

**AMERICAN HALTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
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Article I

Title, Purpose, Location & Corporate Seal

Section 1 – Title: This club shall be known as the AMERICAN HALTER HORSE ASSOCIATION (AHHA), and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a professional corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

Section 2 – Purpose:

- A. To promote and stimulate interest in the Halter Horse by encouraging breeding for correct conformation in a manner consistent with established principles of breed improvement;
- B. To collect, record and preserve the pedigrees of the Halter Horse;
- C. To promote the Halter Horse through horse shows, advertising, promotions and encouragement;
- D. To promote good horsemanship and good sportsmanship;
- E. To educate the public about the qualities of the Halter Horse;
- F. To encourage membership at both regional and national levels.

Section 3 – Location: The American Halter Horse Association shall include the following area: Texas, but its members may be residents of any other state, region or country. The business address of AHHA is PO Box 227, Merit, Texas 75458.

Section 4 – Corporate Seal: The seal of the corporation shall be maintained in the custody of the Association secretary or as the President may direct and shall be in the form impressed hereon immediately below.



Section 5 – Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Association shall be Dec. 31st.

Article II

Membership

Section 1 – Qualifications: Membership shall be open to all persons, firms, partnerships or corporations who subscribe to the aims of the Association, abide by the Bylaws and rules and regulations of the Association, and assist in furthering the aims and objectives of the Association. Members shall be in accordance with the rules and regulation as adopted by the Executive Committee. Membership categories are, but are not limited to, the following:

Single
Amateur

Youth (18 & under)
Farm & Ranch
Corporate
Syndicate

Section 2 – Rights: All members shall have equal rights, interest and responsibility with respect to the association and its property. There shall be no shares of stock issued to any member.

Section 3 – Dues: The annual dues shall be for one year, commencing on the day the application is filled out and expiring on the one-year anniversary of such date. A membership so terminated may be reinstated only upon filing a new application for membership and payment of dues. No cancellation or refund of fees shall be made if a member resigns.

ARTICLE III

Executive Committee

Section 1 – Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of the Founder/President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director of Shows, Registration & Memberships, and Executive Director of Operations & Inspector.

Section 2 – Power & Authority of the Executive Committee: The business and property of the American Halter Horse Association shall be controlled and managed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the power and authority to adopt, amend, repeal and enforce such rules and regulations (not contrary to the laws of the State, the Certificate of Incorporation, or these Bylaws) as they may deem expedient concerning the:

- A. Conduct, management and activities of the American Halter Horse Association.
- B. Removal or suspension of Officers and Directors;
- C. Admission, classification, qualification, suspension and expulsion of members;
- D. Fixing and collection of dues and fees;
- E. Expenditures of monies;
- F. Auditing of books and records;
- G. Awarding year-end awards and recognition;
- H. Conducting of shows, contests, exhibitions, sales and social functions and other details relating to the general purposes of the American Halter Horse Association; and
- I. Establishing standing and/or special committees.

Section 3 – Banking & Expenditures: Any two (2) of these Executive Committee members shall be empowered to sign any or all checks for the Associations expenditures in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association. An annual audit will be conducted of the Association's treasury, by an outside auditor.

Section 4 – Resignation: Any Executive Committee member who wishes to resign from the office shall give written notice of such intention to the Secretary. His/Her resignation becomes effective upon filing of such resignation with the Secretary. Upon resigning, he/she shall deliver to the Secretary all records, books, monies and other property of the Association. If the secretary resigns, he/she must give written notice to the Vice President.

Section 5 – Vacancy: In the event an officer or representative of the Association is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings, he/she shall automatically be terminated from office, unless said person has an approved excuse by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings and Method of Voting

Section 1 – Executive Committee Meetings: The Executive Committee shall meet regularly and at the call of the President or majority of Executive Committee members. Absentee or vote by proxy will not be allowed at any regular or special Executive Committee Meeting. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. No business will be conducted without a quorum present with the exception of adjourning until a quorum is present. A simple majority vote of the Executive Committee members shall be sufficient to approve any matter brought before the Executive Committee for action.

Section 2 – Expenditure Report: The Association’s Treasurer will provide an expenditures report at each meeting of the Executive Committee

Section 4 – Procedure: Wherever not otherwise specified by the Bylaws, meetings shall be governed by *Roberts’ Rule of Order, revised.*

ARTICLE V

Conduct

Section 1 – Conduct: A member may be expelled from the AHHA when it has been determined that the conduct of a member has undermined the provisions of ARTICLE 1, Section 2, or the AHHA Rule Book.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

Section 1 – Amendments by the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall have the power to make, amend and repeal the Bylaws of the AHHA by a vote of two-Thirds (2/3) majority of the Executive Committee at any regular or special meeting. These amendments will be effective immediately unless otherwise voted upon.

ARTICLE VII

Indemnification

Section 1 – Indemnification: Each Executive Committee member of said Association, shall be indemnified by the Association against all costs, expenses and liabilities reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with or resulting from any action, suit or proceeding to which he/she may be a party by reason of his/her being or having been a Committee Member of the Association, except in relation to matters which shall have been occasioned by the willful misconduct or dishonesty of such Committee Member. The foregoing right of indemnification shall cover amounts paid in settlement of any such action, suit or proceeding when such settlement appears to be in the best interest of the Association. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to any other rights to which such Committee Member may be entitled as a matter of law.

ARTICLE VIII

Dissolution

Section 1 – Dissolution: Dissolution of the AHHA will be in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation.

Effective March, 2007