

Entertainment and Gaming Research Association (EGRA)

Statutes

(Effective 1 April 2026)

Date of Establishment: 1 April 2026

Chapter 1: General Provisions

Article 1: Name

This Association shall be known as the “Entertainment and Gaming Research Association” (EGRA).

Article 2: Location

1. The Association’s principal office shall be situated in Tsukuba, Ibaraki.
2. The Association may establish secretariats in such locations as may be deemed necessary by decision of the Executive Board.

Article 3: Purpose

1. The purpose of the Association is to promote academic research relating to the content industry, to strengthen collaboration between researchers and practitioners, and to contribute to academic and social development.
2. The content industry includes esports and games, sports, music, arts and media entertainment.

Article 4: Activities

In order to achieve the objectives set out in the preceding Article, the Association shall carry out the following activities.

- (1) Organising study groups, lectures, seminars and similar events;
- (2) Publishing books, papers, journals and online media;
- (3) Promoting exchange between researchers and practitioners;
- (4) Collaboration with relevant organisations both in Japan and overseas; and
- (5) All activities incidental to or related to the preceding items

Chapter 2: Membership

Article 5: Category

1. The members of this Association shall be a full members.
2. Membership shall be open to individuals who endorse the objectives of the Association and who have obtained the approval of the Executive Board following the prescribed procedures.
3. The categories of membership shall be as follows:
 - (1) Academic Members: Persons holding a doctoral degree, or those holding full-time positions such as professor, associate professor, assistant professor or full-time lecturer at an academic institution (including doctoral students).
 - (2) Associate Members: Persons who do not fall under (1) above.

Article 6: Admission

Any person wishing to join this Association must submit the prescribed application form and obtain the approval of the Executive Board. If a prospective member fails to pay the membership fee, the Executive Board shall not consider their application for membership.

Article 7: Withdrawal

Members may voluntarily withdraw from this Association by expressing their intention to do so in writing or by electronic means.

Article 8: Expulsion

A member may be expelled by a decision of the Executive Board or a resolution of the General Meeting if they fall under any of the following conditions:

- (1) Where a member has breached these Articles of Association or the rules of the Association;
- (2) Where a member has defamed the Association or acted contrary to its objectives; or
- (3) Where there are other justifiable grounds.

Article 9: Membership Fees

Members shall pay the following annual membership fees as determined by the General Meeting.

- (1) Academic Members: 4,000 yen
- (2) Associate Member: 2,000 yen
2. Membership fees already paid shall not be refunded.
3. Membership fees must not be used for any purpose other than that necessary for the operation of the Association, and the Association shall be accountable for their use.

Chapter 3: General Meeting

Article 10: Composition

The General Meeting shall consist of all members and shall be the Association's highest decision-making body.

Article 11: Powers

The General Meeting shall pass resolutions on the following matters:

- (1) Amendments to the Articles of Association;
- (2) The appointment and removal of officers;
- (3) Approval of the annual report and financial statements;
- (4) Membership fees;
- (5) Dissolution; and
- (6) Other important matters.

Article 12: General Meeting

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held once a year between September and December. It shall be held either in person or online.
2. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened when the Executive Board deems it necessary, or upon the request of one-fifth or more of the members.

Article 13: Voting

1. Resolutions of the General Meeting shall be adopted by a majority of the members present.
2. Amendments to the Statutes and the dissolution of the Association shall require the approval of at least two-thirds of the members present.

Chapter 4: Executive Board

Article 14: Members of Executive Board

The Association shall have the following officers.

- (1) Executive Board Members: Not fewer than 3 and not more than 7, including the Founding Chairperson
- (2) Chairperson: 1 person
- (3) Audit: 1 person

Article 15: Appointment

- 1. Executive Board Members shall be appointed at the General Meeting.
- 2. The Chairperson shall be appointed by a vote amongst the Executive Board Members.
- 3. The Audit shall be appointed among the Academic Members.

Article 16: Duties

- 1. The Chairperson shall represent the Association and oversee its operations.
- 2. Executive Board Members shall constitute the Executive Board and shall carry out the Association's tasks.

Article 17: Term

The term of Executive Board Members shall be three years; reappointment is permitted.

Chapter 5: Executive Board

Article 18: Composition

The Executive Board shall consist of the Executive Board Members.

Article 19: Powers

The Executive Board shall pass resolutions on the following matters:

- (1) Business plans and budgets;
- (2) Approval of new members;
- (3) Establishment of the Secretariat;

- (4) The establishment and management of the Advisory Board and
- (5) Other matters to be submitted to the General Meeting.

Chapter 6: Accounts

Article 20: Financial Year

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

Article 21: Assets

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

Article 22: Management of Assents

The Association's assets shall be managed by the Chairperson (or the person responsible for accounting), and the methods of such management shall be determined by a resolution of the General Meeting.

Article 23: Income and Expenditure Report and Financial Statements

1. The Chairperson (or the person responsible for accounting) shall, promptly after the end of each financial year, prepare a statement of income and expenditure for that financial year.
2. The income and expenditure reports and other documents referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be audited by the auditors and must be approved at the Annual General Meeting held between September and December following the end of each financial year.

Article 24: Audit

The Auditors shall audit the accounts and the conduct of business for each financial year and shall report the results thereof to the General Meeting.

Chapter 7: Dissolution

Article 22: Dissolution

The Association shall be dissolved by a resolution passed at a General Meeting with the approval of two-thirds or more of the total number of members.

Article 23: Residual Assents

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, any residual assets shall be donated to a public-interest organisation following a resolution of the General Meeting.

Supplementary Provisions

These Articles of Association shall come into force on 1 April 2026.