

PROCESS FOR REGISTERING A BARÇA SUPPORTERS CLUB

In accordance with the Supporters Clubs Regulations (Annex 1) and in consideration that it is essential to comply with the requirements of article 3, in order to register a Barcelona supporters club the following steps must be observed:

APPLICATION AND NAME

1.- Given that the possibility of creating a Barcelona supporters club is bound among other conditions to whether there is already a supporters club in the town or city and also the number of inhabitants of the same, before constituting a supporters club the interested party-ies must fill in and supply to the FCB Supporters Clubs Department an "Application" (Annex 2) that must necessarily state the following details:

- Proposed name of the Supporters club.
- Address of the Supporters club.
- Town/city.
- Number of inhabitants of town/city.
- Contact person, telephone and email.
- Membership number or commitment card number of the president. (*)

(*) Supporters clubs with an address in Catalonia must accredit a minimum of five members (including the President) that are members or commitment card holders

2.- The Club, within a maximum period of 15 days will verify whether the "Application" complies with the requirements of the regulations and will inform the interested party of the possibility of continuing with the process for constituting the new supporters club.

PROVISIONAL RECOGNITION

3.- Once FC Barcelona has recognised in writing the possibility of going ahead with the application, the supporters club will have 90 days to apply for "Provisional Recognition" from the Supporters Clubs Department, for which it will have to fill in the form provided by said department and which must be accompanied by copies of the following documentation:

- a) Foundational deeds.
- b) Proposed model for statutes.
- c) Certificate signed by the President and Secretary that shall state:
 - The number of members pre-registered for the supporters club, if relevant, and their membership or commitment card details.
 - 2/3 of the Governing Board must habitually reside in the town or city.
- d) Proposed identity symbols.

4.- Once this documentation has been received, the Club will send it to the delegate of the Advisory Committee in the corresponding zone, who will validate it within a maximum period of 30 days. If the delegate's review is favourable, the Club will provide the following to the supporters club:

- a) Certificate expressly authorising the use of the name applied for and/or other identify symbols of the Club.

b) Validated model of statutes.

LEGALISATION

5.- Once the name of the supporters club and/or identity symbols of the Club have been validated, the future supporters club will have a period of 90 days to present the documents (model of statutes and foundational deeds) to the corresponding registry office and shall then present a document to FC Barcelona to certify that this procedure has been initiated. If the period expires, it will be understood that the name has been released and the procedure will have to start again with a new application.

6.- In this latest stage to legalise the supporters club, the same must be registered as a non-profit making association with:

a) The Servei de Registre i Suport a les Entitats Jurídiques dependent de la Direcció General de Dret i Entitats Jurídiques del Departament de Justícia de la Generalitat de Catalunya, if based in Catalonia.

b) Registro Nacional de asociaciones de la subdelegación del Gobierno corresponding to the province where the supporters club is domiciled or alternatively, the Registro de asociaciones for the corresponding autonomous community in the case of the rest of Spain.

c) National registry office of associations at the Spanish consulate or embassy in the corresponding country when all or some of the members are of Spanish nationality in the case of foreign supporters clubs. If no members of the supporters club are of that nationality, the application for registration must be referred to the competent body in the country in question.

7.- Once the documentation has been processed with the corresponding body, the future supporters club must provide a sealed copy of the statutes or the document that accredits that the association is official, in the case of foreign supporters clubs, to the Club to be validated and approved by the Board of Directors of FC Barcelona.

OFFICIALISATION

8.- The Club, once approved, will provide in writing its recognition by means of a welcome letter and shall proceed by registering it in the Club's Register of Official Supporters Clubs.

The Club will not accept any statutes for processing if the requirements established for the initiation of the process have not been complied with, namely:

a) Application and name.

b) Provisional recognition.

SUPPORTERS CLUBS REGULATIONS

Articles 3,4,5,6 & 7

Article 3: REQUIREMENTS TO FORM A SUPPORTERS CLUB

The following are essential requirements to appoint and maintain a supporters club:

- a) The supporters club president must be a member or holder of a commitment card of FC BARCELONA from the time of application. If the condition of member or holder of a commitment card of FC BARCELONA is lost for any reason, including death, the supporters club shall have a period of three months to appoint a new president, who must comply with the same requirements.
- b) Supporters clubs domiciled in Catalonia must have at least five supporters club members who are members or holders of the commitment card of FC BARCELONA. If, subsequently, the number of members or commitment card holders decreases to less than the minimum of five, the supporters club shall have a period of three months to include the necessary club supporters in order to continue to meet this requirement.
- c) The supporters club must include at least the members indicated in the following table, according to the number of inhabitants registered in the municipality or local community in which the new supporters club shall be incorporated:

INHABITANTS	MINIMUM MEMBERS	
	CATALONIA	REST OF SPAIN / WORLD
Up to 2,000	40	25
2,001 to 5,000	60	45
5,001 to 25,000	75	60
More than 25,000	85	70

Exceptionally, and provided that a favourable report by the area delegate is available justifying the reason for which a supporters club does not meet this requirement, and after approval from the Supporters Club Advisory Council, the Board of Directors may consider these reports and, where applicable, allow a supporters club to be incorporated which does not meet the indicated member minimum.

