

RULES OF THE CYPRUS TURF CLUB

DEFINITIONS

In these Rules the following words shall bear the meaning hereby assigned to them.

"Club" shall mean the Cyprus Turf Club.

"Member" shall, unless the context otherwise requires, mean an ordinary member.

"Turf" shall mean the track or course for horse racing, and horse racing as a sport, business or sphere of interest.

NAME

1. The name of the Club shall be "THE CYPRUS TURF CLUB" (ΙΠΠΟΔΡΟΜΙΑΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ ΚΥΠΡΟΥ).

OFFICE

2. The office of the Club shall be in Nicosia.

OBJECTS

3. The objects of the Club are:
- (a) To promote and control the sport of horseracing throughout Cyprus in every way which seems proper to the Club;
 - (b) To encourage, improve and regulate the breeding of race horses in Cyprus;
 - (c) To grant and withdraw licences -
 - (i) to racecourses and
 - (ii) to officials, trainers, jockeys, grooms, farriers and others on such terms and conditions as may be thought fit;
 - (d) To acquire and hold movable and immovable property, to organise and run a school for jockeys, to approve the establishment and supervise the running of any school of jockeys, to engage officials and employees and generally to do such other acts or things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Club;
 - (e) To make Rules of Racing which shall be applicable to all race meetings in Cyprus held under the auspices of the Club, in respect of all or any of the above objects and to issue advices and directions pertinent to these objects.

MEMBERSHIP

4. The Club shall consist of a limited number of ordinary members, the total number not to exceed 100.

The Stewards shall have power to appoint not more than five honorary members which number shall not be exceeded save on the authority of a general meeting.

A person holding a paid post of the Club or of any Race Club or of any Owners or Breeders Association shall not be eligible for election as Steward for as long as he holds such post. Without prejudice to the existing members no person holding a paid post as above shall be eligible for membership in the future. The same applies to the Agents of any Race Club authorised to accept stakes.

5. Ordinary members shall be elected by secret ballot, which may take place at any General Meeting of the Club or at any meeting convened by the Stewards for the purpose of electing members. Notice of the ballot, and of the place, date, and hour at which it will open and close shall be given to each member at least 15 clear days before the date fixed for the ballot.
6. Every applicant for admission as a member shall be proposed by one and seconded by another member in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Club. The letter shall be signed by the applicant, the proposer and the seconder and shall state the full name and address of the applicant and his profession, rank, business or occupation, and shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Club at least seven days before the holding of the meeting at which the election shall take place.
7. A candidate may be withdrawn before the ballot is closed on his own request.
8. The votes shall be counted by two tellers appointed by the meeting, who, in the presence of the Secretary or of some person authorised to act for him, and of at least one Steward of the Club, shall, on the close of the ballot, open the ballot box, count the votes and declare the result which shall be entered in the ballot book.
9. For the purposes of election of new members the quorum shall be fifteen ordinary members present in person who shall have paid their subscription for the current year.
10. A candidate who receives 50% of the votes cast shall be deemed to be successful. Where the number of votes cast is an odd number and a

candidate receives 50% of the total votes cast but one the candidate shall be deemed to be successful.

Provided that no candidate who receives less than twenty of the votes cast shall be deemed to be successful even if the number of votes received by him amounts to 50% or more of the total votes cast.

No candidate who is balloted for and not elected under this rule shall be eligible for election until the expiration of six months from the date of the ballot at which he was not elected.

Where the number of successful candidates exceeds the number of available vacancies the order of admission shall be the number of votes received, the candidate with the highest number of votes being admitted first. Successful candidates for whom there are no available vacancies should apply again as provided in rule 6 and should take their chance along with other applicants.

11. When a candidate is elected the fact shall be notified to him in writing and a copy of the Rules of the Club and a bill for the admission fee shall be sent to him and his name shall be entered on the Register of Members within two months from the date of the election.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

12. Every member shall pay on admission a fee of £10.- and thereafter an annual subscription of £6.- the latter being due on the 1st January of each Calendar year.
13. The Secretary shall, on the 1st March of each year, prepare a list of all members whose subscription is then in arrear. This list shall be forthwith laid before the Stewards and notice of the arrear shall be sent by post to the last known address of the member concerned. If the arrear is not paid by the 1st April following, the name of the member may be removed from the list of the members. If a member whose name has been so removed pays on or before the 1st May following the amount in arrear

together with an additional amount of £5.- the Stewards may restore his name to the list.

