

GENERAL REGULATIONS KWPN

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Article 1 – Introduction

1. The KWPN has joined the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH).
2. The KWPN collaborates with the KNHS regarding the organisation and realisation of competitions.
3. The members council decides upon and determines the logo and the flag of the KWPN.

Article 2 – Membership application

1. Application for membership is made through the breed registry using the application form required by the general board of directors. Membership application can also be made digitally, whether or not via the KWPN website, following the procedure determined by the general board of directors. Whenever an application form is mentioned this also includes the digital method of application.
2. When applying, the applicant will also indicate the breeding direction(s) which he would like to belong to after his admittance.
3. The general board of directors will, where possible, inform the applicant on its decision within six weeks after receiving the application request.
4. After admitting the applicant to membership the director will inform the member in writing in which breeding direction(s) and region(s) the member is placed.
5. Members terminate their KWPN membership through a written notice to the breed registry. The provisions of article 6 of the statutes are applicable to their membership termination.
6. The director keeps a general membership list and one for each breeding direction and region and either annually or on request he will send a copy of the list to the secretary of the regional board concerned. The general membership list is available to all members at the breed registry. The regional membership list is available at the administration of the region concerned.

Article 3 – Membership of legal persons

1. The provisions of article 2 also apply to members who are legal persons or companies. A legal person or company cannot be or stay a KWPN member unless at least one of its directors or partners is a KWPN member for the duration of the membership of the legal person or company. A legal person or company will not be admitted as a member of the KWPN before either its director or partner is admitted as a new KWPN member.
2. In case of a membership application of a legal person, this will be made by a director with

representation or authorisation powers, according to the articles of association. The application form must be signed by all the directors of the legal person. The legal person will also state the director-member who is being put forward as a potential KWPN member or the person already a KWPN member on other grounds. This director-member must be registered with the commercial and trade registry as a director of the legal person, and at his application, a trade registry excerpt issued a week before or less should be submitted as well as (a copy of) the statutes valid on that date.

3. A company applying for membership can realise this through a partner authorised to represent the company. The application form must be signed by all the partners. The company also states which partner will apply as a member for the KWPN or the partner who is already a member on other grounds. This member should be registered as a partner at the trade registry. In addition, a trade registry excerpt issued a week or less in advance should be submitted. In case the company is not registered at the trade registry, all partners constituting the company will submit a document showing that they constitute a company, and which company, stating all the company partners. This statement should be signed by all the company's partners.
4. The director-member put forward by the legal person or the partner-member put forward by the company must participate in the general board of directors of the legal person or be a partner of the company, for the duration of that status. The legal person or the company will inform the director in writing within a week after the above director-member or partner-member has lost his respective status, while putting forward a new director-member or partner-member, who must meet the criteria for director-members or partner-members set out in sections 2 and 3. A director-member or partner-member can also be a KWPN member on other grounds.
5. A legal person or company will inform the director in writing within one week in case of a change in its direction or regarding its partners. A legal person or company is, at all times, obligated to prove which directors are part of that legal person or which partners are part of that company, on request of the director.
6. As long as the statement of the modifications as referred to in section 5 has not been given, the member most recently registered as a KWPN member will be considered as director-member of the legal person or partner-member of the company. In case the general board of directors or the breed registry is informed about the fact that the legal person or company has not reported the change regarding this director-member or partner-member in a timely manner, the general board of directors can suspend its service to the director-member or partner-member concerned, until a correct and complete statement has been submitted.
7. A legal person or company and its director-member or partner-member must fulfil the obligations resulting from their membership as a legal person or company respectively and they have the authority to exercise the membership rights of the legal person or company on the basis of their membership. In case the legal person or company does not fulfil its obligations or does not comply with the statutes, rules or a decision, this act or failure to act by the legal person or company will also be attributed to the above mentioned director-member of that legal person or the above partner-member of that company.
In that case a punitive measure can be imposed on both the company or legal person and the director-member or partner-member.
8. Should the breach be committed by the director-member of a legal person or by a partner-member of a company, the breach will also be attributed to the legal person or company and punitive measures can be imposed on both the legal person and its director-member and the company and its partner-member, unless the legal person or company can prove that the director-member or partner-member acted only on their own behalf.
9. In connection with the exercising of voting rights in the KWPN, the chairman of a meeting of the representative of a legal person or company may demand that a written mandate is submitted proving his representation mandate.

