



Statutes

1. **TITLE:** the name of the club shall be the «Jumping Owners Club», hereafter referred to as the Club, which is constituted as an association under Swiss law.

2. **OBJECTS:**

- a. To foster interest in the equestrian discipline of jumping.
- b. To provide members with information, advice and assistance on matters connected with the jumping discipline in general.
- c. To arrange discussions and meetings.
- d. To afford members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange.
- e. To represent the interests of owners of jumping horses to the equestrian community and the FEI.

3. **CONSTITUTION:** men and women of not less than 18 years of age shall be eligible for membership.

4. **MANAGEMENT:** the authority and responsibility for the transaction of the business of the Club and for its management shall be vested in an Executive Committee, which, in addition to the powers and authorities by these statutes expressly conferred on them, may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the Club is established, other than those hereby expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the Club in General Meeting. Only members of the Executive Committee or someone mandated by the Executive Committee or the Chairman, may negotiate with the FEI and the different stakeholders of the sport.

5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Positions are to be held, until the date of the fourth Annual General Meeting after the appointment in question or five years after such appointment whichever is the earlier, unless the Executive Committee specifies a shorter period for one or more members of the Executive Committee prior to the date of the election, in order to stagger the dates for election of members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt other members as they deem necessary, the co-option is to be confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting. The retiring officers and other members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** the Executive Committee constitutes itself. The Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five members and not more than ten members, including the Chair. The Executive Committee shall elect a Chair and, may, at its discretion, appoint one of its members as Treasurer and one or more members as Vice Chairs. All appointments shall be for four years unless otherwise specified by the Executive Committee at the time of election. The Executive Committee may propose to the Annual General Assembly one qualified person for election to the Executive Committee, who need not be a member of the Club. This person may not, however, assume the office of Chair, Vice Chair or Treasurer.

For a quorum, at least half of the members of the Executive Committee must participate. Meetings of the Executive Committee can be in person, virtual or a combination of the two. The Executive Committee may invite any person who is not a member of the Executive Committee to attend all or part of any one or more meetings of the Executive Committee. At the request of the Executive Committee, any such persons may participate in a meeting to the extent specified by the Executive Committee but may not participate in any votes.

Nomination of candidates for election to the Executive Committee must be received by the Chair not less than fifteen days before the Annual General Meeting, with confirmation by each Member nominated that he or she is willing to serve. Nominations of Candidates shall be signed by the Member proposing them. Members may propose themselves.

7. **MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** the Executive Committee shall meet whenever summoned by the Chair who may convene a meeting of his/her own accord, or must convene one on receipt of a request from no less than one half of the members of the Executive Committee within ten days of such request.

8. **BANKING:** all moneys of the Club shall be banked under by the Chair or the Treasurer in the name of the Club, and no disbursement shall be made there from except in accordance with the procedures authorized by the Executive Committee.

9. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CLUB:** application of Candidates for membership of the Club shall be submitted to the Executive Committee by the Chair and the election of such candidates shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The name and country of residence of a candidate and the names of his or her proposer, being members of the Club, shall be stated on each application submitted to the Executive Committee, provided that in the case of a candidate who knows no member of the Club, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to carry out the election after proper inquiries.

10. **VOTING AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** each participating member at a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to exercise one vote. The Executive Committee shall vote by ballot if any participating member so demands. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

11. **SUBSCRIPTION:** subscriptions shall be set by the Annual General Meeting for the following year upon proposal of the Executive Committee.

12. **PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTION:** subscriptions shall be annual and shall be paid once annually by each member directly into a nominated bank account of the Club.

13. **NEW MEMBERS:** any member who has been notified of his/her admission and who fails to pay his/her subscription within one month of such notification shall be again requested by or on behalf of the Chair or Treasurer (if there is one) to pay the same, and, if he/she fails to make payment within fourteen days thereafter, his/her election may, at the direction of the Chair be declared, null and void. No newly admitted member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of membership until after the payment of his first subscription.

14. **NON-PAYMENT:** any member of the Club who has not paid his subscription within six clear months of the date on which it became due shall be notified of the fact by the Chair or the Treasurer (if there is one) or someone authorised by one of them and six months thereafter any member who has still failed to pay his/her subscription may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee be taken off the Register of Members forthwith. No member whose subscription is in arrears shall be eligible to any of the privileges of membership until after the payment of his subscription.

15. **RESIGNATION:** any member wishing to resign his membership shall give notice in writing, (whether by way of hard copy or using electronic communication), of such desire to the Chair on or before the date of the following Annual General Meeting, otherwise he/she shall be liable to pay his/her subscription for the ensuing year. Also any member ceasing voluntarily or otherwise to be a member of the Club, shall not be able to enjoy any of the privileges of membership, but he/she shall remain liable for payment of any of his/her debts due to the Club.

16. **USE OF CLUB NAME AND ADDRESS:** the name and address of the Club shall not be given by a member as his/her address for any trade, advertising or business purposes or in connection with any legal proceedings.

