

## **Traditional Archers International**

Main office in Fußgönheim  
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### ***Preamble***

This translation was done by highly engaged German members. Please do not measure them at their English skills. You are highly welcome to improve the document. Or you can also translate it in other languages. We tried our best to take the terms as much word-by-word and find the correct expressions. We also tried to avoid misinterpretations.

The association is currently based in Germany and is therefore subject to German law. Due to this fact, German is the official language at court and we have to submit. Some parts of this statute are given by law and cannot be changed. They are necessary to be charitable to get some tax benefits. Nevertheless, it is possible for the future to change the location of the association by future members.

Yours, Frank Schmitt and Eric Lindemann

### **§1 Name and main office of the association, accounting year**

- 1) The association bears the name «*Traditional Archers International*», shortened by "T.A.I.". Its main office is at Fußgönheim, Germany.
- 2) The association peruses only and straight charitable objectives for the purpose of the tax code
- 3) The accounting year is the calendars year.

### **§2 Purpose of the association**

- 1) The purpose is the exercise and promotion of the traditional archery. The purpose is particularly realized by promotion, instruction and distribution of the traditional bow styles of the bow sport. The exact definition is written in the sport regulation.
- 2) The purpose of this Charter shall be fulfilled through:
  - a) Establishing a common understanding of the rules and the set of rules.
  - b) Initiation of international competitions and championships.

### **§3 Charitability**

- 1) The association is charitable, it is selfless active, it does not persue primarily self-supporting purposes.
- 2) The funds are only used for Charter-purpose (§2) of the association. The members can not receive any financial contributions from the funds of the association.
- 3) No person may be favored by expenses that are foreign to the purpose of the corporation or by disproportionately high remuneration.
- 4) It is political, ethical and confessional neutral.

### **§4 Association language**

The language of the association is German and English. If any member in a meeting applied for change, it shall be switches to English. The meeting minutes will be written in English. Rules and Guidelines shall be written in German, translations allowed (and especially desired). At misunderstandings, the German original is decisive.

### **§5 Membership**

- 1) Ordinary member can become any national federation. In the case of the non-existence of a national association, a club or a person may become a special member. As soon as a national federation is admitted, special members of that nation are requested to join the association. The member associations will announce the names of their members by the end of January. In addition, an additional application will be made before a championship.

- 2) The association shall consist of honorary members, full members and special members. Persons who earned outstanding achievements for the association can get honorary membership by resolution of the assembly of delegates. Honorary members have the rights of full members. In addition, they are rid of payment of contributions.
- 3) Ordinary members are associations. In justified exceptional cases, several associations of a nation may be a regular member. For the application for admission of the last association, a clear justification has to be submitted. The board decides on the admission after hearing the other associations of this nation.
- 4) Special members are clubs, foundations or persons from whose nation (citizenship) no association is registered as a full member.

## **§6 Rights and obligations of members**

- 1) Full members and their in time reported own members, as well as special members, can sign in to competitions and championships under license of T.A.I. Additional requirements, such as residence at national comparison competitions, can, however, be specified in the invitation to tender.
- 2) Full members with uninterrupted membership of 5 years can send delegates to the assembly of delegates with the right to vote. The number of representatives is redefined annually by the Executive Board, whereby the 5-year limit for occupying all offices can also be undershot.
- 3) All delegates have the right to submit motions to the Assembly of Delegates. They are entitled to attend all public events of the association.
- 4) Honorary members can participate at the Assembly of Delegates as consultants without a right to vote. They may be elected for an office. In the case of an additional honorary office, the right to vote is exercised. In that case, they may be elected for all offices.
- 5) Special members cannot participate at the assembly of delegates. But they can establish an own association to get full membership. It has to be open for all special members and can send only one delegate.
- 6) All office bodies can only claim those compensations which are ordered and documented.
- 7) The members are obligated
  - a) to encourage and promote the purpose of the association to the best of its ability,.
  - b) to treat the association property gently and with particular care.
  - c) to pay the contribution in time.

