



European State Studs Association e.V.

Statutes

Preamble

ESSA is founded for the maintenance and further development of the European state stud's director's assembly– since 2005 by charter decision the “Permanent Conference of the national and traditional studs of Europe” - annually taking place since 2003, to jointly contribute to a sustainable strengthening of European identity and biodiversity, as well as to communicate the significance of the European cultural asset “horse” to a wider public.

I. Name and seat of the association

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1. The State Studs Association (ESSA) is a non-profit institution.
2. The association has its seat at Marbach/Lauter, Germany.
3. Funds of the association may only be used for statutory means.

II. Objectives of the association

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The association acts generously. It does not primarily follow own material interests, but exclusively non-profit intentions.

1. maintenance of the European state studs in their ancestral forms,
2. research, documentation and presentation of the European state studs' history and work,
3. promotion of biodiversity and preservation of genetic resources of endangered and special breeds,
4. promotion of animal welfare,
5. promotion of environment and monument conservation,
6. maintenance of the public accessibility of the European state studs as cultural assets,
7. support of science and research,
8. promotion of international and cultural exchange

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The objectives of the statutes are realised through

1. establishing a central coordination point of the European state studs,
2. public relations on regional, national and international level,
3. cooperation with schools, universities, ministries, international organisations and among each other,
4. organisation of scientific events and research projects,
5. publications and exhibitions.

III. Membership

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1. The club has regular members, supporting members and honorary members.
2. Regular members can be natural and legal persons, being represented by a spokesperson. They have the right to vote at general assemblies.
3. Regular members are all institutional and personal members, who joined the club before the change of statutes on 8th of June 2010. Otherwise membership can be obtained by the following procedure:
 - a. Applications for membership must be handed in on the designated form at the board.
 - b. The board decides about the admission. The admission can be rejected without explanation.
 - c. The membership starts with the official confirmation of the board.
4. The admission as supporting member is to be made by a written application form provided by the club. The membership starts with the official confirmation by the board.
5. Honorary members can be appointed by the board. They don't have the right to vote and do not need to pay membership fees.
6. Membership fees are defined in the contribution order respectively in force.

All posts of the association are honorary posts. Members do not receive allocations from the association. Board members can ask for refund of their expenses, such as travel costs. No person must be privileged by expenses apart from the association's objectives or by disproportional allowances.

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All members are obliged to act according to the statutes and to contribute to the realisation of the association's objectives.

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Membership in the association ends in case of:

1. retirement by choice
2. failure to pay the annual membership fee
3. deprivation of the membership by the board
4. death

The intention to retire must be submitted to the ESSA office in written form. The appropriate time-limit is three months to the end of the financial year.

With the retirement all rights and obligations in connection with the association end. Retirements do not influence the financial obligations of the member for the current year.

IV. Organs of the association

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1. general assembly
2. ESSA board
3. advisory board
4. manager
5. accountant

V. General Assembly

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1. The general assembly takes place annually.
2. Regular members are entitled to participate in the general assembly. They have the right to speak and to vote.
3. Exceptional assemblies can be called by the board or on written request of minimum 1/5 of the regular members. The request is to be sent to the board by priority mail.

4. The board sends written invitations at least two months before the assembly.
5. Points for discussion must be submitted to the ESSA office one month before the assembly.
6. General assemblies need to be documented by protocols, which have to be signed by at least three board members.
7. Supporting members are informed about the results of the general assembly. They do not have the right to participate.

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Tasks of the General Assembly:

1. accepting of the accountant's report
2. financial report
3. acceptance of the financial report through the members
4. discharge of the board
5. accepting of the contribution order
6. election of the board
7. accountant election
8. decisions regarding alterations of the statutes
9. decision to dissolve the association

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1. Regular or exceptional assemblies are quorate when one fourth of the regular members is present.
2. Decisions of the assembly can be accepted with simple majority. If no majority can be found, the question is to be given to the advisory board for further discussion.

VI. Board

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1. The board is composed of five members (president, vice-president, treasurer, two assessors).
2. According to §26 BGB (German law) the board consists of the president, the vice-president and the treasurer.
3. The members of the board need to origin from five different countries.
4. The board is elected for four years.
5. Board meetings need to be announced at least ten days in advance.
6. The votes of all board members are equal.
7. Decisions can be taken with simple majority, given that at least four board members are present. If no simple majority can be found, the voice of the president decides.
8. In case of written urgent requests, the board can make decisions independently, without having to call in a general assembly.

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Tasks of the board:

1. compiles and decides about the programme of the association for the following year,
2. makes the budget,
3. prepares the annual general assembly,
4. sets up the agenda of the general assembly,
5. defines the date of the next general assembly,
6. executes the decisions of the general assembly,
7. appoints the manager,
8. appoints the members of the advisory board,
9. appoints honorary members.

VII. Advisory Board

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The advisory board is appointed by the board and is composed of members, honorary members or exerts.

The advisory board has advisory function. It can work out suggestions and proposals for the board and the general assembly.

VIII. Manager

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The manager is appointed by the board. He/she is bound by the board's instructions.

IX. Accountant

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1. The accountant is elected by the members in the general assembly.
2. The accountant is elected for four years and can be re-elected twice.
3. The accountant checks the financial report and asks for discharge of the board by the general assembly.

X. Alterations of statutes

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1. Every alteration of the statues has to be accepted by the general assembly, a two-third-majority of the present members is necessary.
2. Proposals for alterations of the statutes need to be submitted to the members in written form at least two months prior to the next general assembly.

XI. Dissolving of the association

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1. Dissolving of the association can only be decided by the general assembly and needs a two-third-majority of the present members.
2. The proposal to dissolve the association needs to be submitted to the members in written form at least two months prior to the next general assembly.
3. In case of dissolving of the association it's capital goes to the „Verein zur Förderung der Ausbildung im Pferdesport und zur Pflege von Kulturwerten beim staatlichen Haupt- und Landgestüt Marbach an der Lauter e.V.“ in 72532 Gomadingen-Marbach (Germany), which has to use it directly and exclusively for non-profit purposes.

XI. Entering into force

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The revised version of the statutes becomes valid with it's adoption at the general assembly on 8. June 2010. With this revised version all earlier regulations become invalid.

Neustadt-Dosse, 8th June 2010

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