



# Statutes of the Unión Internacional de Peñas del Atlético de Madrid

## PREAMBLE

The Unión Internacional de Peñas del Atlético de Madrid (from now on known as la Unión) emerges from the need of a social model of passion and support to the Atlético de Madrid club colours, that channels the concerns of its official peñas in a collectively way.

The Unión emerges from the abandonment of activity of the old Agrupación de Peñas Atléticoas, as this provoked the lost of representation of the peñas towards the club as the old Agrupación still was the legal institution that represented the peñas and the only one recognized by the club. This provoked that many members of peñas which form the peñas atléticas officially recognized by the club were denied there participation and to carry out the purpose for what it was created.

The lack of an identity that represented the official peñas of Atlético de Madrid lead to the lack of a meeting point and union through which have a channel of Communication, also to organize and carry out activities that favored the brotherhood, cohesion, and support of Atlético de Madrid from the different parts of Spain or the World.

Also, the supporters of Atlético de Madrid –unlike the other clubs, laked of the membership in associations, restricting to participate in acts of fellowship with other supporters of other teams.

For all that is created the Unión Internacional de Peñas del Atlético de Madrid with the legitimate purpose come together with the club and encourage the support and passion to Atlético de Madrid so for that is provided the current statute of accordance with the spanish constitution and with the law for the right of association.

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- **CHAPTER 1 DENOMINATION, AIMS, ACTIVITIES, DURATION, ADDRESS AND AREA**

### Section 1. Denomination

Under the name “Unión Internacional de Peñas Atlético de Madrid” a nonprofit association is created, with its own legal personality, with full capacity to act, regulated by the organic law 1/2002 of the 22nd of March, to regulate the right of association, concordant norms, that are applicable at any time as the same as the current statutes.

### Section 2. Aims

The Union is a union of associations made up by official Atlético de Madrid Supporters Clubs (Peñas) from Spain and also from outside Spain. The Union is created to coordinate, represent, promote and to defend the general and common interests of the peñas, it has a non-political nature and is ruled with democratic values with freely chosen representatives.

The Unión aim is:

- Represent and defend the general and common interests of the Peñas and supporters towards the club, public and private institutions and the society in general.
- To act as a link and union point between the different Peñas, and to promote the collaboration and brotherhood between them.
- Encourage sport, cultural and recreational activities related with Atlético de Madrid that can be of interest for the peñas.
- To encourage and promote the follow up of all the teams that are part of the club as for the games or any sport, cultural or social event the club hosts.
- To promote the Atlético de Madrid brand, support and defend its historical values like its ethics, effort, social integration, sportiness, tolerance, solidarity, fair play, universality, combating violence, racism, xenophobia and the intolerance in sport as values that reflect the compromise of the Club Atlético de Madrid, its members, peñas and its sympathizers in society.

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### Section 3. Activities

The Unión for the fulfilment of its goals will do the next activities.

-To become a legal valid speaker with the Club about the problems, concerns, opinions and general contributions and common or related to the Peñas and supporters, so we can build a sustainable relation with the club.

-Celebrate as many meetings, assemblies or as many events are announced by the board or the general assembly in the manner established by the Statutes.

-Promote the organization and to finalize in a successful common conclusion with the Club. An at least once a year celebrate “The World Congress of the Peñas del Atlético de Madrid”

-Contribute in any way the expansion, promotion and diffusion in anything related with Atlético de Madrid and its fans in general, as well as its members and peñas in a particular way.

-Participate in institutional ceremonies and in different national and international associations, on behalf of the supporters of Atletico de Madrid.

-Develop as many sections to be considered relevant and appropriate for the best development of what has been mention before.

### Section 4 Duration

The duration of this Association will be of indefinite time.

### Section 5. Registered Address

This Association establishes its registered address in La Calle Bocángel nº12, post code 28028, Madrid.

The Unión Board can change its registered address inside the Community of Madrid.

### Section 6. Territorial Area.

The territorial area of this association will be global, making it possible that any peña from around the World can be part of this project if they meet all the requirements necessary.

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- **CHAPTER II. ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION.**

Section 7. Governance structure and representing the association.

The governance structure and representing the association, respectively will be the general assembly and the board.

- **CHAPTER III. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Section 8. Nature

The general assembly is the supreme body of governance of the Unión and it will be integrated in all the peñas associated.