Article 4 – Services to members

1. The KWPN provides its services unless the provisions of article 5 section 7 are applicable. The services will be provided on Dutch territory.
2. Members living or domiciled abroad cannot require from the KWPN that its services are provided abroad.
3. Members of foreign organisations licensed by the KWPN, are not entitled to the provision of services by the KWPN.
4. The KWPN can ask for a fee for its services, as determined and decided on by the general board of directors.

Article 5 – Rights and obligations of members

1. KWPN members are obligated:
 - a. to observe the Statutes, rules and decisions of bodies and committees of the KWPN;
 - b. not to affect in a negative sense the interests of horse breeders in general and those of the KWPN in particular;
 - c. to fulfil the obligations provided in section 3.
2. Each member exercises his rights as a member of his region.
3. The general board of directors and the general meeting have the power to take decisions imposing obligations of a financial or other nature on the members or enter into obligations for the benefit of the members. Obligations can only be connected to a membership through or by virtue of the statutes.
4. A regional board and regional general meeting also have the powers referred to in section 3, provided that a region cannot impose obligations among its regional members that have no basis in the budget or in the work scheme of the region concerned or in the collaboration between regions.
5. On behalf of its members the KWPN can stipulate certain rights. Unless the member concerned resists, the KWPN can claim fulfilment of obligations or compensation for damages on behalf of this member. The KWPN can also enter into obligations that are binding for its members. These obligations include, among others, the acceptance and fulfilment of obligations entered into with respect to the sponsoring of and participation in events abroad.
6. A member is obligated to fulfill his financial obligations on the date indicated by KWPN (the expiry date). If the member has not fully fulfilled his financial obligations, on or by the expiry date, he will be excluded from further participation in all the activities of KWPN or any services from KWPN, until he has fully met his financial obligations. Up to that time, the member cannot exercise any KWPN rights, including, among others, the receipt of breed registry documents, participation in activities and events. Nor will the member receive the KWPN newsletter, while he remains obligated to fulfil all his membership obligations.
7. If a member does not fulfil his financial obligations towards the KWPN in a timely manner, the member has to pay statutory interest over the due amount as of the expiry date. In case the member remains in default wholly or partially after being granted a new payment term, the member will have to pay 10% extrajudicial costs over the original amount, next to the statutory interest. In case the member continues to be in default he will also have to pay all reasonably made costs and expenses connected to the collection of his debt towards the KWPN by an attorney or bailiff, next to the payment of statutory interest and extrajudicial costs, unless decided upon otherwise by the court.
8. Upon first request and when so demanded, a member is required to provide complete and correct information and statements, orally as well as in writing, and also to submit the required documents to the general board of directors, the regional board, the disciplinary committee, the appeals committee and the arbitration committee.
9. A member and a staff member appointed by the general board of directors are required to behave appropriately before, during and after an event and help maintain the order, should this be necessary.
10. A member will refrain from any kind of sexual behaviour or sexual advances, verbally, non-verbally or physically towards another member, intended or unintended, when this other member, experiencing it, considers it to be unwanted or involuntary.
11. A member will refrain from expressing any form of verbal violence, threat or discrimination towards another member.
12. A member will contribute towards the health and wellbeing of horses and refrain from any infringements in that respect.
13. A member must refrain from the use or the administration of forbidden substances and is required to allow for controls and checks regarding forbidden substances and cooperate fully, referring to the rules and regulations in *het Reglement Ongeoorloofde middelen*.
14. Any act or failure to act regarding any obligation included in this article constitutes a violation as stated in the *Tuchtreglement (disciplinary regulations)* and can be punished, observing its regulations..
15. Discrimination between members is forbidden.

