

GENERAL REGULATIONS KWPN

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Article 1 - Introduction

1. The KWPN is a member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH).
2. The KWPN cooperates with the KNHS in organising competitions and championships.
3. The Members' Council determines the logo and the flag of the KWPN.

Article 2 - Application for membership

1. An application for membership can be submitted at the studbook office using an application form prescribed by the Governing Board. The application for membership may also be submitted electronically in a manner to be determined by the Governing Board, whether or not via the website of the KWPN. Where reference is made to an application form, this also includes the electronic application method.
2. Upon admission, the applicant must also indicate for which breeding direction(s) he wishes to be registered after his admission.
3. The Governing Board shall notify the applicant of its decision, if possible within six weeks of the request for admission.
4. After admission to membership, the Governing Board shall inform the member in writing which breeding direction(s) and region(s) the member has been assigned to.
5. Members terminate their membership of the KWPN by means of a written notification to the studbook office. The provisions of Article 6 of the Articles of Association apply to the termination of membership.
6. The management board maintains a general membership list and a regional membership list for each breeding direction and sends a copy to the secretary of the regional board concerned once a year, on request or otherwise.

Article 3 - Membership of legal-entity members

1. The provisions of Article 2 also apply to legal-entity members and companies. A legal person or a company cannot be and remain a member of the KWPN if one of its directors or partners is not also a member of the KWPN during the term of the membership of the legal person or company. A legal entity or a company shall not be admitted as a member of the KWPN until its director or partner as referred to above has also been admitted as a member of the KWPN.
2. The membership application of a legal entity shall be submitted by a director who is authorised to represent the legal entity in accordance with its articles of association. The application form must be signed by all the directors of the legal entity. The legal entity shall also state the member who is to be registered as a member of the KWPN or who is already a member of the KWPN for another reason, which member must be registered in the trade register as a director of the legal entity. Furthermore, the application must be accompanied by the articles of association of the legal entity in force on such date and an extract from the trade register, which may not be older than one week.
3. A membership application of a company shall be submitted by a member authorised to represent the company. The application form must be signed by all the partners. The company shall also state the partner who is to be registered as a member of the KWPN or who is already a member of the KWPN

for another reason, which member must be registered in the trade register as a partner of the company. Furthermore, an extract from the trade register must be submitted, which may not be older than one week. If the company is not listed in the trade register, the partners shall submit a document showing that and which company they constitute and which lists all the partners who constitute the company, which list must be signed by all the partners.

4. The director-member designated by the legal entity or the partner-member designated by the company must be a member of the board of the legal entity or a partner of the company during the period he or she is a director-member or a partner-member. Within one week after the director-member or partner-member ceases to hold this position with the legal entity or company, the legal entity or the company shall notify the board thereof in writing, at the same time naming a new director-member or partner-member who shall meet the requirements of paragraphs 2 and 3. A director-member or a partner-member may also already be a member of the KWPN for another reason.
5. A legal entity or a company shall notify the board in writing of any change in its board or in the partners of its company within one week. A legal entity or a company is at all times required to show, to the satisfaction of the management board, which directors form part of the legal entity or which partners form part of the company.
6. As long as the notification of a change referred to in paragraph 5 has not taken place, the person who was last registered with the KWPN as a director-member or as a partner-member shall be considered to be the director of the legal entity or the partner of a company. If the Governing Board or the studbook office notices that a legal entity or a company has not submitted a notification of a change in the membership of the director-member or partner-member in good time, the Governing Board will be authorised to suspend the services provided to the legal entity or company concerned until a correct and complete notification has been submitted in writing.
7. A legal entity or company admitted to membership and its director-member or partner-member is required to fulfil the obligations of the legal entity or company arising from the membership and will be authorised by virtue of their membership to exercise the rights of the legal entity or company arising from the membership. If the legal entity or company fails to fulfil an obligation or otherwise violates the Articles of Association, regulations or a resolution, the actions or omissions of the legal entity or company shall also be attributed to the director-member of such legal entity or partner-member of such company. In that case, a penalty may be imposed on both the company or the legal entity and on their director-member or partner-member respectively, in respect of such violation.
8. If a director-member of a legal entity or a partner-member of a company has committed a violation, the violation shall also be attributed to that legal entity or company and a penalty may be imposed on both the legal entity and to its director-member and on the company and its partner-member, unless the legal entity or the company can prove that the director-member or the partner-member was acting entirely in a private capacity.
9. In connection with exercising voting rights in the KWPN, the chairperson of a meeting may require the representative of a legal entity or a company to produce a written power of attorney which demonstrates his/her authority to represent such legal entity or company.