Section 9. Meetings

The general assembly will be celebrated at least once a year and in any case when:

With binding character and in request of the president indicating the matters to be dealt when:

-When requested by the simple majority of the board or when its writing by an equal number or above a third of the peñas.

The president decides.

Section 10. Calls

The president will call for the general assembly in writing, at least 15 days' notice before the date of the meeting, indicating the place, day and time of the general assembly also saying what the order of the day will be, unless the aim is to vote a board. In which case there will 30 days' notice, also letting know the date and time the general assembly would be celebrated for second time but it won't be more than thirty minutes between them. The place for meeting will be in the Community of Madrid.

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In cases referred in section 9 it will be necessary to include it in the order of the day the matters proposed by who has order them.

The general assembly will be held by physical procedures or telematics system. So that way more Peñas can know about the meeting. In the case of telematics system it will be necessary the accreditation proof of the email or the acknowledgement of the Peña. Without prejudice of any means it will be understand as the peñas have been correctly called if the call had been sended to the email address or telephone number that is in the Unión files. In the same way it could be published in the Unión Web Page if it exists.

### Section 11. Quorum required for the constitution and Quorum Required for Agreements.

The General Assembly will be validly constituted:

-In the first call when present or represented at least a third of the peñas with vote attend.

-In the second call with any number of peñas present or represented with right to vote are there, previously been all notified.

The agreements will be adopted by simple majority of the peñas present or represented when the positive votes exceed the negatives ones, regardless the number of blank votes or abstentions.

Qualified majority will be required of the peñas present or represented, when the positive votes exceed the two thirds of total, for the agreement of the next cases.

-Disposition or disposal of the assets capitalized

-Modification of the statutes

-Dissolution of the association

-Section 12. Authority of the General Assembly:

-Appointment and removal of the board

-Appointment and removal of the president of honour

-Approve the annual Budget and annual account

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- Approve, in case, the running of the board.
- Set, in case, the ordinary or extraordinary fees.
- Ratification of the expulsion decision of any Peña proposed by the board.
- Soliciting the declaration of public interest.
- Disposition or disposal of the assets capitalized
- Modification of the statutes
- Dissolution of the Unión.

- **CHAPTER IV. BOARD**

Section 13. Nature and Composition

The board is the representative body that will manage and represent the interests of the Unión in accordance with the statutes and the guidelines of the general assembly.

Only peñas can form part of the board. The positions can only act through representatives, persons over the age of legal majority, in full use of the civil rights and not be the subject of reasons of incompatibility in the terms established in the legislation in force.

All offices in the board will be non-remunerated. They shall be revoked and appointed by the General Assembly. Their term of office shall be of four years, however, the outgoing board will continue to represent the Unión as acting board until the new board takes over elected by the general assembly.

The board will be composed by a number of the representatives of the Peñas. No less than five but no more than fifteen. The board shall elect its president, a secretary and the number of vice presidents appropriate.

The board must have as members at least:

- An associated Peña that has its social address in the Community of Madrid.
- An associated Peña that has its social address outsider the Community of Madrid

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-A member of an associated Peña that has been member of the club at least for twenty five years.

The board, on proposal of the president, Could agree appointing new members among the representatives of the peñas within the total quantitative limits set out in this article. Also especially if the board propose the dismissal of any board member. The appointment of a new member of the board will be ratified in the next General Assembly. The mandate of the new member will be the same left for the rest of the board.

The president and the secretary of the board will be for the Unión and also for the General Assembly.

#### Section 14. Procedures for the election of the board.

The president must call the General Assembly for the election of a new board in the next cases:

- End of the mandate time
- The lost of condition of Peña associated or express renunciation of the board by being less than five members in board.
- In agreement with the general assembly.
- By decision of the president.

The General Assembly for electing a new board will be called at least thirty days before it takes place. All the peñas will be informed of their chance to present their joint candidacies formed by the peñas that wish to join.

The peñas that form the Joint candidacy will must tell the Unión their will to run for the position twenty days before the general assembly is celebrated.

The candidacy must have:

- Relation of the peñas that form the Joint candidacy and identity of the representatives.
- Appointment of the president.

The Joint candidacy must meet the requirements established in Section 13.

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It will be allowed the suited dissemination of the Joint candidacies with suitable amount of time before the General Assembly and in any case five days after the candidacy is presented. It will be elected the candidacy that have more number of votes.

