

**BYLAWS OF THE LOUISIANA AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
(INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES)**

**ARTICLE I
OFFICES**

~~The principal office of the Louisiana American Saddlebred Horse Association, Inc. in the State of Louisiana shall be located in the City of Covington, Louisiana.~~

The principal office of the Louisiana American Saddlebred Horse Association, Inc. in the state of Louisiana shall be located in the City of New Orleans. (Amended 3/25/2002)

**ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP**

~~Section 1. Members of the Association shall be admitted, retained and expelled in accordance with procedures set forth in these Bylaws. Each member entitled to vote shall be entitled to one vote in person on each matter submitted to a vote of members.~~

Section 1. Members of the association shall be admitted, retained and expelled in accordance with the provisions set forth in these Bylaws. Each adult member (18 years or older) shall be entitled to one (1) vote in person or by proxy on each matter submitted to a vote of members. Each family membership will be entitled to one (1) vote in person or by proxy on each matter submitted to a vote of members." (Amended 3/12/1998)

Section 2. The annual meeting of Members shall be held for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting at such place, as may be designated by the

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President on such date as the Board of Directors of the Executive Committee may determine.

Section 3. Special meetings of Members may be called by the President or Board of Directors, and shall be called by the President at the request of one-fifth (1/5th) of the Members then in good standing. Special meeting of Members may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice thereof.

Section 4. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be given by mailing the same not less than ten (10) or more than thirty-five (35) days before the date of the meeting in the Association's records, who was in good standing on the sixtieth (60) day preceding the date of such meeting for which such notice is being given.

Section 5. One fifth (1/5th) of the Members entitled to vote, represented in person shall constitute a quorum at the meetings of Members. The acts of a majority of the Members present at the meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Members, except that it shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rd) of such Members at such meetings to (i) amend the Articles of Incorporation, (ii) to authorize the sale, lease or mortgage of substantially all of the assets or property of the Association, (iii) to authorize a voluntary dissolution of the Association or revoke proceedings therefor, or (iv) to adopt a plan for the distribution of the assets of the Association.

Section 6. Members entitled to vote at a meeting of Members shall include all Members who are in good standing at the time of such meeting.

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Section 7. Membership in the Association is a privilege and not a right and is open to any natural person who has clearly indicated his or her interest in furthering the purposes of the Association.

Section 8. Application for membership in the Association shall be made on a form provided by the Association which form shall include:

- a. Name and address of Applicant
- b. Check for the annual membership fee made payable to the Louisiana American Saddlebred Horse Association, Inc.

The secretary shall submit applications for membership to the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee which shall approve or reject same.

Section 9. Membership may be terminated by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee for causes detrimental to the interests of the Association, its program, policies, objectives and harmonious relationships among its Members, as determined by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

Section 10. All Members in good standing shall (i) have equal rights, interests and responsibilities with respect to the Association and its property, (ii) obey and be bound by all Bylaws, rules and regulations of the Association and decisions or actions of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee and (iii) have the right to hold office and committee assignments, except as otherwise limited by the Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws.

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~~Section 11. An annual membership of Ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be due and payable by each Member on January 1 of each year; and a Member shall be considered delinquent and not in good standing if such fee is not paid on or before March 1 of that year. Notice of Membership fees payable shall be sent to each Member at his or her last known address as it appears on the records of the Association not less than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the calendar year.~~

~~Section 11. An annual Membership of Ten dollars (\$10.00) for a junior member under the age of 18, Fifteen (\$15.00) for an adult member and Thirty-Five (\$35.00) for a family membership shall be due and payable in order to be a Member in good standing and for LASHA points to count towards their annual awards. A Member is in good standing after payment of the appropriate membership dues. No points will apply retroactively and only points accumulated after the payment of membership dues will count towards the annual awards.
(Amended 3/12/1998)~~

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(Amended 3/25/2002)~~

Section 11. Annual membership rates are as follows: Twenty (\$20.00) for adults, Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars per junior member under 18 years of age, Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars for a Family Membership (adults and children under 18 years of age) and a Ten (\$10.00) Dollar New Member Special Rate. The New Member Special Rate is available only to a Member who is a first time Louisiana American Saddlebred Horse Association Member. Membership year beings December 1 and ends on November 30 (to align LASHA with the USEF and ASHA membership

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~~Section 12. No Member shall be considered a Member in good standing on any day prior to March 2 of any calendar year unless he or she either paid the annual membership fee due for that calendar year or has paid the annual membership fee due for the preceding calendar year, and no Member shall be considered a Member in good standing on any day after March 1 of any calendar year unless he or she has paid the annual membership fee due for that calendar year. (Repealed 3/12/1988)~~

~~Section 13. A delinquent Member can be reinstated to good standing by simply paying the membership fee for the current year, provided that it is paid within the calendar year in which such member has become delinquent. There is no penalty for such reinstatement. (Repealed 3/12/1998)~~

~~Section 14. The annual membership fee shall be considered paid on the day it is received by the Association or on the date of its postmark.~~

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Section 15. Application for membership will be considered at any time during the calendar year, but no applicant, regardless of when his or her application is submitted, may become a Member without paying the full annual membership fee due for the entire year in which he or she becomes a Member.

Section 16. Membership shall terminate upon the occurrence of any one of the following, to-wit: (i) resignation in writing delivered to the Association, (ii) death, (iii) failure to pay the annual membership fee within the calendar year for which such fee is due and payable or (iv) termination pursuant to Section 9 hereof this Article II.