- d) Two thirds of the board of director members must be registered or regularly reside in the city or town in which the supporters club is located.
- e) The supporters club must have a head office, be this rented, on a concessionary basis or owned premises. Under no circumstances may this be a private dwelling. However, it may be an apartment or premises used to carry out activities which differ from those of the dwelling. If the head office is located in a bar, restaurant, shop or premises open to the public, etc., the owner or holder of the business or activity may not be the president or a member of the supporters club board of directors under any circumstances. The Club may decide not to allow an official supporters club to become established when the proposed address, due to the business being carried out, goes against the values supported by the Club.
- f) Each supporters club must have its own head office and address, which cannot be shared with another supporters club. A post office box may not be used as a supporters club head office, notwithstanding the fact that a supporters club may have a post office box for the purposes of receiving mail.
- g) In municipalities or local communities with less than 25000 people, only one supporters club is allowed. In those with over 25000 inhabitants, there must be a distance of at least 1,000 m (1 km) between clubs. Under all circumstances, the delegate must agree to the creation of a supporters club.
- h) The supporters club must appoint a spokesperson to communicate with the Club. This person must be a member of the supporters club board of directors.
- i) The name and logos must comply with the terms stipulated in Article 4 of these regulations.

Article 4: APPLICATION AND NAMING

1. Before establishing a supporters club, the parties concerned must complete and submit an application to the Supporters Club Department, indicating the following details:

- Name or company name of the supporters club.
- Address.
- Number of inhabitants in the town in which the supporters club is located.
- Details of the contact person.

Within a maximum period of 15 days, the Club shall ensure that the application meets the requirements stipulated under Article 3, shall indicate in writing that the new supporters club may be established, and shall inform the party concerned of the subsequent procedures to follow.

2. The name of the supporters club must refer to FC BARCELONA and preferably to the region in which its activities will be carried out. To avoid confusion, identical or similar names that could be mistaken for existing supporters clubs shall not be permitted.

Names, company names, or logos of the supporters clubs that go against the inherent values of the Club are not accepted: public spirit, social inclusion, sportsmanship, solidarity, tolerance, ethics, democracy, Catalan identity, universality, fair play, and other values which capture the essence of FC BARCELONA's commitment to society.

If company names are to include the names of individuals, prior written authorisation from the party concerned or his/her direct family members, if s/he is deceased, is required.

3. Supporters clubs may not create or organise championships, schools, clinics or any other type of sporting activity which uses the FC BARCELONA image without

prior and written authorisation from the latter. If a supporters club would like to organise such an event, it must contact the Supporters Club Department and sign the relevant agreement. Any unauthorised use of the FC BARCELONA image may entail the annulment of the supporters club, notwithstanding any claims for damages that may arise.

Article 5: PRIOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Once the Club has agreed in writing that processing may continue, the parties concerned will have 90 days to apply for prior acknowledgement from the Supporters Club Department. To do so, they must fill in the form provided by the Department and include copies of the following documents:

- a) The founding charter, in which the name and membership number of the president must be included (or number of the commitment card holder), as well as the name and membership number (or number of the commitment card holder) of at least five club members or commitment card holders, if the supporters club is domiciled in Catalonia.
- b) The Articles of Association.
- c) A certificate signed by the president and secretary, indicating the number of pre-registered supporters club members at such time and, where applicable, the membership number or the commitment card holder number.

Once the documents have been reviewed and analysed, and the area delegate has reported that the requirements of Article 3 of these regulations have been met, the Club will make a decision in a maximum period of 30 days. If the stipulated requirements are deemed to have been met, a certificate expressly authorising the use of the requested name and/or other distinguishing marks owned by the Club shall be presented.

If 90 days elapse from the date on which written authorisation was given to continue the procedure and no process has begun, the name will be considered released, and a new application will need to be submitted to recommence the process.

Article 6: VALIDATION

Once the procedures in the previous article have been verified, the supporters club shall register the association in the following registries, and in those that replace them, within a maximum period of 90 days:

- Registration and Support Services for Legal Institutions, under the authority of the Directorate General of Law and Legal Institutions, of the Department of Justice, the Government of Catalonia, if domiciled in Catalonia.
- The national associations registry of the Government authority corresponding to the region in which it is domiciled or, alternatively, the associations registry of the relevant autonomous community, for the rest of Spain.
- The national associations registry of the Spanish consulate or embassy in the relevant country, when all or some of the members are Spanish nationals, for supporters clubs abroad. If no supporters club member is Spanish, the registry application shall be processed through the competent body of the country in question. To be recorded in the indicated registries, supporters clubs must be legally incorporated in accordance with applicable legislation.

Once recorded in the registry, the supporters club shall send a copy of the registration to the Club in a maximum period of 30 days from registration.

If the recording procedure in the relevant registry has not begun within a period of 90 days, the name will be released and a new application will need to be submitted to recommence the process.

Article 7: FORMALISATION

The Club's Board of Directors shall be responsible for formalising an association application as an OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB. Once the requirements stipulated under the regulations have been met and a favourable report from the area delegate has been obtained, the Board of Directors may only reject the formalisation of a supporters club when, after a Supporters Club Ombudsman hearing, the Board of Directors decides that it would be detrimental to other supporters clubs in the same town or area. If rejected, the association will be required to modify its name and logos when these include any references to names, brands or logos of the Club.

Once a supporters club is formalised by the Board of Directors, the Club shall provide written acknowledgement by way of a registered welcome letter, and will record it in the Club's Official Supporters Club Registry. FC BARCELONA will also provide a supporters club identification card, including its name and the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB number assigned to it, which is sequential based on membership duration. This card will be renewed annually at the beginning of the season, and will always be subject to the maintenance of the regulatory requirements.

Once the supporters club is recorded in the Supporters Club Registry, it may enjoy all the privileges and special considerations granted thereto by the FC BARCELONA Articles of Association, regarding its involvement in the Club's social activities. All newly created supporters clubs recorded in the Supporters Club Registry may not request tickets for finals or A++ matches until three years have elapsed from registration.

