

# **Membership in the sport association**

## **Abstract**

This thesis deals with the issue of membership in an association from the perspective of the applicable law and analysing the internal regulations issued by the associations themselves. The aim of the thesis is to comprehensively present the matters of membership in an association as the most common legal form active in the sports environment.

The first part of the thesis is dedicated to the Right of association, on which the law of association is based. As well as the related issue of voluntary membership of athletes in sports organisations.

The legal regulation influencing the form of sports associations is presented in the second part of the thesis. Attention is not focused only on the Civil Code as the leading document of the association law, but also on the Act on the Support of Sport and other regulations. The main association's regulation is the articles of association, which specify the association internal order. The association cannot be in existence without the articles of association at all. The internal regulations issued by the association also have an important position in the association, but their binding is not result from the Civil code.

Previously it briefly introduces the association itself and the subsidiary association. Afterward it examines the formation of membership in the association. The membership may be established only on a consensual expression of will by the person applying for the membership and the association. It also refers the issue of membership in a sports union, which is quite different from the concept of membership in the union prescribed by the Civil Code.

Subsequently, the possibility for the association to regulate different types of membership is defined. These is closely related to the fifth part of the thesis, which deals with the rights and obligations of the members. The fundamental right of the member in a sport association is the possibility to participate in training sessions and competitions organised by the association or union.

The part sixth is dedicated to the means of membership protection. The members' rights should be protected primarily within the association. It is done through an internal review that must be properly regulated by the association. We may come across the fact that the disputes can be resolved through an arbitration committee as special body of the sport association. It is

also possible to obtain protection of violated rights before the court. However, the courts are limited to overturn the decisions of the association.

The seventh part of the thesis is dedicated to the termination of membership which can be voluntary or involuntary.

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