

STATUTES



CHAPTERS I: NAME, RESIDENCE, RESPONSIBILITY

Article 1

An international organization under the name « International Chihuahua Club " (abbreviation : ICC) was formed on 22nd December 2021 in Gilly, Switzerland. The International Chihuahua Club is a non-profit association within the meaning of the following statutes and of articles 60-79 of the Swiss Civil Code.

Article 2

The domicile of the ICC is with the Treasurer (or preferably with a Board member living in Switzerland).

Article 3

Under ICC obligations, only ICC assets are liable. A separate responsibility from connected juristic or natural persons is out of question and in turn the ICC is not responsible for the delegates' obligations.

CHAPTERS II: AIM (TARGET)

Article 4

The aim of the ICC is to unite all Chihuahua Clubs and friends under a universally recognized interpretation of the standards, to strive together for the purity, the health and the character of the breed and to nurse and improve the friendship of the Chihuahua Fanciers and official clubs. Also to promote the breed and edit guidelines helping to take care, breed, judge and respect the Chihuahua breed.

Article 5

To obtain financial profit is not intended. ICC is a non-profit association. ICC-assets shall be deposit in a Bank or Savings Bank.

Article 6

The ICC can be asked to mediate dissension between members. It will however recognize the autonomy of the members and cannot interfere in their internal affairs.

Article 7

The target (aim) will be accomplished by:

- A. Cooperation at every level to promote (advance) our breed and its health.
- B. Universal recognition of the FCI/AKC/KC and other recognized members standards and the correct interpretation of it. It includes the standards of the FCI Associate Members and FCI Partners under contract.
- C. Exchange of judges between the member clubs.
- D. If possible a yearly international judges meeting with educational lectures from experts, films, photographs, etc...
- E. Drafting of guidelines and recommendations to improve uniformity of the type and the health.
- F. Organization of ICC-Shows, congresses over breeding and health, exchange of the club-magazines and stud-books, publication of an ICC Newsletter, and others.
- G. At ICC-Shows only dogs with pedigrees recognized by the FCI/AKC/KC can be shown. It includes FCI Associate Members and FCI Partners under contract.

CHAPTER III: MEMBERSHIP & DATA

Article 8

Member of the ICC can be :

8.1 : Any Chihuahua Club (or ToyClub chaperoning Chihuahua) recognized by their countries umbrella (cupola) organization. That umbrella organization must have been recognized by the FCI (or affiliate members).

Club Membership applications must be done in writing to the Secretary and must include:

- A. Club statutes in the original language and in English
- B. Name and address of the President and Secretary as well as their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses

- C. Name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of their Delegates. (two delegates by club)
- D. Admission as a new club-member will be decided by the Delegates' meeting of the ICC with majority.
- E. Club Membership yearly fee :
 - Club with 1 to 500 members : 150 euro
 - Club with more than 500 members : 300 euro

8.2: An individual person living in a country without Chihuahua Club or Toy Club recognized by the FCI (or affiliate members). The individual person does not have the right to vote. The individual person must not be banned by his national organization (recognized by the FCI (or affiliate members))

Individual Membership application must be done in writing to the secretary and must include:

- A. Contact Info : Name, Address, Email, Phone
- B. Kennel Name (if existing)
- C. A brief description of the motivation to join ICC.
- D. Admission as a new individual member will be decided by the Delegates' meeting of the ICC with majority.
- E. Individual Membership yearly fee :
 - 80 euro

8.3: An individual person living in a country with a Chihuahua Club (or Toy Club recognized by the FCI (or affiliate members)) who decided to not join the ICC. The individual person does not have the right to vote. Membership application must be done like point 8.2. Registration will end the year the official country club joins the ICC.

Article 9

The Club Members accept to announce any modifications of their statutes, board elections and delegates to the ICC Secretary. The Club members accept to print communications and events of the ICC in its club magazines and/or websites.

Article 10

The Club Membership begins with the first payment of dues. The Club Membership will lapse automatically, when the club resolves, no longer belongs to the umbrella organization of its country, or when the club is one year behind in paying the ICC dues. The Club has to be notified by mail of this approaching termination of membership. Same rule for the Individual Membership.

Article 11

Resignation from the ICC can be done at the end of every calendar year with a consideration of three months' notice of termination. The termination has to be done by mail to the President and the Secretary.

Article 12

Club Members, who violate the interest of the ICC, in a serious way, can be suspended for the time being by 2/3 majority of the Board. If the complaint is not removed, the next Delegates' Meeting decides in secret vote with 2/3 majority on the final exclusion. Members of the ICC-board as well as delegates of the concerned club have no right to vote. Same rule for the Individual Membership.

Article 13

Club Members, whose membership for whatever reason has lapsed (expired), are not entitled to a refund of dues, donations or any other assets of the ICC. Same rule for the Individual Membership.

