

# ISPU By-Laws

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## **§1 Name and Location of the Association**

The association is called “Internationale Pinscher Schnauzer Union”, abbreviated “ISPU”.  
ISPU’s head quarters is in Remscheid; it is to be registered with the Registry of Associations at the Cologne District Court

## **§ 2 Purpose and Tasks of ISPU**

- 1.0 The ISPU represents the interests of Breeders and owners of dogs of the Pinscher and Schnauzer Breeds internationally (FCI Standards Nos. 181 - 186). It has assumed the following main tasks:
  - 1.1 The joining together of national Breed Clubs for Purebred Dogs.

- 1.2. National and international representation of mutual interests to the public as well as to cynological organizations.
  - 1.3 Exchange of scientific experiences in the subject area of dogs, and exchange of insights resulting from the breeding of dogs, including all interested corporations and organizations, nationally and internationally.
  - 1.4 Promotion and coordination of shows, especially of the annual ISPU- Show.  
Organisation and executing ISPU Shows obtains the membership countries by the regulations knowing the regulations, that all dogs have to judge by ISPU membership judges.
  - 1.5 Awarding of the titles of ISPU Klubsieger and ISPU Tagessieger.
  - 1.6. Working out the details of proposals in regard to regulation of breeding, breed judges, performance judges, shows, and dog sports. All member clubs acknowledge as compulsory the regulations of the FCI, in particular the international regulations of breeding, the regulations of shows, as well as the sub classifications of breeds and breed groups as pertaining to shows.
- 2.0 The ISPU pursues exclusively and directly charitable goals in accordance with the regulation of tax deductible donations, especially by promoting the breeding of animals, by advancing of dog sports and by advocating animal protection laws, as pertaining to dogs, through its appointed organizations, nationally and internationally.

In order to achieve the above mentioned goals the following rules have been enacted:

- 2.1 Guidelines for organization of the ISPU World Championships for Riesenschnauzer
- 2.2 Conditions of the awarding of the ISPU Klubsieger titles.

These rules are elements of the by-laws and, if relevant, must be adopted by the member clubs as minimum requirement or prevailing condition.

### **§ 3 Financial Year, Place of Performance, and Place of Jurisdiction**

The financial year is the calendar year.

The Place of performance, and therefore the place of jurisdiction for all claims between the association and its members, also in regard to third parties, is Remscheid.

#### **§ 4 Application for Membership Status**

- 1.0 Only breed clubs for purebred dogs can be full members of ISPU. A breed club can only acquire membership if it can give evidence of a breed and breeder potential among its membership that realizes a reasonable dog breeding program of the respective breeds, according to the principles of the FCI.
- 2.0 Full membership can be achieved by formal acceptance into the ISPU, on the basis of a simple majority vote at the conference of delegates. The vote may also be carried out in writing. The conference of delegates may, by a simple majority vote, accept applicants as “provisional members” for the course of three years.
- 3.0 Any other club not mentioned under 1.0, who furthers the Pinscher and Schnauzer breeds and whose tasks and goals are similar to those of ISPU may become an associate member.
- 3.1 Associate members do not pay dues and cannot vote. They have the right to identify themselves in their publications as “associate members of ISPU”.
- 3.3 Clubs or associations whose goal consists solely in keeping dogs for the purpose of dog sports or the use of dogs in disaster conditions, but who do not have a breed program, may become associate members of ISPU
- 4.0 Membership applicants must submit a written application to the board of directors.

#### **§ 5 Loss of Membership**

- 1.0 The membership is rescinded through termination or dissolution of a member club.
- 1.1 Termination  
Terminating the membership can be initiated by either side at the end of a calendar year; with six months notice. Termination has to be submitted in writing. ISPU can only terminate the membership of a club based on a decision by the conference of delegates. The reason(s) must be given. Termination can only be annulled if both parties agree. The affected member club can object to the termination within the month following the

official notice. The next conference of delegates will make the final decision. An objection lodged within the allowed time will delay termination. If the objection is not lodged in the permitted time, the termination is final

## 1.2 Dissolution of a Member Club

If the member club is dissolved either by its own decision or by an act of the state, membership in ISPU is terminated.

