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Constitution of the International Trotting Association as amended August 2023

1. Name

The name of the Federation is “The International Trotting Association” (ITA).

It is understood that outside the countries of The European Trotting Union (UET) the term “trotting” refers to both trotting and pacing.

2. Objectives

The objectives for which the Association is formed are:

- To determine strategies for the promotion and enhancement of trotting, globally.
- To stimulate public and government interest in trotting.
- To encourage uniform international rules and regulations concerning the export and import of trotting horses and races throughout the world and data exchange of racelines and race earnings and to encourage their development, implementation and maintenance.
- To implement and modify the provisions of the International Agreement on Trotting Races (appendix 1) subject to any local restrictions which may apply in member countries.
- To encourage uniform methods of identification of trotting horses.
- To encourage and promote interest in the breeding, training and care, equine research and veterinary science relating to trotting horses.
- To determine and encourage the uniform use of politics and rules amongst trotting administrations.
- To promote an electronic communication process between the various federation members in order to establish and update, regularly, a common database, including the performance of the trotter, race results and all other information sources to facilitate the business of the Federation and its members.
- To share information from an administrative viewpoint to improve the understanding of racing issues, internationally.

3. Membership

A) Membership

Membership in the Association (listed in appendix 2) shall be open to the governing bodies of all countries (or groups of countries) that pursue the above objectives and actively conduct trotting races.

There shall be only one ITA member per country.

The candidate for membership shall provide evidence of its role and responsibility in trotting and breeding and racing and shall undertake to fulfill its obligation as set out in the Constitution.

In support of Ukraine, Russia has for the time been excluded from all work in UET and all championships in Europe. It was decided to take the same position regarding Russia in ITA.

- Should a member not attend several consecutive **3-years** meetings of the International Trotting Association, the country's membership should be reviewed by the Constitution Committee, which may take such action as is necessary.

B) Lifetime Membership

Lifetime membership may be accorded to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the industry and this Association, upon the recommendation of the Constitution and Regulation Committee and upon acceptance by the General Assembly. Such members may take part in all discussions but shall not have the right to vote.

C) New Membership

Applications for new membership of the Association shall be made to the President at least three months before the next scheduled biennial meeting of the Association and should contain the required report on trotting races and breeding in the candidate country. Such application to be considered at the next General Assembly.

3. Meetings

- A) Meetings of the Association shall be held at least once every **three** years, circulating between the countries in the order of: Europe – North America – Europe – Australasia (Australia and New Zealand).
- **A World Trotting Conference planned every three years with maintaining rotation basis Consequently, next Conference would be organised in 2026.**
 - **An Interconference meeting organised each year between two Conferences. With delegates of the Constitution Committee of the prior Conference. The last meeting (six months prior the Conference) organised physically.**
 - **4 days of conference and one day for visits and meetings with local actors of the industry.**
 - **Committees: Contacts between countries should be improved between conferences. Digital video meetings would be held annually in order to prepare the next conference.**
 - **Chairman(woman) of Committees will be in charge of the organisation of these meetings. Members will have the possibility to propose the agenda of the next Conference.**
 - **Then organization of one meeting at least of each Committee during the Conference to present the conclusions and propositions for adoption by the General Assembly.**
 - **Whats App groups will be created with the members of the Committees of the precedent Conference.**
 - **Inter-conference does not have to be at the same place as upcoming WTC.**
 - **Nomination of a WTC Liaison Officer, working with the country organising the next WTC.**
 - **If the General Assembly agrees these principles, a working group will be in charge to modify the Constitution and it will be then sent to the ITA members for approval. It will be precised also in the text that meetings can be held by videoconference and votes can be done by emails between two WTC.**
- B) Each member country shall be entitled to be represented at all meetings of the Association by two delegates duly appointed in writing by the respective member country. The delegate or delegates so appointed need not be nationals or residents in the country they are representing, and substitute delegates may from time to time be appointed by the respective member countries. Delegates so appointed shall be the representative entitled to participate in the conference meeting and vote on any motion thereat.
- C) Every member country shall, in addition to its official delegates, be entitled to have not more than four official observers duly appointed by the member countries. These observers shall not have the right to vote at meetings of the Conference but otherwise have full rights under the authority of the delegates. The chairholder of the committee shall always be a delegate. In addition, interested persons who shall be classified as visitors may attend meetings of the International Trotting Association at the discretion of the host country, providing they obtain the accreditation of the member country of which they are resident.