#### Section 15.Meetings and quorum of constitution and adopting agreements.

The president will be the person in charge of calling the board by notice given, and it must state the place, date and time for holding the meeting also the meeting agenda. That date shall be call at least seven days before its celebrated unless it's an emergency situation under the president point of view that it will be two days before. The place for the meetings where to be held must be in the Community of Madrid.

The board will meet as many times as necessary at request of the president or of at least half the board.

The board will be constituted when half of the members of the board plus one assist.

So the agreements are valid they must be adopted by the majority of the votes of those present or represented. When votes are evenly divided the president or who is in his place must have a casting vote.

The meeting could be called by physical procedures or telematics system so it makes it possible for the member to know. In the case of telematics system it will be needed evidentiary accreditation of the email sended or by the acknowledgement of recipient of the member. Without prejudice of any means in Rights offered ,it shall be understood that all the members have been correctly convened if the call had been sended to the email address or phone number that appear in the Unión files.

#### Section 16.Faculties of the board.

The faculties of the board are:

- Direct social activities, economic and administrative Management, signing the necessary contracts and instruments.
- Execute the resolutions of the general assembly
- Prepare and submit for approval of the General Assembly the annual Budget and accounts

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- Develop and approve in its case the regulations of the internal system
- Resolve the expulsion of peñas associated where the decision must be ratified by the General Assembly as admonish or sanction Peñas following section 25
- Resolve the admission of peñas and members associated.
- Nominate delegates for a concrete activity of the Unión.
- Designate as appropriate the members of honor and propose the general assembly a president of honor.
- Change the social address inside the Community of Madrid.
- Any activity that is not of exclusive responsibility of the general assembly.

#### Section 17.The President

President duties are:

- Legal representation of the Unión before all public and private organisations.
- Convene, chair and close the meetings held by the General Assembly and the board as direct the deliberations of them both.
- Order the payments on behalf of the funds of the Unión
- Authorize with his signature documents, acts and correspondence.
- To adopt any urgent measure is necessary for the proper functioning of the Unión or in the conduct of any activity that is necessary or convenient without prejudice, always informing the board.
- To ensure the aims of the Unión.

#### Section 18.The Vice-president

Vice-president will be elected by the members of the boards on the proposed of the president.

The vice-presidents will take decisions concerning the issues, matters and specific issues that the board has asked them. For this purpose the vice-presidents will hold the presidency from the specific areas that the board

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request from them having in any case to coordinate their activities with the president in responsibility.

The president of the Unión will propose to the board the appointment of one vice-president (first vice-president) among the vice-presidents and will substitute the president in cases of absence, cessation, illness exercising the same Powers.

#### Section 19. The secretary

The secretary will be in charge of the purely administrative functions of the Unión he will issue certificates, shall maintain records of the Unión that are legally established and the file of the peñas, safeguarding the Entity's official documentation making it possible to pursue the Communications of nomination of the board and the rest of agreements recordable to the correspondent registers.

The secretary of the Unión in any moment of their mandate can propose to the board the appointment of a First Secretary of among the members of the board that will replace him in case of absence or illness exercising the same Powers.

#### Section 20. The Treasurer

The treasurer will collect and take care of the funds belonging to the Unión and payments orders issued by the president, as the presentation of the annual accounts, ensure all the documentary and reporting obligations that legally required.

#### Section 21. The spokespersons.

The spokespersons have the obligations arising from their position as members of the board as those that arise from the delegation of the board ensures them and participate in the commits of work that can be created.

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## • CHAPTER V. Members and Associate Members

### Section 22: Requirements of joining.

To enter the Union, the following will be required:

To be an official peña of the club that is duly constituted and registered in the register correspondent. The Board of Directors may precautionary admit a request of association of clubs in the process of constitution or registration pending registration as long as the requirements are proven for its definitive registration and, in any case, for a period not exceeding six months.

Submit a written application for admission that should be addressed to the Board of Directors, in which contains the following:

1. the manifestation of the will to associate
2. statement of compliance with these Statutes and the provisions by which the Union is governed at all times
3. the endorsement of at least three Associated Clubs

The board of directors will decide freely on admission, their decision in all cases is final. The board of directors may require a fee for entry to the union, the fee will be the same for all candidates and will be proportional and reasonable.

### Section 23: Types of members.

The following types of members exist:

Members, which will be those supporter's clubs that are part of the Union.

Members of Honor, or in its case President of Honor, those who, due to their prestige or for having contributed in a relevant way to the dignity and development of the Union, become creditors of such distinction. The distinction of President or Honorary Member will not suppose any right or obligation, beyond the honorific distinction that recognition entails.

