



FIVA STATUTES

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CHAPTER 1: IDENTITY AND SEAT

Article 1.1

The association bears the name Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens and is abbreviated to FIVA.

FIVA, founded in 1966, is a non-profit international association of clubs, federations and other organisations concerned with the preservation, restoration, use and culture of mechanically propelled road vehicles.

FIVA shall refrain from manifesting racial, political or religious discrimination in the course of its activities and from taking any actions in this respect.

Article 1.2

The Registered Office of FIVA is 8, Place de la Concorde, F-75008 PARIS, FRANCE

Article 1.3

FIVA complies with the jurisdiction of the country in which its Registered Office is located.

Article 1.4

The official languages of FIVA are French and English.

CHAPTER 2: VISION & MISSION

Article 2.

As the worldwide organisation dedicated to the preservation, protection and promotion of historic vehicles and related culture, FIVA encourages and facilitates:-

2.1. The preservation of historic vehicles, related artefacts and records through research and cataloguing as well as the development of guidelines, standards, and education which ensure that authentic examples of our motoring heritage are available for future generations.

2.2 The protection of responsible use of historic vehicles through legislative monitoring, the development of recommended policies, specific supportive action and effective relations with national and international authorities.

2.3 The promotion of historic vehicle culture through communication, development of international events, forums, and seminars. FIVA provides formal recognition and support for activities that are consistent with its ideals.

CHAPTER 3: OBJECTIVES

Article 3.

To implement the above mission FIVA is engaged in activities such as, but not limited to,

3.1. Organising, monitoring, and supporting events to promote historic vehicle heritage and to facilitate the exchange of experience amongst FIVA Members,

3.2. Organising and contributing to seminars and forums to share the expertise relating to the motoring heritage,

3.3. Representing the interests of historic vehicle owners at various legislative bodies, administrative and political institutions for asserting the right to use historic vehicles on public roads and elsewhere.

3.4. Creating, publishing and distributing information on historic vehicles,

3.5. Establishing and maintaining relations with international organisations on behalf of the historic motoring community,

3.6. Entering into any business activities wherefrom any surplus will not be distributed amongst members but used for implementing the mission of FIVA,

3.7. Entering into any other activities to implement its mission.

CHAPTER 4: MEMBERSHIP

Article 4.1

FIVA is the representative of the international historic vehicle community and is constituted by National Members, College Members and Members of Honour. All members have rights and obligations in respect of FIVA as described in these Statutes and the FIVA Internal Rules.

Article 4.2 National Members

4.2.1. Any independent national club, national federation of clubs or national association of other nature that predominantly caters for the restoration, preservation, use and documentation of historic vehicles, can be a Member of FIVA provided they meet mandatory FIVA membership requirements as set in these Statutes and FIVA Internal Rules. Its activities should embrace the whole of the national territory and membership of the club, federation or association must be obtainable by anyone with a genuine interest in historic vehicles.

4.2.2. In each Nation FIVA is represented by one FIVA National Authority (ANF). FIVA endeavours to have only one National member per nation. Where FIVA has more than one member, who may be a national or regional organisation, the General Committee will appoint one of them as ANF.

4.2.3. The rights and obligations of the Members are described in these Statutes. If, in the opinion of the General Committee, FIVA is not represented adequately in a country by the ANF the General Committee can suspend the ANF's rights temporarily or withdraw the appointment. The General Committee may then appoint another organisation to be ANF. No such decision may be passed during the two months period preceding a General Assembly Meeting.

4.2.4. The General Committee can decide to accept the application of a regional group of countries, if each of those countries' associations has insufficient members to become a FIVA member in its own right. Any regional group shall be considered as a National member without ANF-status. As soon as the number of associations' members in any country within the group grows to the minimum requirements for FIVA membership, this country will have to become an individual FIVA Member.

Article 4.3 College Members

4.3.1. Any organisation having an interest in historic vehicles can become a FIVA College Member. The Colleges may be specialised subject to need e.g. vehicle manufacturers, restoration companies, academic institutions, museums etc.

