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## **Statutes of the Association Internationale des Etudiants Cavaliers AIEC**

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## **1 Name and legal seat**

- 1.1 The national university equestrian sports (student riding) associations have joined together in a sports association  
The association is called Association Internationales des Etudiants Cavaliers (AIEC).  
The AIEC is an international association in the Netherlands under Dutch law.  
It's registered in the district court of Middelburg in the Netherlands.
- 1.2 Legal seat of the AIEC is in Middelburg

## **2 Aim and purpose**

- 2.1 Purpose of the AIEC is
  - 2.1.1 to support, to develop and to coordinate the international university equestrian sports,
  - 2.1.2 to develop and improve the cooperation and understanding between the national associations of university equestrian sports,
  - 2.1.3 the international understanding,
  - 2.1.4 to make known the idea of university equestrian sport and to help gain the necessary recognition on regional, national and international levels,
  - 2.1.5 to control the international university equestrian sports competitions under unique rules, in accordance with the technical rules of the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI)
- 2.2 The aims of AIEC are especially realized by:
  - 2.2.1 creating rules for international university equestrian sports competitions in accordance with technical rules of FEI,
  - 2.2.2 legitimating member-countries to organise AIEC Student Riding Nations Cups and regional, continental or global championships and events for student riders,
  - 2.2.3 controlling the technical organisation, in accordance with the technical rules of the FEI,
  - 2.2.4 further actions to support international university equestrian sports,
  - 2.2.5 membership, affiliation, or partnership in or with sports associations on a higher level.

## **3 Principles**

- 3.1 AIEC is based on the principles of equality and recognition of each other between the member associations with no consideration for race, colour and political opinion.
- 3.2 The members agree that their riders will compete without prejudice against all riders of other members in all competitions to which they are sent.

- 3.3 All members accept that AIEC is the only international association responsible for the international university equestrian sport.

## **4 Official language**

- 4.1 The official language is English. All official documents must be written in English. The English version of the present statutes is authoritative.

## **5 Non-for-profit organisation**

- 5.1 AIEC solely acts as non-for-profit organisation.
- 5.2 The delegates of the members as well as members of the executive committee are working in an honorary capacity.
- 5.3 AIEC is not working for political or religious aims.

## **6 Principles of law**

- 6.1 Principles of law of AIEC are its statutes, rules and regulations. The rules and regulations must be in accordance with the statutes
- 6.2 The statutes can only be changed if seventy-five percent (75%) of the members present at the General Assembly agree.
- 6.3 Rules and regulations, and changing thereof can only be decided with the simple majority by the General Assembly. Rules and regulations are not part of the statutes.
- 6.4 There should be a written protocol about each meeting of the association. The meeting's leader and the person writing the protocol must sign it.
- 6.5 If there is no majority during a vote the meeting's leader will decide.

## **7 Acquisition of membership**

- 7.1 Members
- 7.1.1 Only legal organisations responsible for student riding in their nation can become a member of AIEC. Moreover, they have to contribute financially, materially or ideologically to the statutes aims of AIEC.
- 7.1.2 There can be only one member per nation. Associations recognized by the national FEI members are preferred.
- 7.1.3 There can also be one separate international association composed of AIEC friends to be considered as an AIEC-member.
- 7.2 Membership has to be asked for in written form. It has to be signed by the president of the organisation.

- 7.3 The General Assembly will decide with simple majority about a candidate's membership. Membership becomes official with the decision of the General Assembly. A candidate will be informed about a refusal in written form. Reasons for refusal need not be given.
- 7.4 As long as a nation is not a member of AIEC yet membership was not previously refused or terminated, the Executive Committee can approve temporary membership with simple majority until the next General Assembly. The next General Assembly will then decide about the approval or rejection of the candidate's official membership.

## **8 Rights and responsibilities of members**

- 8.1 The members send delegates to the General Assembly. Each member has one delegate with one vote.
- 8.2 The members have to pay a membership fee until 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. In case of late payment, a first reminder will be send no later than two weeks after the due date. A second and last reminder will be sent to the member no later than four weeks after the due date and no earlier than two weeks after the first reminder. The amount of the yearly membership fee is fixed by the General Assembly.

## **9 Termination and suspension of membership**

- 9.1 Membership is terminated if the membership-association is dissolved or if the member itself terminates its membership in AIEC in written form. The General Assembly can declare the termination of the membership of an organisation.
- 9.2 Termination is only possible at the end of a year. It must be declared to the Executive Committee in written form no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of October of the same year.
- 9.3 The General Assembly can decide about the termination of a membership with a seventy-five percent (75%) majority if:
- 9.3.1 the member offends against the statutes or interests of AIEC,
- 9.3.2 the member doesn't pay the required fees at the latest sixty (60) days after the second reminder.
- 9.4 The Executive Committee can suspend membership until the next General Assembly with simple majority if there is a reason of point 9.
- 9.5 With the termination of membership all rights of the member expire at once: its duties are terminated at the end of the year.