Article 4 - Provision of services to members

1. The KWPN provides services to its members, unless the provisions of Article 5(7) apply. The services are provided within the territory of the Netherlands.
2. Members residing or established abroad cannot require the KWPN to provide services to them abroad.
3. Members of foreign organisations to whom the KWPN has granted a licence are not entitled to services from the KWPN.
4. The KWPN may charge a fee for its services, to be determined by the Governing Board.

Article 5 - Members' rights and obligations

1. Members of the KWPN must:
 - a. comply with the Articles of Association, regulations and decisions of bodies and committees of the KWPN;
 - b. refrain from harming the interests of horse breeding in general and those of the KWPN in particular;
 - c. fulfil the obligations referred to in paragraph 3.
2. Each member shall exercise his rights as a member in his region.
3. The Governing Board and the Members' Council are also authorised to impose obligations of a financial and other nature on members under a resolution, as well as to undertake commitments on behalf of the members. Commitments may only be imposed on the membership by or by virtue of the articles of association.
4. The powers referred to in paragraph 3 also accrue to a regional board and a regional assembly, on the understanding that a region may not impose any obligations on its members that are not based on the budget and the work plan of the region concerned or on a cooperation agreement between either

region.

5. The KWPN may stipulate rights on behalf of members. Unless the member concerned objects to this, the KWPN may demand compliance with the stipulated rights and claim compensation on behalf of a member. The KWPN may also enter into obligations for the account of members. These obligations include accepting and fulfilling obligations which the KWPN has entered into with regard to sponsorship and participation in events abroad.
6. A member shall fulfil his financial obligations on the date specified by the KWPN (the due date). If the member has not fully fulfilled any financial obligation one month after the due date, he shall be excluded from participating in all activities of the KWPN and from all the services provided by the KWPN from that date without the right of appeal until the member has fully fulfilled his financial obligations. Until then, the member cannot exercise any KWPN rights, including but not limited to obtaining studbook registration documents, participating in activities and events and receiving the association's magazine, and remains obliged to fulfil all his membership obligations.
7. If a member fails to meet his financial obligations to the KWPN in good time, such member shall owe statutory interest on the amount owed from the due date. If the member remains in default wholly or in part after having been given a new period in which to make the payment, the member shall owe, in addition to statutory interest, 10% in extrajudicial costs on the original amount. If the member continues to be in default, he shall owe, in addition to statutory interest and extrajudicial costs, all the costs reasonably incurred by a lawyer or bailiff for the collection of his debt to the KWPN, unless the court decides otherwise.
8. A member shall, on request provide full and correct information and statements, both verbally and in writing, as well as submit the requested documents to the Governing Board, a regional board, the disciplinary committee, the appeal committee and to the arbitration committee. A member and an employee appointed by or on behalf of the Governing Board is obliged to behave properly during an event, whether before, during or after the event, and to assist in maintaining order if necessary. A member shall refrain from any form of sexual behaviour or sexual advances towards another member, whether verbal, non-verbal or physical, whether intentional or unintentional, which the other member who is subjected to it considers unwelcome or coercive. A member shall refrain from any form of verbal abuse, threat or discrimination towards another member.
9. A member shall promote the health and wellbeing of horses and refrain from any infringement thereof. A member shall refrain from using or administering illegal substances and must allow checks for illegal substances and cooperate fully with those checks, all this in the manner laid down in the Regulations regarding Illegal Substances.
10. An act or omission in respect of an obligation set out in this article is an offence as referred to in the Disciplinary Regulations and may be punished in accordance with that Regulation.
11. There shall not be any discrimination between members.

