



ENGSO Youth

**THE YOUTH ORGANISATION OF THE EUROPEAN NON
GOVERNMENTAL SPORTS ORGANISATION**

STANDING ORDERS

S.O. 1: Name and members

1.1. ENGSO Youth is the autonomous youth organisation of THE EUROPEAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL SPORTS ORGANISATION (ENGSO).

1.2. The members of ENGSO Youth are ENGSO members (National Sport Confederations or National Olympic Committees of European countries).

1.3. ENGSO Youth is the representation of people under the age of 35 years participating within the member organisations.

S.O. 2: Fundamental principles

The fundamental principles of ENGSO Youth are laid down in the 'ENGSO guidelines for children and youth sport'.

S.O. 3: Main Aims

ENGSO Youth is a non-profit organisation and has these main aims:

- to represent the interests of the members of ENGSO Youth;
- to achieve, promote and support the implementation of the 'ENGSO guidelines for children and youth sport';
- to develop the ENGSO Youth policy in the field of children and youth sport;
- to represent the interests of young people in sport on the European level.

S.O.4: Main activities

The main activities of ENGSO Youth are:

- networking;
- exchange of ideas on national sports developments in the field of youth;
- offering a discussion platform for current sport political issues in the field of youth;
- seeking common positions on sports issues in the field of youth and publicising these positions;
- strengthening the co-operation with other bodies dealing with children and youth matters;
- support to the member organisations in improving their work with youth sport matters;

S.O. 5: Bodies

The bodies of the ENGSO Youth are:

- the ENGSO Youth Assembly;
- the ENGSO Youth Committee.

S.O. 6: ENGSO Youth Assembly

6.1. Meeting

The ENGSO Youth Assembly is the highest decision making body of ENGSO Youth. It shall meet every year in advance of the ENGSO General Assembly.

6.2. Composition

The ENGSO Youth Assembly shall consist of

- two delegates - one female and one male - who are not older than 35 years of age, delegated by each of the ENGSO Youth members;
- the members of the ENGSO Youth Committee.

Each ENGSO Youth member has one vote. No proxy voting is allowed. The names of the delegates of the members should be submitted to the secretariat of the ENGSO Youth Committee at least 30 days before the ENGSO Youth Assembly. Only officially appointed delegates may take part in voting. Delegates bear the costs for travelling and lodging themselves if not covered by ENGSO Youth.

6.3. Responsibilities and functions

The ENGSO Youth Assembly shall have the following responsibilities and functions amongst others:

- to develop the policy guidelines;
- to adopt the action plan;
- to approve the work of the ENGSO Youth Committee based on the report presented by them;
- to adopt the financial report of the last period of the ENGSO Youth Committee and the draft budget for the coming period;
- to elect the Chair, the Vice-chair and the members of the ENGSO Youth Committee.

6.4. Extraordinary ENGSO Youth Assembly

An extraordinary ENGSO Youth Assembly shall take place:

- at the request of the ENGSO Youth Committee;
- at the request of at least 40% of the ENGSO Youth members.

6.5. Notice

The ENGSO Youth Assembly shall be convened by a letter sent to the official address of its members, signed by the Chair of the ENGSO Youth Committee, at least three months before an ENGSO Youth Assembly and two months before an Extraordinary ENGSO Youth Assembly. Notice for the ENGSO Youth Assembly shall state the place, day and hour. If other than routine business is to be considered, the notice shall detail its general nature. If an extraordinary or special resolution is proposed there will be a notice to that effect.

6.6. Proposals

Proposals to the ENGSO Youth Assembly can only be made by ENGSO Youth members and the Youth Committee. Proposals have to be sent in to the secretariat at least 30 days before the ENGSO Youth Assembly. These proposals, the agenda and all other documents will be sent out to the member organisations at least 20 days before the Youth Assembly.

6.7. Quorum and votes

The Youth Assembly may only vote on proposals or resolutions if there is a quorum of at least half of the members of ENGSO Youth plus one who are current and present.

Except when otherwise provided, the ENGSO Youth Assembly shall take decisions by a simple majority of the votes cast, not counting abstentions.

S.O.7: ENGSO Youth Committee

7.1. The ENGSO Youth Committee represents ENGSO Youth.

7.2. Composition

The ENGSO Youth Committee is composed of:

- the Chair;
- the Vice Chair;
- seven members.

The ENGSO Youth Committee appoints a responsible person for finances among the members. All ENGSO Youth Committee members (except the ENGSO Youth Secretary with consultative status) are elected by the ENGSO Youth Assembly. No country may be represented by more than one elected member. All members of the ENGSO Youth Committee have to represent their ENGSO Youth member organisation. Each gender shall be represented on the ENGSO Youth Committee by a minimum of 3 members.

The ENGSO Youth Committee is entitled to invite individuals with specific skills, to attend as required.

The member organisations have to pay the costs for travelling and accommodation of their elected persons in the Youth Committee if not covered otherwise.

7.3. The duration of their term of office is two years from the date of election. All members of the ENGSO Youth Committee may stand for re-election. No candidate shall be elected to the ENGSO Youth Committee if she/he reaches the age of 36 during the coming term.

7.4. The Chair of the ENGSO Youth Committee shall:

- guide, lead and monitor the work of the ENGSO Youth Committee;
- represent the ENGSO Youths interests in the ENGSO Executive Committee;
- chair the meetings of the ENGSO Youth Committee.

7.5. Responsibilities and functions of the ENGSO Youth Committee:

- to fulfil the decisions made by the ENGSO Youth Assembly;
- to prepare meetings of and report to the ENGSO Youth Assembly;
- to develop the ENGSO Youth policy in the field of children and youth and support the implementation;
- to develop a close co-operation with European organisations dealing with children and youth matters;
- to direct the work of the ENGSO Youth Secretary;
- to report to the ENGSO General Assembly;
- to be accountable for ENGSO Youth finances.

7.6. Quorum and vote

The ENGSO Youth Committee may take decisions if at least five members are present at the meeting. It takes decisions on the basis of a majority of the votes cast. Each member has one vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chair has a casting vote.

7.7. Notice

The ENGSO Youth Committee decides on appropriate venues for its meetings. The ENGSO Youth Committee shall meet if requested by its Chair, or at least five of its members. The notice must be sent to the official address of its members at least 15 days in advance. The notice shall detail the venue, the date and the agenda for the meeting.

7.8. Membership of the ENGSO Youth Committee ends on:

- expiration of term of office;
- resignation;
- withdrawal of membership rights;
- incapacity or death.

S.O. 8: ENGSO Youth Secretary

The ENGSO Youth Secretary prepares and supports the work of the ENGSO Youth bodies. The ENGSO Youth Secretary is appointed by the ENGSO Youth Committee.

The ENGSO Youth Committee nominates an ENGSO Youth Secretary among its 7 members, unless it decides on the proposal of the Chair of the ENGSO Youth Committee to appoint a Secretary with consultative status.

S.O. 9: Finances

9.1. The financial year shall begin on 1st January and end on 31st December.

9.2. The resources of ENGSO Youth are derived from all forms of assistance accepted by the ENGSO Youth Committee.

S.O. 10: Modifications

Any modifications of these Standing Orders require a majority of 2/3 of the ENGSO Youth members present at the ENGSO Youth Assembly.

These amended standing orders were adopted at the ENGSO Youth Assembly in Paris on April 25th 2009.

The previous standing were adopted at the 2nd ENGSO Youth Assembly in Riga on April 16th, 2005. The first standing orders were adopted at the 1st ENGSO Youth Assembly in Stockholm on April 26, 2003.