4.3.2. A College shall contribute to the Vision and Mission of FIVA. A College can participate in FIVA activities as described in the Internal Rules e.g. Rule 1.3, and Appendix A.

4.3.3. The General Committee shall recommend to the GA the introduction or closure of Colleges as required.

Article 4.4 Members of Honour

Upon recommendation of the General Committee, a General Assembly may bestow the title of Member of Honour on any person who has rendered outstanding services to FIVA.

Article 4.5 Admission

Membership is obtained by application to the General Committee that decides on the admission. The Director for Membership shall report to the General Committee on applications and other membership issues referred to him/her. The procedure for applying for membership is described in the Internal Rules of FIVA.

Article 4.6 Termination of Membership

Membership will automatically cease by:

- a. cancellation by the member;
- b. disqualification (expulsion)
- c. dissolution of Member's organisation
- d. death of the Member of Honour;

Article 4.7 Disqualification

Disqualification from membership may solely be pronounced where a member acts in contravention of the Statutes, Internal Rules, the decisions of FIVA or if a member injures FIVA in an unreasonable manner including failing to settle its payment obligation towards FIVA.

Disqualification is declared by the General Committee which, as soon as possible, notifies the member concerned about the decision in writing by registered letter or equivalent digital communication stating the reasons thereto. The party concerned is entitled, within 30 calendar days following the receipt of said notification, to appeal to the Arbitration Panel nominating his Arbitrator. During the appeal period and pending the appeal, the member shall remain suspended. This decision is final and binding and the disqualified member can not apply for membership again until the injury is fully resolved in the opinion of the General Committee.

Article 4.8 Obligations of the members of FIVA:

4.8.1. The Members of FIVA, by the very fact of their admission into FIVA, shall agree to abide, without reservation, by the Statutes and other Internal Rules of FIVA. They shall also undertake to accept and observe all decisions taken by the General Committee, the General Assembly and the Arbitration Panel. They shall undertake to do this when they file their application for membership.

4.8.2. The ANF and the other member(s) shall seek cooperation whenever this may contribute to implementing FIVA's mission, and abstain from any behaviour that may have a detrimental effect on FIVA's cause.

4.8.3. All Members of FIVA must refrain from any activities, exhibitions or events, the character of which are in direct conflict with the Vision and Mission of FIVA specified in Chapter 2 above, or which might bring into disrepute, prejudice the honour, dignity or interests of FIVA or its representative ANF or other FIVA Members.

4.8.4. All Members, College Members and Members of Honour must register and keep updated an address with FIVA which shall thereafter be the address for service of all durable documents upon them and shall keep FIVA updated about the composition of their governing body.

CHAPTER 5: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 5.1

The General Assembly is the collective body of all Members of FIVA. It is the supreme governing body of FIVA and is responsible for those topics explicitly listed in Article 5.5 of these Statutes.

Article 5.2

The meeting of the General Assembly, whether Annual or Extraordinary, shall be convened by the President in writing, using electronic means if preferred, to the Members' addresses, including digital, deposited with the Secretariat. The invitation shall include the date, place and the proposed agenda of the meeting and be sent to all Members not less than 60 calendar days before the date fixed for the meeting.

Article 5.3

5.3.1. The Annual General Assembly must be held once a year.

5.3.2. Furthermore, upon request of at least one third of the voting Members represented in FIVA or by the decision of the General Committee, the President must summon an Extraordinary General Assembly and shall include a draft agenda. This Assembly shall meet within a period of no longer than 90 days from the receipt of the request, or decision of the General Committee.

Article 5.4

Any proposal for the agenda, including nominations of persons for various posts, shall be sent to the Secretariat not less than 42 calendar days before the scheduled date of the meeting. Members, the General Committee and its Officers are entitled to place items on the agenda. The Secretariat must communicate the final agenda, together with the personal nominations, to the Members at least 30 calendar days before the scheduled date of the meeting. The General Assembly cannot consider items that are not on the agenda.