Article 6 – Registration data by breeder and registered party

1. Only a member can ask for the registration of a horse in the KWPN register at the breed registry

- and only a member can subsequently have the horse registration data changed.
2. The *Registratiereglement (registration regulations)* is (are) observed when a horse is registered.
 3. A foal is registered on the basis of a birth certificate filled in by the breeder and received by the breed registry.
 4. Afterwards a registration of horse and personal data or any required changes will only take place upon the request of the registered party.
 5. Statements and requests regarding registration of horse or personal data can also take place digitally, whether or not via the KWPN website, in a manner to be determined by the general board of directors.
 6. A member offering his horse for registration or subsequently requesting the modification of horse and personal data, guarantees the accuracy and completeness of the horse and personal data supplied to the breed registry.
 7. A violation of what has been stipulated in this article will result in a violation within the meaning of article 7 of the *Tuchtreglement (disciplinary regulations)* and can be punished, in accordance with the *Tuchtreglement*.
 8. The KWPN does not record the owner or the ownership of a horse within the meaning of the *Burgerlijk Wetboek (Civil Code)*. The registration of a horse or a registration as “registered” does not produce any rights or proof for the registered, another member or a third party with respect to the registered horse regarding the legal ownership within the meaning of the *Burgerlijk Wetboek*. The registration of a horse and of the registered party only takes place for KWPN internal administrative purposes connected to the registration of the horse and related rights and obligations. This generates no (new) rights towards the KWPN.
 9. In case the KWPN issues a horse passport at the request of the registered party, the KWPN will state in the passport as ‘owner’ in the meaning of the horse passport’ the breeder or the registered party, while this does not involve the question whether the registered party or breeder concerned is (co-)owner within the meaning of the *Burgerlijk Wetboek*. The term ‘owner’ in the horse passport is used on the basis of national rules and regulations of the *Productschap voor Vee, Vlees en Eieren (Product Board for Cattle, Meat and Eggs)*, falling outside of the responsibility of the KWPN.
 10. In case a registration of a horse or of horse data is contested in writing and stating its reasons by another party than the registered party, the director can include an annotation regarding that horse in the breed register. Before making that annotation, the director may request a written statement of all the facts and circumstances justifying that request from the parties involved, including proof documents, if this is possible. These annotations only have an internal effect, not producing any rights for the registered or requesting parties, nor to another member or third party. It is not possible to lodge an objection against these annotations with the general board of directors or another body.
 11. In case such an annotation is made, the director will inform the registered party in writing and will ask the latter for a written response. Should the registered party fail to respond in writing after being repeatedly requested to do so, the director has the power to change the horse data as he sees fit.
 12. In case the registered party refutes the argument within the meaning of section 10 in writing while stating his reasons, the director reports this to the requesting party within the meaning of section 10. Should the requesting party persist in his request to have noted the contestation of the registration of the horse and/or the horse data, the director will ask the registered party and the requesting party to come to an agreement regarding the manner of registration of the horse and/or the horse and personal data concerned and to inform the director through a joint and written statement within three weeks. This joint statement should be unconditional and univocal.
 13. Should the director not receive the joint statement of the registered and requesting parties before the end of the term within the meaning of the previous section, the director will give the requesting party a three-week term for submitting this dispute to the arbitration committee of the KWPN or to the *voorzieningenrechter (provisional cases section)* of the competent district court. Until the arbitration committee of the KWPN or the provisional judge of the court has come to a decision, the KWPN will not change the original registration. The requesting party is obligated to send a copy of the submitted written request or of the served writ of summons. Should the copy of the written request or the writ of summons not been received in time, the director may keep the registration unaltered or change the registration as he sees fit.
 14. In case the decision of the arbitration committee of the KWPN or of the provisional judge gives cause for this, the director will change the registration in the manner indicated in the decision. Should, in an appeals procedure or in a procedure on the merits, the court decide otherwise, the

director will comply with the most recent court decision or the decision of the highest court, regarding the registration.