Section 17. All Members shall receive in writing no later than December 31 of each year, the results of the election of officers for the coming year. Said elections are to be held no later than December 1 of each year but no earlier than October 1 of each year. (Amendment Added 11/15/1982)

**ARTICLE III
DIRECTORS**

~~Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers and one Director at Large and shall exercise all of the powers of the Association subject only to the restrictions imposed by law, by the Association's articles of incorporation or by these Bylaws.~~

Section 1. The Board of Directions shall consist of elected officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Director

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at Large plus five (5) additional members voted into office at the general meeting each year. Each board member must be a member of the American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA) in order to hold office. (Amended 3/12/1998)

~~Section 2. Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting of Members. Directors shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, except for the treasurer who shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, or until their respective successors are elected and have accepted their election. The Director at Large will always be the past President of the Association.~~

Section 2. Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting of Members to be held no earlier than October 1 of each year but no later than December 1 of each year. Directors shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, except for the Treasurer who shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, or until their respective successors are elected and have accepted their election. The Director at Large will always be the past President of the Association. If the past President is re-elected as the President for the coming year, then a Director at Large will be elected for that year. (Amended 11/15/1982)

Section 3. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining Directors thought less than a quorum of the Board of Directors. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

Section 4. A majority of the number Directors fixed by Section 1 of this Article III shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business at any meeting of the Board of Directors; but if less than such majority is present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

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Section 5. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than this Bylaw immediately after, and in the same place as, the annual meeting of Members. The Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place, either within or without the state of Louisiana, for the holding of additional regular meetings without other notice than such resolution.

Section 6. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two (2) Directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix any place, either within or without the state of Louisiana, as the place for holding any special meetings of the Board of Directors called by them.

Section 7. Notice of any special meeting, stating the time, place and purposes thereof, shall be given at least then (10) days previously thereto in person or by telephone or written notice, delivered personally or mailed to each director at his business address or by telegram.

Section 8. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.

Section 9. Directors shall serve without compensation.

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Section 10. Any Board member who fails to attend two (2) board meetings will be reviewed by the board for possible dismissal and appointment of a new board member until the annual general membership meeting wherein a new board member can be voted upon. (Amendment Added 3/12/1998)

ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS

~~Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the Members. Such other officers or assistant officers as may be deemed necessary may also be elected by the Members. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the offices of President and Secretary. Each officer, except the assistant officers, will be a member of the Board of Directors.~~

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the members. Such other officers or assistant officers as may be deemed necessary may also be elected by the Members. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the office of President and Secretary. (Amended 3/12/1998)

Section 1. Any two offices may be held by the same person, except for the office of the President. The offices of the Treasurer/Secretary have been combined for the year 2002 and must be elected annually. (Amended 3/25/2002)

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person except the offices of President. Each officer, except the assistant officers, will be a member of the Board of Directors. (Amended 2/23/2015)

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually. Each officer shall hold office for a term of one year except the Treasurer who shall have a two (2) year term, or until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have accepted his or her election, unless such officer shall die, resign or be removed from office prior thereto.

Section 3. Any officer may be removed by the majority vote of the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment, the best interests of the Association will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer so removed. The election of an officer shall be itself create contract rights.

Section 4. A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5. The President shall be the principal executive office of the Association and shall in general be responsible for enforcing observance of policies formulated by the Board of Directors. He or she shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Members or of the Board of Directors. He or she may sign, with the Secretary, or any other proper officers of the Association thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in the cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws to some other

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officer or agent of the Association, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed and executed; and in general shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 6. The Vice-President shall be the principal management officer of Association and shall have general supervision of its affairs; oversee the operation of the Association and be responsible for enforcing the rules of thereof. In addition, he or she shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President, or by the Board of Directors. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions imposed upon the President.

Section 7. The Secretary shall: (a) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Members and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Association and see that the seal of the Association is affixed to all documents that execution of which on behalf of the Association under its seal is duly authorized; (d) receive applications for memberships, submit the same for consideration and keep a register of the post office address of each Member which shall be furnished to the Office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or these Bylaws.

~~Section 8. The Treasurer shall: (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Association; (b) receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Association from any source~~

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~~whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the Association in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; and (c) in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.~~

~~Section 8. The Treasurer shall: (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Association; (b) receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Association from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the Association in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; and (c) prepare an annual financial report to the Members to be mailed to each Member on or before December 31 of each year; (d) prepare annual budget; and (e) in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. (Amended 11/15/1982)~~

Section 8. The Treasurer shall: (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Association; (b) receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Association from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the Association in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; and (c) prepare an annual financial report to the Members to be given at the annual meeting on or before December 31 of each year. This report can be obtained by any member upon written request at

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any time throughout the year; (d) prepare annual budget; and (e) in general perform all of the duties incident (Amended 3/25/2002)

**ARTICLE V
CONTRACTS, LOAN, CHECKS and DEPOSITS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of or on the behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to the specific instances.

Section 2. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Association and no evidences of the indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Association and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of this Association in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

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**ARTICLE VI.
FISCAL YEAR**

~~The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin n the first day of March and end on the last day of February of each year.~~

The fiscal year of corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of each year. (Amended 11/15/1982)

**ARTICLE VII
CORPORATE SEAL**

The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal which shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Association and the state of incorporation and the words "Corporate Seal".

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make Bylaws not inconsistent with the law or Articles of Incorporation of the Association and shall have the power to alter, amend or repeal the same.