Article 6 - Registration of data by breeder and registered party

1. Only a member may present a horse for registration in a KWPN studbook register and subsequently have the registered horse's data changed.
2. Registration of a horse takes place in accordance with the Registration Regulations.
3. Registration of a foal takes place on the basis of a birth notification completed by the breeder and received by the studbook office.
4. Registration of horse's data and personal data or any amendment thereto subsequently takes place at the request of the registered party.
5. Communications and requests regarding the registration of a horse's data or personal data may also be submitted electronically in a manner to be determined by the Governing Board, whether or not via the KWPN website.
6. A member who presents a horse for registration or subsequently requests an amendment to the horse's data and personal data guarantees the accuracy and completeness of the horse's data and personal data supplied to the studbook office.
7. Violation of the provisions of this article constitutes an offence as referred to in article 7 of the Disciplinary Regulations and may be punished in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.
8. The KWPN does not register the owner or ownership of a horse as referred to in the Dutch Civil Code. The registered party or another member or a third party cannot rely on the registration of a horse or registration as the 'registered party' as a right or as evidence of ownership of such horse as referred to in the Dutch Civil Code. Registration of a horse and of the registered party is solely intended for the purpose of KWPN's internal administration in connection with the rights and obligations attached to the registration of the horse. No rights can be derived from this in respect of the KWPN.
9. When the KWPN issues a horse passport at the request of a registered party, the KWPN will indicate the breeder or the registered party as the 'owner as referred to in the horse passport' on the horse's passport, without stating whether the breeder or registered party concerned is a (joint) owner as referred to in the Dutch Civil Code with regard to the registered horse or not. The indication of 'owner' in the horse's passport is made on the basis of national regulations of the Product Boards for Livestock, Meat and Eggs and is not the responsibility of the KWPN.

10. If the registration of a horse or of horse data is disputed in writing by someone other than the registered party, the management board may, at the request of the applicant, record this in the studbook records in respect of the registered horse. Before recording this, the management board may require the person(s) involved to submit a written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the request, accompanied by documentary evidence where possible. The record only has an internal effect, from which no rights can be derived by the registered party, the applicant, another member or a third party. No objection may be made to the record by the Governing Board or any other body.
11. If a record is made, the management board shall notify the registered party in writing and request a written response. If the registered party does not respond in writing after repeated requests, the management board will be authorised to amend the horse's data as the management board deems appropriate.
12. If the registered party refutes the challenge referred to in paragraph 10 in writing, stating reasons, the management board shall inform the applicant referred to in paragraph 10 thereof. If the applicant persists in his request to make a record of the dispute regarding the registration of the horse and/or the horse's data, the director shall ask the registered party and the applicant to reach an agreement regarding the manner in which the horse and/or the horse's data and personal data concerned are to be registered within three weeks and to notify the management board thereof in a joint statement in writing. The joint statement must be unambiguous and without reservation.
13. If the management board does not receive the joint written statement from the registered party and the applicant referred to in the previous paragraph within the set time period, the management board shall give the applicant a period of three weeks to submit the dispute to the KWPN arbitration committee or, alternatively, to the preliminary relief judge of the competent court. Until the KWPN arbitration committee or the preliminary relief judge has ruled, the KWPN will maintain the original registration. The applicant shall send a copy of the request submitted to the KWPN arbitration committee or a copy of the writ of summons served on the registered party to the management board within the stipulated period. If the copy of the request or of the writ of summons is not received in good time, the management board will be free to maintain the registration unchanged or to amend the registration as the management board deems appropriate.
14. If the decision of the KWPN arbitration committee or the preliminary relief judge gives reason to do so, the management board will amend the registration in the manner indicated in the decision. If, following the decision of the preliminary relief judge, a different decision is rendered on appeal or in proceedings on the merits, the management board will always comply with the decision rendered in the last instance or the highest court with regard to the registration.

Article 7 - Registration of personal data and horse's data

1. The KWPN processes personal data of its members and other involved parties. By means of its privacy statement, the KWPN provides information regarding the personal data it processes in respect of its members and any other parties involved. This privacy statement is available on the KWPN website (www.kwfn.nl).
2. The KWPN has drawn up the document 'KWPN Internal Privacy Regulations'. All members, volunteers and employees of KWPN are required to act in accordance with these regulations at all times. The latest version of these regulations is available on the KWPN website (www.kwfn.nl).
3. The KWPN may provide horses' data and personal data to members and third parties, with the exception of the cases referred to in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 and only insofar as permitted under the applicable legislation (including but not limited to the General Data Protection Regulation).
4. A member or a third party will be informed as to who is the registered party or parties of the requested horse. An applicant shall not be provided with a record of which horses are registered in the name of which person.
5. Following a written request, a member or a third party will be informed as to who the breeder of a registered horse is. No record of which horses have been bred by which breeder shall be supplied to members or third parties.
6. No member or third party shall be given access to or be provided with a copy of the straight-line score form or the data contained therein, which form and data constitute a confidential internal document of an inspector of the KWPN.

