

Metality e.V.

- Articles of Association -

As of October 18, 2025

§ 1 Name, registered office, financial year

- 1) The Club bears the name "Metality e. V.", has its registered office in Hamburg, and is entered in the register of clubs.
- 2) The fiscal year is the calendar year. The first fiscal year is a shortened fiscal year.

§ 2 Purpose of the Club

- 1) The Club pursues exclusively and directly charitable and benevolent purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code (AO).
- 2) The purposes of the Club are the promotion of art and culture, the promotion of youth and elderly care, the promotion of education, popular and vocational training, including student assistance, the promotion of internationalism, tolerance in all areas of culture and international understanding, and the promotion of civic engagement for charitable, benevolent, and ecclesiastical purposes. In addition, the Club may also directly promote charitable causes itself, in particular by
 - a. The procurement and transfer of funds to other tax-privileged organizations.
 - b. Supporting people in need within the meaning of § 53 AO (German Fiscal Code).
- 3) The Club acts selflessly. It does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.
- 4) The Club's funds may only be used for the purposes set out in the statutes. Members do not receive any payments from the Club's funds. The Club's running costs must be in line with the principle of appropriateness. No person may benefit from expenses that are not related to the purpose of the Club or from disproportionately high remuneration.
- 5) At the end of the financial year, the Club must prepare a balance sheet/statement of assets and a statement of the use of funds. This must be approved by the Board by resolution within five months of the end of the following year.
- 6) A free reserve may be formed or increased in the amount of the maximum tax-deductible portion of the surplus of income over the costs of asset management. The reserve may only be dissolved by resolution of the general meeting.

§ 3 Becoming a member

- 1) Active members

Any natural person can become an active member. The Board decides on written applications for membership (including email or online forms). The Board may delegate this task. Minors require the consent of their legal guardians to join.

2) Sponsor members

Any natural person may become a sponsor member. In addition, any legal entity may become a sponsor member. The Board shall decide on written applications for membership (including those submitted by email or online form). Minors require the consent of their legal guardians to join. Sponsor members who are legal entities are not entitled to vote.

3) Honorary members

Any natural person can become an honorary member. The Board decides on the award. Honorary members are not entitled to vote.

§ 4 Termination of membership

1) Membership ends

- a) upon the death of the member
- b) upon voluntary resignation
- c) upon removal from the membership list
- d) upon expulsion from the Club.

2) Voluntary resignation shall be effected by written declaration to the Board. It shall only be permissible at the end of the current payment interval (i.e., depending on the chosen payment method, the calendar quarter or the calendar year) subject to a notice period of one week.

3) A member may be removed from the membership list by a simple majority vote of the Board if, despite two written reminders (including email) sent at least two weeks apart, the member is in arrears with the payment of membership fees. The removal may only be decided after two weeks have passed since the second reminder was sent and the outstanding fees have not been paid. The member must be notified of the removal in writing (also possible by email).

4) If a member violates the statutes, the code of conduct, the purpose of the Club, or damages its reputation, the member may be expelled from the Club by unanimous decision of the Board.

5) The member's contact details last stored in the Club's software are relevant for communication with members.

§ 5 Membership fees

1) Active members

Contributions are collected from active members. The amount and due date of the membership fee are determined by the Board. It is currently €6.66 per quarter and is due on the third calendar day of the relevant quarter. Alternatively, an annual payment method can also be agreed upon. The

membership fee and any amounts due are typically collected by direct debit based on a direct debit authorization. Other forms of payment may be approved by the Board.

2) Sponsor members

Sponsor members pay an increased annual membership fee to support the work of the Club. The possible sponsor member fees are determined by the Board and stored in the Club's software. The sponsor member fee is typically collected by direct debit based on a direct debit authorization. Other forms of payment may be approved by the Board.

3) Honorary members

Honorary members are exempt from paying membership fees.

4) Membership fee discounts/waivers

The Board may decide to grant membership fee discounts or even full waivers to individual members or groups of members. This may be done, for example, for social reasons or because the member supports Metality in other ways. This may be the case, for example, when artists become members. The Board may issue guidelines for granting discounts and delegate the granting of discounts in accordance with the guidelines.

5) Use of membership fees

The membership fees of active members and sponsor members are used to cover the Club's running costs, which must remain within reasonable limits. Surpluses are used in accordance with the purpose of the statutes.

