

SAN JOAQUIN PAINT HORSE CLUB, INC.
BY LAWS

Article 1

Name, Purpose & Location

Section - Name

This Club shall be known as the San Joaquin Paint Horse Club, Inc. and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a nonprofit corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

Section 2 - Purpose

The purpose of the San Joaquin Paint Horse Club (SJPHC) is promoting and educating members and the general public about the American Paint Horse Breed. The principle activities of the Club are to have public exhibitions and seminars that incorporate youth, amateur and adult participation. Exhibitors demonstrate to the general public the versatility and breed characteristics of the Paint Horse. Seminars are conducted in horse health, breed history, and genetic education associated with the color patterns of the Paint Horse breed. SJPHC also provides members with statistical analysis of exhibitor points earned and forwards the information to the state and national association (American Paint Horse Association). This information is used to collect, record, and preserve the pedigrees of the Paint Horse.

A.Activities

1. Provide exhibitions to promote the Paint Horse breed with all statistical data forwarded to the American Paint Horse Association to be stored in their database.
2. SJPHC holds periodic membership meetings, . Such meetings are in-person or online for participation of any interested parties.
3. To conduct periodic seminars promoting horse health, welfare, and safety within the horse industry.
4. SJPHC may hold fundraisers and donate proceeds to charities.

Section 3 - Location

All of Merced, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne, Calaveras, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus Counties of California.

Section 4— Address

The Address of the San Joaquin Paint Horse Club shall be the address as posted on the official SJPHC website.

Article 2

Membership

Section 1- Membership

The membership of this Club shall be open to any person, firm, or corporation who is interested in the Paint Horse breed. It is not necessary that the applicant be the owner of a Paint Horse. Upon filing with an Officer or Representative of the Club the proper application form, as approved by the Board of Directors, and payment of dues for the then current year, the applicant shall become a member of the Club. A member will be deemed on the membership roster when they pay their dues to an Officer or Representative of SJPHC. Time and date will be entered on the membership application, by recipient. The membership shall consist of the following classes:

Honorary Member — Family Member — Partnership Member— Individual Member — Youth Member

Section 2 - Honorary Member

Any person, firm or corporation may be elected an Honorary Member of the Club by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members at a membership meeting. Such Honorary Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member except holding office or voting and shall not be required to pay any dues.

Section 3 - Family, Partnership, Individual & Youth Membership

A. Family Membership

Family membership shall consist of an adult couple and the minor children or grandchildren. The couple will have one vote. Children of family memberships who have reached the age of 19, as of January 1, are not eligible for family membership under their parents/grandparents.

B. Partnership Membership

Partnership membership shall consist of two unrelated adults and each will have one vote.

C. Individual Membership

An individual member is one who has reached their nineteenth (19) birthday as of January 1, as defined by the American Paint Horse Association Official Rule Book, or is a firm or corporation. A corporate or firm individual member may file, with an Officer or Representative of the Club, electronic or written designation of a person who shall cast the vote of such individual member and be eligible to hold office as Director or Officer of the Club on behalf of such individual member and otherwise exercise the rights and privileges of this firm or corporate individual member. Such designation cannot be changed without the authorization of the Board.

D. Youth Membership

A youth member is one who has not reached their nineteenth (19) birthday, as of January 1, as defined by The American Paint Horse Association Rule Book. No voting privileges.

E. Dues and Fees

All membership fees and dues shall be paid to an Officer or Representative of the Club.

F. Refunds

No refund of fees or dues shall be made.

G. General Membership

Membership will run from January 1 to December 31. The annual dues shall be for the calendar year and shall be due on January 1st of each year. Late payments will be accepted but not pro-rated.

H. California Coordinating Committee (CCC)

A portion of each membership fee goes to the California Coordinating Committee (CCC) for the support of Directors.

Section 4 - Voting

At every meeting of the membership, each individual and eligible family member in good standing and whose name is recorded on the membership records of the Club shall have a vote. There shall be no cumulative voting. There shall be no proxy votes in this Club. Votes are not transferable.

A. Membership Meetings

1. Meetings

The regular annual meeting of the Club shall be held during the fourth quarter of the year. The meetings shall be held at any time or place when called by the President or Secretary provided that the members shall be given two weeks electronic or written notice of such meeting.

2. Election

At the regular annual meeting the members that are present shall nominate persons as Officers, Board of Directors, or representatives of the San Joaquin Paint Horse Club. At the annual election meeting of the membership to be held in the fourth quarter of the year (after the regular annual meeting) additional members may be nominated prior to the election.

3. Voting

Each membership will have one (1) vote. Only current paid members are eligible for voting. Only members that are present at this meeting are eligible to vote. There shall be no Cumulative voting. There shall be no proxy votes in the election meeting.

At the discretion of the President, an electronic vote can be solicited via email with results collected and communicated by the club Secretary.

B. Special Membership Meeting

The Board of Directors and/or the President shall determine the time and place of any special membership meeting. The Secretary shall submit electronic or written notice to all members at least five (5) days prior to the special membership meeting.

c. Annual Organizational Meeting

The annual organizational meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of the outgoing Board and the newly elected Board and is open to all. This meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days following the annual election.

