**The Y’s Men International
International Association of Y’s Men’s Clubs**

 *The Association is a worldwide fellowship of persons of all faiths working together in mutual respect and affection, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and with a common loyalty to the Young Men's Christian Association, striving through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all.* The movement is divided into independent regions, which have adopted their own laws within the overall international mission statement.

**Preamble**

*In order to strengthen the cohesion between the clubs in Central/Eastern Europe and build the community that is the hallmark of the Y's Men movement, these clubs are brought together in a Section with certain independent powers - but still as an integral part of Y's Men International Region Denmark.*

**Statute**

 **for**

**CEE Section of Y’s Men International Region Denmark**

**§1 Name**

The name of the section is **“CEE Section of Y's Men International Region Denmark”.**

Instead of the full official name, the abbreviation **“CEE Section”** may be used.

**§2 Establishment and foundation**

“CEE Section” is established by special resolution at Region Denmark's general meeting on June 21, 2025 in Aars.

**§3 Purpose and tasks**

The purpose of establishing the CEE Section is to future-proof the development of the Y's Men movement in the CEE countries by introducing a step-by-step process that can lead to the creation of an independent region.

The establishment of the CEE Section with delegated powers is the first step in building these changes. Its purpose is to maintain and deepen the cooperation that already exists between the countries.

The role of the CEE Section is to coordinate the activities of the affiliated Y's Men clubs in the CEE countries with the help of the CEE country leaders. To utilize the potential of club members to learn about each other's history, culture and way of life, to inspire each other for club and membership development and thus better promote common interests.

The role of the CEE Section is to carry out the purposes of the movement on a Christian basis, within its territory and according to regional and international law, and to participate actively in the tasks delegated to it from the regional level.

**§ 4 Competencies.**

The “CEE Section” is an integral part of the organizational structure of YMI Region Denmark - on the same level as Danish districts - and is subject to decisions made by Region Denmark's General Assembly, Regional Council and Regional Management.

The laws and statutes of Region Denmark also apply to the “CEE Section” unless these statutes prescribe otherwise.

The “CEE Section” reports to Region Denmark's Regional Management, represented by the Regional Director (RD) or the management member who may be appointed as responsible for the CEE area.

**§ 5 Member of the CEE Section.**

“CEE Section” consists of the affiliated Y's Men clubs chartered under Region Denmark and based in Central and Eastern Europe, as defined from time to time by the laws of Region Denmark, but currently includes: Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Kosovo and Albania.

**§ 6 Organization of the ”CEE Section”:**

* The CEE Section is headed by the CEE Section Management.
* The “CEE Section” is composed from “Districts”, each comprising a number of clubs within a defined geographical area.
* The “CEE Section” members are all Y's Mens clubs in the “CEE Section” area.

**§ 7 ”CEE Section Management”.**

“CEE Section” is led by ‘CEE Section Management’, consisting of the Section Leader and two members.

Members for the CEE Section's first management are appointed by Region Denmark's General Assembly on June 21, 2025.

Every second year in even numbered years - the first time in 2028 - a CEE Section Manager is elected at the annual CEE Section meeting, and every second year in odd numbered years - the first time in 2027 - two CEE Section members are elected.

The term of office for the CEE Section management members is 2 years.

The CEE Section Leader is considered the CEE Section's highest administrative leader and represents the CEE Section in all matters within the CEE Section. The section leader is responsible to Region Denmark's management for the CEE Section's finances, administration and coordination.

The CEE Section Management determines its own rules of procedure, containing the internal distribution of tasks, responsibilities and competencies among the CEE Section management members. The rules of procedure must be approved by the Regional Council.

Together with the CEE Section's other employees, the Section Management must seek to inspire the Section's clubs to develop club work in accordance with the movement's purpose and traditions for the benefit of the local communities.

The tasks of “CEE-Section-Management” include

1. coordinate membership registration and collection of membership fees,
2. determine the Section's own finances (budget) and set membership fees accordingly,
3. in consultation with the “CEE Committee” to allocate funds made available from the “Region Denmark Extension Support Fund” according to the fund's approved budget for the CEE area.
4. manage funds and grants responsibly,
5. coordination of project activities,
6. developing relationships, training/education,
7. expansion and fundraising
8. other tasks that are a natural part of the development of the CEE region.

**§ 8 CEE Section Service Directors.**

In order to perform the tasks incumbent on the “CEE Section”, the CEE Section Management may appoint a number of Service Directors to perform specified tasks or functions in close cooperation with the Section Management.

At the establishment of the CEE Section, Service Directors (SSD) are appointed for the following tasks:

a) SSD for finance

b) SSD for CEE projects

c) SSD for training/education

d) SSD for expansion and fundraising

e) SSD for liaison with YMCA

For each position, the “CEE Section Management” shall draw up a job description.