Article 7 – Registration of personal and horse data

1. The information given by members after their application as a member of afterwards regarding their personal details, their company and/or horse will be recorded in the personal or horse data register. Through his application for membership the member explicitly authorises the KWPN to record the obtained information in the personal and horse registration and to use and provide this information in accordance with the provisions of this article.
2. Should a legal person, a company or sole proprietorship be a member of the KWPN, the company data regarding this member will also be registered, as well as personal data of all the directors, partners or owner of the sole proprietorship.
3. The personal and horse data registration can also include information obtained from other national and international breed registries, from competitive sports organisations, from laboratories and other third parties. In addition personal and horse data may have been acquired from the disciplinary, appeals and arbitration committees of the KWPN, in as much as those data have come to the attention of the KWPN when handling a case.
4. The purpose of the registration of data is that breeders of KWPN registered horses may have access to personal, company and horse data of members and third parties, such as former members, in order to comply with the statutory goal of the KWPN to set up and keep registers, a membership administration, record genealogy and achievement data of horses, to register horse chipping, to perform disciplinary judiciary functions towards members, as well as the provision of information from the registers to be used by members and third parties, for internal KWPN use as well as for commercial purposes.
5. The personal, company and/or horse data are also used for the issuing of horse passports and other documents provided by the KWPN on account of its goals or from the law, an act, statute, government regulation or government measure, or a European Directive or License.
6. The personal, company and/or horse data will also be used for journalistic or news, historical, statistical and academic purposes.
7. The general meeting can decide to make personal, company and/or horse data available for commercial purposes to third parties, provided that the members will have the opportunity to communicate to the director that their personal and/or company details must not be made available to third parties for commercial purposes.
8. Regarding these registrations the KWPN makes a sustained effort towards complete and accurate personal, company and horse data, but it cannot guarantee the accuracy and completeness of these data towards third parties.
9. Under the responsibility of the general board of directors, the director will make provisions for the management, registration, processing and provision of personal and horse data, observing the provisions of article 6 of these rules.
10. From the purpose of the KWPN follows that all horse and accompanying personal and company data on behalf of and in relation to the breeders can be provided and published, unless stated otherwise.
11. When horse data from the breed register are supplied to third parties, the note within the meaning of article 6 section 10 is included in the horse and personal data to be provided.
12. The KWPN may provide horse and personal data to members and third parties, with the exception of the situations described and intended in sections 13, 14 and 15.
13. A member or third party will be informed about the identity of the registered party of the requested party. A requesting party will not receive an overview of the horses which have been registered nor on behalf of which particular person.
14. A member or a third party will at their request be informed in writing on the identity of the breeder of the registered horse. A member or third party will not receive an overview regarding which horses have been bred by which breeder.
15. A member or third party will not receive the contents or a copy of a linear score form or of the information it contains. This form and its data constitute a confidential internal document of an inspector of the KWPN.
16. Anyone having requested personal, company and/or horse data for non-commercial purposes regarding an individual horse of which the name has been stated, in behalf of the breeder, will receive the data regarding that horse.

Article 8 – Horse passport

1. The chairman of the KWPN has been mandated by the PVE to issue horse passports.
2. The Statutes and regulations of the KWPN are not applicable to the issuing of a horse passport, but the *Verordening Indentificatie en Registratie* of the competent government authority will be applicable.
3. A request for the issuing of a horse passport or duplicate of a horse passport will be processed in accordance with section 2 of the *Verordening* (Act or Statute) mentioned above.
4. The chairman, having received a mandate of the competent government authority, of the general board of directors decides on a request for a horse passport or a duplicate of a horse passport. The decision upon the request by the chairman of the general board of directors is an administrative decision (*bestuursrechtelijk besluit*) within the context of the *Algemene Wet Bestuursrecht* (General Administrative Law), which can be challenged in accordance with the provisions of this law.
5. The issuing of a horse passport or duplicate horse passport (or a request to do so) does not result in any liability, responsibility or accountability on the side of the KWPN.
6. The chairman of the general board of directors is accountable to the competent government authority, not to the general meeting, with respect to his policies on the issuing of horse passports and horse passport duplicates or decisions not to do so.

