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STRUCTURE

Add new:

Section 2. Definitions

- A. The following rules apply in computing any time period or date certain specified in these Bylaws or the Policies and Procedures:
- 1) When the period is stated in days or a date certain:
 - a) exclude the day of the event that triggers the period;
 - b) count every day, including intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays; and
 - c) include the last day of the period, but if the last day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the period continues to run until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.
- B. A “Member in Good Standing” is one who is in compliance with all current Bylaws, including payment of dues, and not subject to any restriction as set forth in Article V.
- C. A “Meeting” as stated in these Bylaws may be held in person or by electronic means unless otherwise stated.
- D. The term “dressage” as stated in these Bylaws includes para dressage.**

Submitted by: USDF Bylaws Committee

Reason: To integrate and assimilate national para dressage interests into USDF’s current structure.

Effective: January 1, 2025

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MEMBERSHIP

Add new:

Section 2. Group Member Organizations

o) Limited Group Member Organizations

- 1) **A local or regional dressage organization consisting of at least eight, but fewer than 25 dues paying members, may become a Limited Group Member Organization by submitting an application to the United States Dressage Federation which shall include:**
 - **Payment of fees as determined by the Executive Board;**
 - **A roster of all dues paying members; and**
 - **An agreement to abide by the rules and regulations of the USDF concerning Group Member Organizations.**

- 2) ***Upon acceptance of the application by the USDF, the applicant will be a Limited Group Member Organization and the dues paying members of the applicant shall be considered Group Members of the USDF and granted all privileges of such membership.***
- 3) ***The Limited Group Member Organization shall not be a member of the USDF Board of Governors but otherwise shall have the same privileges and obligations as a Group Member Organization.***
- 4) ***When a Limited Group Member Organization submits a roster to the USDF of at least 25 dues paying members, it shall automatically become a member of the USDF Board of Governors and shall have those rights and obligations as a Group Member Organization.***
- 5) ***An existing Group Member Organization that, by attrition, has fewer than 25 members, but more than seven members, will automatically be reclassified as a Limited Group Member Organization with its rights and privileges.***

Submitted by: USDF Bylaws Committee

Reason for proposal: The Executive Board passed a motion at their 2024 spring meeting tasking the Bylaws Committee with creating a non-voting GMO category with 8-24 members.

Effective: Upon approval by the Board of Governors

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MEMBERSHIP

Change to read:

Section 2. Group Member Organizations

- g) ~~A~~ Group Member Organizations, ***including Limited Group Member Organizations (as defined in letter o of this section)***, shall pay annual dues on the basis of per capita assessment of its dues-paying members as are contained in the current roster. All members of the Group Member ***and Limited Group Member*** Organizations shall be included on the roster and dues paid for each member. A current roster of members must be filed with the USDF on or before the beginning of each USDF membership year. Newly established groups shall pay their per capita assessment on their membership count as of the date of the entry into the USDF.

Submitted by: Sarah Garn, Melissa Schoedlbauer

Reason for proposal: To provide clarification that dues must be submitted for each member not only in Group Member Organizations, but also for Limited Group Member Organizations.

Approval of this edit will depend on if the BOG approves the new Limited Group Member Organization category outlined in the proposed new language for Article V, Section 2.o.

Effective: Upon approval by the Board of Governors.