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**CIRCOLO DELLA CACCIA BOLOGNA**

# **STATUTE**

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## Art.1

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The Hunting Club, started up in 1888, is a no-profit cultural association, located in Bologna, reserved to conventions, entertainments, cultural shows and general business towards its associated.

It does not take on political character. Inside the Club rooms meetings having this aim are forbidden.

The Club organization and management are developed according to the complete respect of internal democratic rules. The Club has not as principal and sole aim commercial activities and it is based on the Civil Code and other provision of laws.

The Club premises and the guest rooms are open to all Members of the Club and Members of National and Foreign twin clubs, in accordance to the Rule book and particular terms fixed by the Board of Directors.

The Club guest rooms are open to :

- (i) Relatives and guest of Members,
- (ii) Public Institutions, association or other associative entities having aims similar or equal to the Club ones, only after the approval of the Board.

## Art.2

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The Association life is indefinite. Its possible dissolution is ruled by art. 25.

## Art.3

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Membership fees for admission and the annual membership fees will be determined, year by year, by the shareholders' meeting in approving the financial statements.

The Board establishes the timing and procedures for payment.

The member's commitment to the Club lasts a calendar year and will be automatically renewed year by year.

Any annulment, if sent by 31 October by registered letter, with receipt, or by other means to ensure the validity of the date sent, will be effective from the following year from that in which the communication was received by the Club. Otherwise, the annulment will have effect from the second year following the year in which the communication was received by the Club.

The admission and annual membership fees, membership rights and any other membership contribution required by the by-laws, by these rules or by the Board's resolutions are non transferable also in case of death and are not in any case subject to revaluation.

Likewise, the membership is not in any way transferable by deed between living persons or by death.

## Art.4

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The Club Members differ for: worthy, real.

Worthy can be the real Member by the fortyfifth year of consecutive Club membership. They are exempted from the payment of the partnership shares.

Real are all other Members.

It is excluded the provisional nature of the participation to the associating life.

## Art.5

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An ex-Member wishing to belong again to the Club shall be subject to a new voting as well as to the payment of a membership fees.

In case the ex-Member asks to be admitted again by a request presented within 2 years from the effecting date of annulment, it is not necessary to subject it to voting neither to correspond the membership fees.

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## Art.6

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Association bodies are the following:

- the shareholders meeting,
- the Chairman,
- the Honorary Chairman,
- the Board,
- the Board of the Provirii
- the Board of the Auditors.

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## Art.7

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The general Meeting can be ordinary and extraordinary.

The General Meeting is convened by the Board through a communication containing the agenda and it must be sent within 8 days from the scheduled day of the Meeting, by post, e-mail, fax or any other equivalent means which assures the reception of the communication.

It can be convened also following a written justified request to the Board, undersigned by at least one-sixth of the Members.

In this last case, the Meeting must be convened within 20 days from the deposit of the request to the secretary office.

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## Art.8

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The ordinary general Meeting has the following duties:

- It discusses and approves the final and the provisional balances during the Meeting which must be convened at least one year within the end of March;
- It fixes the amount of the membership fee and the annual fees;
- It approves the Rule book;
- It decides on any matter presented for its approval by the Board or by one-sixth of the Members;
- It elects the Chairman, the Board, the Board of the Provirii and the Board of the Auditors;
- The elections shall be effected through a secret voting. Possible candidate lists, signed at least by two Members, shall be deposited by the secretary office at least forty-eight hours before the Meeting and they shall be posted up;
- The voting papers shall be handwritten. In voting papers the Chairman, six councilors, three Provirii, one deputy Provirio, two auditors and one deputy auditor shall be nominated by name.
- It elects the Honorary Chairman amongst the Members

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## Art.9

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The extraordinary general Meeting decides:

- On the alteration to the Rule book;
- On the Club dissolution;

The instructions under art. 24, 25 and 26 must be applied to the Statute alteration and to the decisions concerning the Club dissolution.

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## Art.10

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The ordinary and extraordinary Meeting Agenda shall be presented by the Board even if the Meeting has been convened on request of one-sixth of the Members and it must be posted for eight days in the Club Rooms before the

Meeting can take place.

The Agenda, together with the summoning notice for the Meeting, must be sent to all Members at least eight days before its fixed day.

The ordinary Meeting is legitimately formed in first convocation with at least one third of the Members present and, in second convocation, at least one hour after the previous one, without considering the number of present Members.

The Meeting decides with simply majority.

Except for the elections to partnership posts (art. 8), the ordinary and extraordinary Meeting decides with evident count. Proxies are admitted. Each Member cannot represent more than one Member. Proxy must be handwritten and it must indicate the delegated Member and the Meeting for which it has been issued.

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## Art. 11

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### The Chairman

**11.1** The Chairman is elected directly by the General Meeting of the Members and he stays in charge for three years. He can be elected again but no more than three consecutive times.

He is at the head of the Association and has its legal representation.

He convenes and chairs the Board Meetings.

He convenes and chairs the ordinary and extraordinary general Meeting. He can delegate the vice-Chairman or a Councillor to replace him during particular circumstances.

In urgent cases, if there is no necessary time to convene the Board, the Chairman can take decisions, under his own responsibility, as he thinks proper, giving notice to the Board as soon as possible.

**11.2** The Honorary Chairman is directly elected by the general Meeting of the Members.

It is possible to nominate the Honorary Chairman only if there is no Honorary Chairman in office.

The Honorary Chairman remains in office until reaching the age of 90, until his death or resignation. He also loses the office in case of expulsion.

The Honorary Chairman, chosen amongst individuals endowed with a remarkable reputation, no older than 80 (eighty) at the time of designation, and having been at least 3 (three) times, even not consecutive, the Club Chairman, together with the Chairman in charge will:

- carry out activities related to the Club representation, assisting and helping the activity of representation carried out by the Chairman;
- take part to Members meetings, conventions, congresses, and every other activity in order to promote the image and prestige of the Club in its representation in the civil society and the Institutions.

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## Art. 12

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The Board is composed of seven Members who stay in charge for three years and who can be elected again. Should one or more Councillors, for any reason, retire, the others replace them by due decision.

Councillors elected according to the previous paragraph expiry along with the others in charge upon designation.

The majority of Councillors must be composed of Members elected by the member meeting; if the Members elected by the Board decrease and lose the majority, the Members still in charge must convene the Meeting immediately in order to replace the missing Members or to elect a new Board.

The Board elects:

- A Vice-President among its Members,
- A Secretary;
- An Economist-treasurer.

The Board, responsible of the moral and accountant management of the Club, decides on all matters which are not subject to the Meeting voting.

The Board is convened by the Chairman each time he thinks right .

The convocation can be effected on justified request and signed at least by three Councillors.

In order the Board resolutions are valid, it is necessary the intervention of three Councillors apart from the one of the Chairman or his substitute. The resolutions are made with the majority of the votes of the presents.  
In case of equality of votes, the Chairman's vote is predominant.

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## **Art. 13**

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The Board has all ordinary and extraordinary accountant powers, without exception, except what expressly reserved by the law and/or by the Statute to the member meeting.

In particular the Board:

- - organizes the final balance and the budget to be subject to the ordinary Meeting approval;
- - controls the utilization of the partnership property;
- - proposes the possible Statute alterations to the Meeting;
- - arranges and proposes the internal Rule book to the ordinary Meeting;
- - proposes the amount of the membership fees to the Meeting;
- - recruits and discharges employees, by regulating conditions;
- - can assign special commissions;
- - can invite to particular social shows civil, political and military Authorities, as well as cultural celebrities;
- - decides and carries out disciplinary measures according to art. 22.

The Board has the faculty to let other Members take part to its activities.

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## **Art. 14**

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The vice-Chairman assists and helps the Chairman in the management of his mandate. He replaces him for all practical purposes in case of hindrance.

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## **Art. 15**

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The Secretary keeps the Members list, the register of shareholders, the files, the correspondence and has delivery for all documents concerning the Association; he fills in the acts and the minutes of Meetings and conventions of the Board; he provides admission communications as well as circulars addressed to the Members and, for the part up to him, he lets the decisions of the Board apply.

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## **Art. 16**

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The Treasurer is responsible before the Board for the economical-financial management. He applies the administrative and economical decisions of the Board.

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## **Art. 17**

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The Board of the Prodiviri is composed of three real Members elected by the general Member Meeting and one deputy Member elected by the Members. The Prodiviri stay in charge for three years and can be elected again.

