

STATUTES

I. Name and seat

Art.1 The **SWISS CHIROPRACTIC SPORT COUNCIL** (SCSC) is an association in the sense of articles 60 and following of the CCS.

The SCSC is politically and religiously neutral and rallies to fundamental principles of our democracy.
Its seat is at the professional domicile of the president.

II. Goals and tasks

Art.2 The SCSC has for goal the maintenance, the application, the promotion of sports chiropractic and the protection of shared and general interests of doctors of chiropractic.

It strives notably to achieve this by:

- a) the promotion and the encouragement to improve athletic performance through optimal quality of chiropractic care, the rehabilitation and the prevention of athletic injuries.
- b) the promotion of scientific research and the knowledge of causes, the rehabilitation and the prevention of sports injuries and the improvement of performance.
- c) the encouragement, the control and the evaluation of athletic performance.
- d) the representation of sports chiropractic and the establishment of relations with sports authorities and other professions in sports medicine.
- e) making chiropractic known as independent medical profession.
- f) obtaining recognition of its legal status and its academic level of education by the sports authorities.
- g) the acknowledgement of the privileges that come along with this status.
- h) transmitting information to authorities and to the public about sports chiropractic;
- i) the preservation of the ethical level of sports chiropractic by respecting the codes and standards of deontology within the profession.
- j) the promotion of the academic education of sports chiropractic and the encouragement of its study.
- k) the establishment and the maintenance of good relations between its members.
- l) providing assistance to its members in all occasions, through counselling, moral and practical support.
- m) the establishment of relations with other national Chiropractic Sports Councils.
- n) maintaining a close relationship with the International Federation of Sports Chiropractic (F.I.C.S.).
- o) the cooperation and the consultation of the executive committee of the Association of Swiss Chiropractors (ASC).

III. Affiliation

Art.3 The SCSC is composed of:

a) Ordinary Members:

Every doctor of chiropractic practicing legally in Switzerland can become member. Assistants fulfilling statutory conditions of the ASC and who are authorized to practice in Switzerland, are included in this member category.

All regular members of the SCSC have to be member the ASC.

b) Associate Members:

Every doctor of chiropractic who is legally authorized to practice and is not a member the ASC.
Associate members have not the voting right.

c) Extraordinary Members:

Physical persons (not belonging to the chiropractic profession) and moral persons that are interested in the goals of the SCSC, can ask their admission as extraordinary member.
Extraordinary members have not the voting right.

d) Honorary Members:

Every person having worked in the interest of public health and particularly in the area of the chiropractic is eligible. Honorary members are elected by the general assembly on proposal of the committee.
They participate ad libitum in activities of the SCSC and are exempted of contributions.

Art.4 Admission: They have to be formulated in writing to the committee, which accepts the admission conditionally on approval by the assembly general meeting.

Resignations: They have to be addressed in writing to the committee, latest by the end of the operating year. They can be accepted only if the retiring member has fulfilled all its financial obligations for the year under way.

The exclusion of a member:

- a member that contravenes to the statutes of the SCSC,
- commit acts contrary to the interest of the SCSC,
- do not pay their contributions despite reminders,
- do repeatedly not participate at general assemblies, despite written warning,

can be excluded, on proposal by the committee, by the majority of the members present at an ordinary general assembly (majority = 2/3 of the members having voting rights). Voting is by secret bulletin. Concerned members have to be informed in writing beforehand. Members that have been excluded are responsible for still existing obligations towards the SCSC. Excluded members lose any right to any holdings of the SCSC.

In case of death, membership ceases.

IV. Rights and obligations of members

- Art.5 Active participation in activities of the SCSC,
Voting right of ordinary and honorary members,
Reception of information concerning activities of the committee and from the representatives of the SCSC,
Reception of the SCSC statutes and the code of ethics.

Observance of the code of ethics;
Punctual payment of annual dues, whose amount is fixed by the general assembly meeting on proposal of the committee;
Participation at the assembly general meeting, only a hindrance of force majeure constitutes a justified absence. The committee has to be informed in writing.

V. Organization

- Art.6 The annual working period runs from the date of the general assembly meeting to that of the next year. On the other hand, the accounting operating period runs from January 1 to December 31.

