

**BYLAWS OF
THE ARABIAN HORSE DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION**

**Article I
Name**

The name of the organization is the Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association and may also be known as AHDRA.

**Article II
Purpose**

The purpose of the organization is to promote and encourage the use of the Arabian horse in distance riding and the activities of endurance riding, competitive trail riding, and pleasure trail riding. This organization shall not be conducted or operated for profit. In the event of the dissolution of this organization, all assets shall be donated to the Arabian Horse Association or a qualified tax-exempt, non-profit equine-oriented organization to be determined by the AHDRA Board of Directors.

**Article III
Membership**

Membership is open to any individual or two or more individuals from the same household interested in promoting the Arabian horse in the sport of distance riding. Membership will be either as an Affiliate or an Associate. To be a member in good standing all dues and assessments must be current.

An Affiliate member is as a single affiliate or a youth affiliate. Single and youth affiliates have membership in both AHDRA and the Arabian Horse Association (AHA). Youth members must be under the age of 18 as of December 1 of the previous calendar year.

An associate member is as a single associate or a family associate. An associate membership is with AHDRA only. A family associate membership is comprised of two or more individuals from the same household.

Dues and fees, if any, will be determined and published yearly. Dues are payable to the Secretary/Treasurer by the published due date each year. A late fee may be assessed if paid after the published due date.

Each current member in good standing shall have one vote per election or proposition requiring a vote. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Termination of membership will be sought for a member who deliberately and knowingly provides false or misleading information on any AHDRA forms or registrations. Memberships may be terminated by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at a scheduled meeting.

Article IV Board of Directors

The board of directors shall consist of at least seven (7) individuals: three officers (the president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer) and at least four at-large directors. The term of each director shall be one year. Directors shall receive no compensation. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the president and the appointee shall serve for the remaining term of the vacated position.

Election of the Board of Directors shall occur at the annual meeting of the organization. Nominations shall be from the floor and open to the current year's membership. Election shall take place by secret ballot.

The management and control of AHDRA is vested in the members elected as the board of directors. A quorum of the board of directors shall consist of a majority of the Directors.

The board of directors shall have the power to retain the services of legal counsel to represent AHDRA or its Board. Directors shall be entitled to indemnification for actions as directors of this organization to the extent permitted by the organization's available resources and applicable law.

Article V Officers and their Duties

The officers of the organization shall be president, vice president and secretary/treasurer.

The president shall be the chief executive officer of the organization and shall supervise the affairs of the organization. He or she shall direct general management of the organization and see that all orders and resolutions are carried into effect. He or she shall preside at meetings of the organization. The president shall make appointments to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors.

The vice president shall assume the duties of the president in the absence of the president. He or she is responsible for maintaining (or having maintained) the website of the organization and the point standings. He or she shall also assume other duties as assigned by the president.

The secretary/treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of the meetings, official correspondence, and financial records of the organization. He or she shall receive member dues and maintain the list of members.

Article VI Meetings

An annual meeting of the voting members shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

Special meetings of the members may be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be conducted in person or by other means, such as videoconferencing, telephone, internet or e-mail. Advance notice of a special meeting must be provided to the membership at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the special meeting.

At a minimum, a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting.

In the event of recommendation of dissolution of the organization, membership shall be notified of a special meeting and said motion. Approval of this motion will require a majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

Meetings shall be conducted following Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VII Committees

The Board of Directors may, by majority vote of the board, designate a committee or committees consisting of board members, members, non-members with certain expertise and may delegate to such committee the powers to make recommendations to the Board of Directors, execute their directives, or manage certain affairs of the organization. All committees shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings to be filed with the secretary/treasurer of the organization.

Article VIII Bylaws and Rules

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the current members of the organization present at any regular or special meeting after prior written notice to the members.

The organization may adopt and promulgate rules to facilitate its operation.