

# ILLINOIS APPALOOSA ASSOCIATION

## Constitution and By-Laws

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### Forward

The Illinois Appaloosa Association (IAA) was organized in 1959 as a Regional Affiliate of the Appaloosa Horse Club, of Moscow, Idaho, which is the official registering body.

The IAA encourages Halter Shows and Performance Contests for three purposes:

1. To create a spirit of friendly competition between the owners and breeders, and to instill a desire in each breeder to improve his particular bloodlines.
2. To provide a place for the prospective buyer to see Appaloosas on display and in action.
3. To demonstrate the progress in breeding for type, quality, and the ability to perform.

Dedicated to the best interests of the Appaloosa Horse and its Owners and Breeders in this territory, the following Constitution and By-Laws are presented for the use and edification of the Members and other interested people.

### Constitution and By-Laws

#### I. Title, Location, and Purpose

- A. Title: The name of the association shall be "Illinois Appaloosa Association", hereinafter referred to as "IAA".
- B. Affiliation: The IAA is affiliated with the Appaloosa Horse Club, of Moscow, Idaho, which is the National organization and the official registering body.
- C. Location: The headquarters location of the IAA shall be the address of the Secretary of the Association.
- D. Purpose: The purpose of the IAA shall be:
  1. To promote the Appaloosa horse as a breed and its use and enjoyment in the State of Illinois.
  2. To cooperate with other regional clubs and with the Appaloosa Horse Club, of Moscow, Idaho, to help further similar purposes on a regional and national basis.
  3. To promote and stimulate interest in all Appaloosa Shows for Appaloosa Horses registered in the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.

#### II. Membership

- A. Eligibility: Any person or family interested in the Appaloosa horse and the fulfillment of the purposes of the IAA shall be eligible for membership. A membership shall include husband and wife and all 18 & under unmarried children residing with their parents. Once a youth is no longer eligible for

Youth Classes they must have a membership of their own to be eligible for IAA awards, etc.

- B. Admission: Application for membership shall be subject to approval of the Board of Directors.
- C. Fees: Membership fees, including the current year's dues, shall be \$30.00 Family, \$25.00 Individual, and \$15.00 for Youth (if not included in a family membership) – subject to change by the Board of Directors. Dues to the Land of Lincoln Purebred Breeders Association for all Illinois members will be paid from the above listed fees. The IAA membership fee shall be paid upon application for membership.  
Annual dues shall become due on January 1 of each year. Membership fees paid by new members after September 1 shall be construed to include the dues for the following year. The Membership is not transferable.
- D. Honorary Members: By unanimous vote of all directors present at any regular or special meeting a person may be elected to Honorary Membership. Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote, to hold office, or to pay dues. If they want to vote or hold office they will have to continue to pay their dues.
- E. Voting: Each Individual membership shall be entitled to one vote and each Family Membership shall be entitled to two votes upon all matters to be acted upon by the membership. Youth dues do not include voting rights, it only entitles youth to awards and mailings from the club.
- F. Receipts: All money received by the IAA will be used for expenses of regional shows, breed promotional work, and other work in connection with the purpose of the IAA.
- G. Resignation: Any member may resign by delivery of a written resignation to the Secretary of the IAA. Dues are not refundable.
- H. Expulsion: The membership of any member may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors after reasonable opportunity to the member to be heard upon any matter in question related to the IAA or its purpose.

### III. Board of Directors

- A. Powers: All the affairs of this organization shall be managed by and be the responsibility of the Board of Directors and the officers in accordance with this Constitution and By-Laws. Any action of changes in the standard procedure, concerning the entire membership, and of such a degree, that it changes the pattern of past procedure, shall be outlined by the Board of Directors, but must carry a majority vote of attending membership at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for that particular reason, in order to be substantiated and enacted.
- B. Directors:
  - 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine directors elected by the membership at the annual meeting. Directors shall be elected to serve for a term of 3 years. The terms of office shall be staggered so that the terms of one-third of the members of the Board of Directors expire each year.
  - 2. Directors must be residents of the State of Illinois and members in good standing.

3. All officers of the association shall be voting members of the Board of Directors.
- C. Chairman: The immediate retiring president of the association shall become chairman of the Board for the next following year. At other times the chairman may be selected by the Board of Directors from among the members of the Board of Directors by Majority vote. The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors.
- D. Quorum: A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- E. Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet not less than once annually. Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the request of three members of the Board of Directors. Reasonable advance notice shall be given to all members of the Board of Directors of any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.
- F. Vacancy: A vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors.
- G. Removal: A member of the Board of Directors may by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors be removed from office after reasonable opportunity to be heard by the Board of Directors upon the matter in question related to this organization or its purpose. A director or officer being absent from two consecutive directors' meetings shall result in an automatic motion for removal in accordance with the preceding sentence.

#### IV. Officers

- A. Qualifications: The officers of the association shall be adult members in good standing residing in the State of Illinois.
- B. Term: The term of office shall be for one year or until a successor is duly elected and qualified.
- C. Election: Officers shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting of the association; and shall assume office with the adjournment of the annual meeting at which elected.
- D. Powers: The officers shall be and have the powers following:
  1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, appoint committees, represent and direct all activities of this association in accordance with this Constitution and By-Laws and with the directions of the Board of Directors.
  2. The Vice President shall exercise the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
  3. The Secretary shall serve as Secretary of the Association and of the Board of Directors and shall record and keep the record and minutes of the meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors, conduct the correspondence of the association and perform all other customary duties. The Secretary or the Treasurer can issue membership cards.
  4. The Treasurer shall keep the account books and receipts of the association and be responsible for the safe keeping of the funds of the association, and report thereon to the Board of Directors and to the members upon request at any meeting. The Treasurer

or the Secretary can issue membership cards. All incoming money goes directly to the Treasurer (such as dues, nominations, and show entries, etc.). At the end of the show season, the Treasurer shall submit the account books to a committee composed of three directors selected by the President for auditing. Checks being issued by Treasurer require 2 authorized officer's or director's signatures.

5. The Point Secretary is an appointed position and not an elected office, the Board of Directors to appoint. They are to keep a tabulated account of show points for Year End Awards and World Qualifying Slips.
- E. Combined: The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined by the Board of Directors.
  - F. Vacancy: Vacancies may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.
  - G. Nominating Committee: A nominating committee composed of three directors are to present a ballot of officers at the annual meeting (at least 2 names for each office). Members of this committee by the President.
- V. Meetings
- A. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting shall be held each year during the month January or February at a time and place selected in advance by the Board of Directors.
  - B. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Board of Directors as deemed necessary and shall be called by the President upon the written request of ten members.
  - C. Notice: Reasonable advance notice of the Annual or any special meeting shall be given to all members by written notice in the IAA newsletter. Any amendment, addition, or deletion of rules regulating the IAA shall be included in such notice.
  - D. Quorum: One-fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.
  - E. Procedure: All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Roberts Rules of Order.
- VI. Amendments
- A. This constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the membership by majority vote.
  - B. Show Rules and anything not covered in this Constitution and By-Laws will be handled according to the current year Appaloosa Horse Club Official Handbook.
  - C. The Point Secretary is an appointed position and not an elected office, the Board of Directors to appoint.