcement on the agenda, a vote is held at the general members' meeting. If the proposal passes with a two-thirds majority, the appointment is effective immediately.

### **Article 3            Members of Merit**

- a. Members of merit are individuals appointed for special merits towards the association, who are or have been regular members.
- b. Members of merit have the same rights as regular members, provided they possess a facility card from the University of Twente or Saxion University of Applied Sciences.
- c. Members of merit without such a facility card have the same rights as regular members, except for the right mentioned in Article 1 sub f.
- d. The board may nominate a member of merit. After announcement on the agenda, a vote is held at the general members' meeting. If the proposal passes with a two-thirds majority, the appointment is effective immediately.

### **Article 4            Beneficiary members**

- a. Beneficiary members are members that have or have not been regular members.
- b. Beneficiary members have the same rights as regular members, except for the right mentioned in Article 1 sub f.
  - i. Beneficiary members may train three times a year and attend all open training sessions.

### **Article 5            Personal data**

- a. Members must inform the board of any changes to their personal data or facility card details.
- b. Fines imposed by the Student Union due to missing or incorrect facility card data may be passed on to the relevant member
- c. Members agree to the internal use of their names, which may be visible to other members.

### **Article 6            Membership fees**

- a. Regular members are obligated to pay a (semi-) annual contribution.
- b. Beneficiary members are obligated to pay an annual fee.



#### **Article 7          Member obligations**

- a. Regular members are obligated to comply with effort obligations set at the general members meeting.
- b. Regular members are obligated to pay a deposit for the effort obligations. If the effort obligation, in sub a, is fulfilled by the end of the year, the deposit will be refunded.
- c. Members are obligated to pay possible participation fees for activities

#### **Article 8          Membership termination**

- a. Membership rules, as described in the Articles of association S.T.V. Linea Recta, apply.
- b. A half-year membership starting in the first semester of an academic year ends automatically on February 1st.
- c. A half-year membership starting in the second semester of an academic year is automatically extended to a full year.

## **Chapter 2          General Members Meeting**

#### **Article 1          General**

- a. At the general members meeting, matters concerning the association are discussed. The general members meeting can make decisions that are binding for the board and members.
- b. Decisions are binding only if at least one-fourth of the total regular members are present or represented, with a minimum of seven.
- c. If quorum is not met, a new meeting must be scheduled within two weeks, excluding academic holidays , which can make binding decisions except decisions referred to in Articles 15 and 19 of the Articles of association.

#### **Article 2          Notice**

- a. All general members meetings must be announced at least fourteen days in advance with an invitation and the agenda.
- b. The general members meeting may not be held during academic holidays or on public holidays.
- c. The meeting documents for the general members meeting must be provided at least seven days in advance.

#### **Article 3          Agenda**

- a. Members have the right to add agenda items by notifying the secretary in writing up to three days in advance.
- b. The secretary ensures members are informed of additions to the agenda before the general members meeting.

#### **Article 4          Meeting**

- a. The chairperson leads the general members meeting. The board may appoint another board member as chairperson for the meeting if necessary.
- b. The chairperson of the general members meeting grants speaking rights. However, the chairperson does not have to give the floor more than three times on one topic to a member unless that persons appeals to the general members meeting.

#### **Article 5          Order**

The chairperson of the general members meeting is responsible for maintaining order during the meeting.

#### **Article 6          Suspension**

The chairperson of the general members meeting has the right to suspend the meeting for an indefinite amount of time.



## **Article 7        Voting**

- a. The chairperson of the general members meeting must, unless appealed to the general members meeting, put all proposals and motions to a vote. Of all proposals and motions on the same subject, the most impactful is voted on first.
- b. Proposals are decided by a majority of valid cast votes, provided they do not conflict with the Articles of association.
- c. The chairperson asks whether a vote is desired for every proposal and motion. If not, the proposal or motion is automatically adopted. If so, the voting proceeds as follows: votes on matters are oral unless the board or at least two members request a written vote. Voting regarding individuals is always by secret written ballot.
- d. A ballot paper is invalid if:
  - 1) It is signed;
  - 2) It does not contain a clear name of the candidate(s), with nicknames never considered sufficient;
  - 3) It contains more than permitted;
  - 4) It is not marked by the board.
- e. The appointment or result of a vote is announced during the general members meeting.

## **Article 8        Authorization**

- a. Together with the notice of impediment, the impeded member may inform the secretary of the relevant general members meeting, in writing, stating who is authorized to vote on their behalf.
- b. Only members of the association present at the general members meeting may be authorized with their consent.
- c. One member may be authorized by a maximum of two other members.

# **Chapter 3        Elections**

## **Article 1        General**

- a. Board members and commissioners are elected (semi-) annually. They are immediately eligible for re-election upon resignation.
- b. A board member as well as a commissioner is elected by a majority of validly cast votes.

## **Article 2        Candidates and Vacancies**

- a. The board proposes candidate board members, whose names must be communicated to the members in writing at least seven days prior to the general members meeting in which the vote will take place.
- b. Interim vacancies are filled by the board within twenty-one days; the election takes place during the next general members meeting.
- c. Members may submit counter-candidates up to five days before the election, by submitting a written proposal to the secretary. This nomination must be signed by at least three voting members.
- d. Both nominations by the board and by members require that the candidate(s) have accepted the nomination in writing or verbally.
- e. If no counter-candidates have been nominated, the candidates as mentioned in article 15 sub a, are elected without a vote.

# **Chapter 4        Board**

## **Article 1        Composition**

- a. The board consists of at least three and at most seven persons.
- b. In addition to the chairperson, secretary, and treasurer - who form the executive board - commissioners with delegated tasks may be appointed.



## **Article 2 Duties**

The duties of the board include: :

- a. Performing activities, which are required for the proper functioning of the association.
- b. Executing the decisions made in the general members meeting.

## **Article 3 Authority**

The powers of the board are:

- a. Convening meetings
- b. Declaring measures of order
- c. Taking measures against members if their behavior gives cause for it.

## **Article 4 Representation**

One of the board members represents the association at the University of Twente sports council.

## **Article 5 Chairperson**

The chairperson is in charge of:

- a. The general management of the association
- b. The coordination of the activities of the fellow board members.

## **Article 6 Secretary**

The secretary is in charge of:

- a. Taking minutes of meetings.
- b. Conducting correspondence.
- c. The timely announcement of the general members meetings to members.
- d. Preparing the annual report.
- e. Maintaining the archives. The secretary shall ensure that the Articles of association and by-laws are present at every meeting.

## **Article 7 Treasurer**

The treasurer is in charge of:

- a. Managing the funds of the association.
- b. Submitting a budget and an annual financial report at the beginning of the association year, during the annual meeting.
- c. Collecting debts due to the association.

# **Chapter 5 Finances**

## **Article 1 Contribution**

- a. The amount of the association contribution for the current association year is set at the general members meeting.
- b. The minimum contribution that a beneficiary member must pay annually is set during the general members meeting.
- c. It is up to beneficiary members themselves to determine what contribution they pay to the association annually, which must be at least equal to the amount set in article 23 sub b, the amount can be adjusted annually if desired.
- d. Upon joining as a regular member, a contribution is owed for the entire association year, unless one becomes a member in the first semester or the second semester of the same association year. In this case, an adjusted contribution amount is paid as determined annually by the general members meeting.

## **Article 2 Other obligations**

- a. The part of the deposit for work duties for the current association year is determined during the general members meeting.
- b. An estimate of the level of the participation in activities will be known in advance.



- c. All amounts due must be paid within one month from the date of the billing. After this stipulated date, the board is authorized to levy a fine.

### **Article 3      Travel reimbursements**

- a. Coaches appointed by the board are eligible for travel expense reimbursement.

## **Chapter 6              Committees**

### **Article 1              General**

- a. The board is supported in carrying out its duties by committees.
- b. Committees are established and dissolved by the board. They are, at all times, accountable to the board and must report to the board during committee meetings.
- c. With written permission of the board, committees are authorized to sign contracts with third parties.
- d. The activities organized by the association are specifically for members. An external person may participate, but will be charged the unsubsidized costs.

