Bylaws of Speedcubing Türkiye

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Article 1 – Name, Status and Definitions

1. The name of the organization is Speedcubing Türkiye.
2. Speedcubing Türkiye is a volunteer-run, non-profit community organization. It currently has no legal personality and is not registered in any official register.
3. It operates across the whole of Türkiye. It has no fixed seat; its official contact points are info@speedcubingturkiye.org and speedcubingturkiye.org.
4. In these Bylaws:
    - **Member:** anyone who registers under Article 4.
    - **Full Member:** a Member who has gained voting rights under Article 4.
    - **General Assembly:** the meeting of the Full Members.
    - **Board and Audit Board:** the bodies in Articles 6 and 7.
    - **WCA:** the World Cube Association.
    - **Motion:** detailed rules the Board adopts under these Bylaws.
    - **Policy:** day-to-day rules the Board adopts under these Bylaws and the Motions.
    - **Officer:** a member of the Board or of the Audit Board, a team lead, or anyone organizing a competition on behalf of Speedcubing Türkiye.
5. These Bylaws are written in Turkish and English. If the two texts differ, the Turkish text prevails.

Article 2 – Purpose and Activities

1. Speedcubing Türkiye's purpose is to grow speedcubing in Türkiye in a fair, safe and open way.
2. To this end, Speedcubing Türkiye:
    - organizes WCA competitions and supports those who organize them;
    - acquires competition equipment and lends it to organizers;
    - trains new organizers and volunteers;
    - connects the speedcubing community in Türkiye with the WCA and with organizations in other countries;
    - runs educational, promotional and community events.
3. Speedcubing Türkiye is politically, religiously and commercially independent. It does not work for the benefit of any person or company.
4. All of Speedcubing Türkiye's activities are open to everyone, regardless of age, gender, origin or belief.

Article 3 – Relationship with the WCA

1. Speedcubing Türkiye aims to be acknowledged by the WCA as the Regional Organization for Türkiye.
2. Speedcubing Türkiye:
    - organizes or supports WCA competitions in Türkiye;
    - is obliged to contribute to continental championships in Europe if the relevant organization team requests it;
    - respects and puts into practice the objectives set out in the WCA Bylaws and Motions;
    - complies with the WCA Regulations and all other applicable WCA rules;
    - accepts and complies with the decisions of WCA volunteers.
3. Speedcubing Türkiye sends the current version of these Bylaws and its Motions to the WCA and gives the WCA an activity report every year. How and when this is done is set out in Motion 03.2026.1 Relations with the WCA.
4. At WCA competitions, the WCA's rules and the WCA Delegate's authority under them come first. These Bylaws, the Motions and the Policies may not be applied in a way that conflicts with them.
5. The Executive Director handles relations and official correspondence with the WCA.

Article 4 – Membership

1. Speedcubing Türkiye has two kinds of membership: Member and Full Member.
2. Anyone, of any age, becomes a Member by filling in the online membership form. Anyone under 18 submits the form with the consent of their parent or guardian. Membership is free.
3. Members receive announcements, may make suggestions and may observe the General Assembly; they cannot vote or sit on either Board.
4. Members aged 18 or over who contribute by helping run Speedcubing Türkiye's events become Full Members by application or invitation. Full Members vote in the General Assembly and may stand for both Boards.
5. Membership ends when the person asks to leave, or when they are expelled under Article 9. A Full Member who helps run no event for a long time may lose their voting rights under Motion 04.2026.1 Membership; they remain a Member.
6. The membership form, applications for Full Membership and appeals, loss of voting rights and the membership lists are set out in Motion 04.2026.1 Membership. Members' personal data is processed in line with the KVKK and the Personal Data Policy.

Article 5 – General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is Speedcubing Türkiye's highest decision-making body and consists of all Full Members.
2. The ordinary General Assembly meets at least once a year. An extraordinary General Assembly meets if the Board, the Audit Board or one fifth of the Full Members ask for it.
3. Meetings are announced at least 14 days in advance. They may be held in person, online or both.
4. The General Assembly is quorate when more than half of the Full Members attend. If not, a second meeting is held at least 7 days later, with no quorum required.
5. Each Full Member has one vote and casts it themselves; proxy voting is not allowed. Elections are held by secret ballot.
6. Decisions need more than half of the votes cast. Decisions under Article 11 need two thirds of the votes cast.
7. The General Assembly:
    - elects the Board and the Audit Board, and may remove their members;
    - discusses and approves the annual activity report, the financial report and the Audit Board's report;
    - approves the plan and budget for the current year;
    - introduces or removes dues;
    - decides appeals against disciplinary decisions.
8. Notice of meetings, candidacies, voting and minutes are set out in Motion 02.2026.1 Elections and General Assembly.

