# Statutes of the Working Equitation Polska Association

## Chapter I. General provisions

**§ 1**

The Working Equitation Polska Association, hereinafter the Association, operates on the basis of the Act of 7 April 1989 – Law on Associations, the Act of 25 June 2010 on Sport and these statutes.

**§ 2**

The registered office of the Association is the city of Wrocław, ul. Zwycięska 2, 53-033.

**§ 3**

1. The Association operates throughout the Republic of Poland, with particular emphasis on Wrocław and the Lower Silesian Voivodeship.
2. To achieve its statutory aims, the Association may operate abroad in other countries, respecting their laws.

**§ 4**

1. The Association has legal personality. It is established for an indefinite period.
2. The Association has the right to use a seal and logo. The design of the seal and logo is set by the Board of the Association.

**§ 5**

The Association cooperates with national, foreign and international non-governmental organisations and other institutions. It may be a member of these organisations on the basis of full autonomy.

**§ 6**

The Association bases its activities on the voluntary work of its members. It may employ staff, including its members, to carry out its activities. It may also commission certain tasks to individuals and businesses.

## Chapter II. Aims and means of achieving them

**§ 7**

The aims of the Association are:

1. developing and promoting initiatives related to working equitation;
2. popularising working equitation and similar forms of working with horses in Poland and worldwide;
3. popularising the Polish equestrian tradition in Poland and worldwide;
4. popularising Iberian equestrian traditions in Poland;
5. popularising physical culture, including sport and active recreation;
6. promoting the principles of ethical treatment of horses;
7. improving the riding skills of the Association's members;
8. carrying out activities that bring the Association's members together;
9. supporting all activities that promote working equitation, e.g. buying and selling Iberian horses, equestrian tourism related to working equitation, supporting craftsmen making working equitation equipment, etc.;
10. creating, in cooperation with the Wrocław Partynice Racecourse, a national working equitation centre, aimed in particular at concentrating at the Wrocław Partynice Racecourse all activities related to the discipline, i.e. organising training courses, workshops, conferences, sporting events and national and international competitions, including the Polish Working Equitation Championships.

**§ 8**

The Association pursues its aims by:

1. organising working equitation events of national and international importance;
2. promoting working equitation by organising exhibitions, talks, lectures, conferences, demonstrations, workshops and seminars related to the Association's aims;
3. organising training in Poland and abroad for the Association's members;
4. organising trips for Polish riders to national and foreign working equitation competitions;
5. promoting its events through the media: press, radio, television, the Internet, etc.;
6. publishing books, magazines and brochures related to the Association's aims;
7. funding scholarships for ordinary members;
8. cooperating with individuals and organisations in gathering information and exchanging experience in working equitation, working with horses, physical culture including sport and active recreation, martial arts, history, including museology and historical re-enactment;
9. providing organisational and economic advice and assistance to other entities that share the Association's aims;
10. building facilities for working equitation, in particular obstacles and courses for organising competitions;
11. drawing up competition rules;
12. organising open rallies, tournaments and competitions;
13. making equipment available to its members for training and for organising competitions, demonstrations and training courses;
14. creating licences and certificates for riders, judges, competition organisers and riding centres.

**§ 9**

The Association may conduct business activity on the terms set out in separate regulations. Income from business activity is used solely to achieve the statutory aims.

## Chapter III. Members of the Association

**§ 10**

1. Members of the Association may be natural and legal persons. A legal person may only be a supporting member of the Association.
2. The Association has: a. organiser members, b. ordinary members, c. supporting members, d. honorary members.
3. The founders of the Association become organiser members when the Association is registered in the National Court Register.

**§ 11**

1. Any natural person who submits a written declaration together with a recommendation from three members of the Association may become an organiser member.
2. New organiser members are admitted by a resolution of the Board adopted no later than two months after the declaration is submitted.

**§ 12**

1. Any natural person who submits a written declaration together with a recommendation from two members of the Association may become an ordinary member.
2. New members are admitted by a resolution of the Board adopted no later than two months after the declaration is submitted.

**§ 13**

1. A natural or legal person who declares in writing financial, material or substantive assistance in achieving the Association's aims may become a supporting member.
2. A person becomes a supporting member on the basis of a Board resolution adopted no later than two months after the written declaration is submitted.

**§ 14**

1. A natural person who has made an outstanding contribution to the activities and development of the Association may become an honorary member.
2. A person becomes an honorary member upon a resolution of the General Meeting of Organiser Members adopted at the request of the Board or of at least 5 members of the Association.

**§ 15**

1. Organiser members have the right to: a. stand for and vote in elections to the Association's authorities, b. benefit from the achievements and all forms of the Association's activities, c. take part in meetings, training and events organised by the Association, d. submit proposals concerning the Association's activities.
2. Organiser members are obliged to: a. take part in the Association's activities and in achieving its aims, b. carry out the organisational duties they have accepted, c. attend the General Meetings of Organiser Members, d. comply with the statutes and resolutions of the Association's authorities.

**§ 16**

1. Ordinary members have the right to: a. benefit from the achievements and all forms of the Association's activities, b. take part in meetings, training and events organised by the Association, c. submit proposals concerning the Association's activities.
2. Ordinary members are obliged to: a. take part in the Association's activities and in achieving its aims, b. take part regularly in training organised by the Association, c. compete in the Association's colours, d. comply with the statutes and resolutions of the Association's authorities, e. pay membership fees regularly.

**§ 17**

1. Supporting and honorary members have the right to: a. take part in an advisory capacity in the statutory authorities of the Association, b. benefit from the achievements and all forms of the Association's activities, c. take part in meetings, training and events organised by the Association, d. submit proposals concerning the Association's activities.
2. A supporting member is obliged to provide the declared contributions and to comply with the statutes and resolutions of the Association's authorities.
3. Honorary members are obliged to comply with the statutes and resolutions of the Association's authorities. They are exempt from membership fees.