Article 9 – General board and committee meetings

1. The general board of directors, the regional board, a breed council and all committees will have meetings as often as the chairman or at least two members request this.
2. The director or the secretary of the concerned board, committee or breed council is responsible for the calling of the meeting concerned and will determine the agenda. The chairman determines the place and time of these meeting sessions referred to above.
3. With the permission of the body that has appointed him, a member can let himself be represented by another member in board and committee meetings, with the restriction that one member can be authorised to represent just one other board or committee member.
4. The decision-making can also take place outside of the meetings, on the condition that all members have consented to the decision-making procedure and have had the opportunity to participate.

Article 10 – Minutes

1. Minutes are made of every meeting of the general board of directors and the breed council and they will be approved in the following meeting session.
2. The general board of directors decides of which meeting sessions of another body or committee it will receive the minutes or a summary.

Article 11- Nominations and appointments

1. All elections and appointments regarding a KWPN position will take place through nomination of candidates and a first and second ballot round, if necessary, as stated in article 22 of the Statutes.
2. In case of an appointment to a position, the nomination will also be in that position.
3. In case more than one opening needs to be filled the nomination and appointment will take place separately for each opening.
4. All candidates for a KWPN position have to be KWPN members and of age. Nomination takes place on the basis of suitability for the position concerned.
5. Each nomination must take place in a written form and should be accompanied by a written statement of the candidate accepting the possible nomination. In case a candidate withdraws this statement before the voting takes place, there will be the opportunity to nominate one or more other candidates.
6. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes or rules, every appointment for a KWPN position will be for a three-year term, with the possibility of a following reappointment for a double three-year period up to a maximum of nine consecutive years.
After the maximum appointment term, the individual concerned cannot be appointed in any position in the same board, committee or in the same position then after the maximum appointment term of three years has expired. The person concerned can be appointed in any other position than his former position, after the expiration of the maximum appointment term.

7. Contrary to what is stipulated in section 6, a maximum appointment term of 12 consecutive years of which maximally nine years as chairman of the board or committee concerned, is applicable to the chairman of the general board of directors, to the chairmen of the regional boards and to the chairmen of the stallion examination committees.
8. The provisions of section 6 do not apply to the members appointed in an ad hoc committee. The provisions of section 6 do not apply to the reappointment of members of the confidentiality committee, nor to members of the general board of JongKWPN.
9. The (re)appointment will enter into force on the day after the (re)nomination of the person concerned and will end on the day on which the re-appointment term expires, unless the provisions of section 6 are applicable or unless the (re)appointment term ends in some other manner.
10. If positions have not been declared incompatible, members can have several positions in the KWPN. Apart from the positions declared incompatible elsewhere in the Statutes and regulations of the KWPN, the following positions are in any case incompatible:
 - the membership of the general board of directors with any other position in the KWPN;
 - the membership of any board with an KWPN employee status, including inspectors;
 - the membership of any board of directors with the membership of the disciplinary committee and the appeals committee;
 - the membership of the stallion examination committee and re-examination committee with any other position in the KWPN, provided that the members of these committees still can by a jury member.
 - the status of jury membership, foal examiner or passport consultant with any board position and with the membership of the general meeting.
11. The incompatibility within the meaning of section 10 is not applicable to positions in the general board of directors in the related legal persons within the meaning of article 3 section 10. In case a member participates in a body or committee of such a legal person on behalf of the KWPN, he will resign on the date at which he loses his authority to represent the KWPN in that body or that committee.
12. The general board of directors organises the elections and nominations in the KWPN on a national level and the regional board does this on a regional level.
13. Should there be a job opening in the meantime, the next meeting will provide in this as soon as possible. In case the filling in of the vacancy cannot be postponed, the board of directors concerned can decide on a written nomination and election in a way that is as similar as possible to the prescribed way of election and nomination.
14. The body or committee that has the authority to appoint members of a body or a committee is also authorised to suspend and dismiss a member, unless otherwise determined in the Statutes or the regulations. .
15. A member of a body or a committee can be suspended for a maximum term of six months, during which the person concerned cannot exercise the rights connected to his position. A suspension ends through the passage of time, unless the suspension is lifted beforehand or is changed in a dismissal decision.

