



# Statutes of the Association

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## Article 1 - Name, registered office, impact office, non-profit status, neutrality, financial year

1. The Association shall be known as the **World Union of Boxers** (hereinafter referred to as **WUBOX**) and shall be an international federation, operating worldwide, founded by FCI registered, national organisations of Boxer Breed Clubs.
2. The registered office of **WUBOX** will be in Munich, (Germany) WUBOX is to be entered in the register of associations at the Munich District Court.
3. WUBOX, based in Munich, is an idealistic organisation and pursues exclusively non-profit purposes in the sense of the article "tax-privileged purposes". The purpose of the association is the promotion of animal breeding and dog sports as well as animal welfare. The purpose is described in particular by the goals and tasks stated in Article 2
4. The **WUBOX** is politically and ideologically neutral and a non-profit organisation.
5. The financial year shall be the calendar year.

## Article 2 - Objectives and tasks

1. **The WUBOX** has set itself the goal of safeguarding the interests of the German Boxer breed on an international level.

Their objectives are:

- a) to support and promote the breeding of the German Boxer breed in character traits and appearance according to FCI Standard No. 144 of the country of origin, Germany,
  - b) to impart and promote knowledge of the upbringing and training of the German Boxer as a sporting dog,
  - c) Maintaining and developing its qualities as a working dog in terms of performance and endurance.
  - d) to promote contacts between breeders and interested people worldwide,
  - e) to promote friendly relations among the member countries.
2. To achieve these objectives, the **WUBOX** carries out the following activities, among others:
    - a) Advertising for the spread of the breed German boxer,
    - b) Organisation of workshops, trainings, etc.,
    - c) Organisation of exhibitions, breeding tests, etc.,
    - d) To impart information and knowledge about the breeding of the German Boxer, its purchase, keeping and care as well as its upbringing and training on the basis of scientific knowledge, sporting fairness and observance of the principles of animal protection legislation and the FCI Code of Ethics,
    - e) The appointment of technical advisers (experts) and/or the creation of commissions for the treatment of breeding, showing, performance, etc., as well as advisers and commissions for special subjects such as veterinary subjects, behavioural science, etc., e.g., the establishment of a veterinary committee,
    - f) Publications of interesting judges' reports and expert reports,
    - g) Cooperation with the FCI as well as with other canine world associations which are members of the FCI. The cooperation with other canine world associations shall be regulated by cooperation agreements. The **WUBOX Chairperson** is authorised to conclude such agreements after a resolution has been passed by the **WUBOX Executive Board**.

## Article 3 - Membership

1. Acquisition of membership  
Membership of the **WUBOX** is open to all breed clubs for Boxers of all nations, provided that their cynological organisation (General Federation of Cynological Clubs of the country) is affiliated to the FCI.

One or more clubs per member country can be proposed for admission and accepted as members. These cooperate together for their country.

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## 2. Admission

- a) The application for membership shall be submitted in writing to the **WUBOX** secretariat.
- b) A temporary admission as a candidate for a membership in the **WUBOX** until the next General Assembly (hereinafter referred to as GA) shall be made by the Board of the Association (hereinafter referred to as Executive Board) with a qualified majority of at least 2/3 of the votes.
- c) Upon recommendation of the Executive Board, the admission of new members may be both temporary and subject to certain conditions. If the conditions are not fulfilled, membership may only be extended of definitive admission may only be granted at the request of the Executive Board.
- d) The GA of the **WUBOX** decides on the final admission with at least 2/3 of the votes (for more details see Organs).
- e) Natural persons as well as pedigree clubs and clubs for all or several breeds are excluded from membership.

## 3. Termination of membership

Membership of the **WUBOX** expires:

- a) by dissolution of a member club
- b) by resignation  
Resignation from the **WUBOX** can only take place at the end of a calendar year and must be received in writing by the secretariat by 30 September at the latest. If the deadline is not met, membership and the obligation to pay the membership fee shall continue for the following year. Collective resignations are not valid.
- c) by deletion from the membership list  
A member club may be removed from the membership list if it
  - is no longer a member of a country organisation belonging to the FCI,
  - is more than 1 year in arrears with the payment of the membership fee despite a reminder,
  - has not submitted the annual report despite reminders.Removal from the membership list shall be notified to the member club in writing by the **WUBOX** secretariat.
- d) by exclusion  
in the event of serious infringement of the **WUBOX** Statutes or its regulations, the expulsion of a member club from **WUBOX** may be decided upon by the Executive Board or the GA. This requires a qualified majority of at least 2/3 of the votes cast at an GA. The application should be reasoned.
- e) by dissolving the **WUBOX**

Membership rights shall cease on the effective date of termination. Obligations arising from membership, in particular the payment of arrears of membership fees, shall remain unaffected.

