

ENGSO Youth

**The Youth Organisation of the
European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation**

STANDING ORDERS

S.O. 1: Name and members

1.1. ENGSO is the European Sports NGO, representing and developing voluntary-based grassroots sport in Europe. Guided by its Strategy and the Policy Programme, ENGSO promotes the best possible circumstances for sport that promotes physical activity, social inclusion, equality, diversity, youth leadership, civic engagement, democracy, sustainability, integrity and education. ENGSO works together with its members, partners and other stakeholders, facilitating the development and exchange of best practices, and forming a network of organisations and people that drive positive change in their societies and communities.

ENGSO Youth is the independent youth body of THE EUROPEAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL SPORTS ORGANISATION (ENGSO).

1.2. The members of ENGSO Youth are ENGSO members.

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

S.O. 2: Objectives

The objectives of ENGSO Youth are laid down in the 'ENGSO Youth strategy'.

S.O. 3: Main Aims

ENGSO Youth has these main aims:

- to represent the interests of the members of ENGSO Youth;
- to develop, achieve, promote and support the implementation of the 'ENGSO Youth strategy'.

S.O. 4:

The main activities of ENGSO Youth are:

- 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 conjunction with the ENGSO General Assembly.

6.2. Composition

The ENGSO Youth Assembly shall consist of

- two different gender representatives, who are under the age of 35 years, appointed 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 representatives of the members should be submitted to the secretariat of the ENGSO Youth Committee before the ENGSO Youth Assembly. Only officially appointed representatives may take part in voting. Representatives 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 consider and review ENGSO Youth strategy;
- 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 the ENGSO ExCom;
- at the request of at least 40% of the ENGSO Youth members.

The meeting shall be held within 3 months from such a decision or request.

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 a third of the members of ENGSO Youth plus one who are current, present, represented.

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 member may be represented by more than one elected person. It is desirable that ENGSO Youth committee members come from different countries in order to provide as wide a vision as possible. 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 35 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 Youth's interests in the ENGSO Executive Committee;
- chair the meetings of the ENGSO Youth Committee;
- update ExCom about current and upcoming activities, partnerships and projects. ENGSO Youth is responsible for informing ENGSO Secretary General on forehand of its intention to submit a project application.

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 strategy and support the implementation of it;
- to direct the work of the ENGSO Youth Secretary;
- to report to the ENGSO General Assembly.

The ENGSO Youth is independently responsible for the operative handling of the finances. The ENGSO Executive Committee is responsible for the financial viability of ENGSO Youth.

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.

Decisions of the ENGSO Youth committee may also be made by electronic means, the simple majority can make decisions.

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 of **ENGSO Youth member organisation**, which the committee member is representing;
- 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 17th (Online) ENGSO Youth Assembly **on 14th November, 2020.**

The previous standing orders were adopted at:

- the 6th ENGSO Youth Assembly in Paris on April 25, 2009.
- the 2nd ENGSO Youth Assembly in Riga on April 16, 2005
- the 1st ENGSO Youth Assembly in Stockholm on April 26, 2003.