14. If a member has failed to pay his subscription for a period of two years plus the additional amount of £5.- referred to in the preceding rule his name shall be struck off from the Register of Members on the 1st May.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

15. Any member may resign his membership by giving to the Secretary of the Club notice in writing to that effect.
16. Any member absent from three consecutive General Meetings, whether Annual or Extraordinary, without reasonable justification shall be informed by the Secretary of the Club by registered letter that unless he justifies his absence to the Stewards his name shall be removed from the Register of Members and he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club.
17. If an ordinary member of the Club:-
 - (a) is declared bankrupt; or
 - (b) is dismissed from the public service or the service of a statutory corporation;
 - (c) is disqualified from exercising his profession or trade; or
 - (d) is found guilty by a competent court of a criminal offence involving grave misconduct; or
 - (e) is convicted of fraudulent practices on the Turf; or
 - (f) appears in the published list as a defaulter for bets or lotteries on horses racing and on being called on to pay fails to do so within one month;he shall cease to be a member.
18. Any member, acting in a manner likely to bring discredit on the Club, may be expelled by the Stewards, provided that at least 5 Stewards

shall attend and a two-thirds majority vote of all present be obtained at the meeting. Such member may appeal to the next general meeting against his expulsion by filing a notice of appeal in writing at least eight days before such general meeting.

19. Any person ceasing to be a member under the provisions of rules 14, 15 and 17(f) will be eligible for reelection provided that all arrears due to the Club shall have been paid.
20. Any person ceasing to be a member under rule 17(a), (b) or (c) will be eligible for reelection on being discharged from bankruptcy or on being reinstated or when the disqualification from exercising his profession or trade has been lifted.
21. No person ceasing to be a member for any other cause under the provisions of these Rules shall be eligible for reelection.

THE STEWARDS

22. All the affairs of the Club shall be managed by seven Stewards elected from amongst the members of the Club of whom at least two shall be residents of the town in which races are held under the Cyprus Turf Club Rules. Election of Stewards shall be held every two years by secret ballot. No member of the Management Committee of any Race Club or of any Breeders or Horse Owners Association, no official appointed by the Club or by any Race Club under the Rules of Racing and no licensed person (i.e. trainer, jockey, groom) shall be eligible for election as Steward.
23. For the election of Stewards every member shall be entitled to record a vote for as many as are to be elected, but no member may give more than one vote for any one candidate. Every member shall record at least five votes. Votes shall be in writing to the Secretary of the Turf Club by secret ballot as the Stewards may arrange from time to time. The election of Stewards shall take place at the Annual General Meeting

of the year in which the term of office of the outgoing Stewards expires, saving the provisions of Rule 24.

In case of a tie between two or more candidates lots will be drawn unless within 30 minutes of the tie one or more candidates resign so that only one candidate remains for each place available.

Any member offering himself for election as Steward must give notice in writing to that effect to the Secretary of the Club. Such notice must be deposited at the office of the Club at least seven clear days before the general meeting at which the election is to be held.

A list of the persons offering themselves for election to the office of Steward shall be mailed to all the members of the Club within forty-eight hours of the closing of the time for giving notice as above.

24. If a Steward ceases for any reason to be a Steward the next General Meeting shall elect a substitute in his place. If two or three Stewards cease for any reason to be Stewards the remaining Stewards shall convene a general meeting within one month from such cessation to hold new elections to fill the vacancies. If four or more Stewards cease for any reason to be Stewards, the remaining Stewards shall convene within one month from such cessation or resignation a general meeting to elect all seven Stewards. Until the election of the new Stewards the Stewards ceasing or resigning shall continue to hold office as Stewards.

If the Stewards can not act as Stewards or if they fail to convene a general meeting as hereinabove provided ten members of the Club may convene a general meeting for the election of new Stewards as provided under these Rules.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF STEWARDS

25. (1) The affairs and property of the Club shall be controlled by the Stewards.

- (2) The Stewards shall make such regulations for the Government of their proceedings and for the making and keeping of records thereof as they may think proper.
- (3) Meetings of the Stewards shall be held as often as the Stewards may think fit. Any Steward may summon a meeting of Stewards.
- (4) The Stewards shall publish or cause to be published on behalf of the Club such rules, regulations, orders and directions (hereinafter called "the Rules of Racing") as they may think necessary for the proper conduct of horse breeding, horse-racing, race-meetings, racehorse-training, and generally for the attainment of the objects of the Club.
- (5) The Stewards shall have power on behalf of the Club to issue licences and permits in relation to horse-racing, race-meetings, racehorse-training or horse breeding.
- (6) The Stewards shall publish or cause to be published to the members and to such other persons and at such intervals and in such manner generally as they may think fit a Calendar of race-meetings held in accordance with the Rules of Racing and such Calendar may contain in addition to the details of such race-meetings such further instructions, information or advice as the Stewards may think appropriate to be published.
- (7) The Stewards shall have power to take such steps as they may think fit to secure the enforcement and observance of the Rules of Racing.
- (8) Without prejudice to the generality of the aforesaid functions of the Stewards, they shall have power:-
 - (a) to elect or appoint a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer and such other officials as they may think fit;

