

## Articles of Association (2016)

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## **Section I: General provisions**

### **Article 1 – Name and domicile**

Under the name “Scouts and Guides of Liechtenstein” (“Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder Liechtensteins”; hereinafter called “the PPL”) exists an association within the meaning of Art. 246 et seq. of the Liechtenstein Persons and Companies’ Act with domicile in Schaan. It is the universal successor in title to the “Princely Liechtenstein Scouts’ Corps St. George – Scouts of Liechtenstein” founded on 1 October 1931 and the “Princely Liechtenstein Guides Corps – Guides of Liechtenstein” founded in the year 1938. The PPL is a member of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (“WOSM”) and of the World Organisation of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (“WAGGGS”) as well as of the Liechtenstein Olympic Committee (LOC).

### **Article 2 – Objectives, principles and methods, responsibility and social commitment**

The PPL is a Christian youth organisation with educational objectives that children and young persons of all faiths may freely join. Building upon essentially Christian principles, the PPL promotes the holistic development of its members and strengthens their moral and social awareness. By this means, young persons in Liechtenstein are to be provided with opportunities and paths that enable them to assume responsibility in their personal and social lives, as well as in society. The basis for the work of the PPL is the Scout Commandments and Scout Motto as well as the considered application of the scouting methods promulgated by Robert Baden-Powell. These are supplemented by the latest insights in the field of youth work, and are regularly brought into line with contemporary requirements as well as current circumstances in Liechtenstein. A particular emphasis is placed on the education of young persons by young persons within the context of the active cooperation within a group. Respect for the personality of each individual and being part of a group are important experiences. Playing is the constructive educational element of most activities.

All PPL management bodies jointly ensure adherence to the objectives and application of the scout methods in all activities. Through regular situation analyses, they endeavour to improve the topicality and quality of their work on an ongoing basis. The PPL coordinates all scouting endeavours within Liechtenstein, and safeguards the interests of the youth movement. Without being affiliated to political organisations, they strive in general terms to support the interests of children and young persons in society, and promote such interests in public.

The activities of the PPL are non-profit-making and conceptual by nature.

### **Article 3 – Law, promises and motto**

#### **Cub and brownie law**

A cub/brownie is observant and helps everyone. I am a cub/brownie – you are a cub/brownie; you can depend on us.

#### **Scout and guide law**

As a scout/guide  
I seek my path to God,  
I am upright,  
I help where I can,  
I make decisions and take action,  
I am dependable,  
I protect the natural environment,  
I spread joy,  
I understand and respect others,  
I am a good friend.

This can be extended in accordance with the principles of this law.

This law may be reformulated to suit particular age groups.

#### **Cub and brownie promise**

I will strive to love God and my family, to adhere to our law and to be a good friend to everyone.

#### **Scout and guide promise**

I promise that with God's help I will try to do my best for my fellow beings and our country, to respect the Prince and live according to scout and guide law.

This promise may be reformulated to suit particular age groups.

#### **Leaders' promise**

With trust in God and in loyalty to Prince and country, I promise, according to the scouts and guides law and the articles of association of the PPL to accept to the best of my ability the responsibility entrusted to me as leader.

#### **Motto for all grades except the cub grade**

“Be prepared”

**Motto of the cub grade**

“Our best”

Law, promise and motto may also be declared in dialect.

**Article 4 – Badges, uniform rules and awards**

The general badge of the PPL is the blue/red lily with the three-leaf clover.

The National Board ensures that the members of the PPL have an exclusive right to use the name “Scouts and Guides of Liechtenstein” (PPL) as well as the badges, uniforms and characteristics stipulated in the rules.

The PPL may confer awards on persons who have been of service to the scout movement. These awards must be defined in separate regulations. Awards shall be conferred by the President of the PPL at the request of the Meeting of Delegates.

## **Section II: Membership**

### **Article 5 – Members**

The PPL has active members, guild members and honorary members.

- Active members are: Troop members who are properly listed in the association list of a recognised troop  
Members of the National Board  
Team members  
Functionaries
- Guild scouts are: Members of the association “Scout Guild Liechtenstein” founded on 22 February 1988
- Honorary members are: Persons who have been appointed as honorary members by the Meeting of Delegates in recognition of their services to the PPL.

### **Article 6 – Admission and leaving**

#### **Active members**

The admission of new members and their departure or exclusion is regulated by the troops in their articles of association.

The responsible management body decides on admission as a member of the National Board, of a team or as a functionary of the PPL. The departure of members of the National Board, of a team or of functionaries must be declared in writing for the attention of the responsible management body.

