

# Recognition Regulations Participants

## FOUNDATION STUDENT UNION UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE

*This document is a translation of the Dutch “Erkenningsreglement Deelnemers Student Union”. Although the translation was done very carefully, differences could occur. In case of any conflicts, the Dutch version prevails.*

## General provisions

### Article 1. General provisions

1.1. The following definitions apply in these regulations:

- a) **Student Union:** The Foundation Student Union University of Twente, based in Enschede
- b) **Statutes:** Statutes of the Student Union;
- c) **Board:** The board of the Student Union;
- d) **Participant:** An association or foundation that is recognized by the Student Union according to article 4 of the Statutes;
- e) **Umbrella:** Participant with overarching function that represents the interests of one of the sectors;
- f) **Student team:** Participant who creates innovative vehicles and/or technologies and thereby takes part in competitions worldwide;
- g) **Foundation:** Participant with the legal form of a foundation, that is not an Umbrella or Student team;
- h) **Association:** Participant with the legal form of an association, that is not an Umbrella or Student team;
- i) **Facility card:** Proof of access to facilities and provisions determined by the Student Union;
- j) **Facility card obligation:** Obligation imposed on participants whereby (part of) the participant makes use of facilities and provisions for which a facility card is required;
- k) **University:** University of Twente;
- l) **Primary target group:** Persons enrolled at the University;
- m) **Policy documents:** Policy plans, budget plans, annual reports, and financial annual reports;
- n) **Sports and Culture subsidy model:** The model from which the subsidies for coaching, material, and accommodation for Sport and Culture are awarded;
- o) **Recognition:** Agreement as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2 of the Statutes whereby the recognition as participant is recorded;
- p) **Introduction period:** The general introduction period of the University.
- q) **Campus buildings:** Buildings on the campus of the University;

- r) **Union buildings:** Buildings that have been designated as Union buildings in agreement with the University.
- 1.2. If one of the definitions above conflicts with the Student Union Basic regulations, the definition stated in these regulations will be used.
  - 1.3. These regulations are the “Association recognition regulations” as referred to in article 4, paragraph 2 of the Statutes. The provisions of the Statutes apply to the amendment of these regulations.

## Sectors and categories

### Article 2. Sectors

- 2.1. The Student Union distinguishes between the following sectors:
  - a) Study;
  - b) Sports;
  - c) Culture;
  - d) Social;
  - e) World;
  - f) Other.
- 2.2. Each participant is divided into one of the six sectors based on their primary function.

### Article 3. Categories

- 3.1. The Student Union distinguishes between the following categories:
  - a) Foundations;
  - b) Associations;
  - c) Student teams;
  - d) Umbrellas.
- 3.2. The Student Union additionally distinguishes between the following:
  - a) If the participant has a Facility Card Obligation.

## Conditions for recognition

### Article 4. General condition for recognition

- 4.1. The objectives and work methods of the participant, as stated in their statutes and resulting documents, and resulting activities must:
  - a) be targeted at the Primary Target Group;
  - b) not conflict with the University codes of conduct;
  - c) not hinder the Student Union in its policy responsibilities<sup>1</sup> or the implementation thereof.

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<sup>1</sup> The policy competences of the Student Union can be found in the covenant of the Student Union with the University, as published on the Student Union website. These policy competences are established every four years.

- 4.2. As a guideline for article 4.1.a), the Participant and her executive board should consist of at least 75% members of the target group and/or students who fall under a partnership of the Student Union with another institution.
- 4.3. The executive board members of Participants must all have been registered as a student at an institution of higher education or vocational secondary education at the latest 3 years ago.
- 4.4. If the day-to-day affairs of the Participant are mainly led by an organisation committee, this organisation committee is considered to be the executive board for the conditions set out in this article.
- 4.5. A new Participant must broaden the existing range of activities for the Primary Target Group.
- 4.6. The Participant must have a statutory or legally defined body that supervises the (executive) board of the Participant.
- 4.7. A new Participant must carry out a (financial) policy that shows that the Participant is likely to continue to exist at least until the end of the next academic year and to continue to meet the recognition conditions

**Article 5. Additional conditions for recognition for Associations**

- 5.1. The Association must open up full membership to the Primary Target Group.
- 5.2. The association must have at least 20 members.

**Article 6. Additional conditions for recognition for associations Student teams**

- 6.1. A Student team must be recognised as a Team Twente Team by the University.

**Article 7. Additional conditions for recognition for Umbrellas**

- 7.1. The Umbrella must look after the interests of the participants from its sector exclusively.

**Article 8. Additional conditions for recognition for Participants with Facility card obligation**

- 8.1. The Participant with Facility card obligation must fit in with the Sport and Culture Grant Model. To assess this, the Board will ask the relevant subsidy distributor<sup>2</sup> for advice.
- 8.2. The Participant with Facility card obligation must only allow Facility card holders to make use of facilities where a Facility card is mandatory.

**Article 9. Supplementary conditions and deviations**

- 9.1. The Board may establish additional conditions in addition to the conditions included in these regulations.