## Article 4 - Rights of Members

1. General rights  
Member clubs shall have equal rights, unless exceptions are defined in the Statutes of the Association. Each member club shall have the right to attend meetings, to participate in decisions, to exercise the right to vote and to propose an application.
2. Election proposals  
Each member country as well as each incumbent Executive Board member may submit nominations at the GA.
3. Voting rights  
The right to vote at the GA shall be vested in with one vote each:
  - a) The Board Members,with 2 votes each:
  - b) The delegates of the member countries.

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Each member country has 2 votes, regardless of whether the country is represented by one or more member clubs.

Only those member countries shall have the right to vote at the GA and Extraordinary Assemblies,

- a) whose delegates are present,
- b) whose membership fees for the current and previous year (except for new member countries or new country clubs) have been paid and who's last two annual reports are available.

The appointment of voting delegates is the responsibility of each member country or member club. A delegate may not represent more than one member country.

## Article 5 - Duties of the Members

1. Compliance with regulations  
The member clubs are obliged to accept and comply with the statutes, implementing modalities (regulations) of the association as amended from time to time, as well as with the decisions and resolutions of the WUBOX organs.
2. Membership fee  
The member clubs undertake to pay the membership fee on time. The membership fee shall be proposed by the Executive Board and set by the GA.  
  
The annual membership fee shall be paid by 31 March of the calendar year at the latest.
3. Annual Report  
The member clubs undertake to send an annual report to the secretariat by 31<sup>st</sup> March of the following year at the latest, containing information on breeding, shows, performance and number of members (the forms provided are to be used).
4. Obligation to report changes  
Member clubs undertake to report any changes in their Executive Board or the Secretariat in writing without delay.

## Article 6 - Organs

1. The **organs of the WUBOX** are:
  - a) the **WUBOX General Assembly** (GA)
  - b) the Executive Board
  - c) the Auditors
2. The **WUBOX General Assembly** (GA)
  - a) The GA is the supreme body of the **WUBOX**. It is composed of the delegates of the member countries, the Executive Board, and the honorary members of **WUBOX** (honorary members without voting rights).
  - b) The GA shall be held annually but must be held at least every two years for the election of the Chairman and every four years for the election of the Board. The GA always takes place in the same time frame as the **WUBOX show**. Election proposals and motions must be sent to the secretariat at least 10 weeks before this date.
  - c) The official invitation shall be made in writing (also electronically) by the Executive Board with the agenda, all proposals and motions received, observing a notice period of at least 4 weeks before the meeting. Objections by member clubs to the agenda shall be sent in writing to the Secretariat no later than two weeks after dispatch. Only candidates whose names are mentioned in the invitation to the GA may be elected.
  - d) At the request of the Executive Board or 20% of the votes of the member clubs, a request may be made in writing to the **WUBOX Chairperson** for an Extraordinary GA to be held. It must take place within four months of the request at the latest at a centrally located place in Europe to be determined by the Chairperson.
  - e) No valid resolutions may be passed on motions and business not included on the agenda. (but can be discussed)
  - f) Any GA of **WUBOX** convened in accordance with the Articles of Association shall constitute a quorum.

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- g) As a rule, resolutions in the GA shall be passed by a simple majority of votes. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have the casting vote. A qualified majority of at least 2/3 of the votes cast is required for resolutions amending the Statutes of the Association, appointments of honorary members and final admission of member clubs. All votes and the election of the Auditors shall be open by show of hands, the election of the members of the Executive Board shall be by secret ballot.
- h) The GA of the **WUBOX** shall make final decisions in all internal matters of the association. It is responsible in particular for:
- Receipt of applications concerning the Statutes of the Association and passing of resolutions thereon
  - Acceptance of the Annual Report of the Executive Board
  - Acceptance of the Treasurer's financial report
  - Auditors' Report
  - Discharge of the Executive Board
  - Election
    - of the chairman
    - of the speaker of the board
    - of the treasurer
    - of the person responsible for the secretariat
    - of the person responsible for health
    - of the person responsible for breeding
    - of the person responsible for shows and show-judges
    - of the person responsible for utility and utility dog judges

Re-election shall be permitted.

