



## **BYLAW 222**

### **AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS**

Section 1. Affiliated Associations. Affiliated Associations consist of corporations, organizations, associations and other groups in good standing in a state, region or locality, educational institutions offering equine related programs or other organizations approved by the Executive Committee of the Federation which have federated together to form an association. Affiliated Associations must agree to comply with and be bound by these bylaws and the Rules of the Federation and decisions of the Federation including those of the Hearing Committee, and must pay annual fees and/or dues as provided in the Federation's Rules. Categories and affiliation requirements of Affiliated Associations shall be as specified in the Federation's Rules, and shall include:

- (1) International Discipline Associations where the discipline is recognized through the Federation to the FEI and the USOC. The Federation may only recognize one International Discipline Association for each discipline recognized by the FEI. International Discipline Associations are sometimes referred to herein as the "FEI Affiliates";
- (2) Recognized Associations where the national breed or discipline has competition rules which have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Federation for inclusion in the Federation's Rule Book. The Federation may only recognize one national breed/discipline association for each breed or discipline with competition rules in the Rule Book. If a Recognized Association ceases to affiliate with the Federation, the Executive Committee may in its discretion replace the organization that has seceded or been removed for cause with another association involving the same breed or discipline or the Executive Committee may replace the organization with an appropriate Federation Breed or Discipline Committee. Such Committee shall be deemed a Recognized Association for purposes of Bylaw 303. Appeals involving the recognition of any association or committee must be made in writing to the National Office within 30 days of the announcement. Appeals will be heard by the Hearing Committee in the same manner as date disputes. The decision of the Hearing Committee shall be final and shall be deemed to have the force and effect of a ruling in arbitration. Recognized Associations are sometimes referred to herein as National Affiliates.
- (3) National Associations, where equestrian-related groups or individuals have formed a national association or organization;
- (4) State/Regional Associations where equestrian-related groups or individuals have formed an association in a State or region; and
- (5) Educational Associations, where educational institutions or colleges offer equine-related programs.

## **BYLAW 224**

### **ASSOCIATED YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

Upon application and approval by the Executive Committee of the Federation, a corporation, organization, association or other group having equestrian programs primarily limited to youth (age 21 or under) programs which are not specific to any one breed or discipline may receive Federation recognition as an Associated Youth Organization. The Federation Recognized Associated Youth Organizations shall pay dues, meet requirements and be accorded benefits as specified in the Rules, and upon joining as Senior Active Members their representatives are eligible to be nominated by the Nominating Committee to stand for election to the Board of Directors of the Federation and to be appointed to Federation Councils and Committees.

### **GR204 AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS AND ASSOCIATED YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.**

1. Affiliated Associations consist of corporations, organizations and other groups in good standing in a state, region or locality, educational institutions offering equine related programs, or other organizations approved by the Executive Committee of The Federation, which have federated together to form an association. Affiliated Associations must agree to comply with and be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of The Federation and decisions of the Federation, including those of the Hearing Committee, as said bylaws or Rules or Hearing Committee decisions apply specifically to Affiliated Associations, and must pay annual dues of \$150. Any association or corporation which pursuant to the bylaws has proportional or direct representation on the Board of Directors of the Federation must affiliate and pay dues as an Affiliated Association of the Federation and be subject to all responsibilities and privileges of an Affiliated Association. Categories of membership shall include:
  - a. International Discipline Associations, where the discipline is recognized through the Federation to the FEI and the USOC; the Federation may only recognize one International Discipline Association for each discipline recognized by the FEI.
  - b. Recognized Associations, where the national breed or discipline has competition rules which have been approved by the Federation Board of Directors for inclusion in the Federation Rule Book; the Federation may only recognize one national breed/ discipline association for each breed or discipline with competition rules in the Federation Rule Book.
  - c. National Associations, where equestrian-related groups or individuals have formed a national association or organization.
  - d. State/Regional Associations, where equestrian-related groups or individuals have formed an association in a State or Region.
  - e. Educational Associations, where educational institutions or colleges offer equine related programs.
  - f. Associated Youth Organizations which consist of corporations, organizations, associations, or other groups having equestrian programs primarily limited to youth (age 21 or under) programs which are not specific to any one Breed or Discipline.
2. Every competition that is both licensed by the Federation and recognized by a Federation Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate shall be conducted according to the Federation rules.
3. Any Federation Affiliated Association that is also a member of a Federation Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate may utilize only the applicable Breed/Discipline rules contained in the Federation Rule Book as a guideline for conducting non-Federation competitions. Such use does not include access to the Federation regulatory process. The use of any other Federation rules is prohibited unless written permission is granted by the Federation.
4. Any non-Federation competitions using the applicable Breed/Discipline rules as described in .3 above must give notice to exhibitors in the prize list that Federation rules do not apply.