

Region 16 Arabian Horse Association, Inc

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be Region 16, Arabian Horse Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II

Objects and Purpose

The objects and purpose of Region 16, AHA are:

1. Foster and encourage good relations between Member Organizations of Region 16;
2. Promote and co-ordinate Arabian Horse Shows, Trail rides, and other competitions, throughout Region 16 and sponsor the holding of Arabian and Half-Arabian Regional Championships;
3. Formulate publicity and educational programs and other activities in the interest of Arabian horse owners, clubs and enthusiasts;
4. Promote, encourage and stimulate popular interest in the outstanding qualities of the Arabian Horse.
5. Do any and all things necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objects and purpose stated herein.

ARTICLE III

Member Organizations

- Section 1. Territory: Region 16 shall initially consist of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. The geographic territory shall change in accordance with any changes made by the AHA Board of Directors at the Annual AHA Membership Convention.
- Section 2. Membership: The membership of Region 16 shall consist of all clubs and associations within the geographical limits of the region who are members in good standing of AHA. These organizations shall hereinafter be referred to as Member Organizations. The actions of AHA in granting or revoking membership in IAHA to any Member Organization located within the geographic limits of Region 16 shall automatically grant or revoke membership in Region 16.
- Section 3. Annual Dues: Each Member Organization shall pay to Region 16 annual dues in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) per member in good standing of the Member Organization as of the first day of July of each year. Such dues shall be payable on or before the first day of November each calendar year. Dues shall not be prorated for any portion of a year. The Board of delegates of Region 16 may vote at the fall meeting not to collect these membership dues, if the financial condition of Region 16 is such as not to warrant collection of dues.

ARTICLE IV

Board Of Delegates

- Section 1. Voting Delegates: The affairs of Region 16 shall be managed by a Board of Delegates. This Board shall consist of the duly selected delegates from the Region 16 Member Organizations for the AHA Annual Membership Convention. The number of voting delegates from each Member Organization shall be the number of delegates allowed that Member Organization to the AHA Annual Membership Convention, determined by the official year, and the Immediate Past Director of Region 16. However, no Member Organization whose annual dues are in arrears more than 60 days shall be entitled to voting delegates.
- Section 2. Alternate Delegates: An alternate delegate may substitute for a voting delegate at any meeting of the Board of Delegates provided he is on the certified list of alternates.
- Section 3. Designation of Delegates and Alternates: Each Member Organization shall provide the Secretary of Region 16 and the Director of Region 16 with the names and addresses of its delegates and alternates to the AHA Annual Membership Convention and the name and address of the President of the Member Organization. This list must be mailed before Sept 1 (first) of each calendar year, and will be based upon the number of voting delegates allowed at the Annual AHA Membership convention, based upon the membership count at AHA as of the close of the last membership year. Any changes that occur from time to time should be reported to the Secretary and the Director of Region 16. The Member Organization Presidents shall reserve the right to substitute delegates. The method of substitution is to be determined by each Member Organization.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

- Section 1. Region 16 Meetings: There shall be a minimum of three meetings of the Region 16 Board of Delegates per year. These meetings shall be held as follows: at the AHA Annual Membership Convention, and during the Spring and Fall of each year.
- Section 2. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Board of Delegates may be held at any time or place upon call of the Region 16 Director or one-half plus one of the voting delegates.
- Section 3. Notice of Meetings: Written notice of any meeting shall be given to all voting delegates at least 30 days prior to the meeting except at the meeting held during the AHA Annual Membership Convention, Provided all voting delegates of Region 16 registered at the convention are given prior notice.
- Section 4. Quorum: A quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of the voting Delegates/Alternates and two officers of the executive board must present in order to conduct business. At any meeting where a quorum is not present in person a ballot containing all issues voted upon at the meeting shall be mailed to all Delegates.

- Section 5 Voting By Mail: The Board of Delegates may take action by mail, provided that each voting delegate is notified by mail at his last known address of the proposal to be acted upon, and a majority of the voting delegates indicates assent thereto. The absence of any response shall be considered a favorable vote.
- Section 6 Telephone Meetings: The Board of Delegates and members of any committee designated by the Board of Delegates may participate in a meeting of such board or committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participation in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in the meeting in such a manner shall constitute presence in person at such a meeting.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

- Section 1 Election of Officers: The officers of Region 16 shall consist of a Director, Vice Director, Secretary and Treasurer. It is not mandatory that officers be voting delegates. Officers shall be elected by the voting delegates of the Board of Delegates. The officers initially elected shall serve until the end of the 1976 IAHA Annual Membership Convention. Subsequent elections shall be held at the annual meeting (not less than 90 days preceding the AHA Annual Membership Convention) in the even numbered years. Terms of office shall be for approximately two years commencing at the end of the AHA Annual Membership Convention following their election and respective successors, (The majority of the voting delegates from) a Member Organization may nominate a candidate for office provided he is on the qualified membership list (as defined in the AHA By-Laws) of a Member Organization or a candidate may be nominated by an individual voting delegate from the floor of the annual meeting.
- Section 2 Duties of the Director: The Director shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Delegates and shall manage and conduct the affairs and business of Region 16, subject to the limitation imposed by these By-Laws and the Board of Delegates. The Director shall be a member exofficio, with the right to vote on all committees except the nomination committee.
- Section 3 Duties of the Vice-Director: The Vice Director shall assume the duties of the Director in the event of his absence or inability to act or at his request.
- Section 4 Duties of the Secretary: The Secretary shall give notice of and attend all meetings of the Board of Delegates, keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Delegates, keep a record of all the doings of all committees, conduct all correspondence and carry out and execute all orders, all votes, and resolutions not otherwise committed, keep a list of all the members of the organization, maintain a list of names and addresses of all current Delegates of Region 16, notify Delegates of their appointments on committees, prepare under the direction of the Board of Delegates, an Annual Report of the transactions and conditions of Region 16, and generally devote his best interest to forwarding the business and advancing the interest of Region 16.
- Section 5 Duties of the Treasurer: The treasurer shall handle the receipt, disbursement and safeguarding of all monies belonging to Region 16. The treasurer shall keep complete books of account and shall make an itemized statement and report to the Board of Delegates at each meeting and such interim reports as may be required by the Board of Delegates.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

- Section 1 Establishment of Committees: The Board of Delegates or the Director, may from time to time, provide for the appointment, membership and duties of such committees as may be necessary or desirable as interest warrant. Each committee may adopt rules for its own use not inconsistent with these By-Laws or with rules adopted by the Board of Delegates.
- Section 2 Suggested Committees: The Director shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Delegates, appoint the following committees to consist of as many members as seems advisable:

Audit	Half-Arabian	Regional Championship Show
Achievement Awards	Hunter-Jumper	Regional Convention
Amateur Activities	Long Range Planning	Resolutions
By-Laws	Nominating	Scholarship
Competitive & Endurance Rides	Publicity	Ways & Means
Dressage	Racing	Youth Activities
Education & Research	Show Co-Ordination	

The members of such committees shall hold office until appointment of their successors.

- Section 3 Miscellaneous: A majority of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, unless any committee shall by majority vote of its entire membership decide otherwise. Each committee shall have the power to fill vacancies in its membership.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be enacted, amended or repealed by majority vote of all voting delegates authorized under Article IV, section 1. This action may occur at a duly authorized meeting.

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