Statutes of the Association
Swiss Space Tourism

Denomination and seat

Article 1
Swiss Space Tourism is a non-profit association governed by the present statutes and subsidiarily by articles 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code. It is politically neutral and confessionally independent.

Article 2
The headquarters of the Association is located in the Canton of Geneva. Its duration is indeterminate.

Goals

Article 3
The Association pursues the following goals:

• Support scientific research in the space field.
• Make members aware of the ecological aspect, the fragility of the Planet and the environmental issue.
• Promote Space Tourism in the world.
• Promote access to space for the largest number of active members.
• Transmit the knowledge acquired on Space Tourism to as many people as possible.
• Allow its Founding President to realize his dream of going into space during a suborbital flight.

Resources

Article 4
The resources of the Association come as needed:

• Gifts and legacies.
• Sponsorship.

• Crowdfunding.

• Public and private subsidies.

• Contributions paid by members.

• Any other resource authorized by law. The funds are used in accordance with the social purpose.

Members

**Article 5**

Membership in natural and legal persons who have demonstrated their commitment to the aims of the Association through their actions and commitments.

The Association is composed of:

• Founders
  The founding members are the people behind the creation of the Swiss Space Tourism Association.

• Ordinary members
  Can acquire the status of ordinary member active or passive any major physical person or any legal person having demonstrated their commitment to the aims of the Association through their actions and their commitments, subject to the payment of the contribution for the current year.
  The active member, in addition to the founding members, having the sole right to participate in any competitions organized by the Association. In this context, a legal person, an active ordinary member, must, if appropriate, designate a major physical person who represents it.

  The quality of honorary member of the Association may be conferred by the Committee to any person whom the latter considers deserving. Honorary membership is purely honorary.

Applications for admission are sent to the Committee. The Committee admits the new members and informs the general meeting which decides on their admission.

Membership is lost:

• By death.
• By written resignation addressed to the Committee at least six months before the end of the financial year.
• By exclusion pronounced by the Committee, for "just reasons", with a right of appeal to the general assembly. The deadline for appeal is thirty days from the notification of the Committee’s decision.
• Defaulted payment of contributions for more than one year.

In all cases the contribution of the year remains due. Resigning or excluded members have no right to social assets. The patrimony of the Association alone responds to the commitments made on its behalf. Any personal responsibility of its members is excluded.

Organs

**Article 6**

The organs of the Association are:

• The general Assembly
• The committee
• The auditing body

**General Assembly**

**Article 7**

The General Assembly is the supreme power of the Association. It is composed of all the members. It meets once a year in ordinary session. It may, moreover, meet in extraordinary session whenever necessary at the request of the Committee or of 1/5th of the members. The general meeting is validly constituted regardless of the number of members present. The Committee communicates to the members in writing the date of the general meeting at least 6 weeks in advance. The notice setting out the agenda shall be sent by the Committee to each member at least 10 days in advance.

**Article 8**

The general Assembly:

• Decides on the admission or exclusion of members.
• Elects the members of the Committee and designates at least one President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
• Acknowledge reports and accounts for the year and vote on their approval.
• Approves the annual budget.
• Controls the activity of other organs that it may revoke for just cause.
• Appoint two auditors.
• Set the amount of the annual contributions.
• Decides on any modification of the statutes.
• Decides on the dissolution of the Association.

**Article 9**

The General Assembly is chaired by the President of the Association.

**Article 10**

The decisions of the general assembly are taken by a simple majority of the votes of the members present. In the event of a tie, the president has two votes. Decisions concerning the amendment of the statutes and the dissolution of the Association can only be taken by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

**Article 11**

Voting is by show of hands. At the request of at least five members, they will be held by secret ballot.

**Article 12**

The agenda of the annual general meeting, so-called ordinary, necessarily includes:
• Approval of the minutes of the last general meeting.
• The report of the Committee on the activity of the Association during the past period.
• The treasury reports and the audit body.
• The fixing of contributions.
• Adoption of the budget.
• Approval of reports and accounts.
• The election of the members of the Committee and the auditing body.
• Individual proposals.

Committee

Article 13

The Committee is authorized to do all acts that relate to the purpose of the Association. He has the most extensive powers for the management of daily affairs.

Article 14

The Committee is composed of at least 3 members elected by the general assembly. The term of office is 2 years renewable twice. It meets as many times as the affairs of the Association require.

Article 15

The members of the committee act on a voluntary basis and can only claim compensation for their actual expenses and travel expenses. For activities that are beyond the usual scope of the function, each member of the committee may receive appropriate compensation. Paid employees of the Association may sit on the Committee only in an advisory capacity.

Article 16

The Committee is responsible for:
• Take the necessary steps to achieve the goal.
• To convene Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meetings.
• To make decisions regarding the admission and resignation of members, as well as their possible exclusion.
• To ensure the application of the by-laws, to draw up the by-laws and to administer the property of the Association.

Audit Body

Article 17

The General Assembly appoints two auditors annually. The auditors audit the operating account and the annual balance sheet prepared by the committee and submit a written and detailed report to the annual ordinary general meeting.

Signature and representation of the Association

Article 18

The Association is validly bound by the joint signature of both the President of the Association and the Secretary of the Association.
Final provisions

Article 19

The financial year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31 of each year.

Article 20

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the available assets will be entirely allocated to an institution pursuing a public interest goal similar to that of the Association and benefiting from the exemption from taxation. In no event may the property be returned to the physical founders or members or used for their benefit in whole or in part and in any manner whatsoever.

The present statutes were adopted by the constituent general assembly of 27.03.2019 in Geneva.

Note: version corrected and modified following the cancellation of the internal contest "A Ticket for Space" on 19.03.2020.

On behalf of the Association:

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The Treasurer: Ms. Jeanine Otter

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