## § 6 Privileges and Duties of the Members

### 1.0 Member clubs are obligated to provide any information the ISPU management may require in its own interest. Specifically, but not exclusively, concerning their membership, their breed programs, their system of judges, breed shows, and dog sports events.

The ISPU Administration will sent an information at the end of each year for the membership cash all ISPU membership countries. Member clubs are obligated to provide, without further request, the ISPU office with the number of their members by February 1.; for the first time on February 1, 2001 (status of December 31 of the previous year), and a current list of their

(Special) Breed Judges

Performance Judges and Breed Survey Judges (Koermasters)

ISPU-Delegates and Members of their Board of Directors

### 2.0 Membership clubs may only permit breeding with purebred dogs of the same breed whose ancestry of three parent generations can be substantiated through certificates and pedigrees which are recognized by the F.C.I. (Exceptions in Article 6, Nos. 1 & 2 of the F.C.I regulations).

### 3.0 Full members and provisional members must pay membership dues. All member clubs must pay a basic amount of € 100,- and a variable amount

- up to 3000 members € 0,26

- additional members € 0,06

per member of the full member club or the provisional member club.

- 3.1 Based on the number of members reported by February 1 of each year, the membership dues will be calculated and requested by written invoice. Membership dues are to be paid by April 1 of each year to the account of ISPU; if the board of directors agrees, payment may be also made at the conference of delegates.

## **§ 7 Agencies of ISPU**

The agencies of ISPU are:

1. The Conference of Delegates
2. The Management (Board of Directors).

## **§ 8 The Conference of Delegates**

- 1.0 The board of directors determines the location of the conference of delegates. The conference of delegates is either a “regular” conference or a “special” conference. The regular conference of delegates is to be held at least every two years. If serious reasons either prevent the conference of delegates from taking place, or make it impractical, the board of directors may postpone the conference for the duration of the impediment or encumbrance.
- 1.1 The board of directors will remain in office until the next conference of delegates, which is to take place as soon as possible after the elimination of the impediment or encumbrance, at the latest within three month.
- 2.0 The conference of delegates has the following tasks:
- Receipt of the reports of the board of directors;
  - receipt of the financial report concerning the ISPU funds and receipt of the financial audit;
  - approval of the actions of the board of directors;
  - election of members of the board of directors
  - forming of commissions and committees for the purpose of preparing or accomplishing special tasks;
  - determining membership dues;
  - passing resolutions in regard to changes of the by-laws;
  - approving new members

passing of other resolutions or motions

The passing of resolutions or motions may also be presented in writing.

- 3.0 A special membership meeting must take place under the following conditions:
  - 3.1 At the request of the president of the board of directors, or
  - 3.2 if at least one third of all membership clubs requests a meeting by way of registered letter to the president or the board of directors.
  
- 4.0 Based on the paid membership dues of the previous financial year the treasurer determines the member clubs' right to vote. A member club that has not paid its dues in full may not vote.
  
- 5.0 Written invitation to the membership meeting is sent to each member separately. The agenda will be enclosed. The invitations to the regular membership meeting are to be sent at least eight weeks in advance. In the case of a special membership meeting, two weeks notice must be given. Each invitation must include the agenda, town, date, time, and the exact location where the membership meeting is to be held. Requests for the regular membership meeting are to be submitted at least four weeks in advance to the board of directors. The membership meeting has a quorum if at least one quarter (1/4) of the members are present or represented.
  
- 6.0 If delegates are prevented from attending they may pass on their right to vote, in the form of a written power of attorney, to another delegate. The power of attorney is unlimited; if limitations are made they will be considered as not written. Delegates may not represent more than two member clubs.

## **§ 9 The Board of Directors**

- 1.0 The board of directors consists minimum of 3 and maximum of 6 persons. The position of president is held by the president of the PSK. The president is responsible for the coordination and management as well as the representation of ISPU.