Article 8 - Horse passport

1. The chairman of the KWPN is mandated by the PVE to issue horse passports.
2. The issuing of a horse passport is not governed by the Articles of Association and the regulations of the KWPN, but by the Regulation on Identification and Registration of the competent authority.
3. A request for a horse passport or a duplicate thereof is dealt with in accordance with the Regulation referred to in paragraph 2.
4. The request for a horse passport or a duplicate thereof is decided upon by the chairman of the Governing Board in his capacity as the mandatary of the competent authority. The decision of the chairman of the Governing Board regarding the request is an administrative-law decision as referred

to in the General Administrative Law Act, which decision may be challenged with due observance of such act.

5. The KWPN is not responsible or liable for the issue of a horse passport or a duplicate thereof.
6. The chairman of the Governing Board is responsible to the competent authority and not to the Members' Council for his policy on whether or not horse passports and duplicates thereof are issued.

Article 9 - Board and committee meetings

1. The Governing Board, a regional board, a breeding council and all committees shall meet as often as requested by the chairman or at least two members.
2. The management board or the secretary of the board, committee or breeding council concerned is responsible for convening the relevant meeting and drawing up the agenda. The chairman determines the time and place of such meetings.
3. A member may - with the consent of the body by which he has been appointed - be represented at meetings of boards and committees by another member, on the understanding that a member may only act as the representative of one other board or committee member.
4. Decision-making may also take place without holding a meeting, provided that all members have consented to the manner of decision-making and have been able to participate in it.

Article 10 - Minutes

1. Minutes are taken of each meeting of the Governing Board, the Members' Council and the breeding council and adopted at the next meeting.
2. The Governing Board decides from which meetings of another body or of a committee it will receive the minutes or a summary thereof.

Article 11- Elections and appointments

1. All elections and appointments to positions with the KWPN shall be by nomination of candidates and, if necessary, voting and repeated voting in the manner laid down in Article 22 of the Articles of Association.
2. If the appointment is made whilst the candidate is in office, the nomination shall also apply to such office.
3. If more than one vacancy is to be filled, nominations of candidates for each vacancy shall take place separately.
4. All candidates for a position with the KWPN must be a member of the KWPN and of age. Candidacy is based on suitability for the position concerned.
5. Every nomination must be made in writing and be accompanied by a written declaration by the candidate that he/she will accept a possible appointment. If a candidate withdraws this declaration before the vote, one or more other candidates can be nominated in his place.
6. Unless stipulated otherwise in the Articles of Association or regulations, each appointment to a position with the KWPN shall be for a period of three years, with possibility of two subsequent reappointments, each for a period of three years up to a maximum consecutive period of nine years.
After the expiry of the maximum term of appointment, the person concerned may not be appointed to any position on the same board, committee or in the same position until a period of three years has lapsed.
The person concerned may, however, be appointed to a position other than his/her previous position at the end of the maximum term of appointment.
7. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 6, the chairman of the Governing Board, the chairmen of regional boards and the chairmen of stallion inspection committees are appointed for a maximum period of twelve consecutive years, of which they may hold the position of chairman of such board or committee for a maximum period of nine years.
8. The provisions of paragraph 6 shall not apply to members appointed to an ad hoc committee. The provisions of paragraph 6 shall not apply to the reappointment of members of the confidentiality committee and members of the board of JongKWPN.
9. An appointment or a reappointment shall come into effect on the day after the person concerned was appointed or reappointed and shall end on the day on which the term of the appointment or reappointment expires, unless the provisions of paragraph 6 apply or the term of the appointment or reappointment ends in another manner.
10. If positions are not declared incompatible, members may hold several positions with the KWPN. Besides the positions declared incompatible elsewhere in the Articles of Association and regulations, the following positions are in any case incompatible:
 - membership of the Governing Board with any other position with the KWPN;
 - membership of any board with employment with the KWPN, including inspectors;
 - membership of any board with membership of the disciplinary committee and the appeals committee;
 - membership of the stallion inspection committee and re-inspection committee with any other

position with the KWPN, on the understanding that members of these committees may be jury members;

- being a jury member, foal inspector or passport advisor holding a management position and being a member of the Members' Council.