- D) Voting at Association meetings shall be done by the delegates present and in the event of an equality of votes the President of the conference shall have a casting as well as a deliberate vote with the exception of changes to the constitution where the provisions of clause 9 apply.
- E) At all meetings of the Association, the proceedings shall be communicated to all participants in the original languages of the Association, which will be: English, French and the language(s) of the host country at its discretion.
- F) All papers delivered at each meeting of the Association shall be presented in all official languages.
- G) The host country for any conference may invite a non-member country to attend the conference as an observer nation. Attendees from that nation shall have the same rights as clause 4 C).

5. Officers

- A) There shall be a President and Secretary and other such officers as the General Assembly may appoint.
- B) The President shall be appointed from the official delegation of the host country of the current conference and shall hold office until the first day of the next succeeding biennial conference.
- C) The Secretary shall be appointed from the official delegation of the host country of the current conference by which time the official minutes will have been prepared and distributed. In any event not later than 120 days following the conclusion of the conference a new Secretary shall be appointed from the official delegation of the next host country.
- D) In the event of the death or loss of qualification of any officer a replacement shall be made by the delegation from the country of the incumbent officer.

6. Minutes

On the appointment of each President and Secretary all minutes taken and other records of the Association shall be forwarded immediately to the incoming Secretary and a copy of such minutes and documents retained for recorded purposes.

All reports and minutes must be prepared and sent to members and other conference attendees within two months of the conclusion of the World Trotting Conference.

7. Standing Committees

- A) There shall be an Advisory Committee comprising the two immediate Past Presidents and a delegate from the incoming host country whose functions shall be to advise and assist the President in ensuring continuity between conferences and assistance to the incoming host country in the planning of the next conference timetable.
- B) There shall be the following Standing Committees, each of which shall elect its own Chairman at the first meeting of the Committee:
 - 1. Constitution and Regulation
 - 2. Equine Health and Integrity
 - 3. Breeding
 - 4. Marketing and Business Development
 - 5. Racing and Wagering

It is suggested that at least two meetings of each Committee be held over the course of the Conference. Meetings of these Standing Committees are to be scheduled as part of the conference timetable.

- C) Only one WTC delegate per member country is eligible to be a member of the Constitution and Regulation Committee. This Committee would meet, separate to the other committees, largely to review and confirm the ITA Constitution. The other four committees would meet over the course of

the conference, with delegates and observers eligible to attend two of the four committees. Members of the other Standing Committees and special Committees shall comprise official delegates.

- D) The President, with the approval of the Conference, may appoint ad hoc committees to study and consider subject which may come up from time to time. The ad hoc committees once they have completed their studies and made their reports will be automatically disbanded.
- E) In the event of death or loss of qualification of any committee member, a new appointment may be made by the member country concerned.

8. Member Country Fees

- A. Each member country shall pay an annual fee to the Association. This annual fee shall be collected by the designated host country for the next coming biennial meeting of the Association. The annual fee shall be set by the General Assembly of the Association (based on UET categories Group 1 - \$1,000 USD, Group 2 - \$500 USD, Group 3 - \$250 USD). The said fee shall be due and payable on or before July 1st of each year. Should the fee not be paid when due, then membership may at the discretion of the Constitution Committee be considered to have lapsed.
- B. Each member country shall pay a registration fee for each appointed delegate, observer or visitor attending any meeting of the Association. Such fee shall be set by, and paid to the host country Fees: Up to US\$2,000 for Conference attendees and up to US\$2,000 for accompanying persons.
- C. All conference fees shall be notified to all member countries at least six months prior to the opening of the Conference.