- 1.1 For coordination and management of the ISPU president it is necessary to integrate the PSK/ISPU administration. The leader of the PSK-office will be set for the board of directors by administration and will not be elected by the conference of delegates.
- 2.0 The further members of the board of directors are elected by the conference of delegates for the following areas of responsibilities:
  - a) Finance and tax related issues (Treasurer)
  - b) Dog Sports
  - c) Breeding
  - d) ISPU exhibition/specialty shows
- 2.1 The board members are elected for the duration of two years.
- 2.2 From the board of directors the conference of delegates elects a vice president who is to act for the president should he/she be unable to perform his/her duties. This will take place in all cases of illness, during absence on conferences of delegates or on conferences of board directors and by a demission of president.
- 2.3 It is possible expanding and adding the board of directors with persons for the range of duties. These persons could officiate any functions in personal union.
- 3.0 The board of directors is responsible for all matters which are, according to these by-laws, not the province of the conference of delegates.
- 3.1 The board of directors may nominate committees.
- 3.2 The board of directors of the ISPU is the executive committee as referred to in § 26 BGB (German civil law). Each member of the board has the right to represent ISPU.

- 4.0 The board of directors may draw up rules of procedure for themselves in which it outlines the rights and duties as well as the areas of responsibilities of the individual board members.
- 4.1 The board of directors may pass resolutions based on written or telephone communication, provided no member of the board requests explanation and passing of resolution at a conference of the board of directors.
- 5.0 The positions of the members of the respective organs is honorary. Expenses incurred in the course of this voluntary activity will be reimbursed. Also at formal meetings and conferences their expenses will be remunerated.

## **§10 Voting**

- 1.0 Every full and provisional member has one vote.
- 2.0 The member clubs are represented by a nominated or elected delegate. It is desirable that delegates remain the same over a prolonged period of time so that continuity of the work may be accomplished.
- 3.0 By board decisions has each member one vote. This right to vote has to be exercised in person; it is not transferable.

## **§ 11 Passing of Resolutions, Elections, Minutes of Proceedings**

- 1.0 Resolutions are passed by a simple majority of the conference of delegates. The passing of resolutions in respect to changing the by-laws need a two thirds (2/3) majority, and those in regards to dissolving the association need a three quarter (3/4) majority of the valid votes. Abstentions count as invalid votes.
- 2.0 The election is binding if the candidate receives the absolute majority of all valid votes. If this majority cannot be achieved in the first ballot, a run-off between the two candidates with the highest percentages of votes takes place. Abstentions count as invalid votes.



- 3.0 Minutes of proceedings must be kept of all resolutions, elections, and other substantive contributions of the conference of delegates. These minutes must be signed by the keeper of the minutes and a board member. These minutes will be sent to the members within six weeks after the conference of delegates. The minutes are considered to have been received if no complaint to the contrary was lodged within the following six weeks. Objections to the minutes are to be made to the board, in writing, within eight weeks of receipt. Editorial changes are decided by the keeper of the minutes and the president. Changes in the minutes will be sent to the member clubs.

## **§ 12 Office**

The association keeps an office through the board member. This member is responsible for the conducting of all business dealings.

## **§ 13 Financial report**

The treasurer must present a financial report of the ISPU funds at each conference of delegates. The financial report is to be audited by two auditors who have been chosen by the conference of delegates. The auditors may not be members of the board of directors. The results of this audit are to be presented to the conference of delegates in an audit report.

## **§ 14 Remuneration of Expenses**

- 1.0 Delegates receive a reimbursement of travel expenses up to € 200,-, and a daily expense amount of € 38,35.
- 2.0 The costs incurred for lodgings will be reimbursed in the full amount.
- 3.0 The expenses for invited speakers or guests of honor will be reimbursed in full.
- 4.0 The costs for members of the board of directors will be reimbursed in full.

## **§ 15 Dissolution**

- 1.0 The dissolution of the association is to be decided by the conference of delegates. The conference is to be called specifically for this purpose. In order to pass the resolution of the dissolution of ISPU, a three quarters (3/4) majority of the valid votes given during the conference is necessary. Abstentions count as invalid votes.

The last special membership meeting also determines how the ISPU funds are to be used.

**§ 16 Concluding Regulations**

- 1.0 The invalidity of parts of resolutions concerning the change of the by-laws does not result in the invalidity of other parts of a change in the by-laws.
- 2.0 The board of directors is authorized to make editorial changes.

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Board of directors