Article 12 – Committees

1. Unless stated otherwise, the chairman of a committee will be appointed to a position.
2. The general meeting nominates and appoints, on the recommendation of the general board of directors, the members of the following committees:
 - a. the disciplinary committee;
 - b. the appeals committee;
 - c. the arbitration committee;
 - d. the stallion examination committee;
 - e. the re-examination committee.
3. The responsibilities and powers of the disciplinary committee and of the appeals committee are regulated in the Tuchtreglement. The responsibilities and powers of the Arbitration committee in the *Arbitragereglement*.
4. Apart from the responsibilities and powers as mentioned in the Tuchtreglement, based on the provisions of article 4 section 4 of the Statutes, the appeal committee has the duty to decide upon the admittance of a (legal) person or company to the KWPN, at the request of the party concerned, after a decision of the general board of directors not to admit the involved party as a member. For this purpose the appeals committee may set up a chamber which it authorises to take the decision concerned. The appeals committee issues a reasoned decision in writing.

5. The director can add an official secretary to the committee.

Article 13 – Confidentiality committee

1. The confidentiality committee consists of three members, including a chairman, as well as a substitute member.
2. The general meeting appoints the members of the confidentiality committee, on the recommendation of the confidentiality committee, for a maximum term of three years. The general meeting appoints the chairman of the confidentiality committee to his position.
3. The confidentiality committee has the duty to formulate a binding recommendation for the appointment of the members and of the chairman of the general board of directors.
4. In case there is an opening for a position, the confidentiality committee reports this through the official notices and will communicate that any candidates can make themselves known to the chairman of the confidentiality committee. The confidentiality committee can also invite candidates on its own initiative.
5. The confidentiality committee handle with candidate names in a confidential manner.
6. When making a binding nomination for appointment, the confidentiality committee will be guided by the need for the creation of a coherent general board and the desire for mutual cooperation within the general board of directors.
7. Before the confidentiality committee presents its binding recommendation to the general meeting she will consult the general board of directors.
8. The nomination for appointment of the confidentiality committee is binding. The general meeting can remove the binding nature of the recommendation through a two-thirds majority vote.
9. Should the general meeting decide not to adopt the binding nomination for appointment, the confidentiality committee will set up a new binding nomination for appointment, after consulting the general board of directors.
10. In case of a premature vacancy, the general meeting can give permission to skip the notification procedure and nominate for appointment a candidate who has remained from previous nominations for appointment rounds that have taken place less than six months before.
11. At the end of a term a member of the general board of directors will inform the confidentiality committee about the possibility of eligibility for re-election.
12. The confidentiality committee will conduct an assessment interview with the member of the general board of directors to be reappointed, before such a reappointment.

