

Statute of the association

## **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, Corinna Franz and Kelvin Cheng

### **§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 pursues only and straight charitable objectives for the purpose of the tax code
- 3) The accounting year is the calendar year.
- 4) The association is to be entered in the register of associations. From the time of registration, the association uses the supplement e.V.
- 5) As soon as the legal basis is created, the association is to be registered as a European Cross-border Association (ECBA). From the time of registration, the association shall use the suffix EA.

### **§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 pursue primarily self-supporting purposes.
- 2) The funds are only used for Charter-purpose (§2) of the association. The members cannot 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**

- 1) 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 are allowed. At misunderstandings, the German original is decisive.

## **§5 Membership**

- 1) Any national association can become a full member. In the event of the non-existence of a national association, an association or a person can also become a special member. As soon as a national association is admitted, the special members of that nation are invited to join this association. Special members will be granted a transitional period of one (1) year, after which their membership in T.A.I. will expire.
- 2) Full members are associations. In justified exceptional cases, multiple associations from the same nation may be full members. In the application for membership submitted by the most recently joining association, a clear justification must be included. Admission is decided by the board after hearing the other associations of that nation.
- 3) Special members are clubs 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) Ordinary members can send representatives to the Assembly of Delegates immediately after admission to the T.A.I. and have the right to participate in them. The right to vote in the Assembly of Delegates is granted to all delegates of one (1) full calendar year after the admission of their association to the T.A.I. The right to stand for election exists from the day of entry.
- 3) All delegates have the right to submit applications 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 be reached to the board within 1 month after sending the decision. At the assembly of delegates, the member shall have the opportunity for personal justification.
- 7) If the expulsion was not refuted in time, no possibility for clearing by court will be accepted.
- 8) At the end of the membership all claims of the membership end, without the claims from the association to the member. No fees, assets in kind or donations shall be given 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 has been paid. Exceptions are possible by decision of the board.
- 4) The Association Committee has the right, exceptionally if needed, to wholly or partially waive the admission fee, to reduce 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 31st 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**

- 1) 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 1st chairman manages the day-to-day business of the association. He is responsible for the administration of the association's assets and the execution of the association's resolution.
- 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 (also partly) 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 by the Assembly of the Delegates for a period of two years. However, he will remain in office until a new board is elected. The re-election of the board 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. In case of a voting tie, the chair decides.
- 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:
  - a) Cash Auditor
  - b) from the sports regulations apparent, further carriers of honorary offices
- 2) §10 section 6 shall apply correspondingly.
- 3) 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.
- 4) The Association committee is responsible for the taks laid down in the statutes (§7 section 5 and §8 section 4 of the statutes) and the orders from the assembly of delegates.
- 5) §10 section 7 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the conveying and passing of resolutions. The is reached if at least half of the members of the committee participate.
- 6) §10 section 8 shall apply correspondingly.

- 7) §10 section 9 shall apply correspondingly.
- 8) 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 deliberates and decides on the documents listed in the Sports Regulations.
- 2) The World Council consists of the Committee and one of each members nominated delegates of the members.
- 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 member associations must independently nominate two (2) delegates by name and their full address, including telephone number and e-mail addresses, by 31 January of each calendar year.
  - 2.1) Nominated delegates shall remain in office for one (1) year until they are reappointed by their associations. A change of delegates during the year is only possible for a valid reason such as illness, resignation, death or similar. The Board of Directors of T.A.I. must be notified of this change in writing.
- 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 are to be invited by publication on the homepage of traditional-arches-international with the announcement of the agenda and with a notice period of at least for weeks. The summons period begins on the day on which the invitation is published on the homepage.
- 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 (e.g. 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:
- 2) Election of the board and other members of the association committee,
- 3) Receiving the reports of the president and the treasurer. Audit report by the cash auditor and giving discharge.
- 4) Appointment of honorary members.
- 5) 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
- 6) 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.  
Representation in the vote is inadmissible.
- 3) 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.
- 4) The election of the members of the Executive and Association Boards is secret if a member requests it, otherwise by open vote.
- 5) 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**

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**

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

- 2) 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.