- Election of two auditors
  - Vote on definitive admission and exclusion of member clubs
  - Vote on the applications received
  - Awarding of the **WUBOX** events
  - Various
- i) The proceedings and resolutions of the GA shall be minuted by the secretariat. The minutes shall be sent to the member clubs as soon as possible and published on the **WUBOX** homepage. The minutes shall contain:  
Place, time, beginning, attendees, absentees, handling of business and personal matters, resolutions with the number of votes for and against, abstentions, end of the meeting. Any person wishing to have his or her remarks or statements recorded in the minutes shall state this before beginning his or her remarks. Objections to the minutes shall be sent to the Secretariat within 21 days of their dispatch, otherwise the minutes shall be deemed approved.
- j) Resolutions of the GA may also be passed by circulation. When adopting a resolution such circular resolution, electronic means shall be admissible. Such resolutions shall enter into force if at least 2/3 of the votes of all member clubs and of the members of the Executive Board have approved them within the time limit set; silence shall be deemed to be approval. Circular resolutions passed by electronic means shall be recorded by the Secretariat and sent to the member clubs and the members of the Executive Board within one month.

### 3. Honorary Members

Executive Board members who have rendered outstanding services to **WUBOX** and the Boxer may be Appointed honorary members of **WUBOX** for life at the request of the Board or a member club. This requires a qualified majority of at least 2/3 of the votes cast.

### 4. The Executive Board

- a) the term of office of the Executive Board is 4 years, except for the rotating position of the chairman

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- b) the board of directors consists of:
  - Chairman (in rotation with a term of office of 2 years)
  - Speaker of the board
  - Treasurer
  - Responsible for the secretariat
  - Responsible for health
  - Responsible for breeding
  - Responsible for shows and show-judges
  - Responsible for utility and utility dog judges
- c) The function of the old Executive Board shall in any case continue until a new Executive Board takes office.
- d) All members of the Executive Board must be members of the club in their country of residence. In the event of early retirement of the Chairperson, this office shall be held by the speaker of the board until the next election. If other members leave the Board prematurely, a successor shall be elected at the next GA on an interim basis until the next regular election of the Board.
- e) In principle, the members of the Executive Board perform their duties on an honorary basis. They shall receive an annual lump-sum compensation for their expenses, the amount of which shall be decided by the GA. The acceptance of commissions is prohibited.
- f) The Executive Board shall be responsible in particular for:
  - the management of the **WUBOX**
  - the preparation of business to be transacted within the Board and for the GA to be included in the agenda
  - Convocation of the GA and preparation of the agenda
  - the provisional acceptance of candidates for membership of the **WUBOX**
  - the execution of the resolutions of the **WUBOX** GA
  - assisting in the preparation and monitoring of **WUBOX** events
  - the management of the **WUBOX** assets
- g) The Executive Board may appoint permanent or non-permanent experts and/or commissions who may attend the GA in an advisory capacity.
- h) The Executive Board shall meet as required or when at least half of its members request it. The Executive Board shall constitute a quorum if the meeting has been duly convened and at least half of its members are present. If the situation so requires, meetings of the Executive Board may also be held by electronic means (online video conference).  
Resolutions of the Executive Board may also be passed by circulation. When adopting a such circular resolutions may be adopted by electronic means. Such resolutions shall enter into force if they have been approved by 2/3 of the votes of all member clubs within the time limit set; silence shall be deemed to be approval. Circular resolutions passed by electronic means shall be recorded by the Secretariat and sent to the members of the Executive Board within one month.
- i) Resolutions shall be adopted by open vote with a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.
- j) The proceedings and resolutions of the Executive Board shall be recorded by the secretariat and sent to the members of the Executive Board within one month. Objections shall be addressed to the Chairperson within 14 days of dispatch, otherwise the minutes shall be deemed approved.
- k) 6 months before an upcoming election of a new chairman the next member country to propose a chairman is to be invited to the Executive Board meetings as an observer.

5. The auditors

- a) Two auditors shall be elected at the GA. Members of the Executive Board are not eligible for election.
- b) The auditors shall audit the cash, the financial statements, the vouchers and the asset management and report on this in writing to the **WUBOX** GA. They shall propose the discharge of the Executive Board and the treasurer.

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## Article 7 - Finances

1. Income of the **WUBOX**  
**The WUBOX** generates its income through:
  - the annual membership fee of the member clubs
  - Donations, gifts, inheritances, fees for services of all kinds
  - Interest on capital
2. Limitation of liability  
Only the existing assets shall be liable for the liabilities of **WUBOX**. **The** personal liability of the member clubs or their members is excluded.
3. Compensation of the delegates  
Delegates are compensated by their countries.

## Article 8 - Authority to sign

1. **The WUBOX** shall be legally bound by the collective signature of two members of the Executive Board.
2. In internal and administrative matters, sole signature is sufficient.

