

HELLENIC CHEERLEADING FEDERATION (HCF)

ECU Statutes

Proposals for Changes

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A. ARTICLE 1 Name and Address

As it is today

1.1 Name

European Cheer Union, ECU, is a non-profit European federation, composed of non-profit national federations that promote and regulate the sport of cheerleading in Europe.

1.2 Address

The General Assembly determines the location of the federation. The General Assembly of 2014 decided to register the federation within the EU, in Denmark.

As it is proposed to change

1.1 Name

European Cheer Union, hereinafter known with its initials ECU, is a non-profit sports federation.

1.2 Address

The General Assembly determines the location of the federation, within the EU. The General Assembly of 2014 decided to register the federation in Denmark.

Reason for change

1.1

ECU = to be explained what it is

sports = addition of the word which describes the specialization of the federation
composed of non-profit national federations that promote and regulate the sport of cheerleading in Europe = deleted as 1) the phrase "that promote and regulate the sport of cheerleading in Europe" doesn't have to do with the name, but it has to do with the objective written in article 2.1.1. again with almost the same phrase, and written again in article 6.1, (as "ECU is recognized by ICU as the continental federation governing the sport of cheerleading in Europe") 2) the phrase "composed of non-profit national federations" has to do with the members and not the name, and it is being fully explained in the article 7.1

Cheer and cheerleading = two words that confuse in the same phrase, and better need to be specialised in anotherf article, as it is proposed under

1.2

the location of ECU should be within Europe.

Article 2 Objectives

As it is today

2.1 Objectives

The objectives of ECU are:

1. To promote and develop the sport of cheerleading in Europe.

As it is proposed to change

2.1 Objectives

The objectives of ECU are:

1. To promote and develop the sport of Cheer in Europe, and its disciplines as described in article 7.1

Reason for change

As the sport it is decided to be called Cheer by the ICU, and ECU also in its name refers to Cheer, all references regarding the sport have to use the word "Cheer" and not "Cheerleading". The disciplines can be well described in the membership article 7.1

Therefore all the words "cheerleading" in the same article and in other articles too, have to be changed to "Cheer" (except the proposed descriptions in article 7.1)

Article 7 Categories of members

As it is today

7.1 Member federation

A. ECU is open to national cheerleading federations in Europe, who are not-for-profit and who administer cheerleading in their own country. For national federations who administer more than one sport in their federation, the following requirements must be fulfilled in order to be a member of ECU: etc...

As it is proposed to change

A. ECU is open to national cheer federations in Europe, who are not-for-profit and who administer cheer in their own country, regardless of its name, being the national body governing cheer and its disciplines, as of today, a) performance cheer and b) cheerleading. For national federations who administer more than one sport in their federation, the following requirements must be fulfilled in order to be a member of ECU: etc...

Reason for change

Regarding the Olympic recognition of the sport of Cheer, definitions and explanations of the sport of Cheer have to be finalised, according to the international Olympic approach of definitions of what is sport, discipline, category, .

Definitions

Sport: The primary sport held by a Federation

Discipline: A subtype of a sport and within a sport

Category: The difference, as a subtype of a discipline and within a discipline, used sometimes to define mostly difference in age or number of athletes

Division: A word which usually is used to distinguish a way to separate things in the SAME category, and is used only in such cases, like f.ex. A-league in senior division / B-league in senior division etc.

SPORT

General sport for a Cheer Federation is the Cheer sport, described in many various ways, including "Cheerleading", "Cheering", "Sport of Cheerleading", "Sport of Cheer" and "Sport of Cheering".

DISCIPLINES

The sport of Cheer includes (today) two disciplines

- a) Performance Cheer, which mainly is the dancing cheer discipline
- b) Cheerleading, which mainly is the acrobatic cheer discipline

SUBDISCIPLINE-EVENTS

In each one of these 2 disciplines, the following subdiscipline-events are included (today)

In Performance cheer

- a) Cheer pom
- b) Cheer jazz
- c) Cheer hip-hop
- d) Cheer high-kicks

In Cheerleading

- a) Cheerleading

CATEGORIES

In each event-discipline the following categories exist today (attention: the following are the official categories, as suggested by the ICU, therefore a national federation can have more categories regarding the number or age of athletes)

- Number of athletes categories

In Performance cheer

a) Cheer pom

a1) Cheer pom team

a2) Cheer pom doubles

b) Cheer jazz

b1) Cheer jazz team

b2) Cheer jazz doubles

c) Cheer hip-hop

c1) Cheer hip-hop team

c2) Cheer hip-hop doubles

d) Cheer high-kicks

d1) Cheer high-kicks team

d2) Cheer high-kicks doubles

In Cheerleading

a) Cheerleading

a1) Cheerleading team

- Age of athletes categories

In Performance cheer

a) Cheer pom

a1) Cheer pom team

a1a) Cheer pom team senior

a1b) Cheer pom team junior

a2) Cheer pom doubles

a2a) Cheer pom doubles senior

a2b) Cheer pom doubles junior

b) Cheer jazz

b1) Cheer jazz team

b1a) Cheer jazz team senior

b1b) Cheer jazz team junior

b2) Cheer jazz doubles

b2a) Cheer jazz doubles senior

b2b) Cheer jazz doubles junior

- c) Cheer hip-hop
 - c1) Cheer hip-hop team
 - c1a) Cheer hip-hop team senior
 - c1b) Cheer hip-hop team junior
 - c2) Cheer hip-hop doubles
 - c2a) Cheer hip-hop doubles senior
 - c2b) Cheer hip-hop doubles junior

- d) Cheer high-kicks
 - d1) Cheer high-kicks team
 - d1a) Cheer high-kicks team senior
 - d1b) Cheer high-kicks team junior
 - d2) Cheer high-kicks doubles
 - d2a) Cheer high-kicks doubles senior
 - d2b) Cheer high-kicks doubles junior

In Cheerleading

- a) Cheerleading
 - a1) Cheerleading team
 - a1a) Cheer high-kicks doubles senior
 - a1b) Cheer high-kicks doubles junior

Example of a very detailed announcement for a category of the cheer sport is as follows
Performance cheer, Cheer pom team, age senior 15-18

Article 28 Replacement

As it is today

28.1 If an elected Board member resigns before the end of her or his term or cannot fulfil her or his duties as Board member at full capacity, the remaining Board members have the right to appoint another eligible member.

28.2. A Board member co-opted as a replacement holds temporary office until the next General Assembly, where an election has to be held for the approval of the new Board member.

28.2 The term of appointment for a co-opted Board member ends with her or his predecessor's term.

As it is proposed to change

28.1 If an elected Board member resigns before the end of her or his term or cannot fulfil her or his duties as Board member at full capacity, the remaining Board members, call as his/her replacement the candidate who received the most votes after the one elected during the immediate previous Board elections, and (s)he is not already elected in another position in the Board.

28.2 The term of appointment for the replaced Board member ends with her or his predecessor's term.

Reason for change

The persons receiving votes by the National Federations during elections have the right to stand as elected replacements at all time.