

# International Jumping Riders Club

## STATUTES

### Art.1. **Company name and social seat**

The IJRC is located in Switzerland, care of its secretariat, as an association under the Swiss Civil Code, art 60 and foll.

All civil actions shall be brought before the Swiss Courts of the City in which the IJRC is located.

### Art. 2. **Objects**

The objects of the association are:

- to promote the image of the equestrian sport in the jumping section;
- to promote the ideals and spirit of sports fair play;
- to support national and international associations and international show jumping organisers in all their efforts to promote the image of the equestrian sport;

Particular objects of the association are:

- to provide constructive criticism and help to show organisers;
- to put the riders' views in matters of rules and regulations before the governing bodies;
- to promote and organise show jumping events;

### Art. 3. **Organisation**

The organs of the association are:

- the General Assembly;
- the Committee;
- the accounting auditors;

### Art. 4. **The General Assembly**

4a. The Ordinary General Assembly shall meet yearly.

Its location, date and time are decided by the Committee. In principle, the Assembly will be held in the place that has hosted the most important event of the year.

An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by the committee or upon written request of at least 1/5 of its members.

4b. The Annual General Assembly and any Extraordinary Assemblies shall be convened through a written invitation to its members at least twenty-one clear days' notice.

4c. The General Assembly in its ordinary session has the following functions and powers:

- To approve the President's yearly report;
- To approve the yearly financial report and accounts;
- To receive the Auditors report;
- To approve the annual discharge to the Committee;
- To appoint the President, Vice-President and others members of the Committee;
- To appoint the accounting auditors;
- To set the membership fee;

4d. The General Assembly shall be deemed to have been validly set up, whichever number of its members is present. The Assembly is chaired by its President or, in his absence, by the association's Vice-President. Unless otherwise stated in the Statutes, the Assembly will base its decisions upon the simple majority of its present members.

Each member is entitled to one vote. No members may be represented by proxy. Voting will take place by raised hands. A secret ballot or a roll call may be requested by the majority of present members. The members of the executive board are excluded from votes on the approval of the presidential report and of the accounts.

#### **Art. 5 The Committee**

The Committee shall consist of:

- the President of the IJRC
- the Vice-President
- the Secretary General
- the Treasurer
- the secretary or director of IJRC
- and four members

all appointed for two years by the General Assembly. All members may be re-appointed at the end of their term.

Preferably, the executive board members should come from different countries.

5b.

The Committee is responsible for the implementation of a programme of activities and for the well-being of the association; it provides discharge for its actions to the ordinary general assembly through a presidential report.

The Committee represents the association before third parties.

The association is bound by the individual signature of its President or by the joint signature of any two of its executive members. (revised – cancelled)

The Committee appoints the association's representatives to the individual shows and to FEI's meetings.

In order to pursue its objects, the Committee may decide to appoint delegates or special commissions.

The Committee entrusts its administrative affairs with an appointed director or secretary who does not have to be a member and who is responsible to the Committee only for his actions. The association has its seat, care of this secretary or director.

By virtue of an explicit proxy the director may represent the association without binding it.

5c.

The Committee is convened by the President or, upon request, by at least three of its executive members.

The Committee may validly deliberate if at least four of its executive members are present.

Deliberations are by simple majority.

Voting by mail is permitted.

#### **Art. 6 Account auditors**

6a. Two account auditors are appointed from the General Assembly of members and are elected for two years. It is not necessary for them to be IJRC's members. They audit the association's financial accounts and write a report to the Assembly.

6b. The assets of the association are made up of the assets resulting from the balance sheet at the closing of each company year.

The association's accounting period is of a yearly nature and closes on 31st December of each year.

#### **Art. 7 Members**

7a. The International Jumping Riders Club is open, with right to vote, to all riders who have taken part in the Olympic Games, in World or Continental Championships, at least in five Nation Cups, and to riders ranked in the best 300.

The General Meeting, upon suggestion from the Board, reserves the right to co-opt active riders on to the association.

7b. Membership is obtained upon acceptance of the request to join, which must be forwarded in writing, by the Board and by contemporaneously paying the membership fee, set yearly by the Assembly.

7c. The International Jumping Riders Club is open, without right to vote, to Supporters and Fans ranked in the best 3.000.

To become Fan and Supporter's member of the IJRC it is necessary to pay a fee, established year by year from the Board.

Supporters can be present at the General Assembly.

A rider loses membership:

- upon written resignation sent to the Committee by the end of the social year;
- at the end of the year following her/his formal retirement or after two years of no longer competing internationally;
- when s/he has not paid her/his annual membership fee, s/he will be suspended in her/his rights and deleted from the membership list after having been given a warning by the Committee;
- the exclusion of a member can only be decided by the General Assembly;

#### **Art. 8 Dissolution**

The dissolution of the International Jumping Riders' Club may only be decided by an Assembly convened expressly for that purpose alone.

The Assembly may deliberate if at least half of its members are present.

The decision to dissolve the association will be valid if taken by the two-third majority of the present members.

If the quorum has not been reached, a further assembly will be convened in the ninety days that follow, with an identical agenda. In this case, decisions will be valid with however many members present and with the relative majority.

In the case of dissolution, the allocation of the association's assets will be decided by the assembly through simple majority.

#### **Art. 9 Review of the Statutes**

The Committee, or 1/5 of the members, can propose a review of the Statutes.

Amendments must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the votes of the present members during the Assembly. The date on which these amendments are to come into effect must be recorded in the minutes.

#### **Art. 10. Board of arbitrators**

Any disputes arising between members, or between single bodies of the association and its

members, concerning statutes or internal rules shall be settled by an arbitration body made up of three members. Two of them must be chosen among those members who are not involved, and who are proposed by each of the parties, while the third, not necessarily a member, will act as president and be chosen by the other two.

**Art. 11. Miscellaneous**

11a. For what is not expressly provided for by these Statutes, reference is made to the application of article 60 and foll. of the Swiss Civil Code.

11b. The present Statutes, drawn up in English, may be translated in other languages. In case of litigious interpretation, the English version will be regarded as correct.

11c. These statutes were adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, by decision of the 2013 General Assembly, held in Geneva on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

All other texts and statutes issued prior to this date are superseded.

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The Director: Eleonora Ottaviani

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