Article 5.5

The General Assembly has exclusive rights on the following subjects:

- To approve the annual report of the General Committee.
- To approve the audited financial statements for the previous financial year
- To approve the proposed budget for the following financial year.
- To approve the General Committee's programme of work for the following year.
- To establish membership fees.
- To appoint external independent auditors.
- To elect the President, members of the General Committee, other Chairmen of Commissions, the Director for Membership and the Members of the Arbitration Panel.
- To modify or amend the Statutes.
- To decide on the dissolution and the liquidation of FIVA.

Article 5.6

Any General Assembly Meeting shall have a quorum if the members represented either in person or by proxy represent 50% of the total of the votes. If the meeting has no quorum, a substitute meeting shall be convened within 30 calendar days with the same agenda. This to be communicated to the Members immediately, which shall be considered having a quorum regardless of the votes represented and shall be authorised to make valid decisions on questions listed on the original agenda.

Article 5.7

5.7.1. National Members:

National Members have the right to vote at levels prescribed in Appendix C to these Statutes.

A National Member may carry one proxy from another National Member.

Any Member who has not paid all their financial dues to FIVA cannot vote at a General Assembly or allocate their proxy.

5.7.2. Members of Honour:

Members of Honour shall have one vote each.

5.7.3. Colleges:

Each College shall have a number of votes, as defined in Appendix C to these Statutes, held by their College Representative who shall be elected by the College members from among themselves.

College members can attend any General Assembly.

Article 5.8

Any General Assembly will be chaired by the President. If the President is unable to attend the General Assembly meeting, he will be replaced by the longest-serving Senior Vice President present or by the longest-serving member of the General Committee.

The decisions of any General Assembly are, apart from modifications to the Statutes and dissolution below, made by a simple majority of the votes cast.

In cases where there are an equal number of For and Against votes the President shall have a casting vote.

The number of abstentions will be counted as non-votes but will not count towards any vote.

In the case of election for President, should there be more than two candidates, the candidate obtaining the lowest number of votes at each successive poll withdraws. If, at the issue of the last vote the candidates are still tied, further rounds of votes will take place until the tie is broken.

In the case of deciding on modifications to the Statutes, the dissolution or liquidation of FIVA a majority of not less than two thirds of the votes cast is required.

CHAPTER 6: GENERAL COMMITTEE

Article 6.1

The strategy, policy and work of FIVA are administered by a General Committee. From a minimum of four different nationalities the General Committee shall consist of the President, two Senior Vice Presidents (SVP) and a maximum of six Vice Presidents (VP). No single nation can have more than two General Committee members.

Article 6.2

The General Committee has the power to decide on all topics that are not expressly reserved for the General Assembly as described in Article 5.5 or for other bodies of FIVA and to make changes to the Internal Rules. The Internal Rules shall be communicated to all the members of FIVA.

Article 6.3

6.3.1 The President shall convene the General Committee meetings as, where and when necessary or if the majority of the members of the General Committee require one and finalise the agenda.

6.3.2 The meetings will be chaired by the President or, in his/her absence by the longest-serving SVP, who shall take votes and ensure that minutes are taken as necessary. An accurate record shall be kept for all decisions and agreements.

6.3.3 The meeting of the General Committee has a quorum when at least 50% (rounded up to the next whole number) of the General Committee members are present.

6.3.4 Decisions by the General Committee are taken by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. Abstentions will be counted as non-votes but will not count towards any vote. In the event of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote. If any member of the General Committee is unable to attend a meeting they may delegate their proxy vote. Each member may hold only one proxy.

6.3.5 Decisions can also be taken by electronic means when the proposals have to be answered by a yes or no vote. These proposals have to be communicated to all the General Committee members at the same time and 3 working days given for the answer. The decision is valid if 50% (rounded up to the next whole number) of the members return their votes by the given date.