11. The incompatibility referred to in paragraph 10 shall not apply to administrative positions in affiliated legal entities as referred to in Article 3, paragraph 10 of the Articles of Association. If a member is on a body or committee of such legal entity on behalf of the KWPN, he shall resign on the date on which he loses his authority to represent the KWPN at that body or committee.
12. The Governing Board organises elections and appointments to the KWPN at a national level and a regional board organises them at a regional level.
13. If a vacancy arises in the interim period, the next meeting shall fill it if possible. If the filling of a vacancy cannot be delayed, the board concerned may decide on a written nomination of candidates and election procedure in a manner that corresponds as much as possible with the prescribed manner of electing and nominating candidates.
14. The body or committee authorised to appoint members of a body or committee is also authorised to suspend and dismiss a member, unless the Articles of Association or the regulations provide otherwise.
15. A member of a body or committee may be suspended for a maximum period of six months, during which time he may not exercise the rights arising from his position. A suspension shall end by the lapse of a period of time, unless the suspension is lifted or converted into a decision to resign.

Article 12 - Committees

1. Unless stipulated otherwise, the chairman of a committee shall be appointed whilst in office.
2. The Members' Council shall appoint the members of the following committees on the recommendation of the Governing Board:
 - a. the disciplinary committee;
 - b. the appeals committee;
 - c. the arbitration committee;
 - d. the stallion inspection committee;
 - e. the re-inspection committee.
3. The duties and powers of the disciplinary committee and the appeals committee are regulated in the Disciplinary Regulations. The duties and powers of the arbitration committee are regulated in the Arbitration Regulations. In addition to the tasks and powers listed in the Disciplinary Regulations, it is the task of the appeals committee, under Article 4, paragraph 4 of the Articles of Association, to decide, at the request of the person concerned, on the admission of a legal entity or company to membership of the KWPN, after the Governing Board has decided not to admit the party concerned as a member. To this end, the appeals committee may appoint a chamber from among its members to which the decision shall be entrusted. The appeals committee shall hear the party concerned or at least give him/her the opportunity to be heard. The appeals committee shall give its decision in writing, stating reasons.
4. The management board may add an official secretary to a committee.

Article 13 - Confidentiality committee

1. The confidentiality committee consists of three members, including a chairman, and a deputy member.
2. The Members' Council appoints the members of the confidentiality committee for a maximum of three years on the recommendation of the confidentiality committee. The Members' Council appoints the chairperson of the confidentiality committee.
3. One of the tasks of the confidentiality committee is to draw up a binding nomination of candidates for the appointment of the members and the chairman of the Governing Board.
4. If a vacancy arises, the confidentiality committee shall announce this in the official notices and inform the chairman of the confidentiality committee that candidates can be announced. The confidentiality committee may also invite candidates of its own.
5. The confidentiality committee shall treat any submitted personal data confidentially. In making its binding nomination, the confidentiality committee shall be guided by the composition of a coherent Governing Board and the willingness to cooperate within the Governing Board.
6. Before the confidentiality committee presents its binding nomination to the Members' Council it shall consult with the Governing Board.
7. The nomination by the confidentiality committee shall be binding. The Members' Council may override the binding nature of the nomination by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast.
8. If the Members' Council does not accept the binding nomination, the confidentiality committee shall draw up a new binding nomination after consulting the Governing Board.
9. In the event of an interim vacancy, the Members' Council may authorise the confidentiality committee to bypass the publication procedure and nominate a candidate from among previous nominations made less than six months previously.
10. At the end of a term of office of a member of the Governing Board, the confidentiality committee shall enquire after the eligibility for re-election.

11. Prior to a reappointment, the confidentiality committee shall conduct an evaluation interview with the member of the Governing Board to be reappointed.