Article 6 – Board

1. The Board has 5 members: the Chair, the Executive Director, the Vice-Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The term of office is 2 years; re-election is allowed.
2. The General Assembly elects the Board from among the Full Members. The Board shares out all roles at its first meeting.
3. The Chair and the Executive Director may not be the same person. No one may sit on both the Board and the Audit Board.
4. The candidate with the next highest votes becomes the alternate. If a seat falls vacant, the alternate joins the Board and the Board reallocates roles.
5. A seat becomes vacant on resignation, removal by the General Assembly, the end of the person's Full Membership, or unexcused absence from 3 consecutive meetings. Resignations are given to the Board in writing. The General Assembly may remove a member by two thirds of the votes cast. If no alternate is left to fill a vacant seat, an extraordinary General Assembly meets within 30 days and holds an election for the rest of the term.
6. Roles:
    - **Chair:** chairs Board meetings and represents Speedcubing Türkiye.
    - **Executive Director:** runs day-to-day operations: the competition calendar, organizing teams, volunteers and equipment. Handles relations and correspondence with the WCA. Reports on this work at every Board meeting.
    - **Vice-Chair:** stands in for the Chair and chairs meetings when the Chair is absent. Is responsible for the areas the Board assigns.
    - **Secretary:** keeps the minutes, the membership lists and the records. Is responsible for personal data.
    - **Treasurer:** keeps the account and the records, approves payments under Article 8 and prepares the financial reports.
7. The Board is quorate when at least 3 members attend and decides by a majority of those present; a tie means the proposal fails. A decision may also be taken without a meeting if all members agree in writing. How often meetings are held, how they are announced and how they are recorded is set out in Motion 01.2026.1 Board.
8. No one votes on a decision about themselves (for example, their own expense or their own disciplinary case).
9. The Board adopts Motions consistent with these Bylaws. Motions are adopted, amended or repealed by a unanimous vote of all members of the Board.
10. The Board adopts Policies for day-to-day operations. Policies are adopted, amended or repealed by a vote of a majority of the members of the Board (at least 3 of its 5 members).
11. Motions and Policies are published on the website. A Motion may not conflict with these Bylaws, and a Policy may not conflict with these Bylaws or a Motion; in case of conflict, the Bylaws and then the Motions apply.
12. On matters these Bylaws do not cover, and on how they are to be interpreted, the Board's decision prevails.

Article 7 – Audit Board

1. The Audit Board has 3 members. The General Assembly elects them from among the Full Members for 2 years. The candidate with the next highest votes becomes the alternate.
2. At its first meeting, the Audit Board elects a Chair from among its members. The Chair calls and runs its meetings and signs its report to the General Assembly.
3. Its members may not sit on the Board.
4. The rules on vacancies, resignation and removal in Article 6 also apply to the Audit Board. A vacant seat is filled by its alternate.
5. Its duties:
    - **Financial audit:** checks the accounts and payment approvals at least once a year and after every competition.
    - **Integrity:** receives and investigates complaints of breaches of these Bylaws, the Motions, the Policies and the rules in Article 9. Keeps the disclosures of interests under the Ethics Policy.
    - **Safeguarding:** its Chair is the Safeguarding Officer; it appoints one of its other two members as Deputy Safeguarding Officer (Article 9).
    - **Appeals:** decides appeals from applicants refused Full Membership (Article 4).
6. It submits a written report to every ordinary General Assembly.
7. It may ask for an extraordinary General Assembly when it sees fit.
8. On matters within the WCA's remit, it may contact the relevant WCA body (for example, the WCA Integrity Committee) directly, without waiting for the Board's approval.
9. If a complaint concerns one of its members, that member stays out of the case and the alternate takes their place. If it concerns two or more members, the Board appoints a temporary review panel.
10. It needs at least 2 members present to meet and decides by majority. The Board and the Treasurer provide any information and documents it requests within 15 days.

Article 8 – Money and Transparency

1. Speedcubing Türkiye is non-profit. Its income is used only for the purposes in Article 2 and is never distributed to members.
2. Income comes from competition registration fees, donations, sponsorship, grants (including WCA support) and event income.
3. Because Speedcubing Türkiye has no legal personality, its money is kept in a separate account used only for this purpose. The account is opened in the name of the Treasurer or of a volunteer Full Member chosen by the Board; it may be held at a bank or at a licensed payment or e-money institution. The account holder holds this money in trust for Speedcubing Türkiye.
4. Every payment needs two approvals: the Treasurer and one Board member. No one may approve a payment they made or requested.
5. An invoice or receipt is kept for every payment. Officers are volunteers and receive no pay for their roles. A cost incurred for Speedcubing Türkiye is reimbursed against receipts only if the Board approves it.
6. An income and expense summary is published after each competition, and an annual financial report is published every year together with the Audit Board's report.
7. Speedcubing Türkiye's equipment and other assets belong to the organization as a whole, not to any individual.
8. Account statements, a change of account holder, the budget and the financial year are set out in Motion 06.2026.1 Finances; competition fees in the Competition Requirements Policy; recording and lending equipment in the Equipment Policy.

