



BY-LAWS

Nature and aims

Art. 1 - The activity of the E.R.A.A, European Reining Appaloosa Association, is regulated exclusively by the present charter.

Art. 2 - The Association's aim is the practice and the spread of the equestrian sport of reining, to be performed exclusively with Appaloosa breed horses. For the attainment of the social aim the Association may carry out the following activities:

- a) to give riding lessons to its own card-carrying members, with programs dedicate to young people as well;
- b) to promote and to put into effect all the initiatives that can usefully contribute to the improvement and the spread of the appaloosa reining horse;
- c) to disclose the culture and the technique of reining and of the appaloosa reining horse among all age bands' people.

In order to achieve these goals the Association will:

- a) focus on the horses' selection and training;
- b) promote and encourage studies and researches directed to the improvement of the breeding and training techniques;
- c) promote and put into effect reviews, extensions, auctions, competitions and reining contests; coordinate the participation of the members to manifestations and every useful initiative for the promotion of the appaloosa reining horse.
- d) coordinate the activity of the single members in every field that can be useful to the Association's aims.
- e) regulate the sport activity of its own members through the rules established either by the National Reining Horse Association (N.R.H.A.) and by the Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC), with the exceptions that will be necessary in order to guarantee the pursuit of the Association's aims;
- f) exercise, through the press, the radio, the television and every other mean of spread, the widest and effective protection of its members' interests in the attainment of the social aims.

Art. 3 - The Association does not have economic purposes. The Association will be able, however, to complete all the financial, movable and real estate actions that will be useful to reach its aims. The resource to trade operations will be marginal and not prevailing institutionally previewed activities.

Business activities will always have to be carried out without specific structure or organization and not prevailing the main institutional activity. To fiscal purposes, for the identification and the distinction between business and non-business activities, the Association will refer to the established forecasts for the non-trade nature Associative Agencies in the Italian Unified Body of Laws for the Corporate income taxes. The Association will never be able, for any reason, to distribute eventual surpluses of management and/or reimburse shares or properties conferred in the Association itself. To the foretold it is to be observed what is previewed in successive point 36.

Art. 4 - The Association is non-political, non-party and non-profit. Every individual of every age can become a member, with the restrictions previewed by Title IV.

Art. 5 - The Association has its legal headquarters in Piove di Sacco (PD), Italy, Via dell'Industria 3.

Art. 6 - The duration of the Association is limitless.

Art. 7 - The denomination of E.R.A.A., alone or accompanied by attributes or qualifications, is reserved to the Association.

Art. 8 - The Association's colours will be established by the Board of Directors.

Title II

Art. 9 – The E.R.A.A members are divided in three categories:

- a) founding members
- b) supporting members
- c) honorary members

Art. 10 - Founding members are the members that appear when the Association is founded.

Art. 11 - Supporting members are those people who have been admitted with the modalities and conditions of the successive Title IV. The qualification expires on December, 31 of every year. They participate in the social activities and work for their success.

Art. 12 – Honorary members are all those people who, by acquiring particular merits to the Association, have been admitted with the modalities and conditions of the successive Title IV.

Title III

Art. 13 - The organs through which the E.R.A.A carries on its functions are:

- a) the Assembly
- b) the Board of Directors

Art. 14 - The Assembly is formed by all members. It's convened in ordinary session by the the Board of Directors once a year, within the month of December, and in extraordinary session every time the Board of Directors itself, or at least a quarter of the members, demands it. Convocation has to contain the agenda and has to be

exposed at least ten days before the date established for the assembly in a visible place into the E.R.A.A. headquarters.

Art. 15 - The ordinary assembly has to:

- a) approve the final balance-sheet and the budget forecast;
- b) elect the Board of Directors;

Art. 16 – The extraordinary assembly's competences include:

- a) articles of association and social denomination change;
- b) decision on all issues exposed to the assembly;
- c) decision about the Association's dissolution.

Art. 17 - Assembly decides by simple majority on all issues but the Association's dissolution, for which a $\frac{3}{4}$ (three quarter) majority is requested.

Art. 18 - Every assembly elects, among the present members, a President and a Secretary, they will underwrite the relative minutes.

Art. 19 – Members that have right to vote may be represented by other members. A member cannot express more than three votes his own one included.

Art. 20 - The Board of Directors is composed by at least three members elected according to the rules previewed by art. 16 and cannot be composed by more than seven members. Every member of the Board of Directors has to be at least 25-year-old. The Board of Directors is validly formed when the majority of its members is present. In order to deliberate the majority of the present members is always required.

