

göta studentkår

# Rules for Göta studentkår's associations.





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"The aim of Göta studentkår is to protect, promote and monitor the interests of its represented students in educational and study social issues" (Göta Student Union's Statute 1: 2).

In order to utilize and promote the study social situation of its members, Göta studentkår chooses to support associations with links to the university and its students. The support is partly financial but also administrative and is only given to the associations that have applied for and been granted status as a union or sectional association, in accordance with the present rules. Göta studentkår is a member organization, consisting of members, for members with students as a target group.

## Göta studentkår supports its associations with:

- > Financial support in the form of operating grants
- > Financial support in the form of the opportunity to make a request of funds
- > Knowledge and education in association-related activities
- > Opportunities to participate in education for associations with specific themes
- > Possibility to book premises
- > Support in how to book premises and what they can be used for
- > Marketing
- > Support in creating logos, images and text
- > Print options
- > Opportunities to participate in organizing events, such as kick-off

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Göta studentkår is a member based organization, although as a student union we have also been given responsibility to guard the rights of all students on certain issues, such as the quality of education. Being an association with connection to Göta studentkår entails a number of rights but also some obligations.

**Rights (depending on type of association):**

- > The right to reserve premises that Göta studentkår can reserve at the university
- > Communicate the associations' events through the social media channels of Göta studentkår
- > Obtain training in association issues such as board work, nomination committee work, financial management, marketing and communication
- > Participate in the development of major subject areas for Göta studentkår, such as Kick-off, concerts and labor market contact exchanges
- > Get help with specific questions regarding your particular association, regarding all areas above
- > Apply for funding for activities (not for political and religious associations)
- > Opportunity to make a request of operating grants (not for political and religious associations)
- > Use Göta studentkår's logo (does not apply to political and religious associations)

	<i>Central association</i>	<i>Sexmästeri</i>	<i>Political association</i>	<i>Religious association</i>	<i>Section association</i>	<i>Honorary association</i>
<b>Reserve premises</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Social media</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Education</b>	X	X			X	
<b>Development</b>	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Help and support</b>	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Request of funds</b>	X	X			X	
<b>Operating grants</b>	X	X				
<b>Use Göta studentkår's logo</b>	X	X			X	X

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### Duties:

- › Apply annually for association status to show that the association is active
- › All members in the association are also members of Göta studentkår
- › The association conducts activities that target the members of the Göta studentkår, students in Gothenburg and that the activities are compatible with the purpose and values of the student union.
- › The association shall actively strive to make its potential members become members of Göta studentkår
- › The association has a statute

In order for the Göta studentkår to be able to offer its associations, for example, to request funds, or get the support that we wish to be able to provide, we need funding, and even though membership fees are part of the funding, membership numbers are actually more important than the sum in SEK. A high number of members means greater legitimacy at the university, but also provides better opportunities to find funding from partners and sponsors, which in the long term provides additional funding. Furthermore, it provides more funding to Göta studentkår's associations in the form of funds to own but also greater opportunities to provide support, be able to offer marketing to the associations and more education. That is why we need to work together. Göta studentkår protects the association culture and wants to continue to give its support to all students who wish to become involved in an association.

Supporting-membership in Göta studentkår counts as membership.

## The names of the various categories of associations

### Central associations

Central associations are associations that aims towards interests of all members of Göta studentkår in one specific area. Examples of Central associations are associations that have activities in dance, singing, music, games, sports or photography. Central associations are aimed at all members of Göta studentkår.

### Sexmästerier

Sexmästerier are union associations that mainly deal with study social activities in the form of events relating to partying, "sittningar", kick-off and pub activities. Unlike the other associations, the activities of the sexmästerier are more specifically focused on party and pub activities.

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### Political associations

Political associations are associations with an ideologically and / or party-politically bound interest. Ideological and political associations within Göta studentkår should be there to gather students with similar interest to be able to discuss and exchange thoughts but not to propagate or try to recruit more people to their party / political opinion in the university premises. The purpose of the association must follow Göta studentkår's core values. Ideological and / or party political associations have the right to reserve premises for the association's own local activities.

### Religious associations

Religious associations within Göta studentkår should be there to gather students with similar interest to be able to discuss and exchange thoughts but not to mission or try to recruit more people to their faith. The purpose of the association must follow Göta studentkår's core values. Religious associations have the right to book premises for the association's own local activities.

### Section associations

Sectional associations are those associations that address only one section's members and correspond to the sectional board of the section in which they are active. A sectional association can work with both educational supervision and / or conduct study social activities. It must be clearly stated in the section to which the section association belongs if the association has the right to appoint student representatives. Sectional associations that are mainly engaged in education surveillance are entitled to operating grants.

### Honorary associations

Honorary associations are union associations that are stand-alone associations that still want a collaboration with Göta studentkår. The honorary associations consist of former students and members who still want to work within the framework of Göta studentkår's activities. Göta studentkår has no control over the honorary associations and vice versa. The union board has primary responsibility for relations with the honorary associations.

