

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SASKATCHEWAN REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1 - NAMES AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1: Name

The SASKATCHEWAN REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION (SRHA) shall be the name of this organization.

Section 2: Boundaries

The area of operations shall be the Province of Saskatchewan

Section 3: Objectives

The objectives of the organization:

- To advance the sport of reining in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- To promote and protect the interests of the sport of Reining.
- To further public interest in the sport of Reining.
- To conduct Reining Horse Shows (Reining Jackpots and National Reining Horse Association Approved Shows).
- To apply all profits gained thereby for the advancement of the SRHA.
- These objectives shall be advanced by conducting Reining Horse Shows and other venues suitable to the interests of the SRHA and the welfare of animals and by the co-operation with other clubs/organizations with similar objectives.

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership Year

The membership year is from January 1 to December 31.

Section 2: General Information

- Membership shall be open to people interested in the sport of Reining.
- Application for membership may be made through any member.
- Membership applications must be accompanied by dues for the current year.
- No persons under suspension or disqualification by the SRHA or NRHA shall be eligible for membership.
- Upon receipt of new members the secretary/treasurer shall provide each new member with a copy of the SRHA Constitution and membership application for the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA).

- Any Individual rejects for membership by the SRHA must be provided a written explanation.
- Termination of membership may occur as a result of resignation, failure to renew, expulsion by the SRHA, or termination of SRHA.

Section 3: Membership Rights/Privileges

- All membership dues must be paid in order to be classified as a member in good standing.
- All members in good standing and are 18 years or older have the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or other “General Meetings”.
- An individual must a member in good standing in order to compete at SRHA horse shows (Jackpots & Saskatchewan Stakes & Futurity).

ARTICLE 3 - MEETINGS

Section 1: General Meetings

- These are meetings that are open to everyone that holds an SRHA membership and/or is interested in becoming a member.
- At least one General Meeting (Annual General Meeting) must be held each year to allow members an opportunity to be informed of Board activities, voice any ideas, concerns or inquire on board activities.
- At all General Meetings, 33% paid-up members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2: Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- The AGM shall be held in March of each year.
- AGM Packages (Agenda, financial statements, board & committee reports, proposed amendments to the constitution) shall be sent out to the members two weeks prior to the AGM. The can be sent either by mail or e-mail.
- The purpose of the AGM:
 - The board presents to the members the prior year’s financial statements
 - Elect Board Members
 - Vote on ammendments/changes to the constitution
 - Present Committee report from the board on prior year’s activities.
 - To give members an opportunity to voice any ideas, concerns or inquire on board activities.

Section 3: Board of Director Meetings

- Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the President.
- At Board Meetings, quorum constitutes one-half plus one member of the elected board.
- Only Board of Directors can attend and vote at Board Meetings.

ARTICLE 4 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Board Positions

The positions held on the board of directors shall be:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Directors-At-Large

Section 2: President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the SRHA and shall be a member ex-officio of all standing committees.

Section 3: Vice President

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, preside at the meetings and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of the President. The Vice-President shall allow his/her name to stand for the office of President at the next election for that office.

Section 4: Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a complete record of each meeting of the SRHA and the Executive and all other matters of which a record is ordered by the SRHA. The Secretary/Treasurer shall issue notices of meetings to members and or board members and shall keep a roster of all SRHA members and their addresses. The Secretary/Treasurer shall collect accounts due to the SRHA and issue receipts for same when paid. The Secretary/Treasurer shall deposit all funds in a chartered bank in the name of the SRHA and furnish a bank statement when requested by the President. He/she shall pay by cheque all accounts authorized by the SRHA. No funds may be withdrawn from the bank accounts without such authorization. Those empowered to sign cheques for the SRHA funds shall be the Treasurer in the office plus two elected members of the Board having no joining family or business interest, the latter two signing powers to be decided at the AGM. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be prepared to report the conditions of the finances of the SRHA to the Board at each meeting, and at the AGM.

ARTICLE 5 - FINANCES

Section 1: Bank Account

The Secretary/Treasurer shall deposit all funds in a chartered bank in the name of the SRHA and furnish a bank statement when requested by the President. He/she shall pay by cheque all accounts authorized by the SRHA. No funds may be withdrawn from the bank accounts without such authorization. Those empowered to sign cheques for the SRHA funds shall be the Treasurer in the office plus two elected members of the Board having no joining family or business interest, the latter two signing powers to be decided at the AGM.

Section 2: Audit & Financial Statements

- The SRHA's finances will be audited annually within 90 days following the end of the fiscal year.
- The audited financial statements will be presented annually at the AGM.
- The auditor will be appointed each year by the SRHA members at the AGM.
- In the event of a vacancy occurs mid-term for the office of the President and/or the Secretary/Treasurer, the SRHA's finances must be audited.

Section 3: NSF Cheques

- There will be a charge of \$25 for NSF cheques.
- All NSF cheques must be paid within 30 days.
- In the event the person or parties cannot pay within 30 day, a negotiated arrangement for payment can be made for a period lasting no more than 120 days.
- Cheques will not be accepted from any person/parties that have written two NSF cheques within a two year span.

ARTICLE 6 - CLUB YEAR, VOTING, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS

Section 1: Club Year

The SRHA fiscal year is from January 1 to December 31st.

Section 2: Voting Rights

At the AGM or any other General Meetings, any member in good standing and 18 years age and over shall have one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 3: Nominations

For the election of the Officers/Board Members at the AGM, a nominating committee shall consist of the people, the immediate Past President (Chairman), one Board Member, and one SRHA Member shall be set up. This committee shall nominate a slate of Officers/Board Members. Nominations may also be submitted from the floor at the AGM by the membership. All nominations for election must signify willingness to stand for office and must be paid up members of the SRHA.

Section 4: Elections of Officers/Board Members

- Elections for Board Members will take place the AGM. The voting shall be done in person, by written secret ballot. No proxies are permitted.
- Vacancies of the Board shall be filled at the first AGM following the vacancy.
- In order to be elated to the Board of Directors, an individual must be a member in good standing and must be 18 years or older.

- The positions of President and Vice President are elected positions and are held for two-year terms.
- The position of Secretary/Treasurer is an elected position and held for a three year term.
- Directors-at-Large are elected positions and held for three year terms.

ARTICLE 7 - COMMITTEES

Section 1: Special Committees

All special committees shall be appointed by the Board unless otherwise ordered in a motion.

Section 2: Termination of Committees

Termination of committees and/or their appointees is at the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE 8 - DISCIPLINE

Section 1: Suspension of Privileges

Any member of the SRHA who is suspended, expelled or whose membership has been terminated by the SRHA or NRHA, shall be suspended from the privileges of the SRHA for a like period.

ARTICLE 9 - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1: Amendments

- Amendments may be proposed by the Board or petition from the SRHA Members.
- Notice of proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws must be submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer (or regulatory committee) in writing, no later than 30 days prior to the AGM or other General Meetings.
- Amendments to the constitution and by-laws must have a majority vote at either the AGM or other General Meetings and voting must be done in person, by written secret ballot. No proxies are permitted.

ARTICLE 10 - DISSOLUTION OF THE SRHA

Section 1: Dissolution

- The SRHA may dissolve at any time by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the SRHA who are in favour of this decision. Voting for this would be done at a General Meeting. Proxies are not permitted.

- Should the SRHA cease to operate or be disbanded at any time, all assets shall be liquidated, all outstanding accounts shall be forthwith paid, and the balance of the SRHA's funds shall be donated to a charitable organization for the benefit of horses, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.