### **Article 2              Committee Chairperson**

- a. The general leadership of a committee rests with a committee chairperson. Committee chairpersons are approved by the board. They are at all times accountable to the board concerning the functioning of the committee.
- b. A committee chairperson has the right to remove a committee member from their committee, in consultation with the executive board. .
- c. A committee chairperson must ensure minutes are taken during committee meetings. This does not apply to the editorial and audit committee, unless the executive board deems it necessary.
- d. A committee chairperson must ensure the minutes mentioned in paragraph 3 are delivered to the executive board (two copies) and to the members of the committee in question.

### **Article 3              Duties of the Activities Committee**

The activities committee is tasked with organizing various activities for the benefit of the members.

### **Article 4              Duties of the Audit Committee**

- a. For the tasks and appointment of the audit committee, reference is made to Article 11 of the Articles of the association.
- b. In case of interim resignation of the treasurer, the audit committee checks the financial management of the treasurer, unless the new board takes over responsibility for the finances of the current year from the resigning treasurer.

### **Article 5              Duties of the Editorial Committee**

The editorial committee is responsible for:

- a. Printing the association's publication
- b. Ensuring the content of the publication aligns with its purpose, including:
  - 1) Reporting on association activities;
  - 2) Providing space for publishing member opinions on association-related matters;
  - 3) Publishing unaltered announcements from the board.
- c. The editorial committee is obligated to publish all signed pieces from members within the publication period of two issues. The editorial committee has the right to shorten pieces, provided this is indicated.
- d. If the editorial committee has ethical objections to a piece, it reserves the right, after consultation with the board and the author, to refuse publication.
- e. Texts submitted by the board may not be edited by the editorial committee, except for spelling and grammar corrections.
- f. Comments or responses to a submitted text may only be published with the author's permission.



## **Article 6        Duties of the Sponsorship Committee**

The sponsorship committee is responsible for:

- a. Acquiring advertisements for association publications, including the magazine and almanac, in collaboration with the relevant committee.
- b. Obtaining general sponsorship for the association.
- c. Acquiring sponsorship for activities, in coordination with the organizing committee.

## **Article 7        Duties of the Web Committee**

- a. The web committee is responsible for the technical management of the website.
- b. The web committee is accountable to the board for the design and new additions.
- c. The web committee is responsible for the website's content. Content is provided by other committees, the board, or third parties.
- d. If necessary, the web committee may, on instruction from the board, remove questionable content from the website.

# **Chapter 7        Advisory Council**

## **Article 1        Composition of the Advisory Council**

The composition of the Advisory Council is as follows:

- a. The Advisory Council can only consist of those persons who are knowledgeable about the sports centre, content on gymnastics, sports council or the association itself.
- b. Members of the Advisory Council are appointed by the general members meeting on proposals of the board.
- c. The general members meeting is entitled to dissolve the Advisory Council or remove one or more members from the council at any time on the proposal of the board.

## **Article 2        Duties of the Advisory Council**

The Advisory Council gives solicited and unsolicited advice to the general members meeting and the board on policies and actions to be taken.

# **Chapter 8        Final provisions**

## **Article 1        Conduct**

- a. Each member is obligated to act in accordance with the Articles of association and the by-laws. In case of non-compliance, the member will be warned in writing. They may then be suspended for a month and eventually be expelled from membership in accordance with Article 7 sub 4 of the Articles of association.
- b. Suspension or expulsion may also result from misconduct that harms the reputation of the association.

## **Article 2        Amendments to the By Laws**

- a. Proposals to amend the by-laws may be submitted by the board or by at least three voting members.
- b. After submission, a general members meeting must be held within three weeks (excluding academic holidays), during which the proposals will be voted upon.

## **Article 3        Validity**

- a. All articles in the by-laws apply subject to the provisions of the Articles of association.
- b. In cases not covered by these by laws or the Articles of association, or where an article is open to multiple interpretations, the board decides.
- c. These by-laws came into effect on April 18th, 1988, were last amended on May 21th, 2025, and were approved by the general members meeting on May 20th, 2025.