

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

## FOREWORD

The Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association is composed of members who are interested in every phase of the industry. Through its direct affiliation with the American Quarter Horse Association and by working in conjunction with such organizations as the American Horse Council and the Colorado Horsemen's Council, the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association is continually striving to help the horseman.

The Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association has the distinction of being one of the oldest active regional affiliations of the AQHA, celebrating 50 years of the organization in 1996. Many of the same individuals who actually organized AQHA were also instrumental in founding this organization. With this rich heritage and in the same tradition of foresight and determination that made the quarter horse registry the largest in the world, the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association offers a broad based program of activities that encompasses the entire Quarter Horse industry. Whatever area of interest you might have or wish to participate in, you will find and be able to play an active part in it.

Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association abides by all American Quarter Horse Association Rules and Regulations as published and stated in the AQHA Handbook.

Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association has a representation of directors on the AQHA Board from the State of Colorado.

## BYLAWS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION, AMENDED AND APPROVED, DECEMBER 3, 2005

### ARTICLE I

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote and encourage the breeding and raising of Quarter Horses and to all things allied thereto and in support thereof.

### ARTICLE II

#### OFFICES

SECTION 1. Principle Office. The Corporation in the State of Colorado shall be located in the City and County of Denver.

SECTION 2. Registered Office. The Corporation shall have and continuously maintain a registered office and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office as required by the Colorado Non Profit Corporation Act.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Eligibility. Any person, family, corporation, partnership or ranch shall be eligible for membership in this association and shall be entitled to one (1) vote for said membership.

SECTION 2. Annual Dues. Dues of members shall be determined by a majority vote of all the Board of Directors. **Included in a regular annual membership shall be a subscription to the Association's monthly magazine.**

SECTION 3. Term of Membership and Dues. The Corporation shall have a membership year that coincides with the calendar year. Membership shall commence on the date of membership dues and shall continue until the last day of the membership year.

SECTION 4. Lifetime Membership. **An individual aged 19 and older may purchase a lifetime membership in the Association for an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors. Life members may purchase an annual magazine subscription, which is not included in the life membership.**

SECTION 5. Voting Rights. Each membership shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the membership.

SECTION 6. Transfer of Membership. Membership in this corporation is not transferable or assignable.

SECTION 7. Termination of Membership. The Board of Directors at any duly called meeting by affirmative vote of two thirds vote of all members of the Board of Directors may suspend or expel any member for cause, after an appropriate hearing; provided however, that any member sought to be expelled shall have 14 days notice of said hearing and shall have the right to appear at the time of said meeting.

#### DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP

#### PERTAINING TO ARTICLE III, ABOVE

SECTION 1. Full Individual Membership. Restricted to one person or corporate entity, the privileges of which are the full privilege to participate in RMQHA approved shows, to accumulate points for year end awards. Subject to the terms of Section 3 below, when horses are shown or raced under two or more names or under the name of a partnership, each person included in the name or partnership must be a member.

SECTION 2. Youth Membership showing in Open Division. Any boy or girl, who is qualified for youth membership pursuant to Article II of the constitution and By Laws of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association may show any horse owned by him or her in RMQHA approved shows to accumulate points for year end open awards by purchasing a full individual membership. In such case, no additional fee will be charged for "youth only" membership. A youth member, may show a horse owned by someone other than the youth in RMQHA approved shows to accumulate points for year end open awards, only if the youth and the individual or corporate owner(s) each have full individual memberships.

SECTION 3. "Family" exception for Amateurs and Youth. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, when a horse is shown by an amateur or youth, an additional full individual membership for the owner does not need to be purchased for the horse to accumulate points for year end youth and amateur awards if the horse is owned by a family member of the youth or amateur. A family member is defined as a spouse, child, stepchild, legal ward, father, mother, stepparent, sister, brother, grandparent, grandchild or legal guardian of the amateur or youth.

SECTION 4. Family, corporation, partnership and ranch members. A membership in the names of a family, a corporation, a partnership or a ranch who desires to be involved in Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association but not necessarily participate in a "show/racing" category which requires an individual membership. This type of membership is entitled to one vote by a designated representative, so designated upon the original membership application. All other benefits of membership will be afforded to this membership.

## ARTICLE IV

### MEETING OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting. The regular meeting of the members shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as lawfully may be

before the meeting. The agenda shall consist of four sections.