The Board of the Prodiviri, that during its first meeting shall choose inside its bosom the Chairman, is charged with the following functions:

- solve problems among Members, and also between Board and Members, concerning social life;
- decide and appeal about the disputes according to art. 22.

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## Art. 18

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The Board of Auditors is composed of two Members and one deputy Member which stay in charge three years and they can be elected again.

It controls the legitimacy of the Club administrative and accounting positions by doing accounting controls of which it shall take the minutes in the right register.

It expresses its opinion with written report on the final balance. This report shall be read during the ordinary general Meeting.

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## Art. 19

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The proposals for the admission of new Members shall be written on suitable printed form and signed by two Members- proposers.

The proposals shall be equipped with suitable information on the candidate. These proposals, after a first examination of the Board, shall be kept at disposal of the Members by the secretary office. The Members shall be informed thereof through notice put up in the Club rooms.

They shall have ten days, after examining the single names, to draw up confidentially possible comments to the Chairman. After this period, the proposals examined by the Board shall be put up in the Club rooms and kept there for at least ten days before the day fixed for the voting.

The Board shall communicate through letter sent in time to all Members the names of the candidates as well as the day fixed for the voting that shall take place in the registered office from twelve until 10 pm.

The admission of the new Members shall occur through secret voting.

The voting shall be executed through stamped cards with printed names of the candidates and of their corresponding proposers and near each name there will be a blank box.

Each voter shall sign on proper register by the collection of the card and its envelope.

The voter shall express his vote in favour with yes and his opposing vote with no, that shall be marked in the proper blank box near the candidate's name and then he shall put the card into the ballot box under closed cover.

At the beginning of the voting the ballot box shall be sealed in front of two scruteneers elected by the Board.

The legal number for the voting validity is at least of fifty voters.

Failing this number, the voting shall be done again with the same procedures simply through new notice.

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## Art. 20

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The count of votes shall be effected in public immediately after two scrutineers shall have closed the voting. An opposing vote annuls four in favour.

In case of equality, the candidate is admitted.

By the end of the count the cards shall be eliminated.

The minutes concerning the voting shall be signed by the two scrutineers.

The not-admitted candidate can be proposed again only two years after the voting.

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## Art. 21

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The occurred admission of the new Members shall be notified through notice to be posted up in the Club rooms.

Each Member shall receive an admission letter with enclosed copy of the Statute and of the Rulebook.

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## Art. 22

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If a Member is charged with disgraceful or immoral actions, that is, breach of proprieties laws done in the Club rooms and

also outside, as well as important infringement of the Statutory rules and in particular of the payment commitment to the Club for the bonds, the Board, upon objection of the charge to the interested party and hearing of the same or of his delegate, can decide about his suspension and, in the most severe cases, his expulsion.

Against the Board decision, that shall be promptly transmitted to the interested party, this one can apply to the Board of the Proviriri within thirty days, and this Board shall decide within maximum ninety days.

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## **Art. 23**

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It is forbidden the distribution of gain or operating surplus, bonds, reserves or capital during the Club lifetime even in direct way, except when the delivery is forced by the actual pro-tempore laws in this field. The Club has the duty to use gain or operating surplus for the realization of the institutional activities and the others directly concerned.

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## **Art. 24**

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The requests to change this Statute, as well by the Members and by the Board, shall be subject to the extraordinary Meeting that shall decide at least with twenty-five per cent of the Members present and with the majority of two-thirds of the participants.

In the convocation notice, the alteration proposals must be related in extensor.

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## **Art. 25**

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The dissolution of the Association, on proposal of the Board, that is, at least of one-sixth of the Members, is decided by the extraordinary general Meeting if necessary convened and with the participation of the Members majority and of the vote in favour of the dissolution of two-third of the participants.

The Meeting provides for the election of the liquidator/s to be chosen also among non-Members, upon definition of their number.

Other possible remaining liabilities shall be delivered to another or other associations having similar aims or public utility aims decided by the resolution which orders the dissolution according to the Institution for the control foreseen by the law, except other destination imposed by the pro-tempore law for this field.

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## **Art. 26**

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The regulations of this Statute are binding for all Members, meaning they accept them by their admission to this Association.