Article 14 - Stallion inspection committee and re-inspection committee

1. The Members' Council appoints a stallion inspection committee and a re-inspection committee for each breeding direction and discipline within the breeding direction of Riding Horse and appoints and dismisses the members of these committees on the recommendation of the Governing Board. The breeding council draws up a profile for the members of these committees. The Governing Board checks the candidates against the profile and draws up its recommendation. The recommendation of the Governing Board is binding. The Members' Council may remove the binding nature of the recommendation by a resolution adopted by at least two-thirds of the valid votes cast. If the Members' Council has removed the binding nature of the Governing Board's recommendation, the Governing Board shall draw up a new binding recommendation.
2. A stallion inspection committee consists of three to five members. The Governing Board appoints a chairman from among the members of the stallion inspection committee. An inspector appointed by the Governing Board attends the meetings of the stallion inspection committee and has an advisory vote in that respect. The inspector coordinates the work of the stallion inspection committee.
3. A re-inspection committee consists of three to five members. The Governing Board appoints a chairman from among the members of the stallion inspection committee. An inspector appointed by the Governing Board attends the meetings of the stallion inspection committee and has an advisory vote in that respect. The inspector coordinates the work of the stallion inspection committee.

Article 15 - JongKWPN Platform

1. The KWPN has a platform, called the JongKWPN Platform, for young members of the KWPN aged between 16 and 30. The aim of this platform is to prepare young members for the breeding of horses registered with the KWPN in all the breeding disciplines of the KWPN as well as to promote regular contact between young members of the KWPN and to prepare them for administrative and organisational tasks within the KWPN.
2. JongKWPN is managed by a board whose members are appointed by the general assembly of JongKWPN, which general assembly consists of members who have been admitted to the platform by the board of JongKWPN.
3. The JongKWPN Platform Regulations apply to members of JongKWPN.
4. Members of JongKWPN can be a member of a breeding council or the Members' Council in that capacity.
5. One board member represents JongKWPN at the Members' Council.
6. A region and JongKWPN are both under a best efforts obligation to ensure that a representative of JongKWPN is present as an observer on the regional board, which representative shall not have administrative responsibility.

Article 16 - Funds and membership fees

1. The financial resources of the KWPN consist of:
 - a. membership fees, registration and transfer fees, payments for covered mares, as well as entrance fees;
 - b. charges relating to inspections, re-inspections and predicates;
 - c. fees for provided services;
 - d. other income
2. Inheritances and legacies may only be accepted under the benefit of inventory.
3. If a company or a legal entity is a member of the KWPN, the partner representing the company or the director representing the legal entity shall be liable for the payment of the membership fees.
4. If two or more members of a family live at the same address, a €25 discount on the membership fee will be given to the second member. The membership fee is collected annually shortly before or after the turn of the year, with the exception of the membership fee of new members which is collected within one month after admission.
5. Those who have been awarded the title of honorary member are exempt from paying membership fees.

Article 17 - Reimbursement of costs

1. The members of the Governing Board and other officers are reimbursed for travel and accommodation costs actually incurred in the performance of their activities in the interests of the KWPN, according to criteria to be determined by the Governing Board.
2. Within the budget allocated to a region, the members of the regional board may be reimbursed for costs actually incurred.

Article 18 - Competitions

1. The KWPN may organise competitions and championships for categories of horses determined by the

Governing Board.

2. The Governing Board may, whilst retaining its responsibility, assign the organisation of such competitions or leagues to the KNHS.
3. If the KWPN organises competitions and championships together with the KNHS, those competitions and championships are held under the responsibility of the KWPN, subject to separate KWPN/KNHS regulations.
4. The KWPN organises inter alia the following competitions and championships:
 - a. the stallion competition for the disciplines of dressage and jumping, governed by the KWPN/KNHS Stallion Competition Regulations, followed by the season's designation;
 - b. the Championships for Young Jumping Horses and Young Dressage Horses, governed by the KWPN/KNHS Regulations.
5. Annually, the Governing Board shall draw up the KWPN/KNHS regulations for each competition.