Article 6.4

To assist with implementing FIVA's programme of work the General Committee is free to employ remunerated professional staff within the budget presented to the GA.

The General Committee shall appoint a Treasurer who will not have the right to vote. The Treasurer shall help prepare the annual budget and shall keep the General Committee updated about the current financial situation of FIVA.

Article 6.5

The President shall distribute the work within the General Committee and establish agreed deadlines and responsibilities. If a member of the General Committee cannot comply with these requests, the General Committee can have a vote of no confidence and his/her responsibilities can be removed. If a particular task in FIVA becomes unattended for whatever reason, the President may co-opt a suitable person to take over temporarily the unattended tasks until the next General Assembly.

CHAPTER 7: COMMISSIONS and PROJECT GROUPS

The General Committee can, at any time and for any purpose, create and populate a Commission or a Project Group according to the requirements of the FIVA work programme.

The General Committee and Commissions may also create one or more Project Groups subject to their budgetary constraints.

The Commissions or Project Groups will consist of experts in the subject to be addressed. The procedures to find experts to be members of a Commission or Project Group are described in the Internal Rules.

CHAPTER 8: OFFICERS

Article 8.1

8.1.1. Officers of FIVA are the members of the General Committee, Arbitration Panel, Commission Chairmen and the Director for Membership elected for their personal competencies to enable FIVA to make long term policy, strategic and conduct decisions and implement work programmes.

8.1.2. Nominations for officer-ship can only be accepted from Members (but not Colleges) of FIVA.

8.1.3. Officers commit themselves to, at no time, undertake anything which might bring into disrepute, prejudice the mission and vision of FIVA or that of its representative ANF and other Members in the given country.

8.1.4. If an Officer is found in breach of his/her obligations, the General Committee shall investigate the facts and discuss the case. After giving 30 calendar days for the Officer concerned to give their explanation, the General Committee, having ascertained that the FIVA Statutes and/or Internal Rules or their spirit have been substantially mishandled or breached, has the right to suspend or exclude the Officer. An appeal against the General Committee's decision may be lodged within 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the decision.

Article 8.2

In the President's temporary absence the longest serving SVP shall deputise for him/her.

Article 8.3

8.3.1. The President may serve for a maximum of two terms each of three years.

8.3.2. All other elected members may serve for a maximum of three terms, each of three years.

8.3.3. A retiring President will not be eligible to stand for any other elected post after his/her second term of presidency.

CHAPTER 9: FIVA REGIONAL AMBASSADORS

FIVA Regional Ambassadors will be appointed by the General Committee in order to promote the activities of FIVA in their defined geography.

CHAPTER 10: ARBITRATION PANEL

Article 10.1

An Arbitration Panel shall be established for (a) for deciding in disputes and (b) for deciding on appeals. The Panel will comprise 5 to 9 persons of appropriate professional expertise, able to exercise impartiality and objectivity and cannot hold any other office or function in FIVA. Members of the Panel shall be elected for renewable 6-year periods by the General Assembly from among persons nominated by the Members.

Article 10.2. Should a dispute arise between Members or between a Member and a FIVA body, an ad-hoc Arbitration Tribunal shall be established to address the matter after a 60 day cure period. Each party may nominate one member among the Members of the Panel and these two will nominate the third member from among the Members of the Panel. If a party fails to nominate its arbitrator within 30 days from being notified, the Arbitration Panel shall appoint that arbitrator on the request of the other party. All parties will bear their own and the Arbitration costs. The Tribunal shall issue a recommendation not binding on the parties within 120 days.

Article 10.3. Regarding disqualification of a Member (Article 4.7) and disciplinary proceedings against an Officer (Article 8.1.4) under these Statutes, the General Committee shall notify the accused person of the alleged charges against him or her, by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt and at least one month before the meeting in which the decision will be made.

The notification of charges shall state:

- the factual and legal allegations;
- the penalties likely to be imposed;
- the possibility to examine and copy the documents of the case at the headquarters of the FIVA;
- the time period to submit observations in writing to the General Committee;
- that in the absence of any oral or written observations, the General Committee may decide on a penalty based on the statement of objections..

