

## STATUTES ADO

The Alliance of Driving Organisers (ADO) was founded in Ebbs (AUT) on 26 June 1998.

### 1 Name and Seat

1.1 The name of the organisation is: Alliance of Driving Organisers (abbreviation - ADO). Unless otherwise decided, the seat of ADO will be the address of its Secretary General.

### 2 General

2.1. ADO considers matters of general interest to its constituent members and is organised under the umbrella of the International Equestrian Organisers Alliance (IEOA).

2.2. The ADO only considers matters of general interest to its constituent organisations, with the aim of serving equestrian sport throughout the world in close co-operation with the FEI. ADO is a not for profit organisation.

### 3 Objectives

ADO has the following objectives:

- 3.1 The promotion and internationalisation of equestrian sport on a worldwide basis.
- 3.2 The observation and protection of equine rights and of ethical behaviour in equestrian sport.
- 3.3 The promotion of the ideals and the spirit of fair play in sports.
- 3.4 The development of equestrian sport in co-operation with the FEI.
- 3.5 The participation in the decision making process of the FEI, by means of voting membership of its constituent bodies through the IEOA. Special topics such as rules for series etc. are to be dealt with directly by the representatives of the concerning organisers.
- 3.6 The protection of the interests of organisers and exchange of experiences in sport, marketing and media matters.
- 3.7 The reinforcement of the independence and individual responsibility of the organisers.
- 3.8 Raising the profile of the international tournaments in the public consciousness and increasing the global appeal of equestrian sport.
- 3.9 To provide the FEI and NFs with representative views, opinions and guidance with regard to the organizational and administrative problems of promoting and staging "Driving Events"
- 3.10 To provide a form for discussing the FEI Calendar with particular reference to setting for FEI fixtures.
- 3.11 To provide representation to the FEI Driving Committee and IEOA structure
- 3.12 To exchange information and ideas between OC's.

### 4 Membership

4.1. **Members:** all organisers worldwide are automatically members of the ADO. Organisers have the right to refuse the membership by sending a written letter to the ADO.

4.2 **Voting members:** Besides a membership, organisers can become voting members of the ADO. The voting membership is open for all organisers of international driving events. An organiser can become a voting member by sending a request to the ADO. Each application is to be considered and accepted by the Executive Board. A voting member can only be expelled from the ADO in the case of a serious misconduct (to be defined and agreed by the Executive Board).

4.2 Each voting member must pay an annual voting membership-fee.  
The membership fees are to be decided.

4.3 A voting member not organising a show of qualified status or not paying the membership fee for a period of two years will automatically be expelled and remains so unless subsequently re-elected.

### 5 Organisational structure

5.1. The alliance will have the following structure:  
a. the General Assembly  
b. the Executive Board.

5.2 The General Assembly will meet at least once each year. All voting members will be invited to the General Assembly. The General Assembly will elect the President, a first and second Vice-President, the other members of the Executive Board and the Secretary General.

5.3. Each constituent organisation has votes as described in §5.8. In the event of equality of votes on any issue, the President will have a second or casting vote. In the absence of the President, this responsibility will devolve to the first Vice-President and in the absence of the latter, to the second Vice-President. All voting members of the General Assembly can vote by proxy.

5.4. The General Assembly can convene for an extraordinary assembly of the voting members at any time, provided that at least two thirds of the voting members of the General Assembly agree that it is necessary. Notification concerning such an extraordinary meeting must be issued, in writing, by the Secretary General at least twenty-one (21) days before the meeting.

5.5. The duly convened General Assembly is empowered to make decisions disregarding the number of voting members present. The President, or in his/her absence, the first or second Vice-President (in that order) will preside at meetings.

5.6. The Executive Board, at its discretion, may decide to invite a third party to the General Assembly.

5.7. Decisions of the General Assembly are to be recorded in the form of written minutes. The minutes are to be signed by the Secretary General and in the case of his incapability by the head of the meeting.

5.8 Each voting member present at the General Assembly has voting rights.

## **6 Executive Board**

6.1. An Executive Board will be appointed by the General Assembly. The Executive Board must consist of at least two representatives; one representative from the indoor organisers, one from the outdoor organisers. Executive board members must be chosen from the voting members.

6.2. The Executive Board will decide on the place and time for any meeting. In doing so, it will afford due cognisance to the question of expense so that the greatest number of voting members can participate. The Secretary General must send written notification of the meeting, together with the agenda, to the voting members at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the meeting. Voting members have the right to supplement the agenda, but the Secretary General must receive any additions, amendments or motions, in written form at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting.

6.3. The Executive Board will propose one candidate as President and one candidate as Vice-President to the General Assembly of the ADO.

6.4. Depending on the subject matter, the Executive Board will decide which member(s) of the Executive Board or of the General Assembly will represent the ADO in meetings with third parties.

6.5. The Executive Board will decide on an allocation of responsibilities, within the membership of the Executive Board.

6.6. The Executive Board will propose a candidate as Secretary General to the General Assembly. The Secretary General will be elected for a four-year term.

6.7. Members of the Executive Board will be elected for a four-year term and every year one or two members will be re-elected (one or two positions on the board will be open for election).

6.8. Each member of the Executive Board has one vote. Every effort will be made to reach decision by consensus but where a ballot is required, a simple majority will suffice.

6.9 The Executive Board nominates the delegates to the IEOA meetings.

6.10 New board members will be eligible for re-election in 4 years.

## **7 Costs**

7.1 General organisational costs of ADO will be shared between voting members according to the number of votes of the members. All travel; accommodation and other individual's costs are the responsibility of the respective member.

## **8 Dissolution**

8.1 A dissolution of ADO can only take place by a two-thirds majority vote of its constituent voting members at a General Assembly.

## **9 Life-Span**

9.1 These statutes have an unlimited life span unless and until amended through proper motion and by a simple majority at an Annual General Assembly of ADO.