



Constitution of the International Saddle Seat Equitation Association

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CLAUSE 1: NAME & LOGO

- 1.1 Name: International Saddle Seat Equitation Association.
- 1.2 Abbreviated Name: ISSEA.
- 1.3 Constitution: The Constitution of ISSEA.
- 1.4 Members: Membership is open to all countries approved by the ISSEA. Only members in good standing will be allowed to compete.
- 1.5 Honorary Life President is an ex-officio advisory position.
- 1.6 The ISSEA logo shall be the globe with overlaid rider on trotting horse, all suspended above laurel garland. **This logo is to be used to represent the organization and the interests of international Saddle Seat competition in general rather than any specific event with which the organization may be affiliated** (ie., Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup). Refer to the attached logo sample, Appendix A, hereby made a permanent part of these Rules. **[Amended Dec 2006]**
- 1.7 The ISSEA logo art may be used to denote a specific country's affiliation with ISSEA, and in such case the logo may be executed in that country's colors. When used to represent the organization as a whole, the logo is to be executed in black and white. **[Added Dec 2006]**

CLAUSE 2: THE LEGAL TITLE

- 2.1 The name of the body is the International Saddle Seat Equitation Association (ISSEA).
- 2.2 The body has legal identity, and
- 2.3 Exists as an independent identity,
- 2.4 Can function in its own name judicially.
- 2.5 The ISSEA is not associated in any way with the selection of Team members to the World Cup and/or other International Saddle Seat Equitation events.
- 2.6 The ISSEA is a non-profit organization.

CLAUSE 3: MEETINGS

- 3.1 The ISSEA General Assembly and Office-bearers will ordinarily meet at least once every two years.

CLAUSE 4: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 4.1 ISSEA General Assembly shall be comprised of the Office-bearers and one (1) representative per competing country conducting Saddle Seat Equitation at their National level. No nation shall possess more than 2 votes (officer, national representative). In the event that the Chairman of the host nation's World Cup Committee does not hold a position as either an ISSEA Officer or ISSEA General Assembly Representative for that nation, they shall be added to the ISSEA Advisory Board as a non-voting member (see 4.4, below).
- 4.2 The ISSEA reserves the right to replace representatives by a simple majority of the quorum. (See Clause 10.1)
- 4.3 If for any reason a competing country's representative is unavailable, or fails to guarantee to the ISSEA their country's participation within six months of the next World Cup competition, ISSEA may appoint a replacement representative.
- 4.4 The ISSEA will have the right to nominate Honorary members. ISSEA maintains an Advisory Board, consisting of past presidents of the organization, for the purpose of continuity. Honorary member positions are non-voting.]
- 4.5 Annual affiliation fees will be decided by the ISSEA. For a nation to be considered in good standing, they must submit the required dues to the Treasurer no later than 90 days prior to the opening date of the competition. Members who make alternate payment arrangements with the Treasurer will still be considered in good standing. The current fee is one hundred dollars (\$100) in US funds per year, for a total of two hundred dollars (\$200) in US funds per competition.



- 4.6 All existing countries must submit a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 USD to guarantee participation six (6) months prior to the competition. Deposit will be applied toward accommodations for that nation's team. Host nation to secure host hotel with accommodations for the team at a reasonable rate. Extraordinary circumstances may be considered on a case-by-case basis. *[Amended Dec 2006, mtg #1]*
- 4.7 New members may be admitted to ISSEA subject to the approval of the majority and conditional upon the following requirements:
- Submission of mandatory \$100 USD one-time initiation fee
 - Submission of applicable annual membership dues, currently \$100 USD per year
 - Submission of \$1,000 USD as a non-refundable deposit and guarantee of their participation 18 months prior to the competition. *[Added Dec 2006, mtg #1]*

CLAUSE 5: ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS [EXECUTIVE COUNCIL]

- 5.1 The ISSEA Office-Bearers consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 5.2 The following ISSEA Office-Bearers [Executive Council] will be elected every two (2) years or as soon as an ISSEA meeting can be held after the two year period has expired: President and Vice President.
- 5.3 The positions of Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer are appointed by the President and may be separate or combined. Whether separate or combined, the positions of Secretary and Treasurer are non-voting.

CLAUSE 6: ELIGIBLE VOTERS

- 6.1 Each General Assembly representative shall have one (1) vote.
- 6.2 The President and Vice-President shall have one (1) vote. The President will have a casting vote.
- 6.3 A person may not hold more than one position at the same time.
- 6.4 Proxy voting will be allowed in writing one (1) day minimum before meeting.
- 6.5 The office of Treasurer shall be held by a resident of the United States as the funds of ISSEA are banked in the United States.

CLAUSE 7: ADDRESS

- 7.1 The official head office for the ISSEA shall be the business address of record of and consistent with that for USWC as the holder of the funds for ISSEA.

CLAUSE 8: AIMS

- 8.1 The International Saddle Seat Equitation Association (ISSEA) is the governing body, which is composed of countries that are uniting with the common goal of promoting the art of Saddle Seat Equitation on an International level.
- 8.2 Pursue International opportunities to help promote the Saddle Seat Equitation discipline.
- 8.3 To represent ISSEA at an International level.
- 8.4 To formulate International Rules and Regulations in order to standardize competitions.
- 8.5 To be responsible for the criteria and selection process of Judges.
- 8.6 To be the representative body of all Amateur riders (determined by each country's rules) of the Saddle Seat Equitation countries.

CLAUSE 9: NON-INTERFERENCE

- 9.1 The ISSEA will not interfere with the domestic affairs of its members.



CLAUSE 10: QUORUM

11.1 A quorum is a simple majority of members in good standing.

CLAUSE 11: AMENDMENTS

- 11.1 No decision taken by the ISSEA may be rescinded without a simple majority of the quorum.
11.2 Any change, addition or amendment to the Constitution will only be valid with a simple majority of the quorum.
11.3 At least three (3) months notice must be given before a meeting of the ISSEA may be held.

CLAUSE 12: OBLIGATIONS - SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION WORLD CUP COMPETITION

- 12.1 ISSEA must provide a copy of all rules and regulations to all competing countries/teams.
12.2 ISSEA must provide a copy of rules and regulations for the Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup to the event announcer.

CLAUSE 13: SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION WORLD CUP COMPETITION

- 13.1 The Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup Competition shall consist of a Three-Gaited and a Five-Gaited competition. *[Amended Dec 2006, mtg. #1]*

CLAUSE 14: GOVERNANCE OF INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL COMPETITION *[Added Dec 2006 mtg. #1]*

- 14.1 Any international saddle seat competition must apply to ISSEA for approval of the event.
14.2 Application must contain the following information:
Dates
Competition Details, to include use of horses such as:
 Swap from own horse to another rider's on Day Two *or*
 Regular Exchange (never riding own horse)
Extraordinary Circumstances requests as needed
14.3 An application fee of \$25USD will be charged for each event applying for sanction
14.4 Upon application approval, ISSEA would issue formal letters of invitation to participating countries and would officially sanction the event by providing a competition license
14.5 ISSEA will furnish an event packet to event organizer (rules, constitution, patterns, logo)
14.6 All public advertisement and other announcements ***must include*** mention (and logo, when possible) of ISSEA. 'World Cup' is not to be used in the name or marketing of any invitational event.
14.7 ISSEA recognized judging system (one currently in use at the WC) must be used (exceptions permissible by approval of Extraordinary Circumstances requests)
14.8 ISSEA will make a news release available to nations involved in each event including the ISSEA logo

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APPENDIX A

ISSEA LOGO

