

§ 1 Name and headquarters of the Association, financial year

1. The association shall bear the name of „World Association PPC 1500" (WA 1500). It shall be entered into the Register of Associations of the District Court Waiblingen and thereafter shall bear the addition „e.V." (*“registered association”*).
2. The association headquarters shall be located in 71397 Leutenbach
3. The financial year shall be synonymous with the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose, tasks

1. The purpose of the association shall be the support of shooting sports.
The purpose of the articles of association shall be implemented in particular by the
 - international spread of the shooting sports discipline Precision Pistol Competition (PPC 1500)
 - standardization of the PPC 1500 rules at national and international level
 - organisation of PPC 1500 shooting sports events
 - allocation of cross-regional events and their joint organisation
 - support of youth and young talent for PPC 1500
2. The association shall act selflessly; it shall not pursue primary self-economic purposes.
3. The association funds shall only be used for purposes in line with the articles of association. The members shall receive no gratuities from the association funds. No individual shall benefit from expenses which are not covered by the purpose of the association or by disproportionately high remunerations.
4. The members and employees of the association shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses according to § 670 German Civil Code in relation to any expenses incurred due to activities carried out on behalf of the association. It shall be possible to grant a flat rate reimbursement of expenses to an appropriate degree to members of the board. The general meeting shall decide on the supported functions and the amount.
6. The association shall be politically and religiously neutral. No member shall be disadvantaged on the basis of his race or gender.

§ 3 Acquisition of membership

1. Only entities and associations not having legal personality shall be entitled to become members which include PPC 1500 in the sports order or organise PPC 1500 in the relevant region. A comparable corporate structure according to the national current legal provisions shall be required for organisations with headquarters abroad. Only one organisation per region shall be allowed to become a member.
The term region generally shall be defined according to the borders of the relevant national territory. The annual general meeting shall reach a decision on exceptions.
2. Written application for membership shall be submitted to the association. The board shall make a temporary decision regarding the application. The next annual general meeting shall reach the final decision.
3. Membership shall become effective upon the decision by the general meeting and payment of the annual fee.

§ 4 Termination of membership

1. Membership to the association shall be terminated upon departure or exclusion.
2. Departure shall be announced in writing to the board. The departure shall only be announced within a deadline of six months to the end of the financial year.
3. It shall be possible to exclude a member from the association following a decision by the annual general meeting, if the member
 - a) culpably damaged the reputation or the interests of the association in a grave manner or repeatedly violated the duties entrusted to him by the articles of association or
 - b) his payments of membership fees are more than six months in arrears and have not been paid despite written reminder with the threat of the exclusion.
 - c) The member shall be given the opportunity to make a statement to the annual general meeting regarding the reasons for the exclusion. He shall be informed of the reasons within 30 days following the board's decision to initiate the exclusion process.

§ 5 Rights and duties of the members

1. Each member shall be entitled to hold the PPC 1500 in his region and shall be entitled to have the competition results entered in the rankings and classification lists maintained by WA 1500.
2. Each member shall have rights to a seat, motion and voting rights in the annual general meeting. Each member shall have one vote.
If a member is unable to attend the annual general meeting, he shall be entitled to transfer his rights within the framework of the AGM to another member, if the board was informed of this prior to the meeting. A member only shall be entitled to assume the rights of another member.
3. Each member shall be obliged to support the interests of WA 1500 and PPC 1500 in his region. This shall be achieved by
 - holding competitions
 - support of PPC 1500
 - recruitment of new shooters for PPC 1500,
 - public relations in the region.
4. Each member shall be obliged to pay fees and other contributions as determined by the annual general meeting.

§ 6 Admission fee, membership fee and administration fees

1. An admission fee shall be payable following acceptance to the association.
2. Each member shall be obliged to pay an annual membership fee which becomes due in advance.
3. Each member shall be obliged to pay an annual administration fee which becomes due in advance and shall be calculated on the basis of the number of classified shooters as of 01/01 of the financial year.
The annual general meeting shall decide on the graduation according to the number per grade.
4. An administration fee can be incurred for entry of the results of sanctioned competitions into the database.
5. The annual general meeting shall determine the amount of the fees to be paid as per sect. 1-4 according to § 9 sect. 2.

§ 7 Bodies of the association

Bodies of the association shall be the board (executive committee) and the annual general meeting.

§ 8 Board

1. The board of the association shall be obliged to represent the association externally and to manage its business. It shall fulfil the following tasks in particular:
 - a) calling and preparation of the annual general meetings and preparation of the agenda,
 - b) the implementation of decisions reached by the annual general meeting,
 - c) the administration of the association assets and preparation of the annual report,
 - d) the temporary acceptance of new members.
2. The board shall consist of the chairman (president), his representative (vice president), the treasurer, the secretary and the sports manager.
3. The chairman and his representative shall constitute the board according to § 26 German Civil Code. They jointly represent the association.
Internally, the association representatives shall be obliged to obtain the agreement of the other members of the board..
4. The members of the board shall be elected individually by the annual general meeting for a period of four years. Only members of an organisation or group of individuals in an association region shall become members of the board; membership of the board shall end upon the termination of this membership.
Re-election or premature dismissal of a member by the annual general meeting shall be permitted.
A member shall remain in office following the end of the regular term until his successor is elected.
If a member departs from the association prematurely, the remaining members shall be entitled to elect a member of the association to the board until the annual general meeting elects a successor.
The chairman must not be a simultaneous representative of his region in the annual general meeting. He shall be obliged to resign as representative of his region following his election.
5. The board shall meet according to demand. The meetings shall be called by the chairman and by his representative in his absence. A period of one week shall be observed when calling a meeting. The board shall have a quorum if at least

