

STATUTES

INTERNATIONAL EVENT RIDERS CLUB

Article 1 – Name

1. The name of the Association shall be **International Event Riders Club**, hereinafter referred to as the **"IERC"**.
 2. The IERC is an independent, non-profit association representing **Athletes competing at FEI Eventing competitions**.
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Article 2 – Legal Nature

1. The IERC is a non-profit association established in accordance with applicable law.
 2. The Association operates independently and without commercial purpose.
 3. No profits shall be distributed directly or indirectly to members.
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Article 3 – Registered Office

The registered office of the Association shall be in Switzerland.

Article 4 – Objectives

The objectives of the IERC are the following:

4.1 Athlete Representation and Governance

1. To represent Eventing Athletes at international level in matters relating to governance, regulations and the development of the sport.
 2. To provide a recognised, structured and credible collective voice for Eventing Athletes, in particular in relation to:
 - FEI rules and regulations;
 - proposed rule changes;
 - strategic and policy decisions affecting Eventing Athletes.
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4.2 Direct Communication and Collaboration with the FEI

1. To establish and maintain a formal, direct, constructive and transparent communication link between the Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI) and international Eventing Athletes.
2. To facilitate regular two-way communication by conveying the views, concerns and proposals of international Eventing Athletes directly to the FEI and by

communicating relevant information, developments and consultation opportunities from the FEI to Eventing Athletes.

3. To collaborate with the FEI through dialogue, consultation and formal mechanisms, including the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
4. To act as a recognised consultative partner to the FEI on matters concerning Eventing Athletes.
5. To make itself available to the FEI, when requested, to:
 - assist the FEI;
 - be consulted; or
 - nominate or facilitate the involvement of Eventing Athlete representatives in working groups, task forces, round tables or other consultative bodies where Athlete input is required.

4.3 Horse Welfare

1. To support and promote the principle that the welfare of the horse shall remain paramount within the discipline of Eventing.
2. To contribute, from an Athlete perspective, to discussions, initiatives and regulatory developments relating to:
 - horse welfare;
 - risk management;
 - responsible training and competition practices.
3. To work constructively with the FEI and other relevant stakeholders to uphold the highest standards of horse welfare in international Eventing.

4.4 Protection of Athlete Interests

1. To safeguard and promote the sporting, professional and ethical interests of Eventing Athletes.
2. To contribute to discussions relating to Athlete welfare, risk management, fairness and career sustainability.
3. To promote transparency, dialogue and mutual respect between Athletes and governing bodies.

4.5 Promotion of Eventing and Equestrian Sport

1. To contribute to the promotion and positive image of the discipline of Eventing at international level.
2. To support initiatives aimed at the sustainable development of Eventing.
3. To assist, where appropriate, in promoting equestrian sport in general, in cooperation with the FEI and other relevant stakeholders.

4.6 Future Development Objectives

At a later stage, the Association may also pursue additional objectives, including:

1. Education and knowledge transfer between generations of Athletes.
 2. Mentorship initiatives involving former elite Athletes.
 3. Provision of non-financial services and benefits to Athletes.
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Article 5 – Membership

5.1 Categories of Membership

Membership shall be open to the following categories:

a) Active Athlete Members

1. Membership shall be open to all Athletes registered with the FEI for Eventing who compete in international FEI Eventing competitions.
2. Membership shall be free of charge.

b) Mentor Members

1. Former Eventing Athletes who are no longer actively competing.

Eligibility is limited to former Eventing Athletes who have represented their country in Eventing at a major international championship or multi-sport games, including World Championships, Continental Championships and the Olympic Games.
 2. Mentor Members may contribute, at the discretion of the Board, to mentorship and educational activities of the Association.
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5.2 Admission to Membership

1. Membership shall be acquired through voluntary registration.
 2. Registration implies acceptance of these Statutes.
 3. The Board reserves the right to verify eligibility and compliance with the membership criteria.
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5.3 Rights of Members

Members shall have the right to:

1. Be represented by the IERC in its relations with the FEI.
2. Receive information and official communications through the official IERC communication channel.
3. Express views and provide input on matters affecting Eventing Athletes.
4. Participate in consultations organised by the Association.

5.4 Obligations of Members

Members shall:

1. Comply with these Statutes and with decisions of the Association.
 2. Act in a manner consistent with the integrity, values and reputation of the sport.
 3. Refrain from conduct that may harm the interests or standing of the Association.
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Article 6 – Communication

1. Official communication with members shall be conducted exclusively via the official IERC communication channel.
 2. Members are responsible for maintaining accurate and up-to-date contact details.
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Article 7 – Organs of the Association

The organs of the Association shall be:

1. The General Assembly;
 2. The Board;
 3. Advisory or Working Groups, where established.
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Article 8 – General Assembly

1. The General Assembly shall be the supreme body of the Association.
 2. It shall be composed of all registered members.
 3. The General Assembly shall, in particular:
 - determine the strategic direction of the Association;
 - approve amendments to these Statutes;
 - appoint or confirm members of the Board, where applicable.
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Article 9 – Board

The Board shall manage the affairs of the Association and represent it externally.