Article 10.4. In case an appeal is lodged against the decision of the General Committee by a Member pursuant to Article 4.7 or by an Officer pursuant to Article 8.1.4. herein, an ad hoc Arbitration Tribunal is set up as described in Article 10.2. above. The Tribunal shall have powers to adjudicate on the legality of the appealed decision and may only annul it if it was not passed in accordance with applicable FIVA regulations. The decision of this Tribunal is final and binding.

CHAPTER 11: FINANCES

Article 11.1

The resources of FIVA shall be derived from:

- annual Membership fees as voted by the General Assembly;
- revenues from FIVA approved events
- revenues from the sale of FIVA ID Cards
- other sources of income approved by the General Committee.

Article 11.2

The General Committee will submit an Annual Budget for the following year and independently audited financial statements on the completed year to the General Assembly for approval.

Article 11.3

The accounting year starts on 1st September and ends on 31st August and the accounts will be audited annually by independent professional Auditors.

CHAPTER 12: ADMINISTRATION

Article 12.1

12.1.1. The General Committee will establish offices for administration and communication and employ personnel as required from time to time for completion of the objectives of FIVA as defined in Chapter 3 subject to the constraints of the approved budgets.

12.1.2. The central administration office shall be the Secretariat reporting to the President. The responsibilities are detailed in job descriptions issued by the General Committee.

Article 12.2

All formal statements and contracts as defined within the Internal Rules shall be signed by the appropriate FIVA official.

CHAPTER 13: DISSOLUTION

Article 13.1

A resolution dissolving FIVA shall not be implemented unless it is passed at two successive General Assemblies which shall be held not less than three months apart.

Article 13.2

The General Assembly which votes for dissolution shall have sovereign decision over the dispersal of the funds on the day of the dissolution according to the French law.

CHAPTER 14: MISCELLANEOUS

Article 14.1

FIVA can make agreements with other international bodies in matters concerned with historic vehicles e.g., FIA, FIM and UNESCO.

Article 14.2

Detailed rules of the operation of FIVA not regulated in the present Statutes are described in the Internal Rules. In case of contradiction between the Statutes and any Internal Rule, code or similar regulation the Statutes must always be given preference.

Article 14.3

The present Statutes shall be printed in English and in French. In case of misunderstanding, dispute, etc., on the interpretation of FIVA Statutes and/or Regulations or other internal disputes, the French language will be decisive.

Article 14.4

The General Committee shall appoint and maintain external legal counsel for the organisation.

APPENDIX A

FOUNDER MEMBERS OF FIVA

A) From I.F.V.C.C.:

- 1 - V.C.C. of Australia, Australia
- 2 - V.C.C. de Belgique, Belgium **(MF)**
- 3 - V.C.C. Cesko-Slovenska, Czechoslovakia
- 4 - Allgemeiner Schnauferl Club, Germany **(MF)**
- 5 - Irish Veteran and Vintage Car Club, Ireland
- 6 - Union Española Automoviles Antiguos, Spain
- 7 - V.C.C. of Great Britain, Great Britain **(MF)**
- 8 - The Vintage Sports Car Club, Great Britain **(MF)**
- 9 - Federazione Italiana Automotoveicoli d'Epoca, Italy
- 10 - Malayan Vintage Car Register, Malaya (Membre Associé)
- 11 - V.C.C. de Monaco, Monaco
- 12 - V.C.C. of New Zealand, New Zealand
- 13 - Pionier Automobielen Club, Holland **(MF)**
- 14 - Norsk Veteranvogn Klubb, Norway **(MF)**
- 15 - Österreichischer Motor Veteranen Club, Austria
- 16 - Schweizer Motor Veteranen Klub, Switzerland **(MF)**
- 17 - V.C.C. of South Africa, South Africa
- 18 - Automobilhistoriska Klubben, Sweden