- (b) to decide any dispute or question in connection with racing matters arising at any meeting held under the rules of the Cyprus Turf Club that may be referred to them for decision, or in which if an appeal lies, an appeal is preferred by any person dissatisfied with the decision of the Stewards of such meeting and to deal with any question in connection with racing matters arising at any meeting held under the Rules of Racing that may come to their notice in any other manner than as provided for above, and their decision on all such questions shall be final;
 - (c) they shall have power to modify the programme or withhold their approval of the programme of any meeting held under the rules of the Cyprus Turf Club if such programme is contrary to the declared policy of the Cyprus Turf Club or to the Rules of Racing;
 - (d) to make new rules of racing or to modify any existing rules of racing. Provided that any such new rule or modification to the Rules of Racing shall be published as provided in the Rules of Racing in operation for the time being in such manner as the Stewards shall think fit and shall be subject to confirmation at the next general meeting. The quorum for such purposes shall be four Stewards;
 - (e) generally to do such things as may be required of them by the Rules of Racing.
26. In exercising all the powers conferred on them, four Stewards shall form a quorum and the decision shall be that of the majority except in situations covered by Rule 18. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
27. The Stewards shall keep, or cause to be kept, a minute book of their proceedings; a record of all the referred and disputed cases which they may decide; and such other books and records as may be necessary to

show the position of the Club with reference to its property, or the number of its members.

28. The Stewards shall keep or cause to be kept, such register of names, partnerships, owners, and of other particulars connected with the owners of, or the horses, racing at meetings held under the rules of the Club, as may be deemed necessary.
29. The Stewards shall keep a list of all unpaid forfeits accruing at meetings held under these Rules.
30. The Stewards shall lay before the annual general meeting an abstract of the accounts of the Club for the immediately preceding year.
31. The Stewards shall have power to appoint Committees to regulate and control or to inquire into and report upon any aspect of the activities of the Club.
32. The Stewards shall have power to co-opt to such Committees members not being Stewards or persons not being members in such number and for such periods as the Stewards shall think fit.

GENERAL MEETINGS

33. The Stewards shall call an Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held during the month of May.
34. The Stewards may at any time, and they shall, on the requisition of not less than ten members, call an extraordinary general meeting of the Club for special business. If a meeting is called on requisition, a notice of the proposition or propositions to be brought forward shall be submitted.
35. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided, thirty members present in person

who shall have paid their subscription for the year shall be a quorum. If half an hour after the time fixed for the meeting a quorum is not present then whatever number of members present shall form a quorum.

36. Not less than fourteen clear days notice of any general meeting shall be given by advertisement, or in any other way the Stewards may determine. The time and place at which the meeting is to be held, and an abstract of the business to be brought forward shall be stated thereon.
37. If any member, or members, propose to make, or alter, a rule of the Club, or a rule passed by the Club having reference to horse racing, and the Stewards of the Cyprus Turf Club disapprove of the proposal, they need not submit it to a general meeting for consideration, unless the proposal is supported by twelve members of the Club, in which case they shall, as soon as practicable, call a general meeting and take the necessary measures for the publication of the proposed rule, or alteration of rule, in such manner as they may see fit.
38. Nothing in the foregoing rules shall preclude the Stewards from calling a general meeting at any place other than the headquarters of the Club.
39. The Chairman or in his absence the Vice Chairman present at the meeting shall preside over such meeting. In the event of an equality of votes he shall have a second or casting vote. In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman the members present shall elect from amongst the Stewards present at such meeting a Chairman who shall preside at such meeting and shall have a casting vote as aforesaid. In the absence of any Steward members present at the meeting shall elect a Chairman to preside at such meeting.
40. At any General Meeting a declaration by the Chairman of such meeting that a resolution has or has not been carried and an entry to that effect in the record of the proceedings shall be evidence of the fact unless a poll is demanded by the Chairman or by at least five of the members present.

