

Custorian Membership Handbook

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Fees and categories to be ratified by the general assembly. Reflects statutes (vedtægter) §§3–5.

1. Welcome

Foreningen Custorian is a Danish non-profit association that owns and stewards an open standard for children's digital safety — the Custorian Controls Framework (155 controls across six domains). The standard is free for anyone to implement, published under CC BY-SA 4.0, and structurally protected against capture by any commercial interest.

Members are the association's foundation. Under Danish foreningsret, members — not funders, not companies, not the board alone — are the ultimate authority: the general assembly (generalforsamling) is the association's highest body (§4.1).

2. What membership is — and what it is not

Membership means you support an open, independent child-safety standard, you may attend and vote at the general assembly, and you may stand for election to the Board.

Membership does not mean — and can never be — any of the following: - It does **not** confer the "Custorian Certified" mark, endorsement, or any indication that a member's product is safe for children. Certification is earned only through independent, accredited certification bodies — never through membership. - It does **not** give any influence over certification decisions, platform grades, or the technical content of the standard beyond the equal, democratic vote every member holds. - It **cannot be bought**. Every member has exactly **one vote** (§4.5), regardless of fee paid or size. Fees are nominal and exist to support the mission, not to purchase standing.

This standard cannot be bought — and neither can a seat at its table.

3. Who can be a member

Membership is open to **individuals and civil-society / non-profit organisations** who support the association's purpose. Specifically:

CATEGORY	WHO	ANNUAL FEE (PROPOSED)
Individual	Any person supporting the mission	200 DKK
Student / youth	Enrolled students; people under 26	50 DKK (GA may set to 0)

CATEGORY	WHO	ANNUAL FEE (PROPOSED)
Civil society / NGO	Non-profit organisations in child rights, safety, digital wellbeing	500 DKK
Honorary	Conferred by the Board (e.g. advisory board members, notable contributors)	Free

Commercial platforms and companies are not eligible for membership. This is deliberate: a platform that could be assessed against the standard must not also sit inside the body that owns it. Companies engage with Custorian **only** through the pilot and certification (assessed by independent accredited bodies), or as **donors** — and a donation is not membership and confers no rights or influence.

Fees are set by the general assembly (Danish norm). The figures above are the Board's proposal pending ratification. Fees are annual (calendar year).

4. Member rights and responsibilities

Rights (statutes §§3–5): - Attend the annual general assembly, held once per year by 30 June (§4.2) - **One vote** on all decisions, taken by simple majority (§4.5) - Propose items for the general assembly agenda (§4.4) - Stand for election to the Board of Directors (bestyrelse), 1–5 members, two-year terms (§5.1) - Request an extraordinary general assembly (with at least one-third of members) (§4.7) - Receive member updates and take part in public consultations on the standard

Responsibilities: - Act in accordance with the association's purpose and interests (a member acting against them may be excluded — §3.3) - Pay the annual fee (kontingent) where applicable - Disclose any conflict of interest — in particular, any employment by or representation of a platform that is, or may become, subject to assessment. Such a disclosure does not affect any assessment; non-disclosure is a breach of good standing.

5. How to join

1. Submit a membership enquiry (custorian.org → **Become a member**, or email info@custorian.org).
2. The **Board admits members by decision** (§3.1) — a light check that the applicant supports the purpose and is eligible (individual or civil-society, not a commercial platform).
3. On admission, pay the annual fee. Membership runs for the calendar year.

6. Resignation and exclusion

- **Resignation:** membership is voluntary; a member may resign at any time by written notice to the Board (§3.2). Fees already paid are not refunded.
- **Exclusion:** the Board may exclude a member who acts against the association's purpose or interests; the excluded member may appeal to the general assembly (§3.3).

7. Governance in brief

- **General assembly** — highest authority; elects the Board; approves accounts and fees (§4).

- **Board of Directors** — 1–5 members, elected for two-year terms; elects a chair (who also serves as treasurer unless decided otherwise) (§5). Board service is voluntary (unpaid or token honoraria only).
- **Advisory Board** — 7–9 experts across child rights, law & regulation, technology & security, academic research, and law enforcement, plus a youth representative (16–21). It **advises**; it does not govern.
- **Certification** — issued by independent accredited certification bodies, never by the association.

8. Fees and payment

- Fees are annual and set by the general assembly.
- Payment by bank transfer or MobilePay (details on invoice / on the account once opened).
- **Note on donations and tax:** membership fees fund the association's operations. Voluntary **donations** are separate and warmly welcomed; only donations (not membership fees) may in future count toward a §8A tax-deduction scheme, should the association pursue one. See the fundraising brief.

9. Member data and privacy

The association holds only the member data necessary to administer membership (name, contact, category, fee status), processed under GDPR, never sold or shared, and deleted on resignation subject to bookkeeping-law retention. Conflict-of-interest disclosures relating to Board/Advisory roles may be published per the governance firewalls.

10. Contact

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This handbook is informative and summarises the statutes (vedtægter), which prevail in case of any conflict. Fees and categories take effect on ratification by the general assembly.