

EGRA Statutes

(Entry into force on 1st April 2026)

Chapter 1 General Provisions

Article 1 (Name)

The name of the Association shall be “Entertainment and Gaming Research Association” (abbreviation: EGRA).

Article 2 (Principal Office)

1. The principal office of the Association shall be located in Tsukuba City, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan.
2. The Association may establish a secretariat or other offices at necessary locations by resolution of the Executive Board.

Article 3 (Purpose)

1. The Association aims to promote academic research in the content industry and to strengthen collaboration between researchers and practitioners, thereby contributing to the advancement of academia and society.
2. The content industry includes esports and gaming, sports, music, arts, and media entertainment.

Article 4 (Activities)

To achieve the purpose set forth in the preceding Article, the Association shall conduct the following activities:

- (1) Organizing research meetings, lectures, seminars, and similar events;
- (2) Publishing books, academic papers, journals, and web-based media;
- (3) Promoting exchanges among researchers and practitioners;
- (4) Cooperating with related organizations both domestically and internationally;
- (5) Any other activities incidental or related to the foregoing.

Chapter 2 Membership

Article 5 (Membership)

1. Membership shall consist of academic members, associate members, academic advisory board members.
2. Individuals who agree with the purpose of the Association and obtain approval from the Executive Board through the prescribed procedures shall become members.
3. The types of membership are as follows.
 - (1) Academic Members: Individuals holding a doctoral degree, or full-time professors, associate professors, assistant professors, or full-time lecturers at academic institutions (including PhD Candidates).

(2) Associate Members: Individuals not falling under (1).

Article 6 (Admission)

Any person wishing to join the Association shall submit the prescribed application form and obtain approval from the Executive Board.

Article 7 (Withdrawal)

A member may withdraw voluntarily by expressing his or her intention in writing or by electronic means.

Article 8 (Expulsion)

A member may be expelled by resolution of the General Assembly if he or she:

- (1) Violates these Statutes or the rules of the Association;
- (2) Damages the reputation of the Association or acts contrary to its purposes;
- (3) Has any other justifiable reason for expulsion.

Article 9 (Membership Fees)

- 1. Members shall pay annual membership fees as determined by the General Assembly.
- 2. Membership fees once paid shall not be refunded.

Chapter 3 General Assembly

Article 10 (Composition)

The General Assembly shall consist of all members and shall be the supreme decision-making body of the Association.

Article 11 (Powers)

The General Assembly shall resolve the following matters:

- (1) Amendment of the Statutes;
- (2) Election and dismissal of officers;
- (3) Approval of business reports and financial statements;
- (4) Determination of membership fees;
- (5) Dissolution;
- (6) Other important matters.

Article 12 (Meetings)

- 1. An Ordinary General Assembly shall be held once after the end of each fiscal year.
- 2. An Extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened when deemed necessary by the Executive Board or upon request of at least one-fifth (1/5) of the members.

Article 13 (Resolutions)

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly shall be adopted by a majority of the members present.
2. Amendments to the Statutes and dissolution shall require the approval of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present.

Chapter 4 Executive Board Members

Article 14 (Executive Board Members)

The Association shall have the following Executive Board Members:

- (1) Executive Board Members: no fewer than three (3) and no more than seven (7);
- (2) One Representative Director.

Article 15 (Election)

1. Executive Board Members shall be elected by the General Assembly.
2. The Representative Director shall be elected from among the Executive Board Members by mutual vote.

Article 16 (Duties)

1. The Representative Director shall represent the Association and supervise its operations.
2. Executive Board Members shall constitute the Executive Board and execute the affairs of the Association.

Article 17 (Term of Office)

The term of office of the officers shall be three (3) years and may be renewed.

Chapter 5 Executive Board

Article 18 (Composition)

The Executive Board shall consist of the Executive Board Members.

Article 19 (Authority)

The Executive Board shall resolve the following matters:

- (1) Business plans and budgets;
- (2) Approval of admission of members;
- (3) Establishment of the secretariat;
- (4) Establishment of Advisory Board;
- (5) Matters to be submitted to the General Assembly.

Chapter 6 Assets and Accounting

Article 20 (Assets)

The assets of the Association shall consist of membership fees, donations, subsidies, and other income.

Article 21 (Fiscal Year)

The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on April 1 and end on March 31 of the following year.

Chapter 7 Dissolution

Article 22 (Dissolution)

The Association may be dissolved by a resolution of the General Assembly approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of all members.

Article 23 (Remaining Assets)

Upon dissolution, any remaining assets shall be donated to a public-interest organization as resolved by the General Assembly.

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