Article 14 – Stallion examination committee and the re-examination committee

1. The general meeting sets up a stallion examination committee and a re-examination committee for each breeding direction and discipline within the breeding direction Riding horse and appoints and dismisses the members of these committees on the basis of names submitted by the general board of directors. The breed council makes a profile for the members of these committees. The general board of directors assesses the candidates comparing them with the profile and formulates a nomination for appointment. The nomination of the general board of directors has a binding nature. The general meeting can remove the binding nature of the nomination for appointment through a decision taken on the basis of at least a two-thirds majority vote. In case the general meeting has removed the binding nature of the nomination for appointment for the general board of directors, the general board of directors will set up a new nomination for appointment.
2. A stallion examination committee consists of three to five members. The general board appoints a chairman from the stallion examination committee. An inspector selected by the director participates in the meetings of the stallion examination committee and will have an advisory vote. The inspector coordinates the activities of the stallion examination committee.
3. A re-examination committee consists of three to five members. The general board of directors appoints a chairman from the re-examination committee. An inspector chosen by the director will participate in the meetings of the re-examination committee and participates in an advisory capacity. The inspector coordinates the activities of the stallion examination committee.

Article 15 - JongKWPN Platform

1. The KWPN has a Jong KWPN platform of young KWPN members aged 16 to 30, aiming to prepare young members for the breeding of horses registered by the KWPN, belonging to all KWPN's breeding directions as well as promoting mutual contacts between young KWPN

- members and to prepare them for managerial organisational responsibilities within the KWPN.
2. JongKWPN is directed by a board of directors which members are appointed by the general meeting of JongKWPN admitted to this platform.
 3. The *Reglement Platform JongKWPN* is applicable to members of JongKWPN.
 4. JongKWPN members can, in that capacity, act as a member of a breeding council or of a general meeting.
 5. JongKWPN is represented in the general meeting with one delegate who is a member of its general board.
 6. A region as well as JongKWPN have a mutual obligation to do their utmost (*inspanningsverplichting*) to make sure that JongKWPN will have a representative in a passive role (auditor) and without administrative (board) responsibilities in the regional board.

Article 16 – Financial means and membership fees

1. KWPN funds consist of:
 - a. contribution, registration and transfer fees covered mares, as well as admission fees;
 - b. levies or charges regarding examinations, re-examinations and predicates;
 - c. remuneration or compensation for provided services;
 - d. other revenue.
2. Inheritances and legacies can only be accepted on the condition of the benefit of inventory (*voorrecht van boedelbeschrijving*).
3. Whenever a company or a legal person is a KWPN member the partner representing the company or the board member representing the legal person will have the obligation as KWPN members to pay contribution fees.
4. If two or more family members reside at the same address, the second or further family member will receive a € 25,- reduction on the membership fee.
5. The contribution is charged and collected annually, shortly before or after the end of the year, with the exception of contribution of new members, which will be charged one month after their admittance.
6. Members who are honorary members receive dispensation for the payment of membership fees.

Article 17 - Compensation of expenses

1. General board members and other officials receive a compensation for travel and accommodation expenses made in their official capacity as officials and in the interest of the KWPN, on the basis of principles and guidelines set by the general board.
2. Within a budget allocated to a region, members of the regional board can receive compensation for expenses made.

Article 18 – Competition and games

1. The KWPN can organise games and competitions for horse categories set by the general board of directors.
2. The general board can, under its responsibility, order the KNHS to organise games or competitions.
3. In case of a joint organisation of games and competitions of the KWPN with the KNHS, those games and competitions will be held under the responsibility of the KWPN and separate KWPN/KNHS rules and regulations will apply to these games and competitions.
4. The KWPN has, among others, the following competitions and championships:
 - a. the stallion competition for the dressage and jumping disciplines covered by the *Reglement KWPN/KNHS Hengstencompetitie*, and subsequently the indication of the season (*de aanduiding van het seizoen*);
 - b. the championship for young jumping and dressage horses, covered by the *Reglement KWPN/KNHS*.
5. The general board of directors decides and approves the KWPN/KNHS rules and regulations on an annual basis for each game or competition.

Article 19 – Code of Conduct and Integrity (*Gedrags- en Integriteitscode*)

1. On the proposal of the general board of directors, the general meeting sets a Code of Conduct and Integrity (*Gedrags- en Integriteitscode*) for the officials mentioned in the Code.
2. Article 23 of the Statutes applies to the setting and changing of the *Gedrags- en integriteitscode*.
3. The officials concerned must abide by the rules in the *Gedrags- en integriteitscode* and behave accordingly.