- Art.7 Organs of the SCSC are:

- a) the general member assembly
- b) the committee
- c) the auditors of accounts

- Art.8 The general member assembly

The general assembly meeting is the supreme organ of the association. It is called on demand of the president, the committee or by one third of the ordinary members. Except in case of urgency, the convocation for the meeting has to be sent to the members at least 15 days before the date of the meeting.

Decisions of the general assembly meeting are valid only if at least half, plus one, of the ordinary members are present. Voting and elections are valid with a simple majority of ordinary member present.

The general assembly deals with all issues that concern the association. It ratifies regulations and conventions proposed by the committee. It ratifies admission and exclusion proposals of members.

The ordinary general assembly can confer authority by assigning a specific mandate to a chosen delegate or a commission.

The ordinary general assembly is being called, as a rule, during the CE (Continued Education) course of the ASC.

The agenda imposed by the statutes shall be composed of:

- a) approval of the report of the last general assembly.
- b) approval of reports on the current exercise:
 - 1. report of the president
 - 2. report of the treasurer
 - 3. report of auditors of accounts
- c) membership mutations (admissions and resignations)
- d) annual accounting and budget
- e) report of auditors of accounts and discharge of the committee
- f) deciding the annual membership fees
- g) elections,
 - 1. the president,
 - 2. the other members of the committee,
 - 3. auditors of accounts,
 - 4. a representative to the committee of the ASC,
 - 5. Honorary members
- i) program of activity
- j) possible statute modifications
- k) proposals emanating from members; they have to be submitted to the committee at the latest 30 days before the general assembly meeting.
- l) various.

For matters that were not announced within the time of prescribed advance notice, a decision can not be taken unless it is an urgency, or when a preliminary announcement was not possible.

Art.9 The committee

It is elected for four years by the general assebly meeting; its members can be re-elected at the end of their mandate. The committee is composed of a:

- a) president
- b) vice-president
- c) treasurer
- e) secretary general

It can be enlarged, according to the needs of the association.

The committee shares the work between its members. Its tasks are:

- to work towards the realization of the goals of the SCSC,
- to execute the duties that are assigned by statutes and decisions,
- to elaborate the annual program and to assume its realization,
- to establish the annual budget.

The committee can take a decision when at least three of its members are present. It binds the SCSC by the joint signature of two of its members.

For expenses, the committee has an allowance of SFr. 1'000.00 per year. The president signs all invoices and documents needing proof.

Art.10 Auditors of accounts

There shall be two auditors of accounts. The general assembly elects an auditor every odd year. They can be re-elected at the end of their mandate. They can at any time consult the bookkeeping documents and examine the accounts.

They make a report on the bookkeeping and their being in accordance with decisions of the general assembly and statutory dispositions.

Art.11 Finance - Payment membership fees

Expenses of the SCSC are covered by the membership dues, donations and the other possible revenue.

The amount of contributions is fixed by the general assembly.

The annual membership dues have to be paid, at the latest, by the end of February. The treasurer is empowered to claim dues that remain unpaid by that date, though postal recovery without advance notice.

Art.12 Responsibility

Commercial commitments of the SCSC are only covered by the financial holdings of the association; any personal liability is excluded.

Art.13 Modification of statutes

Proposals for modification of the statutes can only be decided by the members of the general assembly, they can be decided only if at least two thirds of the ordinary members are present and with a majority of two thirds of the attending members with voting rights. Proposals for modifications have to be submitted in writing to the committee at least 30 days before the general assembly.

VI. Final dispositions

Art.14 The dissolution of the SCSC cannot be pronounced as long as ten members will commit themselves to insure its continuation.

In case of the dissolution of the SCSC, the archives and its social goodwill shall be given in deposit and for management to the ASC, so that they are kept available for a new association with similar goals. If no new association has been founded during the ten years after the dissolution of the SCSC, the archives and its social goodwill will become property of the Institute of the ASC.

Art. 15 The present statutes have been approved by the members of the constitutive general meeting on April 27, 1996. They enter into effect immediately.

The French text is legally binding.

Swiss Chiropractic Sport Council

The President:

The Secretary General

Dr. Roland NOIRAT

Dr. Roger PICARD

Lausanne, April 27, 1996.