three members are present. The majority of the cast valid votes shall be decisive in the decision-making process. The vote of the chairman shall be decisive in the event of a tied vote.
Modern communications means, which do not require personal attendance, shall be used when holding the meetings. Decisions can be reached by fax or secured .pdf documents.

6. A record of the board's decisions shall be kept. The record shall be signed by the secretary as well as the chairman or his representative or another member of the board in his absence.

§ 9 Annual general meeting

1. The annual general meeting shall be responsible for decisions on the following matters:

- a) amendments to the articles of association,
- b) the dissolution of the association,
- c) the final acceptance of new association members and the exclusion of members from the association,
- d) the election and dismissal of members of the board,
- e) the acceptance of the annual report and relief of the board,
- f) the determination of the admission fee, membership fee and the administration fees,
- g) amendments to the sports order

2. The board shall call an annual general meeting at least once a year. The meeting is called in writing or via email with a deadline of 100 days and listing the agenda. The annual general meeting shall be called at an event during the year at which the largest number of members is expected to attend. The current annual general meeting shall determine the time and place.

3. The board shall set the agenda. Each association member shall be entitled to propose an additional motion to the agenda to the board in writing and at the latest 50 days prior to the general meeting. The board shall decide on the motion. The majority of votes of the members present at the general meeting shall decide on proposed motions for the agenda, which were rejected by the board or which are made for the first time during the general meeting. This shall not apply to motions relating to an amendment of the articles of association, the dissolution of the association or changes to the membership fees.

4. The board shall call an extraordinary annual general meeting if the interest of the association demands it or if a quarter of the members entitled to vote requests it in writing and stating the purpose and reasons. A deadline for calling the meeting of 30 days shall be observed and the agenda shall be announced in the invitation if the circumstances allow this.

5. The chairman shall preside over the annual general meeting and in his absence by his representative and in his absence by a chairman of the meeting elected by the annual general meeting.

6. The annual general meeting shall have a quorum if all requirements of the articles of association are met and all formalities for the invitation were observed. If more than half of the members entitled to vote are present, lack of form shall be remedied by the annual general meeting.

7. The annual general meeting shall decide by open ballot with a majority of votes of the present members. Elections to the board shall be made by secret ballot. If no candidate can secure the majority of votes of the present members in a ballot, the person shall be elected who received the majority of the cast valid votes; a second ballot shall be held for several candidates. Abstentions shall be deemed invalid votes. The chairman shall only cast a vote in the event of a tied vote.

Decisions on an amendment of the articles of association as well as the dissolution of the association shall require a three quarter majority of the members entitled to vote.

8. Minutes shall be kept on the annual general meeting and the decisions reached. This shall be signed by the secretary and the chairman of the meeting.

9. It shall also be possible to call a virtual annual general meeting with exception of the annual general meeting as per sect. 2. The provisions of these articles of association shall apply regarding the invitation, agenda, voting rights and majority relationships. The invitation deadline shall be 30 days.

The virtual process shall not mandate the presence of the entire membership in one location nor the simultaneous casting of the votes.

The members shall be able to vote on the individual items by informing the chairman in writing, by fax, by secured .pdf file or via email how they decide on the individual items requiring a vote. The time at which the chairman receives the cast vote shall be decisive for maintaining the deadline. Late or/and irregular voting shall be deemed an abstention.

The chairman shall prepare minutes on the voting result with the voting details and shall disclose them to all members.

§ 10 Cash audit

The general meeting shall elect two cash auditors for the period of 2 years.

This must not be a member of the board.

Re-election shall be permitted.

§ 11 Dissolution of the association, termination due to other reasons, cessation of purposes entitled to tax relief

1. In the event of a dissolution of the association, the chairman of the board and his representative shall be joint liquidators representing the association unless the annual general meeting appoints another individual.
2. In the event of dissolution or termination of the association, the annual general meeting shall reach a decision on the use of the existing association assets at the time.
3. The aforementioned provisions shall apply accordingly if the association is dissolved due to another reason or loses its legal capacity.

§ 12 Coming into force, effectiveness

1. These articles of association shall come into force following the decision by the annual general meeting and on the day of entry into the register of associations of the district court Waiblingen.
2. If one of the provisions of these articles of association is or shall become ineffective, the remaining provisions shall remain unaffected.
3. The board shall be entitled to carry out amendments requested by the tax office or the district court, if this does not alter the meaning of these articles of association and the association itself.

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Signatures by the representatives of the member countries:

Australia

Germany

Great Britain

Ireland

Northern Ireland

Norway

Austria

Sweden

Czech Republic