## **10 Parties of the association**

- 10.1 The parties of AIEC are
- 10.1.1 General Assembly
- 10.1.2 Executive Committee.
- 10.1.3 Treasury revisor

10.2 Further parties can be installed by the General Assembly.

## **11 The General Assembly**

11.1 The General Assembly is the main authority of the AIEC. The regular General Assembly takes place once a year. Invitation has to be sent by the Executive Committee no later than thirty (30) days in advance.

11.2 An extraordinary General Assembly has to take place:

11.2.1 by decision of the Executive Committee, especially if necessary for the interests of the AIEC,

11.2.2 if one quarter of the members ask for in written form by listing reasons and topics for an extraordinary General Assembly. Invitation has to be sent out by Executive Committee eight (8) days in advance.

11.3 Only delegates of members having been full member for at least one year are allowed to vote. The head of the General Assembly may cast his/her vote in case of a voting draw by the delegates, except during election procedures.

11.4 The voting-right of a delegate has to be proved in written form.

11.5 The duties of the regular General Assembly are:

11.5.1 Discussions of the yearly financial budget

11.5.2 Exoneration of the Executive Committee

11.5.3 Election of the Executive Committee

11.5.4 Election of two revisors of treasury

11.5.5 Decisions about the statutes and about termination of AIEC.

11.5.6 Decisions about the rules and regulations

11.5.7 Decisions about new members

11.5.8 Making the provisional calendar and plan activities for the following year

11.6 Head of the General Assembly is the president of the Executive Committee

## **12 The executive Committee**

12.1 The Executive Committee consist of at least three persons, but of not more than seven persons. The total number of Executive Committee must be odd.

12.2 It consist of:

12.2.1 the president

12.2.2 the general secretary

12.2.3 the treasurer

12.2.4 up to four other members

12.3 The president together with either the general secretary or the treasurer represents AIEC. AIEC is also represented by the president together with two members sub 12.2.4. of the present statutes.

12.4 The members of the Executive Committee stay as long in the Executive Committee as there as now new committee elected. If a member of the Executive Committee quits his/her job the Executive Committee will nominate a new member. He/she will be a part in the Executive Committee until next elections by the General Assembly.

12.5 The Executive Committee can only decide if there are at least fifty percent (50%) of its members present, and at least three persons. Written decisions or decisions by phone, fax or electronic mail are possible if no member of the Executive Committee objects.

### **13 Elections**

13.1 The General Assembly determines with simple majority a president of election, who will conduct and supervise the elections. The president of election cannot be a candidate him/herself at these elections.

13.2 The members of the Executive Committee are elected at the General Assembly for two years. Re-election is possible.

13.3 Any person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the elections is eligible to become a member of the Executive Committee.

13.4 The president, the general secretary, and the treasurer are elected in this order by the General Assembly into their positions. The remaining members are elected into the Executive Committee as such, and there positions are determined by the Executive Committee.

13.5 Candidates are eligible for more than one position at a time, but no candidate can hold more than one position in the Executive Committee. If a candidate is already elected into one position, he/she cannot be a candidate for any of the subsequently elected positions anymore.

13.6 Votes can be casted openly if none of the delegates, the candidates, or the president of elections objects. If there is any objection to an open vote, the president of elections will proceed with anonymous elections.

13.7 The candidate(s) with the most votes win(s) the elections. In case more candidates than there are open positions have the highest and equal amount of votes, the president of elections will call for a second round of voting by the General Assembly. In this second round, only the two ex-aequo candidates from the first round are eligible. If there is another draw in the second round between two ore more candidates, the president of elections will determinate the winner(s) among the second-round ex-aequo candidates by a draw of lots.

13.8 The two revisors of treasury are elected by the General Assembly for two years. Re-election is possible.

- 13.9 Any person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the elections is eligible to become a revisor of treasury. The revisors of treasury cannot be members of the Executive Committee. Paragraphs 13.6 and 13.7 of the present statutes also apply to the elections of the revisors of treasury.

## **14 Management**

- 14.1 Business year starts January 1<sup>st</sup> ends 31<sup>st</sup> December of the same year.
- 14.2 For each year there must be a financial budget.
- 14.3 Details are ruled by the Financial Rules.

## **15 Termination and use of AIEC's assets**

- 15.1 The General Assembly decides about the termination of AIEC with a majority of seventy-five percent (75%) of all members.
- 15.2 The president of the Executive Committee and the treasurer are responsible for the liquidation.
- 15.3 In case of the termination of the association all means, after having fulfilled all obligations, must be used according to the aims and purpose of AIEC as outlined in the present statutes. The General Assembly decides, which legal or physical will be the beneficiary of AIEC's means and assets.

Modified and signed at:

Saumur, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1988  
Houten, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1989  
Luxembourg, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1998  
Middelburg, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
De Bilt, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011