The Honorary associations may, in consultation with the union board, use the premises of Göta studentkår. In order to be an honorary association, the association must have its own organization number.

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## Business and purpose

The purpose of the association shall be compatible with the purpose of the student union, to utilize and promote the members' interests in matters relating to the members' study situation. The association aims to create added value for members of Göta studentkår during the study period.

## Statute

### Associations must have their own statutes. The statute should include:

- > the purpose of the association
- > which is the association's highest decision-making body
- > how the association's board is appointed
- > how statute changes are decided
- > to which the association is addressed
- > how the association is dissolved

*Göta studentkår shall provide sample statutes if the association wishes.*

## Nationally affiliated organization

If an association is affiliated with another organization, that organization must not run counter to the statute and values of Göta studentkår. The organization must be democratically structured. If an association is affiliated with a nationally affiliated organization, this must be stated in the application for association status.

## Association Members

The association's active members shall be members of Göta studentkår. With an active member, Göta studentkår refers, for example, to board members, post-holders and all members who plan and execute the association's activities.

## Application to become an association

The application for becoming a sexmästeri, honorary association or a central-, political- or religious association is prepared and decided by the Union board. The decision can be appealed to the Representative Assembly and must be made within 30 days of the applicant being notified of the decision. The appeal is then dealt with at the next meeting of the Representative Assembly.

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If the application to become an association is incomplete or obviously does not meet the requirements of the rules, the Union board should urge the applicants to supplement or amend their application. After the applicants have been asked to supplement or amend their application, they have 14 days to submit a supplement or amendment. A decision is then made at the next Union board meeting.

### **The application must contain the following:**

- › Statutes
- › Operational plan
- › Members list and composition of the board. Members of the association should also be able to prove their membership in Göta studentkår
- › Minutes from the statutory meeting or the current annual meeting minutes
- › Possible national connection
- › Contact details for the entire board

## **Application for renewed association status**

The application for renewing status as a sexmästeri, honorary association or a central-, political- or religious association is prepared and decided by the Union board. The decision can be appealed to the Representative Assembly and must be made within 30 days of the applicant being notified of the decision. The appeal is then dealt with at the next meeting of the Representative Assembly. During the period between the appeal and the next meeting of the Representative Assembly, the association has the right to conduct business as usual.

If the application for a renewed union status is incomplete or obviously does not meet the requirements of the rules, the Union board should urge the applicants to supplement or amend their application. After the applicants have been asked to supplement or amend their application, they have 14 days to submit a supplement or amendment. A decision is then made at the next Union board meeting

### **The application must contain the following:**

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- › Members list and composition of the Board. Members of the association should also be able to prove their membership in Göta studentkår
- › Current annual meeting minutes
- › Possible national connection

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- › Contact details for the entire board
- › Operational report and operational plan

If the union board so requests, and if there are special reasons in the individual case, the association must present information that shows that the association complies with the requirements set in the regulations for Göta studentkår's associations.

## Application for section association status

The application to become a sectional association is prepared by the sectional board at the section the association wishes to belong to. The decision to grant or reject the application is made by the section board. The decision can be appealed to the Union board and must be made within 30 days of the applicant being notified of the decision. The appeal is then dealt with at the next union board meeting.

If the application to become a sectional association is incomplete or obviously does not meet the requirements of the rules, the sectional board shall request the applicants to supplement or amend their application. After the applicants have been asked to supplement or amend their application, they have 14 days to submit a supplement or amendment. A decision is then made at the next section board meeting.

### The application must contain the following:

- › Statutes
- › Operational plan
- › Members list and composition of the Board. Members of the association should also be able to prove their membership in Göta studentkår
- › Minutes from the statutory meeting or the current annual meeting minutes
- › Possible national connection
- › Contact details for the entire board

## Application for renewed section association status

The application for renewed sectional association status for a sectional association is prepared by the sectional board at which section the association is active at. The decision to grant or reject the application is made by the section board. The decision can be appealed to the Union board and must be made within 30 days of the applicant being notified of the decision. The appeal is then dealt with at the next union board meeting.

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During the period between the appeal and the next union board meeting, the association has the right to conduct business as usual.

If the application for a renewed sectional association status is incomplete or obviously does not meet the requirements of the rules, the sectional board shall request the association to supplement or amend its application. After the association has been asked to supplement or amend its application, they have 14 days to submit a supplement or amendment. A decision is then made at the next section board meeting. The decision can be appealed to the Union board.

**The application must contain the following:**

- > Statutes
- > Members list and composition of the Boar. Members of the association should also be able to prove their membership in Göta studentkår.
- > Current annual meeting minutes
- > Possible national connection
- > Contact details for the entire board
- > Operational report and operational plan

If the section board so requests, and if there are special reasons in the individual case, the sectional association must present information that shows that the sectional association complies with the requirements set in the Rules for Göta studentkår's associations.

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