



Constitution of the „European Tent Pegging Association“

FOUNDATION

The boards or deputies of the national tent pegging associations of the states Great Britain, the Netherlands, Germany and Norway found the European Tent Pegging Association (ETPA) as the European organisation for this sport, which will bring the activities of the International Tent Pegging Federation (ITPF) closer to the European athletes and will be open for further European national tent pegging associations to represent all European tent peggers as an advocacy institution.

1. PURPOSES AND TASKS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 1.1 It is the aim of the ETPA to promote the sport of tent pegging in the member states and all over Europe, so that the number of active riders will increase steadily.
- 1.2 The activities and efforts of the ITPF shall be brought closer to the European riders and supported actively.
- 1.3 Further European nations shall be won as member states of the ETPA to promote the sport in European countries where it is not yet present or organised.
- 1.4 It is a central aim of the ETPA to represent all European tent peggers, in the worldwide tent pegging community as well as towards external sports or non-sports institutions or actors. The ETPA also engages in working for recognition of the respective Equestrian federation and/or the respective Olympic Committees.
- 1.5 It is a main purpose of the ETPA to promote the active exercise of the sport of tent pegging. European riders shall be able to enter a higher number of competitions with each other, but also tent peggers from outside Europe, and practice and improve the sport in the context of trainings.
- 1.6 For this, common key information has to be coordinated and shared. This includes coordinated dates of national, European and international competitions and training opportunities, which will be published and updated on the central website of the ETPA. Conflicting schedules shall be avoided by announcing all national dates for the following year to the ETPA till 1 December of the preceding year with the purpose of coordination and publishing. Furthermore, the contact details of persons of contact, judges and coaches shall be published here centrally. An ETPA committee for schedule coordination shall be in charge of this.
- 1.7 For the publication of information and for the promotion of the sport, the ETPA shall maintain profiles on social media like Facebook, Instagram and other useful platforms, since young riders especially can be approached here. An ETPA-committee for communications shall be in charge of this.
- 1.8 A main focus of the ETPA is on youth work in order to win junior riders for the sport.
- 1.9 Together with the European national associations, the ETPA organises the European Championship in Tent Pegging biannually. Details related to the event shall be decided by the general assembly of the ETPA.
- 1.10 The ETPA commits itself to the adherence to the horse's well-being and the rules of safe riding.

2. ORGANIZATION

- 2.1 The ETPA shall be represented by its president. They will be elected by the members of the ETPA general assembly every second year. Candidates will be submitted by the national member associations. The president does not have to be a member of the ETPA general assembly. For the first two years after the foundation, Mr. Paul Brown of the British Tentpegging Association shall hold the presidency in order to promote the establishment of the ETPA.
- 2.2 The general assembly consists of the deputies of the national member associations. Every association shall send two delegates, who will be selected according to national rules. To guarantee continuity in their work, in the first term one delegate should be elected for a term of two years, one delegate should be elected for three years. From the second period on, the delegates shall hold their position for the duration of two years. The interval starts with the foundation of the ETPA.
- 2.3. Each member state shall have one vote with the president in the event of a hung vote shall have the casting vote. Ballots will follow the principle of majority rule.
- 2.4 The members of the ETPA committees will be elected from the members of the ETPA general assembly. The committees dedicate themselves to special topics and prepare draft resolutions for the general assembly.
- 2.4 With the foundation of the ETPA, committees exist for (a) tournament and schedule coordination, (b) communications, (c) sports, rules, judge's and coach's trainings, (d) finance and organisation.

3. MEMBERS

- 3.1 All European national tent pegging associations may become members of the ETPA. All active European ITPF member associations are members of the ETPA per se.
- 3.2 Founding members are the associations of Great Britain, the Netherlands, Germany and Norway.
- 3.3. If more than one national tent pegging association should exist in one country, and they all want to become a member of the ETPA, these associations should form a common national body which represents all national tent peggers before the nation may become a member of the ETPA. By this, the ETPA purpose 1.4 shall be fulfilled.
- 3.4 Associations may apply for membership in the ETPA. The general assembly decides about their admittance.
- 3.5 Europe is considered territorially as the member states of the Counsel of Europe. The general assembly may decide about applications for admission of further states.

4. COSTS

- 4.1 Costs for the activities and fulfilment of the purposes of the ETPA shall be kept low in order to make all existing means available for the exercise of the sport.
- 4.2 To avoid extra expenses the meetings of the ETPA shall take place - if possible - in the context of European competitions. Virtual meetings via video telephony or telephone conferences are possible, if urgent decision making is required.
- 4.3 Since the ETPA also represents the interest of the ITPF, the ETPA will seek a co-funding of their activities by the ITPF.
- 4.4 To cover some costs, the ETPA shall pursue fundraising and the acquisition of sponsors.
- 4.5 The delegates and representatives of the ETPA offer time and commitment voluntarily and at no charge.
- 4.6 The general assembly shall decide on potential membership fees.

4. DATA PROTECTION

Personal information of members shall only be used in the pursuance of the ETPA business. It will not be sold or provided to a third party without consent.