

CORPORATE BY-LAWS
IOWA HARNESS HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Organized March 9, 1980

Article I

- Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be Iowa Harness Horsemen's Association (IHHA).
- Section 2. This organization shall be governed by the principles as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Iowa Harness Horsemen's Association.

Article II

- Section 1. The purpose of the IHHA shall be for the betterment of the harness horse industry in the State of Iowa.
- Section 2. The IHHA shall exist and operate as a non-profit, non-political corporation and shall not discriminate as to sex, race or creed.

Article III

- Section 1. In order to maintain the IHHA's tax-exempt status, no member or unit of the organization shall use the name of the IHHA or its mailing list for personal profit or gain. All profits from money making projects where public support is solicited are for IHHA use only and not for individual members.
- Section 2. No individual shall apply for a state sales tax exemption in the name of the IHHA.
- Section 3. Any member will automatically forfeit membership in the IHHA upon violation of Article II or Article III of these by-laws.

Article IV
Membership

- Section 1. Members of the IHHA shall be individuals who support the purposes of the organization and who agree to abide by its by-laws. Members who do not have an active membership with the United States

Trotting Association (USTA) will not be allowed to vote on any association matters. (Amended 11/19/22)

Section 2. The IHHA board will consist of nine (9) directors who are residents of the State of Iowa (Amended 11/19/22), five (5) district directors and four (4) directors-at-large. (Amended 01/11/03) The classification and privileges of membership shall be as follows:

- a. An "active" member is a dues-paying member in the district he / she resides in. (Amended 11/19/22) In case of an out-of-state member, that member will be assigned to a district by the board.
- b. A "lifetime" member is so designated by a specific age (80 years old) reached. A lifetime member must be a member of the USTA. IHHA dues will be paid by the IHHA. This member will have full voting privileges.
- b. An "honorary" member is so designated by a majority vote of the directors. The "honorary" member is a non-voting, non-office holding member unless he or she is an active member at the time honorary membership is conferred.

Section 3. An active member in good standing in any district upon change of residence to another district will automatically have his or her membership transferred to that district.

Section 4. The fiscal year of the IHHA will be from January 1 to December 31. Dues for the fiscal year are due at the beginning of that year.

Section 5. No new name will be added to the membership roll until dues are received by the Treasurer.

Article V Officers and Duties

Section 1. The elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. All board members will serve for three (3) years on a rotation basis. District directors are elected by caucus of the district members. At-

Large Directors are nominated from the floor and elected by members at the annual meeting of the Association (Amended 12-10-88).

- Section 3. The president shall be the chief executive officer and shall have the general supervision of the association and will preside at all meetings. It will be within this officer's authority to appoint as many committee chairmen as the needs of the association demands, with the exception of the Electoral Committee and Chairman. These will be chosen by the Board. The President will present a report of association matters at the general meeting.
- Section 4. The Vice President shall assist the President and shall assume the duties of the President in case of the disability or absence of the President.
- Section 5. The Secretary shall record minutes of all general and board meetings. The Secretary shall also send out correspondence or notices as authorized by the Board.
- Section 6. The Treasurer shall keep accounts of all receipts and expenditures as authorized by the Board.
- Section 7. The Treasurer shall render to the Association at the Annual Meeting, an accounting of the finances of the organization. Prior to the annual meeting, the books of the Treasurer shall be audited as directed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 8. The Treasurer, upon election, shall give bond in such sum as the Board of Directors shall direct. The Bond is to be purchased by the Association from the Treasury.
- Section 9. Should a vacancy develop in the course of the term of office, an appointment shall be made by the remaining officers on the Executive Board, to fill the vacancy.

Article VI

- Section 1. There shall be such standing committees as deemed necessary by the President. The standing committees may include, but are not limited

to: By-laws, Legislative, Officials / Drug Testing, Promotions, Hall of Fame, etc. (Amended 11/19/22)

Section 2. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Article VII

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall carry on the business of the Association in conformity with the policy and programs of the Association. Meetings shall be called by the President or upon written request of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors. Directors will be given a \$100 stipend for attending quarterly meetings not held at a race track. (Amended 11/19/22)

Section 2. A director who misses three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled board meetings may be removed from the board by a unanimous vote of the remaining directors. In such case, a replacement will be appointed by the board to serve the remainder of the term of the removed director. (Amended 01/20/07)

Article VIII

Amendment of By-Laws

Section 1. By-laws may be amended at regular meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote of the directors, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting. (Amended 11/19/22)

Section 2. All proposed Amendments must be first submitted to the By-laws Committee in writing over the signature of the member making the proposed Amendments.

Article IV

Section 1. Quorum—Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any Board meeting.

Article X

Section 1. The rules contained in “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” (RONR), shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable.