



STATUTES

(The official version of the statutes is german only. The translation is only inofficial and is to help to understand the german version.)

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I. Name, Headquarters, Language

Art.1) The present association bears the name of
THE WORLD HAFLINGER FEDERATION
Its headquarters are at the residence of the president.
The official language is German.

II. Aims and Objectives

Art. 2) The federation aims to form and maintain a union of Haflinger breeding organisations for the promotion, improvement and distribution of the breed. The achievement of these aims will be attempted by:

- Breeding the Haflinger around the world as a purebred all purpose horse.
- Setting the distinguishing breed features that are fundamental for the breeding of the Haflinger horse and from which it is not permissible to deviate. These features are found in the current Appendix I „Breeding Objectives“
- Setting up common rules for registration and regulations for breeding
- Collaboration among the breeder organisations
- Information
- International measures for promotion

III. Membership

- Art. 3)** The federation comprises:
- Founder members
 - Full members
 - Associate members
 - Honorary members

Art. 4) Full Members

Only those organisations, who commit themselves to breed Haflinger horses according to the regulations of the World Haflinger Federation in their own countries, may become members of the federation.

Each country may only put forward one full member. Exceptions can only be granted by a resolution of the general assembly with a 2/3 majority vote.

Moreover, one collectively registered group comprising individual breeders who maintain the objectives of the World Haflinger Federation can be entered with full membership.

This is especially true for members of new and smaller Haflinger-breeding countries with no Haflinger breeding association and for breeders from countries that are not already members, or for any reason cannot be members of the World Haflinger Federation. No individual members can be accepted from countries in which there is an association already a member of the World Haflinger Federation. This group has the right to vote when they represent at least 25 members and a minimum of 100 horses. This right to vote is exercised by the delegates elected by all members of this group. The election must be made known to the World Haflinger Federation in each case three months before a conference.

Art. 5) Associate members

Registry associations may become Associate Members providing their members are breeders of purebred Haflingers and they recognise the objectives of the federation. When applying for membership they must have at least 50 members who are practising breeders of pure Haflingers.

Art. 6) Honorary Members

Individuals who have rendered service to the Haflinger horse may be appointed as Honorary Members.

Art. 7) Founding Members

The members who took part in the founding assembly of the World Haflinger Federation are considered as Founding Members.

Art 7a) Members are not liable for demands that are made against the World Haflinger Federation.

Art. 8) Acceptance as member

The application for acceptance into the Federation as a Full or a Associate Member must be submitted in writing by the due date.

The decision for acceptance is voted by the General Assembly with a 2/3 majority of the membership vote.

Full Members must prove that they alone represent the Haflinger breeders from their country or at least that they are best able to represent them and that they breed the Haflinger as a purebred in their organisation. The appointment as an Honorary Member is carried out by The General Assembly following a request from The Committee, here too with a vote of 2/3 of the majority of the members present.

Art. 9) Loss of Membership

The designation of Full or Associate Members is lost

- by submission of a written withdrawal
- by dissolution of the represented organisation(s)
- by exclusion, which must be based on reasonable grounds, and voted by 2/3 majority vote of the General Assembly.

IV. Membership Dues

Art. 10) The membership dues are set by The General Assembly. They are due on January 1st of any year for the current year.
Members leaving the Federation for any reason have no rights to the assets of the Federation.

V. Authority of the Federation

Art. 11) The order of authority of the Haflinger World Federation is as follows:

- The General Assembly
- The Committee
- The President

Art. 12) The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the highest body of The Haflinger World Federation.

a) The regular General Assembly

It comes together every year for an annual meeting. The members will be notified of the date and the agenda at least 2 months in advance.

The Assembly has a quorum when at least half of all the full members are either present or represented.

Those members not present may transfer their vote to another member. A member may only take on one proxy vote. The General Assembly makes the final decision on all the items on the agenda. It can deal with other matters with a 2/3 majority.

It selects The President, The Committee and the auditor.

It decides the membership dues and approves the accounts.

It decides on the acceptance or exclusion of members.

It appoints honorary members. It makes all the decisions with regard to questions of breeding.

b) An Extraordinary Assembly

An extraordinary assembly may be called for by The Committee or called by the simple majority of the full members with an exact defined and necessary reason.

The committee decides the place of the extraordinary assembly; it must then be convened by the president within the following 3 months and the agenda announced.

c) Participants

Every full member may appoint three delegates for the General Assembly. They must belong to the organisations represented. Associate members can send 2 participants from the ranks of their organisation. Honorary members have the right to participate.

d) Right to vote

Every full member has the right for one vote. Only those members who have paid their full membership dues have the right to cast their vote. Associate and Honorary members have only an advisory voice.

Art. 13) The Committee

The Committee is made up of The President, 4 Vice-Presidents and possibly a General Secretary and is voted into office for 4 years by The General Assembly.

The President of The Federation presides over The Committee.

The mandate of the committee members may be extended after the term of office has expired.

The Committee is responsible for the running of the day to day business. It implements the decisions of The General Assembly and prepares the work for the next convention, in particular the budget for the following 2 years.

It sets the place and date of the next General Assembly. It creates working groups when necessary.

It makes the decisions in urgent cases, that if necessary must then be confirmed by The General Assembly.

Each committee member has a vote.

The decisions of The Committee are decided on a simple majority as long as the existing statutes do not dictate otherwise.

In the event of a tied vote The President's vote is decisive.

In special circumstances it is possible to vote by mail.

Art. 14) The President

Is voted in by the General Assembly for 6 years and can be re-elected.

He/she represents the Haflinger World Federation to the outside.

He/she convenes The Committee and The General Assembly and presides over the same.

He/she carries out the decisions of The General Assembly and The Committee on the finances in accordance with the budget.

VI. Reimbursing

Art. 15)

The business of the Federation is to be carried out by the organs without charge honorary to the Haflinger World Federation.

The identified costs and expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the decision of the committee.

VII. Changes to the Statutes

Art. 16)

Changes to the statutes will be drawn up by The Committee and full members must be notified, in writing, at least 3 months in advance.

A change to the statutes needs a 2/3 majority of the votes cast at The General Assembly.

VIII. Dissolution of the Association

Art. 17)

The dissolution of The Federation must be pronounced by The General Assembly, and at that with a 2/3 majority of the votes cast and on condition that 2/3 of the members are present.

The General Assembly, that dissolves The Federation, must decide what should happen to any existing assets.