(MF = Founder Member)

B) From F.E.V.A.:

- 1 - Club Automoviles Antiguos y Veteranos, Spain
- 2 - Club Amigos de los Coches Veteranos, Spain
- 3 - Association des Propriétaires de Vieilles Voitures "Les Teuf-Teuf", France
- 4 - Automobile-Club de l'Ouest (Section Vétéran), France
- 5 - Les Amateurs d'Automobiles Anciennes, France
- 6 - V.C.C Italiano., Italy
- 7 - V.C.C. Suisse-Romand, Switzerland
- 8 - D.A.V.C. Germany

APPENDIX B

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ANF – FIVA National Authority

Arbitration Panel – A panel with responsibility to address issues of dispute and disrepute

College – A College is a group of organisations with similar profiles that have positive effects on the historic vehicle movement

Commission – A team of experts in their field

EGA – FIVA Extraordinary General Assembly

GA – FIVA Annual General Assembly

Project Group – A short-term team created to address a specific topic

Regional Ambassador – A FIVA Regional representative

Secretariat – the central administration office of FIVA

APPENDIX C

FIVA Annual Membership fees and General Assembly Voting rights

1. Membership fees

a) Membership fees – ANFs and Non-ANF members

	Up to 200 members = 600€ per ANF and Non-ANF
201 –	300 members = 700€ per ANF and Non-ANF
301 –	500 members = 900€ per ANF and Non-ANF
501 –	1,000 members = 1,000€ per ANF and Non-ANF
1,001 –	2,000 members = 1,500€ per ANF and Non-ANF
2,001 –	3,000 members = 2,000€ per ANF and Non-ANF
3,001 –	4,000 members = 2,200€ per ANF and Non-ANF
4,001 –	5,000 members = 2,300€ per ANF and Non-ANF
5,001 –	7,500 members = 3,100€ per ANF and Non-ANF
7,501 –	15,000 members = 4,100€ per ANF and Non-ANF
15,001 –	35,000 members = 0.29€ per member
35,001 –	50,000 members = 10,250€ per ANF and Non ANF
50,001 –	70,000 members = 0.21€ per member
70,001 –	125,000 members = 15,000€ per ANF or Non-ANF
125,001 –	175,000 members = 0.122€ per member
175,001 –	225,000 members = 21,750€ per ANF or Non-ANF
	More than 225,000 members = 0.09€ per member

b) Membership fees - College members

- I. Vehicle and global parts manufacturers will pay a fee of 5,000€.
- II. Professionals will pay a fee of 1,000€.
- III. Museums will pay a fee of 250€.
- IV. Academic Institutions will pay a fee of 250€.

c) Members of Honour

Members of Honour will pay no membership fees.

2. The General Assembly voting rights of FIVA Members.

a) Rationale –

The FIVA Strategic Questionnaire completed by Members during 2014 very clearly confirmed that Members require a direct relationship between the fees paid to FIVA and the voting rights received for the FIVA General Assemblies. However, for Members with a large membership, a direct linear relationship would give them too great an influence at any General Assembly. Therefore a voting system based on the previous voting system, but improved by ensuring each Member has a vote, is introduced. In addition professional Members' influence is also limited to ensure that FIVA continues to be run and governed by its National Members. The system proposed below controls the differentials between FIVA Members with a small membership and those with a large membership to realistic proportions.

b) Voting rights

i) National Members -

Membership Numbers	Votes
Each Non-ANF ANFs	1
up to and including 2000 individual members	2
2001 – 3000	3
3001 – 7500	4
7,501 - 15,000	6
15,001 - 35,000	8
35,001 - 50,000	9
50,001 - 70,000	10
70,001 - 125,000	12
125,001 - 175,000	13
175,001 - 225,000	14
225,001 - 300,000	16
from 300,000 individual members	18

ii) Members of Honour – 1 vote each

iii) Colleges – 3 votes per College providing each College has a minimum of 5 members. A maximum of 5 Colleges will be permitted.