**§ 9 CEE Section ”Districts”.**

The section is divided into districts.

A district is a defined - as far as possible contiguous - geographical area and should include at least 3 clubs.

Districts are the link between CEE Section Management and the clubs.

The number of districts can be changed with the approval of the Regional Council.

Each district is led by a district management consisting of a District Governor, District Governor Elect and District Governor Elect Elect.

Every two years, clubs in the district elect a District Governor Elect Elect (DGEE) who joins the district leadership at the beginning of the Y's Mens year. The following year they move up to District Governor Elect (DGE) and after another year to District Governor (DG), who is considered the district's top administrative leader.

The District Leaders' functions and tasks will include

* working with Section Service Directors (SSD) and Club Presidents,
* verify that the club membership list is complete,
* sending an updated list of club members to the SSD, to the regional database administrator and a copy to the Section Leader,
* administer the payment of membership fees to the CEE Section bank account,
* resolve together with SSD any problems regarding the database and membership transfer,
* inform about submitted CEE projects, their implementation and accounting
* cooperate with SSDs and club presidents in the field of education,
* translate or organize the translation of training materials into the local language,
* organize district-level training and coordinate club-level training,
* use district conferences to educate club members,
* work with SSD to provide data on local conditions in extension and fundraising.

CEE Section Management may modify or increase the duties of district leadership on an ongoing basis and describe these in a District Manual.

**§ 10 CEE Section ”Clubs”.**

The members of the section are the Y's Men's clubs that are chartered with the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs and registered in Y's Men Region Denmark.

Each club is led by a presidium of at least 4 members, who can be called president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

The club may choose to use other designations for the presidium members.

The affiliated Y's Men's clubs shall further the purposes of the movement by:

* Functioning primarily as service clubs of the YMCA and YWCA,
* Supporting other valuable organizational work,
* Providing practical as well as financial support for general charitable purposes, including non-profit, church, humanitarian, relief and development projects,
* To encourage fairness in social and international issues, the clubs always refraining from partisan politics,
* To keep members informed and actively involved in religious, civic, economic, social and international affairs,
* that the club refrain from taking partisan political positions and that individual members refrain from using the club for political agitation,
* To cultivate good fellowship,
* to support international, area and regional projects of the movement.

The duties of the affiliated clubs are:

* to meet regularly for meal fellowships or similar,
* to ensure regular attendance,
* to conduct regular club activity in furtherance of the purpose of the club,
* to respond to CEE Section Management's direct requests in a timely or reasonable manner,
* to pay agreed dues to the CEE Section and the Region in proportion to the club's membership in a timely manner.

**§ 11 General principles and working conditions in the CEE Section**

In general, the following principles apply to working in the CEE section:

* democratic principles are applied,
* the common language of the CEE Section is English,
* districts may use their respective national languages,
* the term of office for CEE Section positions is at least two years for all CEE Section stakeholders (districts, CDGs, clubs) and leaders from Region Denmark,
* Region Denmark is regularly informed about the change process.

**§ 12 Requirements for candidates for work in the CEE Section**

General requirements for candidates for positions in the CEE section:

 The candidate :

* identifies with the values of the Y's Men movement and has previous experience of active work for the Y's Men movement,
* agrees with the goal of the development concept of the CEE Y's Men movement and will fulfill the position as a volunteer,
* has the trust of the district team and the Danish leaders,
* in the early stages of the work are nominated by the Danish leaders, in later periods they are filled by election,
* is expected to accept the nomination,
* will be part of an organization where normally all countries that are part of the CEE section are represented.

**§ 13 Financial management**

The financial management of the CEE Section is part of the YMI Region Denmark accounts.

The CEE Section's income and expenses are analytically recorded in the regional accounts.

The CEE Section has a bank account under the regional main account. The SSD for Finance has access to and insight into this account. CEE Section Management agrees with the YMI treasurer how the CEE Section's bookkeeping and sub-accounts are to be organized and which tasks are to be carried out by the CEE Section's SSD for Finance.

All positions in the CEE Section are unpaid. Direct expenses may be reimbursed.

The CEE Section has no statutory representative and no authority to sign commitments. It is represented at meetings by the Section Leader (Chair) or a delegated member of the CEE Section Management.

**§ 14 Closing provisions**

The CEE Section may be dissolved if the purpose for which it was established has not been fulfilled or if it does not perform the tasks delegated to it. The final decision shall be made by the General Assembly of YMI Region Denmark.

These statutes shall enter into force on July 1, 2025.

Amendments and additions to these statutes shall be approved upon proposal from “CEE Section Management” by the Regional Council of YMI Region Denmark, which shall decide whether the amendments are of such content that they must be approved by the General Assembly of YMI Region Denmark.

Thus, adopted and approved

Y's Men International Region Denmark Aars, June 21, 2025