§ 6 Bodies of the Club

The bodies of the Club are:

- the Board
- the general meeting

§ 7 Board

1) The Board consists of:

- the 1st chairperson
- the 2nd chairperson
- the Treasurer, and
- the Secretary

Each of them is individually authorized to represent the Club. The members of the Board must be members of the Club. The Board is elected by the General Meeting for a term of two years; it remains in office even after the end of its term until the new Board is elected. Block voting is permitted for the election of the Board.

2) The Board manages the Club's affairs in accordance with the articles of Club and the resolutions of the general meeting.

- 3) The Board is authorized to set up committees for specific purposes.
- 4) The activities of the members of the Board are voluntary and unpaid.
- 5) The Board may, by a simple majority, adopt rules of procedure governing cooperation within the Board, voting majorities, and procedures. In addition, the rules of procedure may assign individual Board tasks to specific Board members.

§ 8 Cash audit

- 1) Two members shall be elected by the general meeting as cash auditors for a term of two years.
- 2) The cash auditors shall audit the financial management of the Board for the past financial year no later than two weeks before the annual general meeting.

§ 9 General meeting

- 1) The regular annual general meeting takes place once a year.
- 2) In addition, the general meeting must be convened if it is in the interests of the Club or if one-third of the members request the convening of the meeting in writing, stating the purpose and reasons.
- 3) Each general meeting shall be convened by the first chairperson or one of their deputies by means of a circular letter sent to the last address notified in writing to the Club by the member, observing a notice period of two weeks. Alternatively, the meeting may also be convened by sending the necessary documents electronically to the last email address provided in writing to the Club by the member or by announcement via the Club's software (currently Kurabu). In each case, the agenda set by the Board must be communicated.
- 4) The general meeting shall be chaired by the first chairperson or one of their deputies from the Board. If they are unable to attend, the general meeting shall elect a chairperson from among its members. The general meeting may decide to add items to the agenda set by the Board. Unless otherwise specified in the articles of Club, decisions of the general meeting shall be taken by a majority of the valid votes cast; abstentions shall therefore not be taken into account. A two-thirds majority is required to amend the Articles of Club, and a nine-tenths majority of the votes cast is required to change the purpose of the Club and to dissolve the Club. The type of voting is generally determined by the chairperson of the meeting. However, voting must be carried out in writing if one-third of the members present at the respective vote so request.
- 5) An extraordinary general meeting may be convened at any time by the Board or at the request of at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the active members. The extraordinary general meeting shall discuss and decide on extraordinary matters concerning the Club.

§ 10 Working groups, gangs, chapters

- 1) The Board may set up working groups or gangs to carry out the Club's work. These are not independent entities and their leaders are not bodies of the Club and cannot legally represent it.

The Board may assign or withdraw the leadership of the working groups or gangs to specific persons at its own discretion. Members have no right to participate in a specific working group or gang. The leader of the working group or gang decides on admission to the working group or gang. If the leader of the working group or gang wishes to terminate the participation of a member and the member objects, the Board shall decide.

- 2) The Board may establish regional Club groups ("chapters") in various cities, regions, or countries to carry out the Club's work. These are not independent entities, and the leaders of these groups are not organs of the Club and cannot legally represent it. The Board may assign or withdraw the leadership of these groups to specific individuals at its own discretion. Each member may join as many chapters of their choice as they wish.

§ 11 Liability of the Club

The Club is liable to its members and other persons for damages and accidents only within the scope of the insurance policies it has taken out for the Club and its organs.

§ 12 Resolutions

Minutes shall be kept at the general meetings. For evidence purposes, the resolutions shall be entered in these minutes and signed by the respective chairperson of the meeting. The place and time of the meeting as well as the respective voting results shall be recorded. The secretary of the Board shall be the minute-taker. If he/she is unable to attend, the chairperson of the meeting shall be the minute-taker.

§ 13 Dissolution of the Club

- 1) The dissolution of the Club can only be decided at a general meeting with the majority of votes specified in § 9 (4). Unless the general meeting decides otherwise, the first chairperson and their deputy shall jointly be the liquidators authorized to represent the Club. The above provisions shall apply mutatis mutandis in the event that the Club is dissolved for another reason or loses its legal capacity.
- 2) Upon dissolution of the Club or discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the Club's assets shall fall to the Metality Foundation, Kastanienweg 9, 22395 Hamburg, which shall use them directly and exclusively for charitable, benevolent, or ecclesiastical purposes. If the Metality Foundation no longer exists or is no longer charitable at that time, the Club's assets shall fall to the Wacken Foundation, Reselithweg 17, 25596 Wacken.