Art. 21 - The Board of Directors elects among its members:

- a) the President;
- b) one or two Vices presidents;
- c) a Treasurer Secretary (auditor)
- d) one or more directors

Art. 22 – The Board of Directors' competences are:

- a) the determination of the associative shares in order to distribute expenses and make the Association and its activities run;
- b) the realization of the program according to the assembly's indications;
- c) the Association's administration;
- d) the acceptance of the supporting members, as well as the nomination of honorary members, according to the successive Title IV;
- e) the assignation of tasks among the members and the nomination of collaborators and employees;
- f) the approval of eventual particular regulations concerning the life of the Association;
- g) the vigilance on all what concerns the social activity;
- h) the assemblies' convocation;

- i) the decision on all the social issues that are out of the assemblies' prerogatives;
- j) the removal of one or more members of the Board of Directors itself because of serious breaches and/or interferences with the Association's activity, with decision to be taken by the absolute majority of its members;
- k) the decision about the election procedures, from time to time, of the members of the Board of Directors by the assembly.

Art. 23 - The Board of Directors remains effective for four years and its outgoing members are re-eligible.

Art. 24 - The President legally represents the Association; the social signature belongs by right to him, he convenes and presides over the Board of Directors' meetings, personally or through the Vice-president.

Title IV – Member qualification, purchase, loss, rights, obligations.

Art. 25 - The qualification of supporting member belongs to all those who make demand and are accepted by the Board of Directors and pay the membership fee. This qualification is inalienable and non-transferable and implies the commitment to provide further financial or operative help for the development and the success of the Association. This qualification expires on December, 31 after the demand is accepted, and may be newly assigned when a new demand is presented. It also expires by resignation, radiation or death. Supporting members have to be at least 18-year-old.

Art. 26 - Honorary members are nominated by the assembly upon motivated proposal of the Board of Directors. Their qualification is inalienable, non-transferable and expires by resignation, revocation or death only. Honorary members must be at least 18-year-old.

Art. 27 - Rights of all members are:

- a) exercise of the active and passive electorate in the assembly, with the age limits foreseen by the present statute;
- b) enjoyment of services and advantages decided by the social organs.

Art. 28 - Rights of honorary members are:

- a) to be present in the assemblies with right to vote;
- b) to express to the Board of Directors judgements and indications regarding the social activities;
- c) enjoyment of services and advantages decided by the social organs.

Art. 29 – Members' duties are:

- a) to accept and observe the Statute, Rules and Deliberations of the social organs;
- b) to pay the associative fees and the extraordinary contributions determined by the Assembly, renouncing to any claim of repetition unless particular agreements with the Association are made through its organs;

- c) to co-operate in the sport and moral formation of the members and in the human and athletic formation of the community; to avoid to take part in initiatives that are in contrast with the Association's purposes.

Art. 30 - All items that are under the Association's ownership or availability, for whatever reason, are part of its estate.

Art. 31 - In order to reach its goals the E.R.A.A is allowed to take advantage of the following instruments:

- a) working and financial contribution of the members;
- b) contribution of privates or Agencies, through support, contributions or extraordinary associative quotas;
- c) available headquarters, systems, sport equipments;
- d) eventual loans and funds of privates and Agencies.

Art. 32 – Necessary funds for the ordinary and the extraordinary management will be secured in a current account at a Credit institution. Such c/c will be in the Association's name.

Art. 33 - Financial management begins on January, 1 and finishes on December, 31 of every year. Within November, 30 the Board of Directors introduces to the approval of the ordinary assembly a budget forecast containing an estimate of the expenses that are necessary to make the Association run. At the end of the management the Board of Directors introduces to the approval of the ordinary assembly a final balance-sheet. In case this budget presents liabilities, the assembly deliberates the amount of extraordinary contributions to be divided among members. In case of management surpluses, instead, the assembly will ratify their devolution to the activities of the following year financial management.

Title V - Various and final dispositions.

Art. 34 - All appointments foreseen in the present Statute last for no more than four years, unless they are renewed. They are honourable and free title as well as tasks possibly carried out by the members for whom any job relationship is incompatible. Responsible people have right to claim expenses back only. Eventual exceptions will have to be approved, as extraordinary fact and with justified reason, by unanimous vote of the assembly. Officers are re-eligible.

Art. 35 – Records of any meeting of the Directive Organs (Assembly and Board of Directors) will be kept, using, to the scope, two different books: the assemblies' Book of minutes of the Board of Directors' Book of minutes.

Art. 36 - The Association's dissolution will take place "ipso iure" when all founding and supporting members reject their qualification and do not transmit it to other (founding associates) when possible. Rejections can be made in a different and non-simultaneous way too.

Art. 37 - In case of dissolution, the liquidation will take place according to the following modalities:

the Assembly or, subordinately, the last founding or supporting waiving member or, subordinately, the oldest among the waiving members, nominates an

appropriate Committee for the liquidation of the Association's goods, that will have to be assigned to sport or charity purposes, being the Association a non-profit organization.

Art. 38 - What is not foreseen by previous articles will be regulated by the Italian Civil Code rules for non-recognised associations.