
LAHTI ASSOCIATION OF GAMING LAG RY: RULES

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The Finnish text is the official one.

1 § NAME, DOMICILE AND LANGUAGE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The name of the association is Lahti Association of Gaming LAG ry and the domicile of the association is Lahti.

The official language of the Association is Finnish.

The association may use the informal name LAG.

2 § PURPOSE AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the Lahti Association of Gaming LAG ry is to bring together university students in Lahti who are interested in gaming and e-sports, and to promote gaming culture. The association also promotes a sense of community and social interaction by providing opportunities to get to know other like-minded students. The association also aims to create links with companies and actors in the gaming industry, offering members opportunities to build professional networks. The association regularly organises gaming events, tournaments, and meetings where members can develop their skills and have fun.

3 § IMPLEMENTING AND SUPPORTING THE PURPOSE

To achieve its purpose, the Association shall:

- To organise events, tournaments, training, and informal meetings related to gaming and e-sports.
- To provide its members with opportunities to develop their playing skills, to meet other like-minded students and to participate in activities that promote gaming culture.
- Manages information activities and distributes material on the association's activities to its members.

- Establishes contacts with companies and players in the sector, enabling professional contacts and career opportunities for its members. To support its activities, the Association may charge membership fees, obtain rights in its name, and raise funds through raffles and fundraising. The association may also own real estate, receive repossessions and donations.

4 § MEMBERS

The members of the Association shall be ordinary, external, supporting, and honorary members.

Any natural person in good standing who is a current student of the LUT University or LAB University of Applied Sciences and who has paid the annual membership fee of the Association may be admitted as a full member of the Association.

A member shall be expelled or may be transferred to an external member after the person has completed a degree at the LUT University.

Any person interested in the activities of the Association who is not eligible for full membership may be accepted as an external member of the Association upon application.

A legal entity or a natural person who wishes to support the activities of the Association but does not participate in its activities may be accepted as a supporting member. The Board accepts members upon application.

The Association may invite to become an Honorary Member a person who has distinguished himself/herself in the activities of the Association or who has otherwise made a special contribution to its efforts, provided that at least 2/3 of those present at the General Assembly vote in favour of the invitation.

5 § RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION OF A MEMBER

A member shall have the right to resign from the Association by giving notice in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Association or by recording his/her resignation in the minutes of the General Assembly of the Association.

The Board of Directors of the Association may, by unanimous decision, expel a member who violates the rules of the Association, the honour of the Association or otherwise acts in a manner contrary to good manners. If dissatisfied with the decision of the Board of Directors to expel a member, the member may appeal to the Association's General Assembly by filing a letter of appeal with the Board of Directors within seven (7) days of being notified of the expulsion.

The Board of Directors may expel a sustaining member from the Association for failure to pay dues within six months after they become due.

6 § MEMBERSHIP FEES

Full, associate and supporting members are required to pay an annual membership fee. The Spring Meeting of the Association shall determine the amount of the membership fees for full members, external members, and sustaining members.

Honorary members are exempt from paying membership fees.

Supporting members shall pay a sustaining membership fee to the Association. It may vary according to the number of members of the legal entity and may be fixed for natural persons.

7 § GOVERNANCE

The activities of the Association shall be managed, and its affairs shall be administered by a Board of Directors elected by the Autumn General Meeting. The Board shall consist of the President and 2-8 other members. The term of office of the Chairperson and the members of the Board of Directors shall be one (1) calendar year. The Board shall elect a Vice-Chairman from among its members and a Secretary and other necessary officers from among its members or from outside.

The quorum of the Board shall be the presence of the Chairperson or, in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairperson and two members.

The Association's Assembly shall, if necessary, adopt a code of conduct for the Board.

The person elected to the Board of the Association must be a full member of the Lahti Association of Gaming LAG ry at the time of election.

8 § INSCRIPTION OF NAMES

The name of the Association shall be signed by two members of the Board of Directors jointly, by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors alone, or by the person or persons authorised by the Board of Directors to do so.

9 § DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The tasks of the Board of Directors are:

- To plan, manage and supervise the activities of the Association in accordance with the Association's meetings, by-laws, the law and issued instructions, and to be responsible for the management of the Association's finances and assets.
- To convene the General Assembly of the Association and to implement the decisions of the General Assemblies of the Association.
- To prepare the action plan and budget and other matters to be submitted to the General Assembly of the Association.

