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Short portrait

The LandesSportBund (LSB) Niedersachsen is the sports policy stakeholder at state level to the State Parliament and the State Government as well as state and local government bodies. It fulfils its duties on the basis of its Articles of Association and its mission statement. The purpose of the LSB is the promotion of sport through the support of its members and the representation of their common interests. The state grants the LSB annually financial assistance in the amount of EUR 31.5 million. The committee of the LSB has in particular the task of setting the political direction of the LSB, as well as determining the guidelines and priorities for the work of the LSB. The LSB is also a service provider for its members and an initiator.

Organs

The LandesSportBund (LSB) Niedersachsen has the organs of State Sports Committee, Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

State Sports Committee

The State Sports Committee is the highest organ of the LSB. It meets annually in the second half of the year. Its tasks include inter alia

- discussion and decision on fundamental issues of sport
- decision on financial statements of the previous financial year and the budget for the upcoming year
- election of the members of the Executive Committee - with the exception of the Board of Directors, the youth sports Chairman and the members to be elected by the standing conferences
- discussion and decision on amendments to the articles of association.

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of the President, four Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of youth sports Niedersachsen, the two Board members and the two members to be elected by the standing conferences of the sports federations and regional associations.

The tasks include inter alia

- setting the political direction of the LSB
- external political representation of the LSB
- determination of guidelines and priorities for the work of the LSB
- adoption or modification of policies
- appointment or removal of members of the Board and supervision of the work of the Board.

The following belong to the Executive Committee: Prof. Dr. Wolf-Rüdiger Umbach (President), Joachim Homann, Dr. Hedda Sander, Thorsten Schulte, Gabriele Wach (Vice President); Thomas Dyszack (Vice President, Chairman youth sport Niedersachsen); Members Wolfgang Hein (spokesperson standing conference regional associations), Michael Koop (spokesperson standing conference sports federations), Reinhard Rawe (Chairman of the Board) and Norbert Engelhardt (Deputy Chairman of the Board)

The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors within the meaning of section 26 of the Civil Code (BGB) consists of two persons, the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Board. They represent the LSB in and out of court. The Board members work full time. They are appointed by the Executive Committee for a period of six years.

The Board is responsible for the management of the LSB within the framework of the provisions of the decisions of the State Sports Committee, the Articles of Association and the regulations and the decisions of the Executive Committee.

The LandesSportBund (LSB) Niedersachsen

- is the sports policy stakeholder at state level to the State Parliament and the State Government as well as state and local government bodies.
- fulfils its tasks on the basis of its Articles of Association and according to the provisions of the Lower Saxony Sports Promotion Act.
- promotes the development of sport for everyone in Lower Saxony as an initiator, among other ways through its programmes.
- creates framework conditions for this, so that people of all social backgrounds and with different requirements can take part in sports.
- is a service provider for sport federations, state association and clubs.
- is active in the areas of education, organisational development, sports development, youth sport- children and young people in sport and sports policy as well as Olympic base/competitive sports, finance and administration.

The LSB is the sponsor for

- the Academy of Sports with locations in Hanover and Clausthal-Zellerfeld and
- the Olympic base of Lower Saxony with the lottery sports boarding school

The LSB campaigns for a sport and movement-oriented society in which an active and lively sport club landscape makes a significant contribution.

Services

The LSB offers these services to its member clubs:

- Protection of association members via the sports insurance contract
- Performance package of the GEMA contract incl. supplementary agreement
- Protection of the trainers (up to € 2.400,00 per year) in clubs via the insurance contract with the Verwaltungs-Berufsgenossenschaft (VBG)
- Subsidy for licensed part-time coaches and trainers
- Subsidy programme 'Funding of sports facility development'
- Funding programme 'co-operation school and sport club'
- Decentralised offers for education and further training of trainers, as well as officials from the clubs' Boards
- Consultation of the clubs through the sport federations and the LandesSportBund Niedersachsen

The LSB works on the basis of its mission statement "in the middle in our society" and its articles of association:

Our credo

- We achieve excellence through collaborative leadership
- We win through openness
- Our co-operation transcends borders
- We support our staff and employees
- We assume responsibility
- We connect people

Our promises

- We are committed to supporting the development of sport and sports facilities.
- Together we co-operate constructively in shaping a liveable society.
- We assume responsibility for the redemption of these values and for maintaining sustainable natural resources for humans, animals and nature.
- We appreciate the service of everyone in our organisation, while we have our work critically tested, promote lifelong learning and together commit ourselves to continuous quality improvement.
- Recognising their functions as role models, our leaders commit themselves to openness, credibility, reliability and loyalty. They strive towards a continuous expansion of their professional, personal and social skills.
- We achieve our goal of maintaining and continually renewing our credibility by providing comprehensive information and communication internally and externally.

The LSB undertakes social tasks - for example in areas such as prevention, education, inclusion and integration." (Excerpt from the LSB Mission Statement, 2002)

The LSB sees its most important task as contributing to the well-being of the people of our State through sport. Therefore, with its structures, the regional associations and clubs, it creates conditions for helpful and supportive services, so people of all social backgrounds and with different requirements, can take part in sports."

Principles of action

The principles of public interest orientation, gender mainstreaming, success and achievement, subsidiarity and volunteering are principles for its actions.

Sports funding guidelines

The LSB uses the financial assistance available to it for the promotion of sports (cf. Lower Saxony Sports Promotion Act) for recognised Lower Saxony sports organisations on the basis of sports funding guidelines. The LSB Executive Committee issues these guidelines.

Sports administration

The headquarters of the offices of the LandesSportBund (LSB) Niedersachsen is the Hannover Sportpark. State-wide, the LSB is divided into 48 sports federations, in which 40 full-time sports advisors are active. These have made 17 sports regions, in order to offer the same service to the sports clubs across the State. The LSB offices together with the sports federations form the State-wide professional sports administration in Lower Saxony.

There are about 9700 member clubs, 59 regional associations and 20 extraordinary members under the umbrella of the LandesSportBund (LSB) Niedersachsen.

Member clubs

Currently, more than 9,500 clubs are organised in the LandesSportBund Niedersachsen.

Sports federations

The 48 sports federations include the member clubs of the LSB resident in their area.

Sports regions

The sports federations have merged into 17 sports regions in order to address the fields of education, sports youth and sports development and club development (organisational development) across the sports federations with full-time sports advisors.

Regional Associations

The 59 Lower Saxony Regional Associations are members of the LSB. Only one regional association can be incorporated for each sport.

The regional associations support the LSB members with regard to sports specific issues. Sports clubs must be members of a regional association before inclusion in the LSB.

Extraordinary members

Extraordinary members of the LandesSportBund Niedersachsen can be organisations, associations and communities who are interested in the promotion of sports.

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