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

41. The Stewards shall cause true accounts to be kept of the assets of the Club, of the sums of money received and expended by the Club and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place and of the credit and liabilities of the Club.
42. The financial year of the Club shall end on the thirty-first day of December in each year, on which day the accounts of the Club shall be balanced.
43. At every Annual General Meeting of the Club the Stewards shall lay before the meeting an audited account of the income and expenditure of the Club for the accounting period on the thirty-first day of December in the preceding year and a copy of such account shall be submitted to each member with the notice convening the Annual General Meeting.
44. There shall be one or more qualified Auditors of the Club. No member shall be an Auditor.
45. The Auditor or Auditors shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. Any casual vacancy in the office of Auditor may be filled by the Stewards.

SEAL

46. The Seal of the Club shall be kept by the Secretary in such a place and manner as the Stewards may decide.

The Seal shall read: Cyprus Turf Club.
47. The Seal of the Club shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a Resolution of the Stewards and in the presence of the

Chairman or Secretary and such other person as the Stewards may appoint who shall sign every instrument to which the Seal shall be so affixed in their presence.

48. In favour of persons dealing with the Club in good faith the signatures to an instrument of such persons as aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence that the Seal was validly affixed thereto.

PROPERTY

49. The property and income of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in these rules and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of bonus or dividend or otherwise by way of profit to the members. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of out-of-pocket expenses to the Stewards or any of them or out-of-pocket expenses and in good faith reasonable remuneration to any officers or any servants of the Club in return for services actually rendered to the Club.

INDEMNITY

50. The Stewards, all other officials and employees of the Club shall be entitled to be reimbursed and indemnified against all costs, actions, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them or their or any of their personal representatives shall or may become liable to incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duties in their respective offices and functions.
51. There shall be excepted from the indemnity given by Rule 50 such actions costs charges losses damages and expenses (if any) as any such person as aforesaid shall become liable to incur or sustain by or through his own wilful neglect or default or dishonesty.

52. None of such persons as aforesaid shall be answerable for the acts, receipts, neglect or default of the other or others of them or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security upon which any moneys of or belonging to the Club shall be invested or for any other loss, misfortune or damage or other happening in the execution of their respective offices or in relation thereto except the same shall happen by or through his or their own wilful neglect or dishonesty.

ALTERATION OF THE RULES

53. No alteration nor addition to these rules shall be made except by a resolution carried by a majority of at least three-fourths of the members present at a general meeting, notice of which shall have been sent at least fourteen days prior to the meeting and shall have contained particulars of the proposed alteration or addition.

No business shall be transacted at such meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Two-thirds of the members of the Club present in person who shall have paid their subscription for the year shall be a quorum. If half an hour after the time fixed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall be dissolved.

No general meeting shall be convened to consider the same alteration or addition except after the lapse of six months from the date of the dissolution of the previous meeting.

DISSOLUTION

54. If at any Extraordinary General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of three-fifths of the members voting thereon, the General Meeting passing the resolution shall appoint a Committee which shall thereupon or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution proceed to realise the property of the Club

and after the discharge of all liabilities shall deposit the surplus with the Accountant General of the Republic of Cyprus to be used or transferred by him within five years to such other organisation or organisations as may be formed to have control or formulate rules of racing in Cyprus. If such an organisation is not constituted within the aforesaid period the Accountant-General shall transfer the aforesaid surplus together with any interest that has accrued thereon to such institution as the members at the aforesaid Extraordinary General Meeting shall have specified in the resolution for dissolution of the Club.

Provided that the number of members present at such extraordinary General Meeting shall not be less than 51% of the Members.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

55. All rules, regulations, licences, directions, advices, orders and restrictions issued under the old rules and current at the date of the coming into operation of these Rules shall, so far as not inconsistent with the context or with the provision of these Rules, be deemed to be issued by the club as the rules, regulations, licences, directions, advices, orders and restrictions of the Club and shall until and in the absence of any provision by the Stewards to the contrary continue to have effect in the same manner for the same periods and upon the same terms and conditions as were prescribed or provided under the old rules or the proper officers thereof.
56. All the existing members of the Club shall be deemed to be members under the provisions of the present rules.
57. The present Stewards shall continue in office until the expiration of the term for which they have been elected. The present two co-opted Stewards to remain in office until the 31st August 1978.
58. Any fees or subscriptions paid or payable under the rules or regulations now in force shall be deemed to have been paid or continue to be

payable under the present rules unless and until new provision is made thereunder.

VALIDITY OF PROCEEDINGS

59. No proceedings of the Stewards shall be invalidated by any defect in the election of any of the Stewards or any vacancy in the number thereof nor shall any General Meeting of the Club be invalidated by any accidental omission to give notice to or failure to receive notice by any member.

60. These rules shall come into operation on the 1st September 1978.

