

BYLAWS OF THE MINNESOTA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC
Amended February 22, 2025

ARTICLE I

NAME

SECTION 1: The association shall be known as the Minnesota Cutting Horse Association.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

SECTION 1: The purpose of the Minnesota Cutting Horse Association shall be to encourage and develop public interest in cutting horses: to encourage presentation and participation of cutting horses in shows and exhibitions; to cooperate with show sponsors and officials in securing qualified judges; to encourage the development and breeding of finer cutting horses.

ARTICLE III

POLICIES

SECTION 1: This shall be a non-profit organization. No Director, or its President or Vice President of the Minnesota Cutting Horse Association, Inc shall be liable to the Minnesota Cutting Horse Association, Inc., or its members or any exhibitors for monetary damages to a horse, property, or injuries to riders or spectators at any Minnesota Cutting Horse Association, Inc., sponsored functions. Nor is the Director, President, or Vice President liable for any debts incurred by this non-profit organization.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1: The annual dues shall be paid on or before January 1 of each year, and if unpaid, shall be considered delinquent.

SECTION 2: Upon payment of annual dues and by subscribing to the purposes of the Association each family membership is entitled to one vote. The membership shall elect new Board members in January.

SECTION 3: Membership in the Association will not be limited by race, color, or religion.

SECTION 4: A Board position or membership may be terminated for any cause which the Board of Directors shall deem sufficient, under the following procedure:

The Board may, by a three-fourths vote of those present at a regular Board meeting, ask for the resignation of a Director or member. If such resignation is not received within thirty days, the said member may be dropped by a three-fourths vote of the Directors present at any regular meeting provided said three-fourths shall in no case be less than the majority of the whole Board.

The unanimous vote of the Directors present at any Board meeting may terminate a membership at any time, provided that notice of the proposed action has been mailed to all Board members at least five days in advance.

SECTION 5: When a membership ceases from any cause whatsoever, all rights and interests thereunder revert to the Minnesota Cutting Horse Association, Inc.

SECTION 6: No part of the net earnings of the Association will be allowed to inure to the benefit of any member.

ARTICLE V

GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1: The entire management and government of this Association, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be vested in a Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of eight members of the Association. Each Director will serve a 2-year term, Four Directors (1/2 the Board) will be elected each year. The President will be elected annually by the newly elected Board of Directors by written ballot. The Board of Directors will then vote for a Vice President by written ballot. The President shall vote only in case of a tie vote. The Vice President shall serve as presiding officer in the President's absence.

SECTION 2: Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors shall be filled for the unexpired term by the remaining members of the Board or to be filled by an appointment by the Board.

SECTION 3: The Board of Directors shall hold meetings at the call of the President. One half the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4: Two unexcused absences by a Board member from meetings will constitute a review of the Board for termination of duties of said Board member.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1: The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President and a Secretary-Treasurer. The President shall be elected for a term of one year. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors, and will have general supervision of all the affairs of the Association. The President shall be the ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the nominating committee.

SECTION 3: The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4: The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping records, conducting correspondence, and keeping roll of the members. He/she shall have the charge of the finances of the Association and shall supervise accounts and have available reports for the Board of Directors, and shall make a full report to the membership annually. Accounts shall be audited annually by the Board of Directors. The Secretary-Treasurer can be called upon to perform a variety of duties by the Board of Directors as long as those duties are consistent and reasonable duties for a Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII

ELECTION

SECTION 1: A nominating committee of three members shall be appointed, consisting of one member from the Board whose term is not expiring and two members from the membership at large. The nominating committee shall make known its nominations to the membership.

SECTION 2: In making known its nominations under SECTION 1, the Secretary shall mail to each member an official ballot and voting envelope.

SECTION 3: Ballots must be signed and returned to the Secretary in the official Voting envelope by a date specified by the nominating committee.

SECTION 4: Ballots will be opened and counted by the Secretary and a member of the nominating committee. Election results will be published.

SECTION 5: The election of the President and Vice President is covered under ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1.

ARTICLE IX

NOTICE OF MEETING

SECTION 1. Notice of special, regular, and annual meetings of the members shall be mailed at least seven days prior to the day such meeting is held. Meetings shall be called by the President or on the order of thereafter Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: The President shall have the power to appoint standing committees as he deems proper except herein otherwise provided. The appointment of the standing committee Chairperson shall be subject to the confirmation of the Board. He shall also have the power to appoint other committees as needs arise.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

SECTION 1: These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, providing due notice has been given that this will be part of the order of business, and providing the amendment is not inconsistent with Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE XII

RULES OF ORDER

SECTION 1: Robert Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern all proceedings of all meetings of the Association, of the Board of Directors, and of Committees, in as far as they do not conflict or are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws.