



MISSOURI ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

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Article I - Name

This organization is a NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION duly organized under the provisions of Chapter 355 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and may be called the MISSOURI ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC. or MAHA.

Article II - Purposes & Objectives

Its purposes are:

1. To aid and encourage the breeding, raising, use and/or exhibition of purebred, partbred and Anglo-Arabian horses (hereinafter collectively called "Arabians")
2. To initiate, sponsor and/or promote competitions (e.g. shows or competitive and endurance rides) for Arabians
3. To promote, encourage and/or organize youth/equine related activities
4. To collect and disseminate information of interest to the members and/or the public
5. To promote the improvement and training of Arabians and prevention of cruelty to equines
6. To foster social, athletic, welfare and recreational activities utilizing or involving Arabians and obtain facilities **therefor**
7. To engage in any other lawful activity beneficial to Arabians or the members.

Article III - Membership

Any person who is not on the current suspension list of the **United States Equestrian Federation (USEF)), Arabian Horse**

Association or any other breed registry, and is interested in promoting or engaging in the objectives of the Association, shall be eligible for membership upon payment of annual dues and completion of an **MAHA or AHA** Membership Application.

Ownership of a horse is not a requirement for membership. There shall be the following types of memberships:

1. Affiliate Senior Member - An individual 18 years of age or older, as determined by the rules of **AHA**.

An Affiliate Senior Member is entitled to one vote at elections of MAHA and a membership in the **Arabian Horse Association**.

2. Associate Senior Member - A person 18 years of age and over, as determined by the rules of **AHA**.

Does not include membership in the **Arabian Horse Association**. Does not entitle member to vote on any business brought before MAHA that involves **AHA**, unless a member of **AHA** directly or a member of **AHA** through another club. An Associate Senior Member is entitled to one vote on all other business and has other rights and privileges the same as Affiliate Members.

3. Affiliate Junior Member - A person who is less than 18 years old as determined by the rules of **AHA**.

An Affiliate Junior member is a Junior member of the **Arabian Horse Association**, has all rights and privileges of a Senior Member except a Junior Member shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

4. Associate Junior Membership - A person who is less than 18 years old as determined by

the rules of **AHA**. Will not be entitled to membership in **the Arabian Horse Association**, but shall have all other rights and privileges of a Junior Member.

Membership application may be accessed from the AHA website at www.arabhorse.org, from the MAHA website, moarabhorse.org, the Membership Chairman or the Newsletter Editor. Membership is valid for one year. A 3 year membership is also available.

Article IV - Management

The management of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors which shall consist of:

1. The **FIVE (5)** officers designated in Article VI
2. The immediate Past President
3. The Annual Class A Show Chairperson
4. The Newsletter Editor
5. The Web Site Chairperson
6. Two Directors at Large as nominated and voted on by the General Membership.

The individual(s) so appointed shall serve until the next general election.

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In any given year in which the President succeeds himself or herself so that the position of Immediate Past President is vacant, the President may appoint, with Board approval, any past president to fill that position.

A simple majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum

for the transaction of all business. Proxies shall not be recognized for Board votes.

Article V - Meetings

There shall be at least four (4) Board meetings held each year, with additional meetings as may be called by the President or two (2) other Board members. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all members of the Association. Members may question and/or comment on business before the Board at the discretion of the President, but shall not be allowed to vote.

There shall be at least two (2) general membership meetings held each year,

All meetings, both of the Board and the Membership, shall be conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order.

Article VI - Officers

There shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Youth Chairperson and a Treasurer. All officers must be a member in good standing of **both AHA** and MAHA. The **PRESIDENT**, or in his/her absence the **VICE-PRESIDENT**, shall preside at all meetings, decide questions of order, and with the Board of Directors oversee the management of the Missouri Arabian Horse Association according to these By-Laws. The President is authorized to sign checks in the absence or disability of the Treasurer.

The **SECRETARY** shall keep the minutes of each Board and

Membership Meeting and submit a written report to the President and to the Newsletter Editor for publication. All minutes shall be so submitted within two (2) weeks after the meeting to which they relate. Minutes of Board meetings shall contain names of Board members and committee chairpersons present. The Secretary shall advise Board of Directors of any member missing two (2) consecutive Board meetings.

Within a week after the annual meeting and election of officers, secretary shall send to **Arabian Horse Association** and Region 11 (or such other Region as Missouri may be considered to be a part, from time-to-time) officers, names, addresses and telephone numbers of newly elected officers and committee chairpersons of the Association. Must be a member of **AHA**.

The **TREASURER** shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the organization. The treasurer shall deposit all monies and disburse funds of the organization as may be ordered by the Board of Directors. All checks received are to be deposited within two (2) weeks of receipt by the Treasurer with High Point monies being placed in separate accounts.

The treasurer shall give an account of all his/her transactions as treasurer and of the financial condition of the association in a form approved by the Board at each Board and General Membership meeting. The books may be subject to an audit or verification on

demand of the Board of Directors by a person or persons appointed by the Board. The Association shall carry a Fidelity Bond on the Treasurer.

The treasurer shall present to the General Membership **at the last general membership meeting of the membership year**, a budget based on the current year's income and expenses.

The YOUTH CHAIRPERSON shall initiate and/or guide programs and events for our youth members designed to aid and encourage social and athletic recreational activities utilizing or involving Arabians and promoting horse welfare.

Article VII - Elections

The election of officers and directors at large, if applicable, for the succeeding year shall be held at the last general meeting of the members in a Membership Year. All officers and directors at large shall be elected for a one-year term, commencing at the beginning of the immediately succeeding Membership Year. All officers and directors at large shall serve until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified. A nominating committee, appointed by the President and approved by the Board, shall present a single slate of officers to the membership a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to the election. At the election, any member may nominate other candidates from the floor. Each member shall be allowed one vote per office. **All members nominated for an office or position on the Board shall have renewed**

membership by the date of the meeting at which the election is held.

Article VIII - Dues

The amount of dues for the following year shall be established at the last general meeting in each Membership Year.

Article IX - Agenda

At least fifteen (15) days prior to any general or regular meeting, an agenda is to be distributed to all members. Only Board members and committee chairpersons need to be notified of and receive agendas for Board meetings. The general membership must be notified of all general meetings through the newsletter or by a separate mailing. The agenda shall list those items to be discussed. Items of an emergency nature that require action by the Board or general membership, but are not listed on the agenda, may be considered, provided that approval of such items receive a 2/3 affirmative vote of those in attendance.

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