

SECTION ONE (1)
GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. PROFESSIONAL CODE OF ETHICS

We the members of the Australian Quarter Horse Association in carrying out our role of providing service to the Australian Quarter Horse industry, recognise the need to do so in a professional manner, and to deal with the public and our colleagues with the highest degree of integrity. Therefore, we have set forth the following creed which shall govern our endeavours to fulfil our obligations:

- a) To adhere to the professional standards of the Australian Quarter Horse Association and to work to further its goals and objectives.
- b) To ensure that the welfare of the Australian Quarter Horse is paramount and that every Australian Quarter Horse shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
- c) To conduct all business affairs with integrity, sincerity and accuracy in an open and forthright manner.
- d) To act with integrity in financial dealings with clients, other professionals and the public.
- e) To handle our business and operations in a manner that promotes the image of the Australian Quarter Horse industry.
- f) To instil confidence among clients and the public in the Australian Quarter Horse industry, avoiding any action conducive to discrediting it or membership in the Australian Quarter Horse Association.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Membership of the Association is a privilege not a right, application for which shall be made on forms and by payment of fees and according to the procedures as prescribed from time to time by the Association. Membership or application therefore may be terminated or rejected by the Association for cause detrimental to the interest of the Association, policies, objectives and harmonious relationship of its members, as determined by the Association. Termination or application rejection proceedings under this paragraph shall be conducted in accordance with the Articles of the Association.

- a) The facilities and services provided for by these Regulations shall be available only to those current financial members of the Association, and applicants for the said facilities shall be required to satisfy the Association they are so entitled.
- b) In the case where a person is a first time owner of an Australian Quarter Horse or is seeking to register an Australian Quarter Horse in their name, they are entitled to an initial Promotional Membership, which is calculated at half the normal Full/Constituent/Youth membership fee. This membership is not available to any person or group that has been a member of the Association previously.

c) There can, however, be more than one signatory to sign Breeding returns, registration applications/leases and transfers for a Membership. If there is to be more than one signatory on the membership, a Signatory Authorisation Form must be completed and lodged with the Association.

2.2 Full Membership

Entitles one person to membership within the Association. This membership allows voting rights in all Board elections and referendums. A person holding a Full membership may apply for Amateur/Select status if eligible.

2.3 Constituent Membership being Corporations, Partnerships, Societies and the like. Each Constituent membership must appoint a Nominee, in writing. That Nominee is the person who has the authority to sign all paperwork on behalf of the Constituent membership until his/her appointment as Nominee is cancelled in writing, or until he/she is expelled or suspended by the Directors in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

There can only be one vote per Constituent Membership and the Nominee is the person who has voting rights in all Board elections and referendums.

The nominee of a Constituent membership cannot apply for Amateur/Select status.

2.4 Affiliate Membership being Clubs or associations with objects similar to those of the Association and have no less than fifteen (15) or more financial AQHA memberships or such number as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Director's.

Each Affiliate membership must appoint a Nominee, in writing.

That Nominee is the person who has the authority to sign all paperwork on behalf of the Affiliate membership until his/her appointment as Nominee is cancelled in writing, or until he/she is expelled or suspended by the Directors in accordance with the provisions of the constitution. There can only be one vote per Affiliate Membership and the Nominee is the person who has voting rights in all Board elections and referendums. The nominee of an Affiliate membership has no showing rights under this membership and no horses can be registered in this membership.

2.5 Youth Membership is offered to persons 18 years of age and under as of 1st August in the preceding year.

Youth members will be entitled to register two (2) horses only whilst they maintain their youth membership, neither of which can be a stallion. Youth Members are eligible to attend and speak at meetings of the Association but are not entitled to vote. Only the Youth member named in this membership has showing rights.

2.6 Associate Membership Being natural persons, corporations, partnerships or associations, societies and the like and is designed for those that may no longer wish to register horses with the Association but who may still wish to have connections with the industry through the magazine and any circulars which may be sent to members and who have paid the prescribed fee as determined by the Board.

An Associate Member does not have any voting privileges and cannot register any horses in that membership.

2.7 Life Membership being for natural persons, corporations or partnerships. Life Membership is for a period of 20 years from the date of payment of subscription and provides members with a convenient means by which they can take care of their membership without having to remember to pay their dues each year.

The Nominee is the person who has the authority to sign all paperwork on behalf of the Life membership until his/her appointment as Nominee is cancelled in writing, or until he/she is expelled or suspended by the Directors in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

There can only be one vote per Life Membership and the Nominee is the person who has voting rights in all Board elections and referendums.

The nominee of a Constituent membership cannot apply for Amateur/Select status.

Any individual person who has paid the subscription for a Life membership shall be entitled to voting rights in all Board elections and referendums.

A person holding an individual Life membership may apply for Amateur/Select status if eligible.

3. ALTERATIONS TO REGULATIONS

Alterations of these Regulations by addition, deletion or amendment may be affected by resolution of the Board in accordance with the Constitution.