#### **Guild scouts and guild guides**

The admission of new members and their departure or exclusion is regulated by guild scouts and guild guides in their articles of association.

Guild scouts and guild guides run their association finances and association activities independently of the PPL, while ensuring a reasonable exchange of information.

#### **Honorary members**

The Meeting of Delegates decides on the appointment and exclusion of honorary members. A written petition for honorary membership must be submitted, together with grounds.

Honorary members may resign their honorary membership and consequently leave at any time by sending a written declaration to the President of the PPL.

**Article 7 – Exclusion**

Grounds for an exclusion must be provided. An appeal may be brought against an exclusion before the next higher instance within two weeks of the written announcement. The final instance is the National Board of the PPL.

## **Section III: Troops**

### **Article 8 – General**

Members who are properly listed in the list of members of a recognised troop form troops consisting of mixed or unmixed grades of cubs, brownies, scouts, guides, pioneers, rovers and rangers. The troops are headed by a troop leader who is elected in accordance with the articles of association of the troop, and is confirmed by the National Board of the PPL.

The troop leaders and the leader team of a mixed grade should comprise at least one third of male persons and at least one third female persons.

### **Article 9 – Recognition**

Recognition of a troop by the PPL shall be decided by the Meeting of Delegates at its complete discretion. Recognition shall be conditional upon the troop articles of association approved by the National Board of the PPL.

Troop articles of association may not contain any provisions that contradict these Articles of Association or any possible regulations.

### **Article 10 – Duties**

The troops are responsible vis-à-vis the PPL for observing the objectives and for applying the scouting methods in all activities within the troop pursuant to Article 2 of these Articles of Association. The troops are responsible for fulfilling all tasks that have not been expressly assigned to the PPL.

### **Article 11 – Loss of recognition**

A troop shall be stripped of its recognition by the PPL following dissolution pursuant to the articles of association of the troop. A troop must report its dissolution to the National Board of the PPL in writing.

### **Article 12 – Exclusion**

The Meeting of Delegates shall decide upon the exclusion of a troop from the PPL. Written grounds for the exclusion must be provided.

### **Article 13 – The troop leaders**

The troop leaders are in particular entitled and obliged:

- To exercise the general leadership of the troop, and in particular to appoint and to supervise the leaders at the individual grades
- To assume the rights and obligations imposed upon them by the Articles of Association of the PPL and the regulations, as well as to execute the instructions issued by the responsible body
- To ensure that the members of the troop live out the objectives and obligations pursuant to Article 2 of these Articles of Association
- To attend to the proper training of junior leaders in the troop
- To report annually to the National Board of the PPL, and to submit a list of members for the troop as at the end of the PPL financial year
- To submit motions for the attention of the Meeting of Delegates
- To take part in the meetings of troop leaders

## **Section IV: Duties / organisation at national level**

### **Article 14 – General**

The PPL must comply with the basic objectives and obligations pursuant to Article 2 of these Articles of Association, and must take account of the concerns and needs of its members as well as of the troops.

As a pan-Liechtenstein movement, the PPL is responsible for the further development of the scout and guide movement in Liechtenstein. This responsibility requires active encouragement and coordination as well as administration at the national level.

### **Article 15 – Duties and responsibilities**

The PPL is required to exercise the following duties at the national level:

- Coordinating scout and guide activities in Liechtenstein, and conducting special national activities
- Cooperating with the troops through regular reciprocal information and contacts, as well as promoting the work of the troops at the national level
- Updating the principles of the scout and guide movement, above all promoting the focus on the scout/guide law and promise, and promoting methodically and age-commensurate work with the grades
- Communicating the principles and current issues by organising suitable programmes
- Training in accordance with the training concept
- Issuing an informative newsletter
- Promoting national and international contacts for the members and troops
- Maintaining contacts with other youth organisations
- Involving children and young persons with a disability
- Supporting issues in the youth policy field at the national level
- Public relations work
- Running the finances at the national level, and managing the assets
- Regularly reviewing its own work

At the national level, regulations may be introduced to preserve the identity of the PPL, such as uniforms and badges, training for leaders, grade-compliant teaching and methodology.

### **Article 16 – Patron**

The Prince and Princess of Liechtenstein are the Patrons of the PPL. The Patrons support the ideals of the PPL.

### **Article 17 – Governing bodies**

The governing bodies of the PPL are:

- The Meeting of Delegates
- The National Board
- The Leaders' Meeting
- The Auditors

### **Article 18 – Meeting of Delegates**

#### **Composition**

The Meeting of Delegates is the supreme governing body of the PPL, and comprises

- The delegates (each troop may put forward four delegates, irrespective of the number of municipalities in which a troop is active, and irrespective of how many members it has)
- The members of the National Board
- The members of the Leaders' Meeting
- The team members
- The functionaries

The Meeting of Delegates shall be chaired by the President of the PPL.