Article 20 – Admission to events

1. Observing the stipulations of this article, members are admitted to events organised under the auspices of or by the KWPN, whether or not after paying an admission fee.
2. A member will not be granted admission to an event if this is prevented by a lack of space, government regulations such as directions by a mayor (*aanwijzingen*), by the police or the fire department or by a rental agreement concluded with a third party.
3. In addition, a member cannot be admitted to an event when a disciplinary or appeals committee has issued one of the following punishments to that member: exclusion of participation to an event, one or more KWPN activities, the removal of the right to perform one or more KWPN positions. Furthermore, a member is refused admission to an event in case he is suspended or expelled by a disciplinary or appeals committee.
4. The general board of directors has the power to refuse admission or further attendance of a member and/or a third party whether or not including the horses of the member and/or third party to ensure an orderly and safe course of events during the event, by way of an order measure or implementing order. The general board of directors may delegate this right to the director, to the members of the stallion examination and re-examination committees and other officials appointed by the general board of directors.
5. Members of the general board of directors, breed registry staff and officials provided with a personal admission ticket by the general board of directors are at all times entitled to free entrance and admission to events.

Article 21 – Maintaining order and safety

1. A party organising an event is required to maintain order and safety in and/or outside the location where the event is being held. The organising party is responsible for doing so, before, during and after the event as well as for the personal safety of all those present. The responsibility for the period following the event ends one hour after the termination of the event.
2. The general board of directors can set up regulations ensuring the order at events. The general board can appoint individuals who are charged with control and supervision of the compliance with the stipulations of section 1 and are authorised, on behalf of the general board, to exercise the powers stated in sections 3 and 4.
3. In case the safety, orderly course of events or order cannot be sufficiently guaranteed by the general board, the organisation of an event on the planned location may be prohibited. In that case, the organising party is required to take the measures required by the general board and/or inform the parties concerned of another event location no more than five days before the event, so that the safety, orderly course of events or the order can be sufficiently guaranteed.
4. In case the safety, orderly course of events, order is not sufficiently guaranteed during an event, the general board may order the organising party to interrupt the event and take the measures required by the general board, and should the party fail to do so, the board may order the organising party to end the event prematurely or to have it take place elsewhere.

Article 22 – Liability

1. In the performance of its duties, obligations and activities, the KWPN will not be liable towards its members for any actions or negligence of its bodies, committees, officials and employees, in as much as it does not involve liability or intent (*grove schuld of opzet*).
2. A decision by the chairman of the appeals committee, by the appeals committee, the chairman of the disciplinary committee, the disciplinary committee, the chairman of the arbitration committee, the arbitration committee, a jury, a stallion examination committee and re-examination committee cannot produce any entitlement to compensation for damages against the KWPN for members or third parties.
3. The general board of directors, regional board, a committee, a jury or a party organising events under the auspices of the KWPN or who assists in any manner as well as other officials and/or staff, are not liable for any damages caused directly or indirectly by participation in an event or activity towards the owner, possessor, holder of a horse, the person bringing the horse, steering or riding the horse.
4. A member causing damage to KWPN properties must compensate these damages to the KWPN upon first request.
5. A member causing damage to another party than the KWPN will be liable for these damages and will indemnify the KWPN for all (damage) claims of other parties against the KWPN.

Article 23 – Official notices

1. All official notices from the general meeting and the general board of directors will be communicated in the form of an official notice in the KWPN newsletter and/or at the website of the KWPN and will be made known to the members in this manner. The general board of directors has the authority to inform the members in another manner, such as by email.
2. The members are expected to be familiar with the official notices as of their date of publication in the KWPN newsletter and/or on the KWPN website.
3. A copy of the statutes and general regulations will be sent to the members after payment of a fee to be determined by the general board of directors.