### Section 24: Rights and obligations of members

The members will have the following rights:

- Participate in the activities of the Union and in the governing and representation bodies, as well as exercise the right to vote and attend the General Assembly.
- To be informed about the composition of the governing and representative bodies of the Union, of its statement of accounts and of the development of its activity.
- To have all the advantages and benefits that the Union can obtain.

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- Challenge the agreements of the governing body of the Union that they consider contrary to the Law or to the Statutes.
- Receive information on the agreements adopted by the governing body of the Union.
- Make suggestions to the members of the Board of Directors in order to better fulfil the purposes of the Union

Equally the members will have the following obligations:

- Comply with these Statutes and the valid agreements of the Assemblies and the Board of Directors.
- To pay the ordinary and extraordinary fees that the General Assembly could determine.
- To attend the General Assemblies and other events that are organised
- To perform, if applicable, the obligations inherent to the position they occupy.
- Keep your identification, address and contact information updated, and in any case, inform the Union annually of the total number of season ticket holders, members of the club Atlético de Madrid and total number of members in the supporter's club.

## Section 25 - Causes of loss of membership

Membership will be lost due to one of the following causes:

- Voluntarily by resignation, through written communication to the Board of Directors

Membership will be forcibly removed for one of the following causes:

- For breach of the Statutes or their economic obligations, if they exist;
- For the loss of the condition of official supporter's club
- For incorrect behavior of the members of a supporter's club that, individually or collectively, with facts or words :
  - Breaks the current Law against violence, racism, xenophobia and intolerance in sport
  - Disturb the events organized by the Union or the normal coexistence between the supporter's clubs
  - Violates the honor of the Club or of this Union or of the persons who occupy the positions of direction and management of both entities.

In cases of forced loss of the status of membership, a defense and fair procedure must be processed and will be instructed by a disciplinary committee formed by at least three members of the Board of Directors, which will issue a report that will be submitted to the Board of Directors.

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The Board of Directors will adopt a reasoned agreement which will inform the affected supporter's club, being able to that effect:

- File without further processing;
- To admonish the supporter's club, under warning that in the event of reiteration, its sanction or expulsion may be agreed;
- Sanction the supporter's club in the manner and measure that is proportional, fair and just
- Expel the supporter's club

The motivated agreement that is adopted will be communicated to the supporter's club and will be immediately executive. However, if the Board of Directors agrees to the expulsion of the supporter's club, such decision must be submitted for ratification at the next General Assembly.

#### Article 26 - Associate Members

Associate members can be incorporated into the Union by agreement of the Board of Directors, as associate members are those entities that do not meet the conditions to be official supporter's clubs of the Club or have any special relationship with Atletico de Madrid.

Equally, persons of importance and notoriety in the social life of Atletico de Madrid may acquire the status of associate members, as well as entities or groups that are to defend the principles and values of Atletico de Madrid or collaborate in its study and dissemination.

In general, associate members will only have the right to participate in the activities of the Union. However, the Board of Directors may regulate the extension and collaboration modalities with each of the associate members attending to their particularities through an admission agreement, being able to establish for this purpose a quota or economic contribution for the support of the Union.

- CHAPTER VI. FUNDING SCHEME, ACCOUNTING AND DOCUMENTATION.

#### Section 27. Documentary Obligations and Accounting

The Unión must need for up to date information of its associates, an accounting system that offer a true and fair image of the equity of the financial situation, also of its activities pursued, an asset inventory and collect in a minute's book the respective meetings of its governing body and representation.

The associative and financial year shall close on the 31st December each year.

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## Section 28. Economic Resources and Initial Assets

The resources of the Unión shall consist of:

- Ongoing fees or extraordinary
- Any donations or contributions.
- May receive multiple grants from government administration, autonomous, provincial or municipal and also the ones granted from private institutions.
- Any other licit asset.

The Unión from the moment that it's constituted won't have any initial asset.

- CHAPTER VII. DISSOLUTION

## Section 29. Agreement of dissolution

The Unión will dissolve:

By the will of the Peñas affiliated, expressed by an agreement of the General Assembly called by a majority of two-thirds.

By firm judicial sentence.

## Section 30. Liquidation Committee.

In the case of dissolution a liquidation committee will be named, after the end of any debts and if any Money is left it will be used for non-making profit purposes in agreement with the General Assembly.

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