#### **Duties**

In accordance with its duties and organisation at national level, the Meeting of Delegates is responsible for

- Determining the objectives and principles of the PPL, and updating the Articles of Association
- Monitoring the management of the National Board, and approving its annual reports
- Approving the annual financial statements, passing resolutions on the level of the member contributions and on the budget

- Electing and dismissing the President of the PPL, the further members of the National Board and the members of the Auditors, on the basis of motions submitted by the National Board or the troops
- Appointing and excluding honorary members
- Passing resolutions on the recognition of troops, the withdrawal of this recognition as well as on the exclusion of a troop
- Acknowledging the annual programme of the PPL
- Passing resolutions on regulations
- Passing resolutions on the dissolution of the PPL
- Passing resolutions on agenda items as well as on the National Board at least 8 days before the Meeting of Delegates by means of motions submitted in writing. Amended and supplementary motions may be submitted at any time.

### **Convening and preparation**

The ordinary Meeting of Delegates shall be convened by the President of the PPL in writing once per annum.

The invitation must be sent to the troops, to the members of the National Board, the team members, the Governing Body of the Liechtenstein Scout Guild at least three weeks before the date of the meeting, enclosing the items on the agenda.

Extraordinary Meetings of Delegates shall be convened by the President of the PPL within three weeks, at the request of the National Board or of three troops.

### **Voting entitlement**

Each troop has four votes. Only the present delegates of the troop shall have the right to vote at the Meeting of Delegates, and these must be active troop members. Voting entitlements cannot be transferred to other troops or delegates with voting entitlements within the troop.

The National Board shall have a voting entitlement only in the event of a parity of votes. All further individuals present shall not have a voting entitlement.

### **Passing of resolutions**

The Meeting of Delegates shall constitute a quorum if at least half of the delegates are present. In other respects a second Meeting of Delegates must be convened at the earliest one month later, and this shall constitute a quorum irrespective of the number of present delegates.

Valid resolutions shall require the approval of a simple majority of the present countable votes, apart from agenda items that require a qualified majority pursuant to these Articles of Association. Abstentions and invalid votes shall not be counted.

In the event of a parity of votes, the vote must be repeated following a further discussion. If this second ballot also results in a parity of votes, the President of the PPL shall have a casting vote in accordance with a corresponding binding resolution passed by the National Board.

### **Article 19 – National Board Composition**

The National Board shall comprise the President and three to six further members, and shall be elected for a period of office of two years by the Meeting of Delegates. Both genders should be represented. The National Board shall designate one member as the Vice President.

### **Duties**

Subject to the duties and organisation at national level, the National Board is responsible for

- The active and exciting leadership of the PPL
- Preparing, approving and monitoring the annual programme
- Representing the PPL vis-à-vis third parties, externally and internally
- The administrative organisation of the PPL
- Coordinating the collaboration of the National Board and the Leaders' Meeting
- All tasks that are not expressly allocated to other management bodies pursuant to these Articles of Association

In particular, however, it shall be responsible for

- Organising the secretariat of the PPL
- Managing the finances at national level, and administering the assets of the PPL
- Commissioning the PPL merchandise (Scout Shop)
- Approving the troop articles of association
- Appointing the team members
- Appointing functionaries
- The timely updating of the principles of the PPL, above all promoting the focus on the scout/guide law and promise, and promoting methodically and age-commensurate work with the grades

- Promoting the principles and current issues by means of suitable programmes
- Training in accordance with the training concept
- Nurturing contacts with other youth organisations
- Standing up for the interests of youth policy at the national level
- Defining a maximum sum for special expenditure
- The financial and organisational affairs of the official newsletter
- Public relations work throughout Liechtenstein
- Relations with the two world organisations, and the realisation thereof
- Promoting national and international contacts
- The final ruling on the exclusion of members
- Preparing the Meeting of Delegates
- Deploying working groups appointed for fixed periods
- Preparing the annual budget

Minutes must be drawn up of the meetings of the National Board, and these must also be forwarded to the troop leaders.

The National Board shall constitute a quorum if at least half of the members of the National Board are present. Each member of the National Board shall have one vote. Valid resolutions shall require the approval of the simple majority of the present countable votes. Abstentions and invalid votes shall not be counted.

