

Association Internationale des Etudiantes Cavaliers

World University Equestrian Federation



AIEC STATUTES

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1. Name & Legal Seat

- 1.1. The national university equestrian sports (student riding) associations have joined together to form a sports association, known as the Association Internationale des Etudiants Cavaliers (AIEC). AIEC is an international association in the Netherlands, run under Dutch Law, and registered in the District Court of Arnhem, the Netherlands.
- 1.2. The Legal Seat of AIEC is in Bilzen, Belgium.

2. Aim & Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of AIEC is to:
 - i. Support, develop, and coordinate international university equestrian sports,
 - ii. Develop and improve the cooperation and understanding between the national associations of university equestrian sports,
 - iii. Foster international understanding,
 - iv. Make university equestrian sports known and to help gain the necessary recognition at regional, national, and international levels,
 - v. Regulate 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 realised by the:
 - i. Creation of rules for International university equestrian sports competitions in accordance with the technical rules of the FEI,
 - ii. Authorisation of member countries to organise AIEC Student Riding Nations Cups (SRNCs) and regional, continental, or global championships, and events for student riders,
 - iii. Control of the technical organisation, in accordance with the technical rules of the FEI,
 - iv. Support of international university equestrian sports,
 - v. Memberships, affiliations, or partnerships in or with sports associations at 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 colour, race, or 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 international university equestrian sports.

4. Official Practices

- 4.1. The official language of AIEC is English. All official documents must be written in English. The English version of the present statutes is authoritative.
- 4.2. The official currency of AIEC is the Euro. As such, all payments must be made in Euro, unless otherwise stated.

5. Non-Profit Organisation

- 5.1. AIEC acts solely as a non-profit organisation.
- 5.2. The delegates of the member associations, as well as members of the Executive Committee, work in an honorary capacity.
- 5.3. AIEC does not work for political or religious purposes.

6. Principles of Law

- 6.1. AIEC's principles of law encompass its statutes, rules, and regulations. The rules and regulations must be set 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 are in agreement.
- 6.3. The rules and regulations, and the changing thereof, can only be decided with a simple majority at the General Assembly. The rules and regulations are not part of the statutes.
- 6.4. There should be a written account of each meeting of the association. The meeting's leader and the person writing the minutes 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:

- i. 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 AIEC's Statutes,
- ii. There can be only one member per nation. Associations recognised by the national FEI members are preferred,
- iii. There can also be one separate international association composed of *AIEC Friends* to be considered as an AIEC Member.

7.2. Membership must be requested in written form, and must be signed by the AIEC President.

7.3. The General Assembly will decide, by a simple majority, a candidate's membership status. Membership becomes official with the decision at the General Assembly. A candidate will be informed about a refusal in writing. Reasons for refusal need not be given.

7.4. As long as a nation is not a member of AIEC, but membership was not previously refused or terminated, the Executive Committee can approve temporary membership with a simple majority until the next General Assembly. The next General Assembly will then decide upon the approval or rejection of the candidate's official membership.

8. Rights & Responsibilities of Members

8.1. The members send delegates to the General Assembly. Each member has one (1) delegate, with one (1) vote.

8.2. The members have to pay the *AIEC Membership Fee* on the 1st of January of each year. In the case of late payment, a first reminder will be sent no later than two (2) weeks after the due date. A second and last reminder will be sent to the member no later than four (4) weeks after the due date, and no earlier than two (2) weeks after the first reminder. The amount of the yearly membership fee is fixed annually at the General Assembly.

9. Termination & Suspension of Membership

9.1. Membership is terminated if the member association is dissolved or if the member itself terminates its membership with AIEC in writing. 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 writing no later than the 1st of October of the same year.

- 9.3. The General Assembly can decide upon the termination of a membership with a seventy five percent (75%) majority if the member:
 - i. Offends the statutes or interests of AIEC,
 - ii. Doesn't pay the required *AIEC Membership Fee*, at the latest sixty (60) days after the second reminder.
- 9.4. The Executive Committee can suspend membership until the next General Assembly with a simple majority if there is due reason.
- 9.5. With the termination of membership, all rights of the member expire at once, and its duties are terminated at the end of the calendar year.