The Board shall be responsible for:

- relations and collaboration with the FEI;
- implementation of the objectives of the Association;
- overall governance and administration.

9.1 Composition

The Board shall consist of no fewer than five (5) voting Board Members, including the President and the Vice-President.

The Athlete Representative serving on the FEI Eventing Committee shall be entitled, for the duration of their FEI mandate, to sit on the Board in an ex officio capacity. The Athlete Representative shall have the right to attend and participate in all Board meetings but shall have no voting rights.

The Secretary General and any other persons providing operational, administrative or executive support to the Association shall not be voting members of the Board. They may attend and participate in Board meetings in an advisory capacity.

The Secretary General shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Association, including secretarial, financial and communication matters, under the direction of the Board.

9.2 Founding Board

The initial Board shall be appointed by the Founding Members.

The Founding Board Members shall be recruited with the aim of achieving appropriate geographical and gender representation, reflecting the international reach and development of the discipline of Eventing.

9.3 Terms of Office

To ensure continuity and the staggered renewal of the Board, the Founding Board Members shall be appointed for initial terms of between one (1) and four (4) years. The duration of each initial term shall be determined at the time of appointment.

Following the expiry of these initial terms, Board Members shall be elected by the General Assembly for terms of four (4) years. Elections shall take place on a staggered basis so that, as far as reasonably possible, only part of the Board is renewed at any one time.

Voting Board Members may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. After serving two (2) consecutive terms, they shall not be eligible for election to the Board until a break of at least two (2) years has elapsed, unless elected or re-elected as President.

The President may serve a maximum of three (3) terms as President, whether consecutive or otherwise. A Board Member elected or re-elected as President may remain on the Board beyond the ordinary two-term limit for the duration of their presidential mandate.

Each initial term served by a Founding Board Member shall count as one (1) term for the purposes of these limits only if the initial term was for three (3) years or more.

Service solely to fill a vacancy under Article 9.5 for less than three (3) years shall not count as a term.

9.4 Election and Organisation of the Board

Candidates for election to the Board shall be members of the Association and shall submit their candidature in accordance with the procedure and deadline communicated to members before the General Assembly.

Board Members shall be elected by the General Assembly by a simple majority of the votes cast.

Following each election, the Board shall elect the President and Vice-President from among its voting members. The President and Vice-President shall hold office until the expiry of their respective Board terms, subject to continued eligibility under Article 9.3.

9.5 Vacancies

If a position becomes vacant before the expiry of a Board Member's term, the remaining voting Board Members may appoint an eligible member to fill the vacancy.

The appointment shall be submitted for confirmation at the next General Assembly. Once confirmed, the appointed Board Member shall serve for the remainder of the original term.

9.6 Board Meetings and Quorum

A meeting of the Board may be held regardless of the total number of serving Board Members, provided that at least five (5) persons are in attendance.

The President or, in their absence, the Vice-President must be among the voting Board Members attending the meeting.

The Athlete Representative serving on the FEI Eventing Committee and any other non-voting participants may attend and participate in the meeting but shall not be counted towards the quorum.

Decisions of the Board shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast by the voting Board Members present. Each voting Board Member, including the President, shall have one vote.

In the event of an equality of votes, the President shall have a casting vote in addition to their original vote.

The Secretary General, the Athlete Representative serving on the FEI Eventing Committee and any other non-voting participants shall not be entitled to vote.

9.7 Banking and Signing Authority

The Board shall appoint one or more authorised signatories, who may include the President, the Vice-President or the Secretary General. Each authorised signatory shall have individual signing authority to open, operate and close bank accounts in the name of the Association and to sign all related banking documents.

Article 10 – Advisory and Working Groups

1. The Board may establish advisory committees or working groups as it considers necessary.

2. Such groups may include Active Athlete Members and Mentor Members.
 3. Their role shall be advisory and non-binding.
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Article 11 – Financial Provisions

1. The Association shall operate on a non-profit basis.
 2. Membership shall remain free of charge.
 3. Financial resources, where applicable, may derive from:
 - sponsorship;
 - grants;
 - donations;
 - institutional or external support.
 4. No financial benefit shall be distributed to members. The Association's financial resources shall be used exclusively to pursue its objectives and to cover its operating and administrative costs, including costs related to IERC meetings, representation at and attendance at FEI events and meetings, and other activities undertaken on behalf of the Association.
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Article 12 – Amendments to the Statutes

1. Amendments to these Statutes shall require approval by the General Assembly.
 2. Proposed amendments shall be communicated to members in advance.
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Article 13 – Dissolution

1. In the event of dissolution, the General Assembly shall decide upon the allocation of any remaining assets.
 2. Any remaining assets shall be transferred to a non-profit organisation pursuing similar objectives.
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Article 14 – Final Provisions

1. These Statutes shall enter into force upon adoption by the founding members.
2. Matters not expressly provided for herein shall be resolved by the Board in accordance with the objectives of the Association and applicable law.

The President: Harry Meade

The Secretary General: Frédérique Reffet Plantier

Agiez (Switzerland), 13 October 2026