Article 14

ICC will never ask for personal data of the members of a Club Member. (ICC)Club Delegates and (ICC)Individual Members consent to provide their personal informations (Name, Address, Phone, Email). The data will not be passed on to third parties. Their processing must be carried out in accordance with the principles of good faith and proportionality.

CHAPTER IV: DELEGATES' MEETING

Article 15

The Delegates' Meeting discusses the ICC shows and makes all decisions in accordance with article 7. It is chaired by the President, when he is hindered by members of the board in the sequence of article 17. Personal data may only be processed lawfully, must be carried out in good faith and must be proportionate.

Article 16

The Delegates' Meeting consists of two voting Delegates per country.

Every delegate has one vote.

If a country decides to send only one Delegate instead of two, this one will have only one vote.

Every delegate has the full voting right for the country he/she represents. He/she is allowed to vote in any case, without asking the representing country.

The delegate has to be active in the club who he/she is representing and speaks the language fluently

Multi Club Country :

A. If a country has many clubs, it will be the national and official club chaperoning them who can have 2 voting delegates at the Delegates' Meeting.

Other clubs may each send two non-voting delegates.

B. If 2 clubs of the same country are members of the ICC, each club will have a voting Delegate and a non-voting Delegate.

C. If there are more than 2 official clubs in the country, it will be the two biggest clubs (registered members) who will each have one voting Delegate.

Other clubs may each send two non-voting delegates.

All elections and resolutions will be made by a simple majority vote except for resolutions which by constitution require a specified majority vote.

In case of a tie, the chairman of the meeting will cast a second and deciding vote. A quorum for the meeting will be reached by the attendance of at least half of the clubs.

Article 17

Each Club Member, Voting Delegate, Non-Voting Delegate and Individual Members has the right to give their view, support and advice to the ICC on questions regarding the breed and make proposals and motions for the betterment of it. Propositions to the Delegates' Meeting which require qualified majority have to be put at least 4 months before a meeting so that they can be sent with the invitation (agenda)

Article 18

Normally the Delegates' Meeting will take place once a year. Special meetings can be called by the board or must be summoned after proposition of 3 Club Members. The invitation period, with announcement of the agenda, amounts to at least 2 months. In urgent cases, the board can ask the delegates in writing for a decision. In special cases, meetings can be organized online (web) too.

Article 19

A delegate can have themselves replaced with another representative of their club, but each country can only be represented with 2 delegates with voting right.

Article 20

The Delegates' Meeting can confer by motion, the Honorary Membership, to a deserving board member, delegate or judge. Voting will be done by a secret ballot and requires a 2/3 majority vote. The Delegates' Meeting can appoint by motion former ICC Presidents to Honorary Presidents. Voting will be done by a secret ballot and requires a 2/3 majority vote. Honorary Members and Honorary Presidents can attend the Delegates' Meetings with advisory voice.

CHAPTER V: BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Article 21

Every 2 Years the Delegates' Meeting elects the ICC Board.

The ICC Board is:

- a) President
- b) Vice-President
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer
- e) FCM Liaison Member
- f) eventually up to 3 Board Members

The board must be constituted by a minimum of 5 persons.

The FCM Liaison Member is nominated by the Federación Canofilia Mexicana. The duties of the FCM Liaison Member can be combined with another position in the Board.

The duties of Vice President and Treasurer may be in the same hands.

All functions are performed on a voluntary basis.

The founding members as well as the honorary members and the members of the committee do not pay membership fees.

Article 22

The Delegates' Meeting can elect 2 auditors out of their own ranks not belonging to the board. They can be supported by a Trust Company. The Treasurer audit will be done every two years before the election of the new board. A Treasurer's report will be given yearly at the Delegates' meeting.

Organs are :

- a.) Delegate-Meeting

- b.) Board
- c.) Auditors (or Trust Company)

Article 23

The Board has the mandate to govern the ICC as long as the Delegates' Meeting does not adopt and issue other directives. It prepares the Delegates' meetings and makes its decisions under chairmanship of the President. The Board can set up commissions on specific problems and topics; the report of these commissions are presented at the Delegates' Meeting. The secretary keeps the files of the ICC and writes the minutes.

Article 24

The association is committed by the joint signature of two members of the committee.

CHAPTER VI - END RULES / PROVISIONS

Article 25

The club year is in concurrence with the calendar year. A President's report will be given yearly at the Delegates' Meeting.

Article 26

Over the scale of the fees, the Delegates' Meeting decides with 2/3 majority vote. The contributions have to be calculated on the basis of the membership of the December 31st of the previous year at the latest up to the next Delegates' Meeting.

Article 27

Resolutions for constitutional changes must be decided with 2/3, the dissolution of the ICC must be decided with 3/4 majority vote of the Delegates' Meeting. After dissolution of the ICC available assets will be given to a cynological foundation for Chihuahuas dogs.

Article 28

ICC Language - By the interpretation of the constitution or regulations of the ICC the English text (or language) is prominent.

These statutes are adopted by the Board at the online Constitutive Assembly on 22 December 2021.

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