Article 3

Board of Directors

Section 1 - Board of Directors

The powers and authority of the Club shall be vested in and exercised by the Board of Directors, consisting of five (5) Directors, which must include the current Vice President. Each Director shall be an eligible voting member of the Club. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal and enforce such rules and regulations not contrary to law or the Certificate of Incorporation, or the By Laws, as they may deem appropriate concerning the conduct, management and activities of the Club, and such rules and regulations shall be the instruments through which the Club implements and executes its policies, plans and procedures. All actions of the Board of Directors are subject to revision or amendment by the members at any special or regular meeting of the membership.

Section 2 - Absence

In the event that a Director is absent from three (3) consecutive Director meetings without the consent of the Board of Directors, then all offices and the directorship held by such person shall immediately terminate.

Section 3 - Annual Organizational Meeting

The annual organizational meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of the outgoing Board and the newly elected Board and is open to all. This meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days following the annual election.

Section 4 - Regular Board Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet as needed by direction of the President or three members of the Board acting jointly. The Secretary shall give electronic or written notice to all Board members at least three (3) day prior to the regular Board meeting.

Section 5 - Quorum

Three (3) Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors, and a majority vote shall decide the issues involved, after establishing the presence of a quorum.

Section 6 - Vacancy

In the event of any vacancy on the Board of Directors by death, resignation, or disqualification, the general membership by affirmative vote may elect a successor to serve the remaining term.

Section 7 - Committees

The President may authorize Committees, and shall select the Chairman of each. Chairman shall select the members of their respective committees, all subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The powers and duties of each Committee shall be only as delegated by the Board of Directors.

Article 4 Indemnification

Each Director, Officer, and Committee member of said Club shall be indemnified by the Club against all costs, expenses, and liabilities reasonably incurred in connection with or resulting from any action, suit, or proceeding to which they may be a party by as or having been a Director, Officer, or Committee member of the Club, except in relation to matters which shall have been occasioned by their own willful misconduct or dishonesty. The foregoing right of indemnification shall cover amounts paid in settlement of any such action, suit, or proceeding when such settlement appears to be in the best interest of the Club. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to any other rights to which such Directors, Officers, or Committee member may be entitled as a matter of law.

Article 5 Officers and Representatives

Section 1 - Officers

The Officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Officers shall be elected by the general membership annually. All Officers shall be elected for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1 of the New Year and ending December 31 of the same year, and shall be eligible for re-election. All Officers shall hold office subject to removal by vote of the general membership.

Section 1A - President

The President shall be the Chief Officer of the Club. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The President shall be exofficio member of all Committees. At the expiration of their term, they shall deliver to the successor all property belonging to the Club.

Section 1B - Vice President

In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, and shall preside at all Board meetings. At the expiration of their term, they shall deliver to the successor all property belonging to the Club.

Section 1C - Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership and directorship meetings and shall safeguard the Club records. They shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President or the Board of Directors. At the expiration of their term, they shall deliver to the successor all property belonging to the Club including all prior meeting minutes.

Section 1D – Treasurer

The Treasurer shall make payments for expenses as authorized by the President, membership, or Board of Directors. They shall keep receipts and records of monies received and expended. They shall be required to deposit into the bank or banks, within ten (10) days of Club function. They shall make a report at regular membership meetings and to the Board of Directors. The annual financial report is to be distributed to all members and the American Paint Horse Association as needed. At the expiration of their term, they shall deliver to the successor all property belonging to the Club including accounting records, monies, and financial reports.

Section 2 - California Coordinating Committee (CCC) Representatives

There shall be two (2) representatives and one (1) alternate representative elected to attend the California Coordinating Committee (CCC) meetings and shall cast votes on behalf of the Club. These representatives will also report back to the Club about CCC actions and discussions.

Section 3 - Banking & Expenditures

Any two (2) of these officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer, shall be empowered to sign any or all checks for the Club expenditures in accordance with the By Laws of the Club, NO TWO (2) MEMBERS OF THE SAME HOUSEHOLD WILL SIGN THE SAME CHECK. The Board of Directors will conduct a yearly audit of the Club's Treasury.

Section 4 - Resignation & Termination

Any officer who wishes to resign from the office shall provide electronic or written notice of such intention to the Secretary. Their resignation becomes effective thirty (30) days after filing of such resignation with the Secretary. Upon resigning, at their expense, they shall deliver to the Secretary all records, books, money and other property of the Club. The general membership may vote to elect a successor to serve the remaining term.

Section 5 - Absences

In the event an officer or representative of the Club is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings, they shall automatically be terminated from office, unless said person had an approved excuse by the Board of Directors.

Article 6 Amendments

Any proposed amendments to these By Laws submitted to the Club must be in writing (electronic or postal mail) and signed by a member in good standing. The Secretary shall be required to give ten (10) days electronic or written notice that this proposed amendment will be part of the order of business at the next meeting of the membership. Such proposed amendment shall be read to the membership by the Secretary. It must be adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present to become a part of the By –Laws with an effective date of Jan 1 the following year unless otherwise specified.

Article 7
Dissolution

The decision to dissolve the San Joaquin Paint Horse Club shall be decided by a vote of the membership at a special membership meeting (as defined in Article 2, Section 4B of the By Laws). Payment of all liabilities of the San Joaquin Paint Horse Club shall be made before disbursement of the San Joaquin Paint Horse Club Treasury.

All remaining funds to be turned over to The American Paint Horse Association to establish a Youth Scholarship Fund

By Laws amended on May 2, 2007, April 6, 2011, June 3, 2014, June 12, 2018, **January 1, 2022**

President:		Date:	1/1/2022
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