One section shall be devoted to issues relating to show horses; one section shall be devoted to issues relating to racing horses; one section shall be devoted to issues relating to recreational riding; and one section shall be a meeting with items of general interest to the entire membership. The Board of Directors shall fix the order of the agenda.

SECTION 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, Vice President or by the Board of Directors or upon demand, in writing of by at least ten (10) percent of the general membership. The Board of Directors shall designate the time and place of any special meeting, but if no designation is made the place of meetings shall be the offices of the Association in Denver, Colorado, and the time shall be no later than sixty (60) days following the demand for meeting.

SECTION 3. Notice of Meetings. Written notice stating the place, day and hours of any meeting of members shall be delivered, either personally or by mail, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President, or the Secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting. In case of a special meeting or when required by statute or by these by-laws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be specifically described in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the corporation, with postage thereon prepaid.

Notice of any meeting may be given to members by publication in the official publication of the Association.

SECTION 4. Quorum. At all meetings of the membership, those members present shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 5. Voting. Each dues paying member who is present shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.

## ARTICLE V

### MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Regular Meetings. The regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held prior to the regular annual meeting of the membership, and no notice thereof shall be given to the members of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Other Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called at such time and at such place as the Board of Directors or the President of the Association shall determine and written notice thereof shall be given consisting of the race directors and one consisting of the show and performance directors. Meetings of the race directors or show directors may be called at such time and at such place as the Vice President of the particular division may determine and written notice thereof shall be given to the particular group of directors. Matters pertaining to the respective interest of the two groups may be decided by the directors of that particular group acting alone. Matters pertaining to the organization as a whole may be determined by the two groups meeting separately if said meetings are not more than thirty (30) days apart and all Board members present at the two meetings agree to consider the matter in question. In order for an item to carry when utilizing this bifurcated structure a majority vote of the Board members in each of the two meetings is required. The race directors and show and performance directors shall meet separately or together at least four (4) times each calendar year, excluding the annual meeting.

SECTION 3. Quorum. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, fifty-one percent (51%) thereof shall constitute a quorum. In the event bifurcated meetings are held, fifty-one percent (51%) of the respective groups shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4. Minutes. Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be published in the official publication of the Association. Said minutes shall include the names of the Directors present.

## ARTICLE VI

### OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Officers. The officers of the Association must be members of the Association and shall be as follows:

President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The President shall be selected by the Board of Directors as the first item of business at the annual meeting of the Board. The two Vice Presidents shall be the Vice President of the **Show Board of Directors** and the Vice President of the **Racing Board of Directors** and shall be elected by the directors of racing and show, respectively, at the annual meeting. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors. All officers shall serve for a period of one (1) year or until their successors are elected. No member shall be elected President unless he has served at least **two years** on the Board of Directors and no member may serve as President for a period longer than two one-year terms. No member shall be elected as Vice President until he has served as least **two years on their respective** Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Vacancy. In case a vacancy shall occur in any of the said offices, the Board of Directors of the Committee that had the obligation to select said officer shall select a person to fill said vacancy.

SECTION 3. Removal. Any officer may be removed by the Board of Directors by a two thirds vote thereof whenever in the judgment of the Board the best interests of the Association would be served thereby.

## ARTICLE VII

### DUTY OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall perform such other duties as shall be necessary for the proper administration of the affairs of the Association, except such duties as are specifically delegated herein to other officers. He shall be charged with the responsibility of assigning to various officers and directors the supervision of such committees as the Board of Directors may designate and

supervising of the function of all officers, directors and committees. He shall be chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall be an unofficial member of all committees.

SECTION 2. Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidents shall serve as assistants to the President in the administration of the affairs of the Association and shall perform such specific duties as may be assigned to them by the President or the Board of Directors. In the absence of the President from a meeting of the Association, a Vice President shall preside at such meeting. The Vice Presidents shall be unofficial members of all committees.

SECTION 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall, under the direction of the Board of Directors, keep all records of the business transactions of the Association, send notices of meetings to members, committees and directors of the Association, make necessary arrangements for such meetings, maintain a complete membership roster and perform all duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Secretary.

SECTION 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds of the Association and shall account to the Association at its annual meeting and at such other times as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. He or she shall perform all duties such as ordinarily pertain to the office of Treasurer or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VIII

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Administration. Administration of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Composition of Board. The Board of Directors shall consist of 32 members, as the membership at its regular annual meeting shall direct and elect; said Board of Directors shall consist of 16 directors whose interests are **primarily** show horses and 16 directors whose interests are primarily racing horses.

SECTION 3. Election of Board of Directors. Eight (8) Directors shall be elected at the Open Race and Open Show meetings held during the annual convention; four (4) directors whose interests are primarily racing horses for a term of four (4) years; and four (4) directors whose interests are primarily show horses for a term of four (4) years. Prior to the open Racing and open Show meetings the Vice President of each division, with the approval of the President of the Association, shall appoint a nominating committee on behalf of racing whose duty it shall be to propose a slate of four or more directors, and a nominating committee on behalf of shows whose duty it shall be to propose a slate of four or more directors. The open meeting shall be open for nominations from the floor subsequent to the report of each respective nominating committee. Each voting member in attendance at the open meeting shall vote according to his individual interest, to wit; **Racing or Shows** and shall be entitled to one vote for each directorship to be filled within his area of primary interest.

SECTION 4. Removal of Board Members. Board members may be removed for good cause shown, after an opportunity for hearing before the Board of Directors, by two thirds vote of the Board members present at said hearing. Board members who miss three consecutive meetings shall be automatically removed from office. **Excused absences shall be so noted in the minutes of the respective board meeting.**

SECTION 5. Vacancies. Vacancies existing on the Board shall be filled by vote of the Board of Directors; said nominee to serve until the next annual membership meeting at which time the vacancy shall be filled by a vote of membership to serve the remaining portion of the unexpired term.

## ARTICLE IX

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. Executive Committee. **There is hereby created an eight member Executive Committee which shall consist of the President as Chairman thereof**

and seven members; six members who are to be the respective Chairmen of the six standing committees, to wit: Vice President of Show, Vice President of Racing, Youth Committee, Recreational Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, and Magazine and Website Committee; and the remaining member of the committee shall be the immediate past President of the Association. The elevation of any member by election as President shall create a vacancy as Chairman of the committee and as a member of the committee from which the President came to the Executive Committee. In the event of a vacancy of a member thereof as President, the vacancy shall be filled by the appropriate standing committee which shall name another chairman and who shall in turn be a member of said Executive Committee. The members of the Executive Committee shall serve until their successors are duly selected and appointed. At all meetings of the Executive Committee, a majority thereof shall constitute a quorum.

#### SECTION 2. Duties of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the Association and, to that end, may authorize all necessary expenditures; provided, however, the Executive Committee may not authorize any non budgeted expenditure in excess an annual amount to be set by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall carry out and discharge such additional responsibilities as may be delegated to it by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE X

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Standing Committees. The following committees shall be standing committees: Show Board, Racing Board, Recreation Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Youth Committee and the Magazine and Website Committee.

SECTION 2. Selection of Chairman of Standing Committees. The Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Youth Committee and the Magazine and Website Committee shall be appointed by

the President of the Association from among the members of the board of directors who serve on those committees. Chairmen of the other standing committees shall be elected pursuant to the respective board/committee rules in ARTICLE VI, OFFICERS, SECTION 1, and ARTICLE X, SECTION 7.

SECTION 3. Show Board. The Show Board shall consist of 16 members who shall be the 16 members elected to the Board of Directors as members primarily interested in Show and Performance horses, and such other and further members as may be appointed by the President of the Association. No person shall be elected Vice President of the Show Board until he has served at least two year on the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Racing Board The Racing Board shall consist of 16 members elected to the Board of Directors as members primarily interested in race horses and such other and further members as may be appointed by the President of the Association. No person shall be elected Vice President of the Racing Board until he has served at least two years on the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. Budget and Finance Committee. The Budget and Finance Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the President; one director from each of Show, Racing and Recreation and two at-large members (who do not have to be board members). The chairman must be a Director with at least two years of experience on the board and should have a business and financial background. The Chairman will serve as liaison with the Association's accounting firm along with the Association's Executive Secretary.

SECTION 6. Youth Committee. The Youth Committee shall consist five members appointed by the President , one director each from Show, Racing and Recreation and two at-large members (who do not have to be board members) and such other and further members as may be appointed by the President of the Association.. The chairman must be a Director with at least two years of experience on the board.

SECTION 7. Recreational Committee.

The Recreational Committee shall consist of 8 members, to be appointed by the President of the Association. The Chairman of the Recreational Committee shall be elected from among these eight members by vote of the committee members. Individuals desiring to be appointed to this committee shall notify the President prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association

#### SECTION 8. Magazine and Website Committee.

The Magazine and Website Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the President , one director each from Show, Racing and Recreation and two at-large members (who do not have to be board members). The chairman must be a Director with at least two years of experience on the board and should have a business background

SECTION 9. Conflict of Interest. No person may be chairperson of any standing or adhoc committee if that person has any pecuniary interest which may be affected by the actions of the committee.

### ARTICLE XI

#### WORKING COMMITTEES

Working committees of the Association shall be established on an as needed basis. The Chairman of these committees shall be appointed by the Vice President of the respective divisions, with the approval of the President of the Association.

### ARTICLE XII

#### FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE XIII

#### LIABILITY

SECTION 1. Director Liability. No director of the Association shall be liable to the Association or to its members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director except in the case of (1) for breach of the directors duty of loyalty; (2) acts or omission not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or knowing violation of the law; (3) any transaction from which the director derived improper personal benefit; (4) loans made to directors or officers.

SECTION 2. Indemnification. The Association hereby indemnifies and holds harmless each Association officer, director, employee and agent from individual liability, whenever or however arising from authorized, non-negligent, good faith acts, conduct and decisions made or incurred in the furtherance of the Association's business and in the individual's official capacity. The Association hereby further indemnifies each director from individual liability for actions for which he/she is not liable under Section 1 above. If such individual is sued in a court of law, the Association shall defend that individual, at the Association's cost, on the condition that the Association may direct the defense thereof and have full authority as to disposition of the case. The individual being protected will cooperate fully with the Association in the defense of said liability and will promptly notify the Board of Directors of the Association of the existence of any potential claim of liability or the filing of suit against the individual; and will give the Association full access to all information and records pertaining to the transaction.

#### ARTICLE XIV

##### AMENDMENT OF BY LAWS

The By Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By Laws may be adopted by the membership at any regular or special membership meeting upon thirty (30) days written notice thereof.

#### ARTICLE XV

##### HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS

SECTION 1. Designation. The Board of Directors may recommend to the membership at the Annual Meeting that certain past board members be elevated to the status of Honorary Vice President. Confirmation will require a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.

SECTION 2. Duties: These Honorary Vice Presidents shall serve in an advisory capacity and may sit in on all Directors meetings. Commencing in 2006, a retiring or retired director who is elevated to the position of Honorary Vice President shall be entitled to vote at Director's meetings for a period not to exceed five years from the date of their retirement from the board. Honorary Vice Presidents elected prior to 2006 shall retain full privileges. The president may appoint one or more Honorary Vice Presidents to each standing committee.

SECTION 3. Lifetime Membership: All Honorary Vice Presidents shall be granted a lifetime membership in the Association.

#### ARTICLE XVI

##### DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

SECTION 1. Failure to Pay. Any member of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association may be suspended and denied privileges of the Association for the failure to pay when due any obligation owing to the Association (which includes the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Magazine) or giving a worthless check for entry fees, office charge, stock charges or any other fees or charges connected with the exhibition of horses at any approved Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association shows or race tracks, provided however, that fifteen (15) days before such action by the Secretary, written notice of the account due and the intention to suspend or withhold privileges of the Association shall be delivered to such member or nonmember. Any suspension and denial of privilege under

this section shall terminate upon full payment of the obligation due the Association.

SECTION 2. Suspension of Membership. A member may have their RMQHA membership suspended if that member has received a suspension of membership from the American Quarter Horse Association. The period of suspension shall run concurrent with the suspension imposed by AQHA and reinstatement shall occur when reinstated with AQHA.

#### ARTICLE XVII

##### RULE OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By Laws or special rules of this Association.

#### ARTICLE XVIII

##### AQHA DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The AQHA has allocated five directorships for individuals from the State of Colorado. The Association shall recommend nominees to AQHA to fill these directorship positions on an annual basis.

SECTION 2. The Racing Board shall recommend two directors to the general membership. The Show Board shall recommend two directors to the general membership. The fifth director to be recommended to the general membership shall alternate between the Show and Racing Division. Commencing in 1998, the fifth director shall be elected from the Racing Board for a period of ten (10) years. Thereafter, the fifth directorship shall alternate between the Racing Board and the Show Board for a period of ten (10) years. The general membership shall vote to accept or reject the entire slate of recommended nominees at the annual convention of the Association and, thereafter, advise AQHA of the same.

SECTION 3. All persons interested in being nominated by the Association to AQHA as a

director shall present their name and credentials to the Association through the Association secretary or the appropriate Division nominating committee. All such persons shall make their submittals to the Association secretary or the nominating committees on or before October 1 of each year. The slate of qualified nominees shall be published in the November edition of the Association magazine. The nominating committee for each **Board** shall present all qualified nominees to the members of the respective Divisions at the open Divisions meetings at the annual convention. At the open Division meetings, nominations of qualified individuals will also be accepted from the floor. The members of each Division shall elect the appropriate number of persons to be recommended for AQHA directorship by the general membership.

SECTION 4. To qualify for consideration by a nominating committee for recommendation as an AQHA director, a person must have served at least one four year term on the Board of the Association.

SECTION 5. In evaluating qualified persons at the Division membership meetings, members should consider the following factors in selecting their nominees:

- a. Involvement and support of the nominee in Association and AQHA activities.
- b. Involvement of the nominee in quarter horse breeding, showing, racing, etc.

SECTION 6. All persons recommended by the Association to AQHA for directorships are expected to attend ALL annual AQHA meetings, except in exigent circumstances. Vice Presidents of the Association are also encouraged to attend all annual AQHA Meetings.

SECTION 7. In the event that AQHA alters the number of directors allocated to individuals from the State of Colorado, these rules may be amended to accommodate the same by a vote of the Board of the Association.

SECTION 8. Each AQHA Director from Colorado shall submit to RMQHA copies of all written reports submitted by them to AQHA. Copies of such reports shall be submitted to RMQHA within one week of submission to AQHA. The Association secretary shall mail

copies to all RMQHA directors. Copies of the reports shall be available for review by the public at the RMQHA Offices.

## ARTICLE XIX

### COLORADO BRED RULES FOR RACING

As required by the Colorado Racing Commission and/or the Colorado Attorney General and per the Special Rules of the State of Colorado - Laws #19.01:1 through 19.03:2.

SECTION 1. To qualify as a registered Colorado Broodmare, the mare must be registered in the Association registry by December 31, preceding the year the foal is dropped. An application to place a mare in the registry preceding the year of foaling shall be accompanied by the proper fee on record in the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association Office, except as hereinafter provided. An application to place a mare in the registry prior to foaling from January 1 to March 1 of foaling year and accompanied by a late fee per schedule on record in the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association Office. The mare must foal in Colorado.

SECTION 2. All embryo recipient mares must be in Colorado by December 31 of breeding year and remain in the State until foaling in order for the foal to be considered eligible for "Colorado Bred" status. The donor mare must be registered in the Colorado Bred program according to the rules of registration in Section 1 and remain in the State until foaling.

SECTION 3. If a registered Colorado Broodmare is bred by shipped, cooled semen per the American Quarter Horse Association conditions, and meets the criteria above, the foal is eligible for "Colorado Bred" status.

SECTION 4. Once a broodmare has been registered per the rules of registration, that mare has a lifetime registration in the program. Report forms will be sent annually for each mare registered. Report forms are to be completed by the owner on file as to the location, status of foaling, rebreeding and present ownership of each registered mare. Owner of broodmare at time of foaling shall be considered the owner eligible for Breeder's Awards per program conditions.

SECTION 5. To qualify as a registered Colorado Stallion, the stallion must be registered in the Association registry by June 1, and standing in the State of Colorado for current breeding season accompanied by proper lifetime fee on file in the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association Office. Thereafter, all registered stallions must submit a stallion report for each breeding season by December 31 until stallion is no longer standing in the State of Colorado or is considered inactive due to death or age.

SECTION 6. Foals of 1981 and thereafter from both eligible registered stallions and broodmares will be stamped "Colorado Bred Foaled and/or Sired" for racing. Fees for registering foals are on file in the Office of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association.

SECTION 7. A filly stamped "Colorado Bred" for racing purposes must be registered in the Broodmare registry in order to be eligible to produce eligible "Colorado Bred" foals.

SECTION 8. Eligible "Colorado Bred" foaled and sired foals shall accumulate one point for every ten dollars (\$10.00) of each paid purse per official results at Colorado licensed race tracks. Not to exceed 1000 points per race. The total accumulated points of all eligible foals for the year will be divided into the dollar amount allocated to the Quarter Horse breed by the Colorado State Racing Commission, to determine the dollar value amount of each point.

SECTION 9. Distribution. Five percent (5%) of the total allowance awarded by the State of Colorado will be used for administration of the program by the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association. The remainder of the allowance is distributed as follows: forty percent (40%) to eligible broodmare owners; twenty percent (20%) to eligible stallion owners; a minimum of twenty percent (20%) to eligible foal owners and a maximum of up to twenty percent (20%) to supplemental purses.

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## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association is one of the oldest established Quarter Horse Youth Associations in the United States. It is an Association made up of young Quarter Horse enthusiasts, with ages of youth through and including 18 years, which has established its own organization and is run by officers and directors elected within that membership with advisement from the RMQHA Board of Directors, the Youth Committee and Youth Advisor.

It has proven an effective builder of character and leadership in our youth and taught them a sense of responsibility.

Each year the RMQHYA sponsors one All Youth and Amateur Show which strives to be one of the largest All Youth and Amateur Shows in the nation. The Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association has adopted its own point system for Year End Awards in each class and a Special Year End Award to the All Around High Point Novice, High Point Junior and High Point Senior Youth.

## **BY LAWS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, as approved through December 15, 2003**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME AND PURPOSE**

SECTION 1. The name of the organization shall be the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association shall be:

- a. To establish a means whereby its members may work in conjunction with, and qualify as members of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.
- b. To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse breed among youth.
- c. To improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation in the care, handling, horsemanship, safety and training through exhibiting the American Quarter Horse.
- d. To encourage high moral character, scholarship, leadership, community interest and sportsmanship among its members.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. Age is determined as per American Quarter Horse Youth Association rules.

SECTION 2. The dues of each individual member of the Association shall be \$10.00 per calendar year for the members within the area covered by the Rocky

Mountain Quarter Horse Association and shall be due annually, January 1, of each calendar year.

SECTION 3. To be eligible to vote at a general membership meeting, the youth must be a member in good standing, i.e. Dues being paid and not under suspension from either RMQHYA or AQHYA.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **DIRECTORS**

SECTION 1. The business and property of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors, under the direction and guidance of the Youth Advisor of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association.

SECTION 2. The maximum number of directors shall be ten (10), one being elected from each of the five (5) regions set forth in Article IV, and the additional five (5) from the general membership. The Directors shall be elected by secret ballot at the annual membership meeting. All Directors shall be elected by all of the Youth members eligible to vote at the annual membership meeting.

SECTION 3. Meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President of the Association or by a majority of the Board of Directors at such time or place as may be designated by a written notice in the RMQHA Magazine, or called notice of the meeting given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to such meeting.

SECTION 4. The Board of the Association shall hold a minimum of four (4) meetings per year at which a quorum is present.

SECTION 5. The majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if at any meeting of the Board of Directors there may be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

SECTION 6. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority by majority vote to direct the affairs of the Association, including, but not limited to, the expenditures of money and activities relating to the conduct, management and purposes of the Association, all

subject to the advice and approval of the Youth Advisor of the RMQHA.

SECTION 7. All business to be conducted by the Youth Association must be first approved by the Youth Board or the Youth Advisor.

SECTION 8. All business will be conducted by the youth, through the youth.

SECTION 9. If a director and/or officer misses two (2) Board of Director meetings during his elected term, unless sickness, death in the family, etc. he or she will be automatically dropped from the Board and the Executive Board may appoint a replacement from the general membership to fulfill the remaining time.

SECTION 10. To be nominated for a Director, the youth must be present at the annual membership meeting, unless sickness, death in the family, etc.

SECTION 11. There shall be no proxy votes allowed at any meeting, General or Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **REGIONS**

SECTION 1. There shall be five (5) regions within the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association, constituted as follows:

Region 1. State of Colorado: includes the counties of Jackson, Larimer, Boulder, Weld, Morgan, Logan, Sedgwick and Phillips.

Region 2. State of Colorado: includes the counties of Gilpin, Clear Creek, Jefferson, Denver, Park, Douglas and Teller.

Region 3. State of Colorado: includes the counties of Broomfield, Adams, Arapahoe, Elbert, Washington, Yuma, El Paso, Lincoln, Kit Carson and Cheyenne.

Region 4. State of Colorado: includes the counties of Fremont, Custer, Huerfano, Costilla, Pueblo,

Las Animas, Crowley, Otero, Kiowa, Bent, Prowers and Baca.

Region 5. State of Colorado: includes the counties of Moffat, Routt, Grand, Rio Blanca, Garfield, Eagle, Summit, Mesa, Pitkin, Delta, Gunnison, Lake, Chaffee, Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Hindsdale, Saguache, Dolores, San Juan, Mineral, Rio Grande, Alamosa, Montezuma, La Plata, Archuleta, Conejos and any other state which has members belonging to RMQHYA.

SECTION 2. Every member, upon joining the Association, shall declare the region in which he or she lives. Any junior or senior member is eligible to run for regional director only in the region which he or she declared.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Reporter. The President shall be elected from the outgoing officers by the general membership at the Annual Awards Meeting. The Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter shall be elected from the general membership at the Annual Awards meeting by written ballot. The Vice President must have two (2) years remaining in the Youth Association in order to run for the office of Vice President.

SECTION 2. All officers shall be elected for a term of one year and shall assume their office upon election.

SECTION 3. The President shall have all supervision of the affairs of the Association, subject to the direction of the Board of Directors and the advice of the Youth Advisor of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association and all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall have other such duties and authority as are prescribed elsewhere in the constitution. The President shall appoint any committees and chairmen which shall be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Association.



SECTION 4. In order to be President of the Association, he or she must have served as an officer during the previous year. If no officer is available to run for President, then a President shall be elected from the outgoing board of directors by the general membership.

SECTION 5. The Vice President shall, in the absence, disability or inability of the President to act, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall attend all meetings, unless sickness or death in the family, etc. of the Association and of the Board of Directors and shall record all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings at such meetings of the Board of Directors and the members, but this shall not lessen the authority of others to give such notice as provided in the constitution. The Secretary shall keep an up to date roster of the Association members and call roll at each regular meeting.

SECTION 7. The Secretary must submit a copy of the minutes of each meeting to the office of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association within ten (10) days of the meeting and the minutes must be published in the RMQHA Magazine.

SECTION 8. The duties of the Reporter shall be to report all activities to the RMQHA Magazine and the American Quarter Horse Journal and to other news media or magazines.

SECTION 9. The Treasurer shall have the responsibility of examining the financial need of specific projects and the needs of RMQHYA and reporting those costs to the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

##### **DELEGATES**

SECTION 1. The President and Vice President of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association will be delegates to the Annual AQHYA Convention, and must attend all meetings while there. In the event that one of the delegates can not attend, the RMQHYA President, with the approval of the Youth Advisor, shall appoint an

alternate delegate from the Board of Directors with preference to the Executive Board. The general membership shall elect two additional delegates according to AQHYA requirements. Election of additional delegates will be held during the youth meeting during the Gold Rush Show.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

##### **MEETINGS**

SECTION 1. There shall be a minimum of one annual meeting a year to be held in conjunction with the annual RMQHA Convention and the Awards Meeting.

SECTION 2. The membership shall be notified by written notice in the RMQHA Magazine fourteen (14) days before any general membership meeting is held with the exception of the annual meeting held during the annual convention.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

##### **AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION**

SECTION 1. The Constitution and bylaws, may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the membership at any regular or special membership meeting upon thirty (30) days written notice thereof. Bylaw changes must also be approved by the Youth Advisor and the Youth committee

#### **ARTICLE IX**

##### **LIABILITY**

SECTION 1. The Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association and/or the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association shall not be responsible for loss due to accident, theft or otherwise sustained by any member, visitor or guest.

#### **ARTICLE X**

#### **AUDITING**

SECTION 1. Selected auditors will tabulate and audit the youth points. No other persons other than the auditor and the RMQHA Secretaries will be allowed to work with the youth points in any way.

SECTION 2. Points will be counted from January 1 or first day of membership, through the last RMQHA approved show in the same year. The exhibitor can use all of the class points earned in one year toward year end awards. Conditions as published each year in the RMQHA Magazine.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

##### **MAGAZINE**

Included with each yearly paid membership is a subscription to the RMQHA Magazine, the official publication of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association. This illustrated monthly magazine is filled with current news of interest to Quarter Horse owners and exhibitors.