

## NATIONAL REINING HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I. NRHyA MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a character and leadership building program that will enable youth to become better citizens and future leaders of the reining horse industry.

### ARTICLE II. TITLE, OBJECTIVES, LOCATION

**Section 1. Title.** This organization shall be called the National Reining Horse Youth Association (NRHyA) and will serve as a division of the National Reining Horse Association, and shall operate within *NRHA Handbook*, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

**Section 2. Objectives.** The objectives and purposes of the NRHyA shall be as follows:

- (a) To promote the sport of Reining.
- (b) To improve and develop the capabilities of youth members, both individually and through group participation.
- (c) To develop leadership skills, scholarship opportunities, and participation in the sport of Reining.
- (d) To establish a means whereby youth members may work in conjunction with the NRHA Board of Directors.
- (e) To acquaint youth members and affiliates with the structures and functions of the NRHyA.

**Section 3. Place of Business.** The place of business of the association shall be the NRHA headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### ARTICLE III. NRHyA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Section 1.** The officers of the organization shall be the President, Corresponding Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall be elected at the annual meeting from those selected as regional delegates or existing Officers. Such officers shall hold office for a period of one year and/or their successors are elected or qualified. Officers and Delegates must be eighteen (18) years of age or younger as of January 1 of the year they are elected to serve.

### ARTICLE IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Section 1. Regional Elections:** Two (2) Regional Delegates: a minimum of one (1) 14–18 will be voted in from each region based on a majority vote. All candidates must meet the minimum officer/delegate eligibility requirements set forth yearly by the NRHyA Executive Committee and approved by the NRHA Youth Committee. Existing NRHyA Officers will not be considered Regional Delegates.

**Section 2. Officer Elections:** NRHyA Executive Committee members must have served as a current or past Regional Delegate or Officer. All candidates must meet the minimum officer/delegate eligibility requirements set forth yearly by the NRHyA Executive Committee and approved by the NRHA

Youth Committee. Additionally, all candidates must be a minimum of fourteen (14) years of age and no older than eighteen (18) years of age on January 1 of the year they are elected to serve. Youth members will vote for Officers through the ballot process. The election of officers shall be held at a general membership meeting of the Association at the time and place designated by the NRHA Executive Committee. Any youth wishing to serve as President or Vice President must have served a minimum of one year on the NRHyA Executive Committee prior to being elected for President or Vice President.

**Section 3.** The remaining Regional Delegates will serve in an advisory capacity to the NRHyA Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1. President:** The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the association and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the association, subject to the direction of the NRHyA Youth Executive Committee, and shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the NRHyA Executive Committee. The President shall appoint all committees of the association subject to the approval of the Youth Executive Committee. The President shall submit to the members of the meeting a report of the status of the association and its activities during the preceding year. No President may serve two terms unless there is not an eligible candidate. The President shall have other duties and authority as may be prescribed elsewhere in the Bylaws or by the NRHA Youth Committee.

**Section 2. Vice President:** The Vice President shall have the responsibility of reporting on the activities of the NRHA Youth Executive Committee to the *NRHA Reiner* magazine. The Vice President shall have the responsibility of maintaining order at all meetings of the NRHyA Executive Committee and the membership meetings in accordance with parliamentary procedure, in addition to preparing meeting rooms and facilities for the meeting of the NRHyA Executive Committee. In addition the Vice President shall, in the absence, disability or inability of the President to act, perform the duties and activities of the President.

**Section 3. Secretary:** The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the NRHyA Executive Committee and shall record all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings in a secretary's notebook. He or she shall perform like duties for all the committees when requested to do so. The Secretary shall have the principal responsibility to give notice of all meetings of the NRHyA Executive Committee and the members, but this shall not lessen the authority of others to give such notice as provided by the Bylaws. The Secretary shall maintain communication between the NRHyA Executive Committee and the NRHA Youth Program Supervisor, and in the event the Vice President is unable to fulfill his or her duties, in relation to monthly reports

to the *NRHA Reiner*, the Secretary will assume those duties.

**Section 4. Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be responsible for examining the financial need of projects and the financial needs of the NRHyA and reporting these costs to the NRHyA Executive Committee.

**Section 5. Historian:** The Historian shall have the responsibility of developing and maintaining a historical record of the NRHyA. The Historian may also be required to fill those duties that may from time to time be assigned by the President.

**Section 6. Vacancy:** All vacant Offices of the organization shall be filled by the NRHyA Executive Committee from the Regional Delegates for the unexpired term, and those so appointed shall serve until the election and acceptance of their duly qualified successors.

If the office of any regional delegate, one or more, becomes vacant for any reason, the NRHyA Executive Committee may choose a successor or successors as needed, who shall hold office for the unexpired time in respect of which such vacancy occurred. The successors should be nominated by an NRHyA Executive Committee member, NRHA Youth Committee member or apply by submitting a letter of intent to the NRHA Youth Programs Office.

## **ARTICLE VI. GENERAL GOVERNANCE**

**Section 1.** Powers of the NRHyA Executive Committee. The NRHyA Executive Committee shall have the power and authority to direct the affairs of the organization as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management, and activities. Removal of officers, expenditure of money and other details relating to the general purposes of the organization, are subject to the approval of the NRHA Youth Committee and NRHA Executive Committee.

**Section 2.** The NRHA Youth Committee shall work in conjunction with the NRHA Executive Committee to oversee the affairs of the NRHyA.

**Section 3.** The NRHyA Executive Committee shall meet whenever and wherever called by direction of the President, NRHA Youth Committee Chairperson, the NRHA Youth Program Supervisor, or four (4) members of the Committee acting jointly, of which meeting the Secretary shall give two (2) days notice, which may be written or electronic, but such notice may be waived by any member. During the interim between annual meetings, or special meetings, the NRHyA Executive Committee is empowered to direct the affairs of the organization.

**Section 4.** A majority of the NRHyA Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if at any meeting the NRHyA Executive Committee has less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Section 1.** The annual meeting shall take place as designated by the NRHA Executive Committee of Directors for the purpose of such business as may be brought before the meeting. Special meetings of the NRHyA Executive Committee may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice, whenever called in writing by the direction of the President or by a majority of the NRHyA Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII. MEMBERSHIP AND REGIONS**

**Section 1. Individual Members:** Any Youth eighteen (18) years of age or younger as of January 1 who holds a valid NRHA membership card is automatically considered a member of the NRHyA Program.

**Section 2. Voting Rights:** Any NRHyA member in good standing has the opportunity to vote in NRHyA elections.

**Section 3. Membership Fees:** (See *NRHA Handbook* Youth Membership and Show Conditions, Section 2)

## **ARTICLE IX. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** Membership and election to the office of the NRHyA Youth Executive Committee is a privilege, not a right, which may be terminated or refused for cause detrimental to the interest of the organization.

## **ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS**

The Bylaws of the organization may be amended by following the rules found in Article XI of the *NRHA Bylaws*.