## **§7 Start and end of a membership**

- 1) The admission must be requested in writing. The decision shall be made by the associations committee with majority of votes. At a refusal, the applicant can appeal to the assembly of delegates. It decides by majority vote finally. The board decides on the application for membership of a special member in a simplified procedure.
- 2) The membership ends
  - a) by death
  - b) by resignation
  - c) by expulsion
- 3) The declaration of resignation shall be in written form to the board. A quarterly cancelation period to the end of the year is minimum.
- 4) The expulsion shall happen
  - a) if the member of the association, despite being reminded, is 3 months behind paying a contribution,
  - b) in case of gross or repeated violation of the statutes or against the interests of the association,
  - c) due to dishonorable behavior within or outside of the association's life,
  - d) by crude unathletic or uncomradely behavior.
  - e) for other serious reasons affecting association discipline.
- 5) The expulsion decision shall be taken by the association committee with majority vote. It takes effect immediately. In minimum two weeks before the decision, the member shall have the opportunity to declare. The expulsion decision shall be justified in written form and postal sending.
- 6) Against the decision, a refusal is possible. The assembly of delegates decides again. The refusal in written form shall reached the board within 1 month after sending the decision. At the assembly of delegates, the member shall have the opportunity for personally justification.
- 7) If the expulsion was not refuted in time, no possibility for clearing by court will accepted.

- 8) At end of the membership all claims of the membership ends, without the claims from the association to the member. No fees, assets in kind or donations shall give back.

## **§ 8 Admission fee and annual contribution**

- 1) The association charges an admission fee, annual contribution and other fees. The amount is fixed by the association committee and documented in the rules of procedure.
- 2) The contribution is payable for one year even if a member leaves the association during the year, is excluded or only enters during the fiscal year.
- 3) New members are only entitled to participate at any sport event after the admission fee was paid. Exceptions are possible by decision of the board.
- 4) The Association Committee has the right, exceptionally if need be, to wholly or partially waive the admission fee, to hire it or to approve installment payments. The association committee is entitled to the same measures under the same conditions also with regard to the annual contribution. The neediness must be proven.
- 5) Until 31<sup>st</sup> of January in the financial year all members have to pay the entire annual fee for the current year.
- 6) Before payment of the annual fee, participation in an event may be prohibited by a member of the association committee. For associations, the same applies to the members of the association

## **§ 9 Entities of the association**

The entities are:

- a) The Board,
- b) The Association Committee
- c) The World Council
- d) The Assembly of Delegates

## **§10 The board**

- 1) The board consist of:
  - a) The President
  - b) The Vice President
  - c) The Treasurer.
- 2) The association shall be judicially and extra-judicially represented by the President alone or two offices of the board acting together after a written advice. Due to illness of the President, the Association Committee shall decide about the successor.
- 3) The President conducts the business and represents the Company in dealings with third parties. He is responsible for the property and for executing the resolutions passed by the association.
- 4) The Treasurer shall manage the cash balance and the cash book. Payment instructions needs the sign by the Treasurer and another member of the board.
- 5) Sport activities may be handled external and could given in the hand of a sport leader. Sport activities are regulated by the sports order. The order to externals shall defined explicitly in written contract. The liability shall as much excluded as possible.
- 6) The board is elected for two years. Each member holds office until his successor takes office. A reelection is possible.
- 7) The board takes its decisions in board meetings which are summoned by the president or if he is prevented, by the vice president. The board is competent if three members are present. At absence of quorum, the president or the vice president shall summon a second meeting with same minutes within 7 days. This meeting is quorate. By the invitation a hint shall given.
- 8) The board takes its decisions by majority.
- 9) The president has veto right at decisions with high or incalculable cost (incl. liability) and overextend the liquid funds.
- 10) Board meetings can take place over telecommunication channels. It has to be respected that each member has a sufficient quality by hard- and software. Each member shall responsible for its own connectivity and its provider.
- 11) At leaving a member of the board, the rest of the board can nominate a successor before the next assembly of delegates.

## **§11 The Association Committee**

- 1) The Association Committee consists of the members of the Board and at least two other members of the Association elected by the Assembly of Delegates for a term of two years. These are:
- 2) the cash auditor
- 3) from the sports regulations apparent, further carriers of honorary offices
- 4) §10 section 6 shall apply correspondingly.
- 5) The cash auditor has the right to prove the cash and the cashbook at every time. He has the obligation to prove it at the end of the fiscal year. He shall report the proving result to the assembly of delegates.
- 6) The Association committee is responsible for the issues in §6 and §7 of the Statue and the orders from the assembly of delegates.
- 7) For the invitation and resolutions, § 9 and §7 shall apply correspondingly. It is quorate by participating the half of members
- 8) §10 section 8 shall apply correspondingly.
- 9) §10 section 9 shall apply correspondingly.
- 10) At leaving a member of the association committee, the rest of the committee can nominate a successor before the next assembly of delegates.

## **§12 The World Council**

- 1) The World Council advises on rule changes and passes the decision as a recommendation to the Board.
- 2) The World Council includes members appointed by the Board for one calendar year.
- 3) If necessary, the board arranges the publication on the homepage of the T.A.I.

## **§13 The Assembly of Delegates**

- 1) The assembly of delegates shall summon each 2nd year in minimum but can be more often. Preferably in the last quarter and by the board.
- 2) The board request the full members to define delegates. The numbers are defined each year newly and correspond roughly with the numbers of members of the full members
- 3) Members of the board and members of the association committee are members until end of the meeting of the assembly of delegates until their deselection.
- 4) The members of the assembly of delegates have to be invited with minutes and four weeks before per mail. The term of invitation shall start at the day of sending. The addresses have to be checked at receiving. Later the owner has the obligation to publish changes.
- 5) The board has the right to invite to more meetings. It shall invite if in minimum 20% of the delegates want it under reflecting the reasons.
- 6) The assembly of delegates is quorate independent of the numbers of members.
- 7) The compensation for expenses (eg travel expenses) is the responsibility of the sending association.
- 8) The assembly of delegates can take place over telecommunication channels. It has to be respected that each member has a sufficient quality by hard- and software. Each member shall responsible for its own connectivity and its provider. A test shall be done in minimum one week before the meeting. If a member misses such test, a technical issue cannot be claimed.

## **§14 Tasks of the Assembly of Delegates**

- 1) The assembly of delegates has especially the following tasks:
  - a) Election of the board and other members of the association committee,
  - b) Receiving the reports of the president and the treasurer. Audit report by the cash auditor and giving discharge.
  - c) Appointment of honorary members.
  - d) Resolutions on amendments to the Articles of Association and all other tasks submitted to it by the Board of Management as well as matters delegated in accordance with the Articles of Association
  - e) Resolution on the dissolution of the association.

## **§15 Resolutions by the Assembly of Delegates**

- 1) The Chairman of the Assembly of Delegates is chaired by the 1st Chairman, if he is unable to do so by the 2nd Chairman, and if both are prevented, a Deputy appointed by the 1st Chairman

- 2) The delegates' meetings pass resolutions by a simple majority of the votes cast, unless German law or the articles of association stipulate a different majority of votes.
- 3) Representation in the vote is inadmissible.
- 4) The decision is taken by open vote, unless legal provisions or the statute oppose that. When using electronic voting tools, this can also be secretly done.
- 5) The election of the members of the Executive and Association Boards is secret if a member requests it, otherwise by open vote.
- 6) If more than two persons apply for an office and none of them wins the simple majority vote, a runoff vote will be filled between the two candidates who achieved the most valid votes cast in the first ballot.

### **§16 Register of decisions; minutes**

- 1) The resolutions of the Board, the Association Committee and the Delegates' Meetings are to be written in writing and signed by the respective head of the meeting.
- 2) A record of each delegate meeting will be made and signed by the chairman of the meeting.

### **§17 Statutory change**

- 1) A change of the statute can only be decided by the delegate assembly. In the invitation, the indication of the paragraph of the statute to be amended is to be announced in the agenda. A resolution containing an amendment to the statutes requires a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast.

### **§18 Assets**

- 1) All dues, revenues and assets of the association shall exclusive used by the purpose of the association.
- 2) No one may benefit from expenses that are foreign to the purpose of the association or disproportionately high remuneration.

### **§19 Liability**

- 1) The association accepts no liability for damages incurred by its members in the performance of sports and / or when attending sports events.
- 2) The association accepts no liability for damage caused by its members to third parties.
- 3) The personal liability of the individual member of the association towards creditors of the association is excluded.
- 4) Liability for legally established financial liabilities is limited to the association's assets.

### **§20 Language**

- 1) The language of the rules is German. Each rule is translated into English and both versions are provided. In case of a dispute, the German version is authoritative.

### **§21 Place of Jurisdiction**

- 1) Place of jurisdiction is Germany, Ludwigshafen
- 5) Legal and court language is German

### **§22 Dissolve the association**

- 1) The dissolution of the association takes place by resolution of the assembly of delegates, whereby three quarters of the submitted voices must vote for the dissolution (liquidation).
- 2) The delegates' meeting appoints two liquidators to handle the transactions.
- 3) Upon dissolution of the Association or the abolition of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the Association shall be a legal entity of public law or another tax-privileged entity for the purpose of environmental protection.