10. Parties of the Association

- 10.1. The parties of AIEC are the:
 - i. General Assembly (GA),
 - ii. Executive Committee (EC),
 - iii. Revisors of the Treasury (RT).
- 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. The official invitation must be sent out by the Executive Committee no later than fourteen (14) days prior.
- 11.2. An Extraordinary General Assembly may take place:
 - i. By decision of the Executive Committee, especially if necessary for the interests of AIEC,
 - ii. If one quarter of the Members ask for it in writing by listing reasons and topics for an extraordinary General Assembly. The official invitation must be sent out by the Executive Committee no sooner than seven (7) days in advance.
- 11.3. Only delegates of members, having been a full Member for at least one (1) 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 provided in writing.

- 11.5. The duties of the regular General Assembly are:
- i. Exoneration of the Executive Committee,
 - ii. Election of the Executive Committee,
 - iii. Election of two *Revisors of the Treasury*,
 - iv. Discussions of the yearly Financial Budget,
 - v. Decisions in relation to the AIEC Statutes and AIEC Termination,
 - vi. Decisions in relation to the AIEC Rules and Regulations,
 - vii. Decisions in relation to new members,
 - viii. Making the provisional calendar and planning activities for the following year.
- 11.6. The 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 (3) persons, and not more than seven (7) persons. The total number of the Committee must be odd.
- 12.2. The Executive Committee consists of the:
- i. President,
 - ii. Secretary General,
 - iii. Treasurer,
 - iv. And up to four (4) other members.
- 12.3. The President, together with either the Secretary General or the Treasurer, represents AIEC. AIEC is also represented by the President together with two (2) other members (*Sub. 12.2. iv.*).
- 12.4. The members of the Executive Committee remain in the Executive Committee as long as there is no new committee elected. If a member of the Executive Committee resigns their position, the Executive Committee will nominate a new member, and he/she will remain in the Executive Committee until the next elections by the General Assembly.
- 12.5. The Executive Committee may only make decisions if at least fifty percent (50%) of its members are present, and at least three (3) persons. Written decisions or decisions by phone or email are only possible if no member of the Executive Committee objects.

13. Elections

- 13.1. The General Assembly determines, by a simple majority, a President of Elections, who will conduct and supervise the Elections. The President of Elections cannot themselves be a candidate in these Elections.
- 13.2. The members of the Executive Committee are elected at the General Assembly for two (2) 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 Secretary General, and the Treasurer are elected into their positions in this order by the General Assembly. The remaining members are elected into the Executive Committee as such, and their positions are determined by the Executive Committee.
- 13.5. Candidates are eligible for more than one position at a time, but no candidate may hold more than one position in the Executive Committee. If a candidate is already elected into one position, he/she cannot remain a candidate for any of the subsequently elected positions.
- 13.6. Votes can be cast openly if none of the delegates, 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 the event of a tie of two (2) or more candidates for a given position, the President of Elections will call for a second round of voting by the General Assembly, and only these two (2) or more *ex aequo* candidates from the first round will be eligible. In the event of a further tie, the President of Elections will determinate the winner by a draw of lots.
- 13.8. The two (2) *Revisors of the Treasury* are elected by the General Assembly for two (2) 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 the Treasury. The Revisors of the Treasury cannot be members of the Executive Committee. *Sub. 13.6.* and *Sub. 13.7.* also apply to the elections of the *Revisors of the Treasury*.

14. Management

- 14.1. The business year begins on the 1st of January and ends on the 31st of December of the same year.
- 14.2. For each year, there must be a Financial Budget.
- 14.3. Details are governed by the *AIEC Financial Rules*.

15. Termination & Use of AIEC's Assets

- 15.1. The General Assembly decides about the termination of AIEC by 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 of the association.
- 15.3. In the case of Termination of the Association, after having fulfilled all obligations, all monies must be distributed in accordance with the aims and purposes of AIEC, as outlined in the statutes. The General Assembly decides which legal or physical body will be the beneficiary of AIEC's means and assets.

16. Modified & Signed

- 16.1 Modifications to the *AIEC Statutes* have taken place in:
 - ✓ Saumur, France on Sunday the 10th of July 1988.
 - ✓ Houten, the Netherlands on Sunday the 15th of October 1989.
 - ✓ Luxembourg, on Monday the 28th of December 1998.
 - ✓ Middelburg, the Netherlands on Friday the 1st of December 2006.
 - ✓ De Bilt, the Netherlands on Friday the 14th of October 2011.
 - ✓ Yssingeaux, France on Saturday the 30th of December 2023.

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