## Article 9 - Amendments to the Statutes of the Association

1. The Statutes of the Association may be adopted or amended by the **WUBOX** GA at any time, provided that the relevant motions are duly included in the agenda.
2. A qualified majority of at least 2/3 of the votes cast is required to pass resolutions on amendments to the Statutes of the Association.

## Article 10 - Sanctions against members of the Executive Board

In case of misconduct and serious violations of the duties of the **WUBOX** Association Statutes, the Executive Board may suspend any member of the Executive Board from office with immediate effect by majority vote. The suspended member shall be given the opportunity to appeal at a **WUBOX** GA. The replacement election can only take place at a **WUBOX** GA.

## Article 11 - Dissolution of the WUBOX

The dissolution of the **WUBOX** can only be decided in an extraordinary GA convened for this purpose. A qualified majority of at least 3/4 of the votes cast is required for the dissolution resolution.

In the event of dissolution of **WUBOX**, the available assets shall be distributed pro rata of the dues paid to the member clubs belonging to **WUBOX** at the time of dissolution, provided that they have fulfilled their dues obligations.

## Article 12 - Final provisions

1. The authoritative original text for all official documents of the **WUBOX** shall be in German. Official documents shall additionally be sent to the member countries in English translation.
2. The official language of meetings and negotiations is English.
3. Should individually provisions of the Statutes of the Association be or become invalid or void in whole or in part, this shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the statutes. This shall also apply in the event that the Statutes should prove to be incomplete.
4. Wherever gender-related expressions are used in these Statutes of the Association, they include women and men equally.

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## **IMPLEMENTING MODALITIES (REGULATIONS) TO THE ASSOCIATION STATUTES OF THE WUBOX**

### **Article 2 - Objectives and tasks**

2c)  
Organisation of special shows and utility competitions, the execution of which is separately regulated in the **WUBOX** Show Rules and in the guidelines for **WUBOX** IGP + IFH International Championships.

2e)  
The Board members responsible for health, breeding, shows/show-judges and utility/utility dog judges are working together within their faculty of expertise in a committee of 2 to 3 other knowledgeable persons elected by them. In order to promote the Boxer breed, they support and advise the Board in the respective further procedures and decision-making.

### **Article 5 - Duties of the Members**

#### **2. Membership fee**

All member clubs from Europe pay a basic membership fee of € 300,00 per year up to a size of 400 members (according to the information in the annual report).

For more than 400 members, an amount of € 0,08 is charged for each additional member. This mode is fixed for 4 years, i.e. from 2023 to 2026.

The annual membership fee shall then be proposed by the Executive Board and set by the GA.

For member clubs from other continents, a flat rate of 20 % of the basic membership fee, i.e. € 60,-, is set. This mode is fixed for 4 years, i.e. from 2023 to 2026. The annual membership fee is then proposed by the Executive Board and set by the GA.

The annual membership fee must be paid in due time by the national member clubs by bank transfer only, cash payments are not accepted.

### **Article 6 - Organs**

2h)  
Election  
of the Chairman

The chairmanship of the WUBOX shall rotate among the member countries for a period of 2 years. The election takes place at the GA, rotating alphabetically (English). The GA must confirm the proposed candidate by a simple majority of votes. If the candidate does not receive a majority, a replacement candidate must be proposed by the respective member country. All candidates proposed by the respective member country must be mandatory executive committee members of their national club.

It is also possible for a member country to relinquish the right to assume the chairmanship. Should this occur, the right will go to the next member country analogous to the alphabet (English).

This aims to involve all member countries in the governance of the association.

Duties of the Chairman and the person responsible for the secretariat:

#### The Chairman:

- Leads and supervises the activities of the association,
- Represents the WUBOX externally,
- Prepares and convenes the Executive Board meeting and the GA in cooperation with the secretariat,
- Leads the Executive Board meetings and the GA,
- Submits an annual report to the GA.

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#### The responsible of the secretariat:

- Keeps the minutes of the Executive Board meetings and the GA,
- Organises – in cooperation with the Chairman – the GA and sends out the, Invitations to the Executive Board meetings and the GA in due time,
- Prepares the attendance list and votes (open/written).

#### **Article 8 - Authority to sign**

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2. In internal and administrative matters, sole signature is sufficient.

#### **Changes / Additions**

The passing of resolutions in the GA on changes/additions to these implementation modalities requires a qualified majority of at least 2/3 of the voting members present.

#### **Final provisions:**

1. The authoritative original text for all official documents of the **WUBOX** shall be in German. Official documents shall additionally be sent to the member countries in English translation.
2. Where gender-related expressions are used in these implementation modalities, they include women and men equally.

These implementing modalities were adopted at the WUBOX GA on 15.09.2022 at Aachen/Germany.  
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