**§ 18**

1. Membership ends as a result of: a. written resignation submitted to the Board; b. exclusion by the Board, which may take place: 1) for breaching the statutes and failing to comply with the resolutions of the Association's authorities, 2) for failing to fulfil obligations under the statutes or separate commitments accepted, 3) for non-payment of fees for 6 months, 4) at the written request of three members of the Association; c. loss of civil rights by a final court judgment; d. death of the member or loss of legal personality in the case of legal persons.

**§ 19**

2. The person concerned may appeal against a Board resolution on admission to or deprivation of membership to the General Meeting of Organiser Members. The resolution of the General Meeting of Organiser Members is final.

## Chapter IV. Authorities of the Association

**§ 20**

The authorities of the Association are: a. the General Meeting of Organiser Members, b. the Board, c. the Audit Committee.

**§ 21**

1. Members of the Board and the Audit Committee are elected by the General Meeting of Organiser

Members in an open vote by simple majority. The General Meeting may decide to hold a secret ballot.

2. If the membership of the Board or the Audit Committee falls during its term, it may be supplemented by co-optation by the remaining members of that body. No more than half of the body may be appointed in this way. Only persons who, in the previous elections, received the next highest number of votes among candidates not elected to that body may be co-opted.

**§ 22**

Resolutions of all the Association's authorities are adopted in an open vote by simple majority, with at least half of those entitled to vote present at the first date, and at the second date regardless of the number present, unless the statutes provide otherwise.

**§ 23**

The term of office of all elected authorities of the Association is 5 years.

**General Meeting of Organiser Members – § 24**

1. The highest authority of the Association is the General Meeting of Organiser Members.
2. The General Meeting of Organiser Members may be ordinary or extraordinary.
3. Ordinary General Meetings are convened by the Board once a year as reporting meetings and every five years as reporting and electoral meetings, notifying members of the date, place and proposed agenda at least 14 days in advance. If the required quorum is not present, a meeting is convened at a second date no later than one month after the General Meeting was convened.
4. An Extraordinary General Meeting is convened by the Board: a. on its own initiative, b. at the demand of the members of the Audit Committee, c. at the written request of at least 1/3 of all organiser members of the Association.
5. An Extraordinary General Meeting may also be convened by the Audit Committee if the Board fails to act.
6. An Extraordinary General Meeting should be convened within 21 days of the request or demand and deliberate on the matters for which it was convened.

**§ 25**

The powers of the General Meeting of Organiser Members include: a. setting the main directions of the Association's activities and development, b. adopting amendments to the statutes, c. electing and dismissing all authorities of the Association, d. granting the Board discharge at the request of the Audit Committee, e. considering and approving the financial and activity reports and the reports of the Association's authorities, f. considering appeals against Board resolutions, g. adopting resolutions on dissolution of the Association and the allocation of its assets, h. adopting resolutions on granting honorary membership.

**Board – § 26**

1. The Board is appointed to direct all the Association's activities in accordance with the resolutions of the General Meeting and represents the Association externally.
2. The Board consists of 2 to 4 persons, including the president.
3. Board members may be remunerated for their functions.
4. Board meetings are held as needed, but at least once a quarter. Board meetings are convened by the president.

**§ 27**

The powers of the Board include: a. directing the Association's day-to-day work, b. implementing the resolutions of the General Meeting of Organiser Members, c. managing the Association's assets, d. planning and managing finances, e. representing the Association externally and acting on its behalf, f. admitting and excluding members, g. convening the General Meeting of Organiser Members, h. setting the amount of membership fees.

**Audit Committee – § 28**

1. The Audit Committee is appointed to supervise the Association's activities.
2. The Audit Committee consists of 2 to 3 persons, including the chair.
3. Meetings of the Audit Committee are held as needed, but at least once a year. Meetings are convened by the chair.

**§ 29**

The powers of the Audit Committee include: a. supervising all the Association's activities, b. assessing the work of the Board, including the annual reports and balance sheet, c. reporting to the General Meeting with an assessment of the activities of the Association and its Board, d. requesting the General Meeting to grant the Board discharge, e. requesting the dismissal of the whole Board if it or any of its members fails to act, f. requesting the convening of an Extraordinary General Meeting, g. convening the General Meeting of Organiser Members if the Board fails to convene it within the set deadline.

## Chapter V. Assets and finances

**§ 30**

1. The Association's assets come from: a. membership fees, b. donations, bequests and inheritances, funds from public collections, c. grants, subsidies, shares, deposits, d. income from the Association's assets and its own activities.
2. The Association manages its finances in accordance with the applicable regulations.
3. Decisions on acquiring, disposing of and encumbering the Association's assets are taken by the Board.

**Manner of representation – § 31**

Two Board members acting jointly are authorised to make declarations of intent on behalf of the Association, including in property matters.

## Chapter VI. Final provisions

**§ 32**

A resolution amending the statutes is adopted by the General Meeting of Organiser Members by simple majority, with at least half of those entitled to vote present.

**§ 33**

1. A resolution to dissolve the Association is adopted by the General Meeting of Organiser Members by simple majority, with at least half of those entitled to vote present.
2. When adopting a resolution to dissolve the Association, the General Meeting of Organiser Members chooses a liquidator and decides on the allocation of the Association's assets.

The statutes were adopted by resolution (date as in the Polish original). Signed by the founders: 1. Mateusz Gieryn, 2. Joanna Kluzik-Rostkowska, 3. Aleksander Jarmuła, 4. Władysław Kozakiewicz, 5. Dorota Galant, 6. Adam Domanasiewicz, 7. Monika Tyborowska.