17. **EXPULSION OF MEMBERS:** it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee if at any time they shall be the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, to request any member to withdraw from the Club within a time specified in such request, and in default of such withdrawal to submit the question of his or her expulsion to a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held within six weeks after the date of such request. Members of the Executive Committee shall be given at least seven days' notice that a question of withdrawal or expulsion is to be discussed at a meeting. The member shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his/her conduct verbally or in writing, and if two thirds of the participating members of the Executive Committee shall then vote for his/her expulsion he/she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club.

18. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** the Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held upon a date and a time to be fixed by the Executive Committee. The Annual General Meeting shall:

- a. receive from the Executive Committee a full statement of accounts duly audited showing the details of the accounts for the year including a balance sheet.
- b. receive from the Executive Committee a report of the activities of the Club during said year along with a list of all members of the Executive Committee showing the date and term of their election.
- c. decide on any resolution which may be submitted to the meeting as hereafter provided.
- d. approve the accounts of the previous calendar year and budgets of the next year (January to December).

19. **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS:** an Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened by direction of the Executive Committee. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened by
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the Chair within twenty-one days after receipt of a requisition (signed by not less than three members or from one-fifth of the members if the club has less than 15 members) to the Chair stating the business for which the Extraordinary General Meeting is required.

At least fourteen days notice of all General Meetings shall be given, but the non-receipt of such notice by any member shall not invalidate the proceeding.

20. **AGENDA:** when members wish a matter to be discussed at a General Meeting the text of such matter signed by at least two members shall be sent to the Chair at least seven days before the date of such meeting, so that it may be included in the Agenda. A copy of the Agenda shall be sent to each member at least three days prior to the meeting, but the fact that any member has not received a copy of the Agenda shall not invalidate the proceedings. No business which is not included in the Agenda shall be discussed at the meeting.

21. **PLACE OF THE GENERAL MEETING:** the Executive Committee shall determine the place of the General Meeting. The determination of the place of the meeting shall not make it unreasonably difficult for any member to exercise his or her rights in connection with the General Meeting.

The General Meeting may be held in different places at the same time provided that, in the case of an Annual General Meeting, at least one of those places is in Switzerland. In this case, the votes of the participants must be transmitted directly in picture and sound to all meeting locations.

The Executive Committee may provide that members who are not present at any of the places of the General Meeting may exercise their rights electronically.

22. **VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING:** a General Meeting may be held by electronic means without a meeting place.

The Executive Committee shall determine which electronic means are used. It shall ensure that:

- a. the identity of each of the participants is established;
- b. the votes in the General Meeting are transmitted directly;
- c. each participant can make motions and take part in the discussion; and
- d. the voting results cannot be distorted.
- e. If technical problems occur during the General Meeting so that the General Meeting cannot be conducted properly, it must be repeated. Resolutions adopted by the General Meeting before the occurrence of the technical problems shall remain valid.

Clause 22, para. 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to a General Meeting being held in different places at the same time.

23. **VOTING:** at all General Meetings, except as provided in Clause 26, a majority of votes from those Members participating decide a resolution. At any General Meeting one third of the participating Members may demand a poll, and thereupon the meeting shall adjourn to a time and a place to be named by the Chair, and a postal or electronical vote shall be given to all members of the Club. The decision of the Members, as shown by such postal or electronical vote, shall be reported to the adjourned meeting, and shall be deemed to be the decision of such meeting.

24. **RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE:** no one can take part in General Meetings unless he/she has been duly elected as a Member of the Club, and has paid his/her subscription according to these statutes. One or more guests not members of the Club may exceptionally be invited to the General Meeting provided that their participation has been validated by the Executive Committee. These persons do not have the right to vote and have to keep confidential all subjects dealt with during the General Meeting.

25. **OBSERVANCE AND INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES:** every Member binds himself to abide by the Statutes of the Club, and also by any modifications thereof made in conformity with such statutes, and also to accept as final and binding the decision of the Executive Committee in all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of these statutes.

26. **ALTERATION TO STATUTES:** any alteration to these Statutes may be made by a General Meeting provided:

- a. Details of the proposed alteration or alterations are included in the notice of the General Meeting.
- b. The resolution proposing such alteration(s) is carried by two thirds of those participating and voting at such General Meeting or by two thirds of those voting should a poll be demanded as provided for in Clause 23.

27. **COPIES OF STATUTES:** the Statutes shall be made available to members on the Club's website and sent to them on request.

28. **DISSOLUTION:** the Club may be dissolved by an Extraordinary General Meeting convened by direction of the Executive Committee, or convened by the Chair on the requisition of the majority of members. If the resolution of dissolution be duly passed, the Executive Committee shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club. If there be any surplus assets or realisation, these shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Executive Committee taking into account the objects of the Club.

Statutes approved by (date and signature):

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Chair

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