4. INDEMNITY

Every member who supplies the Association with particulars relating to any horse shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Association from and against all actions, suits, causes or actions, claims and demands which may be brought or made against the Association in respect of the registration of such horse or its progeny provided the information recorded by the Association is that presented to it by such member.

5. DEFINITIONS

The interpretations contained in the Constitution of the AQHA shall be deemed to be embodied in these Regulations.

- 5.1** “Association” means The Australian Quarter Horse Association, ABN 41 000 964 643.
- 5.2** “Member” means a person whose name is entered in the register as a financial member of the Association
- 5.3** “Imported Horses” shall be deemed to be horses foaled outside the territorial limits of Australia.
- 5.4** “Q Numbered” in relation to a Quarter Horse, means a horse which is registered as such by the Association.
- 5.5** “Year Number” in relation to a horse shall be the last figure of the year in which it was foaled. Each year for this purpose shall be deemed to commence on 1st August and end on 31st July next following but so that the figure shall be taken from the year in which such 1st August shall fall. For example, in a year commencing 1st August 1990, the year number shall be 0, and in respect of a foal born in the year commencing 1st August 1991, the number shall be 1, and so on.
- 5.6** “Breeding Year” shall be the period commencing on 1st August in any year and ending on 31st July of the next succeeding year.
- 5.7** “Breeder” means a breeder of any Quarter Horse who is the owner or the registered lessee of the dam at the time of service.
- 5.8** “Stud Book” means the register of Q numbered Quarter Horses, the register of R2 numbered Quarter Horses and the register of R1 numbered Quarter Horses.
- 5.9** “Appendix Register” means the register of appendix numbered Quarter Horses
- 5.10** “Progeny Recorded” shall be deemed to refer to horses which because of their breeding are eligible for registration.
- 5.11** “Registered” shall be deemed to refer to Q, R2 and R1 numbered horses which have been included in the Stud Book or AX, A, A1, A2 and A3 numbered horses which have been included in the Appendix Register.
- 5.12** “Recorded” shall be deemed to refer to horses which are included in the Association’s Records for breeding purposes only being Foundation Mares and Foundation Stallions that are accepted by the Association in the Breeding Program.
- 5.13** “Upgraded” shall be deemed to refer to horses which because of their breeding are eligible for inclusion in the Stud Book.
- 5.14** “Owner” shall be deemed to be the registered owner of the horse as recorded in the Association’s Stud Book, Appendix Register or Foundation Recorded and shall include a lessee.
- 5.15** “Nominator” shall be deemed to be the person whose signature appears on the Official Entry form at any Australian Quarter Horse Association Approved Show or event.

5.16“Nominee” of a Constituent/Affiliate/Life membership shall be deemed to be the person who has the right to sign all paperwork on behalf of a Membership with the exception of a Transfer of sale where the signatures of all parties within that Membership are required or in the case that the Association has on file a Signatory Authorisation form stating otherwise.

6 FRAUDULENT PRACTICES

6.1 No person shall represent any horse owned or managed by them to be registered or recorded unless the same be registered in the Stud Book, Progeny Recorded or Recorded in the Appendix of the Australian Quarter Horse Association.

6.2 All information furnished to the Association as a basis for any action by the Association of any of its officers with respect to an animal must be true and correct to the best of the information and belief of the informant.

6.3 No person, firm or corporation shall issue, sell, exchange, give away or receive any false or fraudulent certificate, representing the same to be a genuine official certificate issued by the Association.

6.4 No person, firm or corporation shall complete, sign or hand over the Association's official Transfer Certificate to any purchaser of a horse unless the horse is registered or recorded by the Association.

6.5 No person shall advertise, or enter in any Quarter Horse event or competition, any animal registered, recorded or listed with the Association, by a name other than that by which it is registered or recorded.

6.6 No member shall represent by advertisement, claim or otherwise that a horse is entitled to any Association Award, Honour or Title, prior to the official awarding by the Association of such Award, Honour or Title.

6.7 No change in, or alteration to, a Certificate of Registration or Recording or identification required by the Association shall be made except by the Association or its official representative upon proper showing of the necessity for such change or alteration, by reason of change in colour or markings, mistake or the like; nor shall any person display or advertise or have in their possession any such certificate that has been changed or altered otherwise than by the Association or on its authority.

6.8 No member shall fail to pay when due any obligation owing to the Association, or shall issue a worthless cheque in payment of fees, office charges, entry fees or any other fees associated with breeding, showing or racing horses. Violation of this Regulation may be grounds for disciplinary action.

7 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

7.1The Board may take action in accordance with its Constitution to reprimand, fine, suspend or expel any member or deregister any horse of which the member is the registered owner in the records of the Association if it considers such member to be guilty of fraudulent practices

or for any breach of these Regulations or whose conduct in any respect shall be deemed derogatory or prejudicial to the interests of the Association.

7.2 When a member is disciplined, fined, suspended or expelled the name and address of such member may be published in the official publication of the Association