- Maintain the register of members and resolve membership issues.
- To supervise the activities of the committees and officers.
- Represent the Association.

10 § DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The duties of the President of the Association, together with the Board of Directors of the Association, shall include:

- To direct the activities of the Association in accordance with the decisions of the Board of Directors and the meetings of the Association and in accordance with the rules.
- To convene the Board of Directors of the Association and conduct the business of its meetings.
- Liaising with other actors.

11 § WORKING GROUPS AND OFFICERS

The Board may establish working groups under its authority. A Board member appointed by the Board shall have the right to attend and speak at meetings of the working groups.

The officers of the Association shall be the officers elected by the Board of Directors of the Association. Vacancies for officers shall be advertised on the official notice board of the Association at least fourteen (14) days before the election.

Officers of the Association shall be elected for a term of one calendar year and unless the term of office is exceptionally decided to be otherwise in accordance with Section 19 of the Bylaws.

12 § FINANCIAL PERIOD AND AUDIT

The financial year of the Association shall be the calendar year.

The Association shall have one Auditor and one Deputy Auditor, whose term of office shall be one (1) calendar year.

The financial statement with the necessary documents and the annual report of the Association shall be submitted to the auditors at least four (4) weeks before the spring meeting. The auditors shall submit their written opinion to the Board of Directors at least two (2) weeks before the Spring Meeting of the Association.

13 § MEETINGS

The Association shall have two ordinary General Assemblies. The Spring Assembly is held in January-May and the Autumn Assembly in August-December. If the Board of Directors or the General Assembly so decides, meetings of the Association may also be attended by means of telecommunication or other technical aids.

Twenty-one (21) days shall elapse between general meetings.

The Board of Directors may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall also be convened if at least 1/10 of the members of the Association entitled to vote request it to deal with a matter notified by them, the meeting shall be held within twenty-one (21) days of the Board of Directors being informed of the request.

14 § INVITATIONS TO MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall give at least fourteen (14) days' notice of general meetings of the Association to the members: on the Association's website, by email or on the bulletin board.

15 § MEMBERS' MOTIONS AND INITIATIVES AT MEETINGS

If a member of the Association wishes to have any matter brought before the Spring or Autumn General Meetings of the Association, he/she shall notify the Board in writing in sufficient time to allow the matter to be included in the notice of the meeting.

16 § VOTING RIGHTS

Each full member shall have one vote at general meetings of the Association.

External members, honorary members and sustaining members shall not have the right to vote but shall have the right to attend and speak at general meetings.

17 § MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE SPRING ASSEMBLY

The Spring Assembly shall consider at least the following matters:

- Approval of the annual report of the previous year.
- Presentation of the annual accounts for the previous year and the opinion of the auditor.
- Decide on the adoption of the annual accounts.
- Decide on the discharge of the members of the Board of Directors and other persons responsible.
- Discuss the action plan for the current year.

- Decide on the amount of membership fees.
- To deal with any other business mentioned in the invitation to the meeting.

18 § MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE AUTUMN MEETING

At least the following matters shall be discussed at the autumn meeting:

- Approval of the action plan and the budget for the coming year.
- The annual budget and the budget for the next financial year, including the budget for the next financial year.
- Election of the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
- Election of the new members of the Board of Directors.
- Election of the Board of Directors, the President of the Board of Directors, the Chairperson of the Board of Directors, and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
- To elect the official notice board of the Association for the coming year.
- To deal with any other business mentioned in the invitation to the meeting.

19 § STATUTES

By-laws supplementing these rules may lay down more specific provisions on matters considered important for the operation of the Association. The by-laws and any amendments thereto shall be approved by the General Assembly of the Association by a majority of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

The by-laws shall enter into force as soon as the General Assembly of the Association have approved them.

20 § AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES AND DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Any amendment to these Statutes shall require a resolution of the General Assembly of the Association, passed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast. Dissolution of the Association shall require a resolution passed at two consecutive meetings of the Association by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at both meetings. If the Association is dissolved, its assets shall be used for purposes furthering the objectives referred to in Article 2 of the Statutes, as decided by the last meeting of the Association.