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<sup>2</sup>For the sports sector this is the Sports Umbrella Twente, for the culture sector this is Culture & Events.

- 9.2. The Board may deviate from the conditions included in these regulations for compelling reasons.
- 9.3. Any additional conditions or deviations from the existing conditions are stated on the Recognition.

## Participant Rights

### Article 10. Participant rights

- 10.1. The Participant is entitled to what is stated in the Statutes
- 10.2. A Union participant may make use of the facilities offered by the Student Union.
- 10.3. A Union participant may be financially supported directly or indirectly.
- 10.4. The Participant will be offered the opportunity to present themselves during the Introduction Period.
- 10.5. A Union participant has the right to be included in information material and communication channels of the Student Union, in a manner determined by the Student Union Board.

### Article 11. Additional rights facility card holders

- 11.1. In addition to Article 10, facility card holders can be supported as follows:
  - a) Facility card holders can rent room space in the Campus and Union buildings with the use of the technical facilities, at a reduced rate and in accordance with agreements made for this purpose;
  - b) Facility card holders can get access to specific Participant accommodation and facilities;
  - c) Facility card holders can get access to a trainer or instructor;

### Article 12. Additional rights Umbrellas

- 12.1 In addition to Article 10, Umbrellas have the right to:
  - a) ask the board for information.
  - b) advise the board on:
    - the strategic, annual and budget plan;
    - policies specific for the sector of the umbrella;
    - advices towards the UT regarding the profiling fund (FOBOS) policy;
    - proposed changes of the Recognition Regulations.
  - c) advise the supervisory board on their decisions regarding:
    - the strategic, annual and budget plan, and the corresponding reports;
    - policies specific for the sector of the umbrella;
    - non-confidential decisions directly related to (organisations in) the sector of the umbrella;
    - changes of the statutes and forthcoming documents (including Recognition Regulations).

## Participant Duties

### Article 13. Participant Duties

- 13.1. A participant informs the Board of:
- changes in the objectives and work methods of the Participant;
  - dissolution of the Participant.
- 13.2. Upon request, a Participant will provide the Board:
- its statutes and resulting documents;
  - its Policy documents;
  - copies of membership records;
  - information about the degree of activism within the Participant.
- 13.3. A Participant provides, if necessary, an organisational contribution to a general activity, which is determined in consultation between the Participant and the Board.
- 13.4. A Participant does not perform acts that harm the name of the Student Union or the University.

### Article 14. Additional duties Umbrellas

- 14.1. An umbrella organisation informs the Board of its policies and actions, as well as developments within affiliated Participants, where this is in the interest of the Student Union.

## Umbrella meeting

### Article 15. Umbrella meeting

- 15.1. The Umbrellas and the Student Union jointly form the umbrella meeting.
- 15.2. The umbrella meeting takes place as often as the Participant deems it desirable, but with a minimum of six times a year.
- 15.3. The participants strive to exchange as much relevant information as possible during the umbrella meeting.
- 15.4. The umbrella meeting is convened by the chairman of the Board, at least seven days before, and states the provisional statement of subjects to be discussed.
- 15.5. The definitive agenda is set at the start of the umbrella meeting.

## Application, change and withdrawal of recognition

### Article 16. Application and duration of recognition

- 16.1. An application for recognition as a Participant must be submitted to the Board by the association or foundation to be recognized and, upon request, must provide the documents referred to in paragraph 13.2.
- 16.2. Recognition as a Participant can be granted both temporarily and permanently.
- 16.3. The Board will decide on this within 6 weeks of receiving the application.

- 16.4. If an association or foundation is temporarily recognised, the recognition will expire at the end of the period specified in the Recognition, unless the association or foundation is again recognised as a Participant.

**Article 17. Change in recognition**

- 17.1. A Recognition, as well as any additional or different conditions, can be changed in the interim if the Board and the relevant Participant reach an agreement on this.
- 17.2. A modified Recognition must be signed again.

### **Article 18. Withdrawal of recognition**

- 18.1. A basic principle of the Student Union is the commitment to maintaining the offer to Participants.
- 18.2. If a Participant does not meet the conditions set out in these regulations or there are other compelling reasons, the Board may issue an official warning to the Participant with a period of improvement of at least six weeks in which the Participant has time to improve their situation.
- 18.3. If, after an official warning and associated improvement period, a Participant still does not meet the conditions set out in these regulations or there are still other compelling reasons, the Board may withdraw the recognition as Participant.
- 18.4. If a very compelling reason arises, the board may immediately withdraw the recognition as Participant.
- 18.5. The Participant's recognition can also be terminated by a written request from the Participant to the Board.

## **Final provisions**

### **Article 19. Final provisions**

- 19.1. These regulations can be cited as "Recognition Regulations Participants Student Union".
- 19.2. The appeals procedure as stated in the Student Union Basic Regulations applies to decisions based on these regulations.
- 19.3. These regulations were established by the Supervisory Board on April 29, 2019.