



International Carriage Drivers Association STATUTES

Art.1. Company name and social seat

The International Carriage Drivers Association, hereafter ICDA, was founded in the Netherlands as an association under the Dutch law.

All civil actions shall be brought before the Dutch court of the City in which the ICDA is located.

Art. 2. Objectives

The ICDA was founded to:

- 2.1 benefit equestrian sport;
- 2.2 uphold the spirit of good sportsmanship;
- 2.3 support the growth of carriage driving as an integral part of the FEI's mission to develop equestrian sport globally;
- 2.4 increase the number of drivers that participate in international competitions;
- 2.5 promote sportsmanship across all driving disciplines in order to promote the image of driving as an equestrian sport.

Specific objectives for the association are:

- 2.6 to engage with Organising Committees to help promote driving to sponsors and the public;
- 2.7 to engage with drivers competing at a national level to encourage participation at an international level;
- 2.8 to ensure that drivers views on development of the sport, rules and regulations are represented directly to the sport's governing bodies;
- 2.9 to ensure that FEI rules and regulations are respected;
- 2.10 above all, to respect the welfare of the horse.

Art. 3. Organisation

The organs of the association are:

- 3.1 the General Assembly;
- 3.2 the Committee;
- 3.3 the external auditors.

Art. 4. The General Assembly

- 4.1 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. In case of restrictions on travel the General Assembly will take place remotely.
- 4.2 An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by the committee or upon written request of at least 1/5 of its Members.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 The General Assembly in its ordinary session has the following functions and powers:
 - 4.4.1 to approve the President's yearly report;
 - 4.4.2 to approve the yearly financial report and accounts;
 - 4.4.3 to receive the Auditors report;
 - 4.4.4 to approve the annual discharge to the Committee;
 - 4.4.5 to appoint the President, Vice-President and others Members of the Committee;
 - 4.4.6 to appoint the accounting auditors;
 - 4.4.7 to set the Membership fee.



- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 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

- 5.1 The Committee shall consist of:
 - 5.1.1 the President of the ICDA – four-in-hand driver;
 - 5.1.2 the Vice-President;
 - 5.1.3 the Secretary General;
 - 5.1.4 the Treasurer;
 - 5.1.5 the secretary or director of ICDA;
 - 5.1.6 and 6 (six) to 7 (seven) Members.
- 5.2 The President and all Members of the Committee are elected for a term of office of four years by the General Assembly according to a schedule of resignations, except for the initial appointment. All Members may be re-appointed at the end of their term.
- 5.3 Members of the Committee will include representatives from a wide range of countries and will include all disciplines:
 - 5.3.1 Eight Members of the horse classes:
 - 5.3.1.1 4 (four) four-in-hand drivers, at least two of the FEI top-10;
 - 5.3.1.2 3 (three) pair drivers;
 - 5.3.1.3 3 (three) single drivers;
 - 5.3.2 3 (three) Members of the pony classes;
 - 5.3.3 1 (one) Member of the para-classes;
 - 5.3.4 the Athlete's Representative on the FEI Technical Committee for Driving will be invited to Committee Membership.
- 5.4 The Committee is responsible for the implementation of a programme of activities and for the wellbeing of the association; it seeks discharge for its actions to the ordinary general Assembly through a presidential report.
- 5.5 The Committee represents the association before third parties.
- 5.6 The association is bound by the individual signature of its President or by the joint signature of any two of its executive Members.
- 5.7 The Committee appoints the association's representatives to the individual shows and to FEI's meetings.
- 5.8 In order to pursue its objects, the Committee may decide to appoint delegates or special commissions.
- 5.9 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.
- 5.10 By virtue of an explicit proxy the director may represent the association without binding it.
- 5.11 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.
- 5.12 Voting by mail, electronically and telephone is permitted.
- 5.13 In the case of equality of votes the President has the casting vote.
- 5.14 The Committee has the right to all confidential information held but shall hold such information strictly in confidence and shall not share, distribute or disseminate such confidential information to any party other than Committee Members, unless so authorized by the President, Vice-President and Secretary General acting together.



Art. 6 Account auditors

- 6.1 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 ICDA's Members. They audit the association's financial accounts and write a report to the Assembly.
- 6.2 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

- 7.1 The ICDA is open, with right to vote, to all drivers with an international status in the FEI – i.e. 2* and 3* drivers. The General Meeting, upon suggestion from the Board, reserves the right to co-opt non active drivers on to the association.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 The ICDA is open, without right to vote, to Supporters and to 2* and 3* drivers under 18 years.
- 7.4 To become Supporter Member of the ICDA it is necessary to pay a yearly Membership fee.
- 7.5 Supporters can be present and speak at the General Assembly.
- 7.6 Membership fees
 - 7.6.1 The Membership fee for Members and Supporters will set yearly by the Assembly.
 - 7.6.2 The Membership fee serves for the promotion of the interests of the ICDA and to cover administration costs.
- 7.7 A Member loses Membership:
 - 7.7.1 upon written resignation sent to the Committee by the end of the social year;
 - 7.7.2 at the end of the year following her/his formal retirement or after two years of no longer competing internationally. The option will be given to become Supporter;
 - 7.7.3 when the Member has not paid her/his annual Membership fee, the Member will be suspended in her/his rights and deleted from the Membership list after having been given a warning by the Committee;
 - 7.7.4 the exclusion of a Member can only be decided by the General Assembly.

Art. 8 Dissolution

- 8.1 The dissolution of the ICDA may only be decided by an Assembly convened expressly for that purpose alone.
- 8.2 The Assembly may deliberate if at least half of its Members are present.
- 8.3 The decision to dissolve the association will be valid if taken by the two-third majority of the present Members.
- 8.4 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.
- 8.5 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

- 9.1 The Committee, or 1/5 of the Members, can propose a review of the Statutes.
- 9.2 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

- 11.1 For what is not expressly provided for by these Statutes, reference is made to the application of article... of the Dutch Civil Code.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 These statutes were adopted on July 11, 2022. All other texts and statutes issued prior to this date are superseded.

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