Confirmation of Schedule for future World Trotting Conference and driving Championships

2026 New Zealand

2029 Italy

2032 United States of America

2035 Europe, UET to confirm

9. Changes to the Constitution

Changes to the Constitution of the International Trotting Association may be proposed by notice of Motion in writing to the Secretary General of the Association not later than two months prior to the next meeting of the Association and the Secretary General shall immediately on receipt notify all member countries. Such alterations to the Constitution must be considered by Constitution and Regulation Committee.

Any changes to the Constitution recommended by the Constitution and Regulation Committee shall then be considered by General Assembly. Approval by the General Assembly shall require a two thirds majority of those delegates present and voting.

10. World Driving Championship

At the General Assembly of each meeting of the Association, the host country will provide a report on the conduct of the World Driving Championship (WDC). This report will outline any recommended changes to the rules for the conduct of the next championship, which will be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.

Membership list

AUSTRALIA**Harness Racing Australia Inc**

Mr Graeme CAMPBELL. - Chairman

Mr. Andrew KELLY - Chief Executive

AUSTRIA**Zentrale für Traber-Zuch und Rennen
in Österreich**

Mr. Peter TRUZLA - Chairman

Mr Andreas STEINER - General Secretary

BELGIUM**Federation Belge des Courses Hippiques**

Mr. Achille CASSART - Chairman

CANADA**Standardbred Canada**

Mr. Dan GALL - Chairman & CEO

FINLAND**Suomen Hippos R.Y.**

Mr. Juha REHULA - Chairman

Mrs Minna MÄENPÄÄ - CEO

FRANCE**Societe du Cheval Français (SETF)**

Mr Jean-Pierre BARJON - Chairman

Mr. Guillaume MAUPAS – General Manager

GERMANY**Hauptverband für Traber-Zucht E.v.**

Mr. Peter WEIHERMÜLLER - Chairman

Mr Stefan VÖLL - CEO

GREAT BRITAIN**Trot Britain**

Mr Ian PIMLOTT – Chairman

BHRC**IRELAND****Irish Harness Racing Club**

Mr. Mark FLANAGAN

Chairman

Mr. James O’SULLIVAN

General Secretary

ITALY

Ministry of Agriculture, Food sovereignty and Forestry (MASAF)

Mr. Remo CHIODI – General Manager

Mrs Tamara PAPICCIO – National coordinator of racing planning

NEW ZEALAND

Harness Racing New Zealand

Mr. Grant JARROLD - Chairman

Mr. Brad STEELE - Chief Executive Officer

NORWAY

DNT

Mr Bror Helgestad - Chairman

Mr. Svein Morten BUER - General Secretary

SERBIA

Serbian Trotting Federation (SKAS)

Mr Zeljko Vujanovic - Chairman

SOUTH AFRICA

Trotting South Africa

SPAIN

Federación Española de Carreras al Trote

FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE CARRERAS AL TROTE

Mr Juan Antonio ROSSELLO COMAS – Chairman

Mrs Maria Francisca SUREDA BARCELÓ – General Secretary

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Mr Anders KÄLLSTRÖM - President

Mrs Maria CROON - CEO

Mr. Ulf HÖRNBERG – Vice-CEO

SWITZERLAND

Suisse Trot

Mr. Denis ROUX - Chairman

UNITED STATES

USTA

Mr Russell C. WILLIAMS - President

Mr. Mike TANNER – Executive Vice Chairman

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Mr Peter TRUZLA - President

Mr. Guillaume MAUPAS - General Secretary

Mr Camiel MELLERGERS – Technical Advisor

Mrs Isabelle GIZARDIN – Executive Secretary