Article 9 – Conduct, Safeguarding and Discipline

1. All Members, volunteers and organizers follow the WCA's rules, procedures and policies.
2. Officers sign the Ethics Policy when they take up their role.
3. Violence, harassment, insults, discrimination and threats are forbidden at Speedcubing Türkiye events.
4. The Chair of the Audit Board is also the Safeguarding Officer. The Safeguarding Officer receives complaints about child safety and conduct and brings them to the Audit Board. If a complaint concerns that Chair, or they cannot be reached, the Deputy Safeguarding Officer steps in. Complaints are sent to safeguarding@speedcubingturkiye.org. How the Safeguarding Officer works is set out in the Safeguarding Policy.
5. An incident during a competition is first reported to that competition's WCA Delegate. Matters under WCA rules are referred to the WCA.
6. Parents, or the adult accompanying them, are responsible for supervising participants under 18 throughout an event.
7. No one may retaliate against a person who makes a complaint or acts as a witness. Retaliation is a separate disciplinary offence.
8. Discipline: the Audit Board investigates the complaint and hears the person concerned; the Audit Board makes the decision and sends it to the Board for review. The person may appeal to the General Assembly. The process and time limits are set out in Motion 08.2026.1 Complaints and Appeals.
9. Sanctions: a warning; temporary suspension from Speedcubing Türkiye's own events (such as meetups, training sessions and meetings) or from roles; removal of voting rights; expulsion. These sanctions do not cover taking part in WCA competitions; matters concerning WCA competitions are reported to the WCA. How sanctions are applied is set out in Motion 07.2026.1 Sanctions.
10. No one takes part in deciding a disciplinary case that concerns them.

Article 10 – Amendments

1. These Bylaws are amended by a vote of a majority of the members of the Board (at least 3 of its 5 members).
2. An amendment takes effect on the day it is approved. The Secretary publishes the updated text on the website, and the Executive Director sends it to the WCA under Article 3.
3. Each amendment is recorded, with its date and version number, in the version history at the end of these Bylaws.

Article 11 – Transition to an Association and Dissolution

1. The WCA acknowledges organizations without legal personality only provisionally (as an Associate Regional Organization) and only for two years. Speedcubing Türkiye is therefore established as an association (dernek) within two years of being acknowledged by the WCA; the General Assembly takes the necessary decisions within that time.
2. On the transition to an association:
    - the association's founders are chosen from among the Full Members;
    - these Bylaws, adapted to the law, serve as the basis for the association's statutes;
    - Speedcubing Türkiye's money, equipment, debts and its relationship with the WCA are transferred to the association;
    - member records are transferred in line with the KVKK, with the people concerned informed.
3. The General Assembly may also decide to dissolve Speedcubing Türkiye. In that case, debts are paid first.
4. Any remaining assets go to a non-profit organization working for similar purposes in Türkiye, or to the WCA-acknowledged organization that succeeds Speedcubing Türkiye. Assets are never divided among members.
5. Decisions under this Article need the two-thirds majority in Article 5.

Article 12 – Transitional Provisions and Entry into Force

1. These Bylaws were adopted by the founding team named in the Annex on 10 October 2026 and took effect on the same day.
2. The members of the founding team are the first Full Members.
3. The founding Board and the founding Audit Board named in the Annex serve until the first ordinary General Assembly.
4. The first ordinary General Assembly meets within 12 months of these Bylaws taking effect and elects both Boards.
5. Applications for Full Membership under Article 4 are open from the date these Bylaws take effect.

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Annex – Founding Team and Version History

The founding Boards serve until the first ordinary General Assembly (Article 12).

Name	WCA ID	Role
Muhammed Volkan Güngör	2019GUNG01	Chair
Kutay Temel	2019TEME01	Executive Director
Selim Büyükçolak	2022BUYU03	Vice-Chair
Aysu Aydoğdu	2024AYDO01	Secretary
Buğra Tosun	2018TOSU01	Treasurer
Bora Azizoğlu	2022AZIZ02	Board alternate
Alper Şakım	2018SAKI01	Chair of the Audit Board, Safeguarding Officer
Utku Yılmaz	2018YILM06	Member of the Audit Board
Tuna Özsoy	2014OZSO02	Member of the Audit Board, Deputy Safeguarding Officer
Muhammed Pusat Özçelik	2019OZCE01	Audit Board alternate

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