Each troop may raise an objection to the resolutions passed by the National Board. This must be submitted to the President of the PPL within four weeks of the announcement of the respective resolution, together with grounds and motions.

### **The President**

The President shall preside over the meetings of the National Board and the Meeting of Delegates, shall manage the PPL in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association, shall represent the PPL vis-à-vis third parties, shall have single signatory authority and shall prepare the annual report of the National Board for the attention of the Meeting of Delegates.

### **The Vice President**

If the President is absent or unavailable, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President.

The Articles of Association of the PPL must be signed by the President and by the Vice President in order to be valid.

## **Article 20 – Leaders’ Meeting**

### **Composition**

The Leaders’ Meeting (hereinafter called “the LM”) comprises one representative of each troop (troop leader or deputy) as well as at least one representative of the National Board. The LM shall elect a Chair each year.

### **Duties**

The LM is responsible for

- Setting dates and delegating the organising of national events to the available troops, teams or functionaries
- Coordinating activities at the national and troop level, and holding special national events
- Exchanging information between the National Board and the LM

Minutes must be kept of the meetings of the LM, and these must be forwarded to the troop leaders as well as to the members of the National Board. The members of the National Board must be invited to attend the meetings of the LM.

The LM shall constitute a quorum if at least half of the troops are represented. Each troop shall have one vote. The LM shall pass its resolutions with a simple majority of the present countable votes. The Chair of the LM shall have a casting vote. Abstentions and invalid votes shall not be counted.

The National Board may raise an objection to the resolutions passed by the LM. This must be submitted to the Chair of the LM within four weeks of the announcement of the respective resolution, together with grounds and motions.

### **The Chair of the LM**

The Chair of the LM shall preside over its meetings, shall schedule the meetings and shall prepare an annual report for the attention of the Meeting of Delegates.

## **Article 21 – Auditors**

Two auditors shall act as the Auditors, and these shall be elected by the Meeting of Delegates for two-year periods of office. They shall check the annual financial accounts and shall present written audit reports to the Meeting of Delegates.

## **Article 22 – Financial accounts**

### **Coverage of expenses**

The expenses of the PPL shall be covered by:

- The annual membership fees, the level of which shall be determined by the Meeting of Delegates
- Credit balances and interest
- Donations, legacies and other grants
- National contributions

### **Expenditure authority**

In respect of current expenses the management bodies shall adhere to the budget prepared by the National Board and approved by the Meeting of Delegates.

In respect of unbudgeted and unforeseen expenditure that exceeds the sum of CHF 5,000.00, the National Board shall make a decision following consultation with the LM.

### **Financial year**

The financial year extends from 1 January to 31 December.

### **Article 23 – Liability**

Only the assets of the association shall be liable for the liabilities of the PPL. Liability of the assets of the members of the PPL shall be excluded, and there shall also not be any obligation to provide additional funds.

## **Section V: Amendment of the Articles of Association**

### **Article 24 – Amendment of the Articles of Association**

The present Articles of Association may be amended only if

1. at least half of the delegates are present, as well as
2. the amendment is approved by at least two thirds of the present votes

If these criteria are not fulfilled, then a second Meeting of Delegates may be scheduled at the earliest one month later. This meeting shall then pass resolutions on amendments of the Articles of Association irrespective of the number of present delegates; the qualified majority pursuant to Fig. 2 is, however, required.

## **Section VI: Final provisions**

### **Article 25 – Dissolution of the PPL**

The dissolution of the Association may be resolved by the Meeting of Delegates – which must be convened for this purpose and at which at least two thirds of the delegates must be represented – only with the approval of the Patron. If this number is not reached, then the Meeting of Delegates may be convened once again at the earliest one month later. Resolutions may then be passed irrespective of the number of present delegates.

The dissolution resolution must, however, garner the support of at least two thirds of the present votes.

Any possible available assets must be deposited at Liechtensteinische Landesbank, payable to the Princely Government. The Princely Government shall then transfer the assets to a youth organisation that pursues similar goals, if a new scout and guide organisation is not founded within ten years of the dissolution of the Association.

### **Article 26 – Coming into force**

The present amended Articles of Association were approved at the Leaders' Meeting of 28 November 1992, and came into force with immediate effect. These amended Articles of Association replaced the Articles of Association of the PPL of 22 April 1989.

These Articles of Association were supplemented and approved by the Meeting of Delegates on: 14 April 2000 / 9 March 2001 / 12 April 2003 / 22 August 2014 / 9 April 2016.

Schaan, 9 April 2016

In the name of the Meeting of Delegates

The President  
*[signed]*

Nicole Greber

The Vice President  
*[signed]*

André Beck