Article 19 - Code of Conduct and Integrity

1. On the recommendation of the Governing Board, the Members' Council adopts a Code of Conduct and Integrity for the officers listed therein.
2. Article 23 of the Articles of Association shall apply to the adoption and amendment of the Code of Conduct and Integrity.
3. The officers concerned are bound by the Code of Conduct and Integrity.
4. All members, volunteers and employees of KWPN must at all times act in compliance with the Code of Conduct and Integrity.

Article 20 - Access to events

1. Subject to the provisions of this article, members shall have access - whether or not against payment - to events organised by the KWPN or under the auspices of the KWPN.
2. Members are not allowed to enter an event if the space does not allow it, or if a government regulation, including instructions from a mayor, the police or fire brigade, does not allow this or if a lease agreement concluded with a third party does not allow it.
3. Furthermore, a member shall not be allowed access to an event if the disciplinary committee or the appeals committee has imposed one of the following sanctions on the member: exclusion from participation in an event, exclusion from participation in one or more activities of the KWPN and denial of the right to hold one or more positions with the KWPN. In addition, a member is not allowed to attend an event if he has been suspended or expelled from membership by the disciplinary committee or the appeals committee.
4. The Governing Board is authorised, by way of a public order measure to promote the safety or the orderly course of an event, to deny access to a member and/or a third party for the (remaining) duration of that event, whether or not including the member's and/or third party's horse(s). The Governing Board may delegate this authority to the management board, to members of the stallion inspection committee and the re-inspection committee and to other officers appointed by the Governing Board.
5. Members of the Governing Board, employees of the studbook office and those officers who have been given a personal admission ticket by the Governing Board may always enter an event free of charge.

Article 21 - Maintaining order and safety

1. An organiser of an event shall maintain order in and/or outside the location where the event is held. The organiser is responsible for this both before, during and after the event and is also responsible for the personal safety of those present. Responsibility after the event ends one hour after the event.
2. The Governing Board may issue regulations for the maintenance of order at events. The Governing Board may appoint persons who, on behalf of the Governing Board, are entrusted with the supervision of compliance with the provisions of paragraph 1 and who are authorised to exercise the powers referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 on behalf of the Governing Board.
3. If, before an event is held, the Governing Board is of the opinion that safety, the orderly course of the event or order is not adequately guaranteed, the organisation of an event at the planned location may be prohibited. In such a case, the organiser shall be required, not later than five days before the event, to take the measures required by the Governing Board and/or inform those concerned of another location where safety, orderly conduct and/or public order can be adequately guaranteed.
4. If, during an event, safety, the orderly course of the event or order are not adequately guaranteed in the opinion of the Governing Board, the Governing Board may order the organiser to interrupt the event and take the measures required by the Governing Board or, failing this, order the organiser to end the event prematurely or to have it take place elsewhere.

Article 22 - Liability

1. In the performance of its duties and during activities and events, the KWPN shall not be liable to its members for any acts or omissions of its bodies, committees, officers and employees, insofar as this is

- not due to gross negligence or intent.
2. Neither members nor third parties may derive any right to compensation from a decision made by the chairman of the disciplinary committee, the disciplinary committee, the chairman of the appeals committee, the appeals committee, the chairman of the arbitration committee, the arbitration committee, a jury, a stallion inspection committee or a re-inspection committee towards the KWPN.
 3. The Governing Board, a regional board, a committee, a jury and whoever organises an event under the auspices of the KWPN or assists with this in any way, as well as any other officers and/or staff, shall not be liable to the owner, possessor, or holder of a horse, or a person who leads, rides or drives the horse for any damage suffered directly or indirectly as a result of participation in an event or activity.
 4. A member who causes damage to the property of the KWPN shall immediately pay full compensation to the KWPN for such damage on the KWPN's request.
 5. A member who causes damage to someone other than the KWPN is liable for such damage and shall indemnify the KWPN against any and all claims which that other person may enforce against the KWPN.

Article 23 - Official notices

1. All official notices of the Members' Council and the Governing Board shall be published as official notices in the association's magazine and/or on the KWPN website and are brought to the attention of the members in this way. In urgent cases, the Governing Board is authorised to notify members by other means, including by e-mail.
2. Members are expected to be familiar with the official notices from the date of publication in the association's magazine and/or on the KWPN website.
3. A copy of the Articles of Association and regulations shall be sent to the members on request against payment of a fee determined by the Governing Board.