

# **THE GEORGIA RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION INC**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**To promote working ranch or stock-type horses by educating the public on the versatility of these fine animals, promoting events to showcase their natural talents, and encouraging the public and GRHA members to enjoy these horses in a safe and family friendly environment. BYLAWS Pursuant to American Ranch Horse Association official rules and regulations, this charter complies with the rules and regulations of each regional charter as stated in ARHA rule book.**

## **Article 1: Title and Objectives**

**Section 1:** This organization shall be known as The Georgia Ranch Horse Association inc (GRHA) and is a non-profit organization in accordance with the laws of the state of Georgia.

**Section 2:** The term for which it will exist is perpetual. If for any reason, GRHA shall cease to exist refer to Dissolution Bylaw.

**Section 3:** The purpose of GRHA is to promote, educate and encourage the exhibiting of the ranch horse through the ideals of the ARHA including good horsemanship and sportsmanship by providing ARHA approved shows, clinics and programs. These activities are intended for the average owner of a registered stock-type horse and provide an opportunity to participate in fun, friendly, family-oriented competition designed for any level horse and rider in which every contestant desiring to compete is given a fair and equal chance.

**Section 4:** All GRHA events shall be run according to ARHA rules, unless otherwise noted in the GRHA bylaws, rules and regulations, or other GRHA directives.

**Section 5:** The fiscal year of GRHA shall be February 1 through January 31 of each year unless otherwise determined.

## **Article II: Membership**

**Section 1 - General:** Any individual of good character and reputation interested in ranch horses may become a member of this Association. Each member of the Association shall pay annual membership dues to GRHA. Said dues are due and payable at the commencement of each calendar year. The calendar year of the Association will be January 1 through December 31 of each year. All dues to the association shall be set by the Officers and Board of Directors. All monies paid to GRHA must be in US funds.

**Section 2 - Rights:** The Association shall have Voting members who shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Association. A Voting Member may be removed only for cause, acts detrimental to the Membership, or conviction of a felony and only after an opportunity to be heard (unless the member's whereabouts is unknown).

**Section 3 - Annual Meetings:** The purpose of the annual meeting of Members is to elect Directors and to transact such other matters as may properly come before the Members. An annual meeting of the Association shall be held at a time and place designated by the Officers and Board of Directors. Proper notification via email will be given to each member before the Annual meeting of the Association stating the date, time, and place of said meeting.

**Section 4 - Special Meetings:** Special meetings of the members of the association may be called by the direction of the President, or majority of Board of Directors with no less than ten (10) days notice regarding items needing immediate attention. Said notice shall state in writing the date, time, place, and purpose of said meeting. Only such business as is set forth in the written notice of said special meeting shall be transacted at said meeting.

**Section 5 - Notice of Meeting:** An emailed notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in the cases of special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered personally or by mail not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting. Notice shall be given by or at the direction of President or Secretary or the person calling the meeting to each Member of record entitled to vote at the meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to have been delivered when deposited in the United States Mail addressed to the Member at his address as it appears on records of the Association, with postage thereon paid.

**Section 6 - Waiver of Notice:** A written email of notice signed by a Member, whether before or after a meeting, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance of a member at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when the Member attends for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.



**Section 7 - Actions which may be taken without meeting- written ballot** 1. Any action which may be taken at any annual, regular or special meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if the association delivers a written ballot to every member entitled to vote on the matter. 2. A written ballot shall set forth each proposed action and shall provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. 3. Approval by written ballot pursuant to this section shall be valid only when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action, and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. 4. All solicitations for votes by written ballot shall:

(1) Indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements; (2) state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors; and (3)

Specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the corporation in order to be counted. 5. Except as otherwise provided in the articles or bylaws, a written ballot may not be revoked.

**Section 8 - Member Quorum:** A majority of members appearing in person or by ballot shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of Members. If a quorum is not present when a meeting starts, then a majority of the Members at the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice until a quorum is present.

**Section 9 - Votes:** Each Voting member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of Members.

**Section 10 - Order of Business:** The order of business at any regular meeting of the members shall be as follows: a. Roll call b. Proof of due notice c. Reading and disposal of minutes d. Report of Officers and Directors e. Election matters, if any f. Unfinished business g. New business h. Adjournment

### **Article III: Officers and Board of Directors**

**Section 1 - General Powers:** Its Officers and its Board of Directors shall manage the business of this association. The Officers and its Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal, and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law, or this Constitution and Bylaws, as they deem necessary concerning the conduct, management, and activities of GRHA, the admission, classification, qualification, supervision, and expulsion of members, removal of officers, the rules and regulations setting the procedure of such suspension,

expulsion or removal, the fixing and collection of dues and fees, the expenditure of money, the auditing of books and records, the conduction of shows, contests, and exhibitions and other details relating to the general purposes of GRHA, subject to the approval, revision, or amendment by the members at any regular or special meeting of the members called in accordance with this Constitution and Bylaws.

**Section 2 - Qualifications:** Only current members in good standing with ARHA and GRHA who reside in the State of Georgia and are over the age of twenty-one (21) as of the fiscal year may become Officers or serve on the Board of Directors. All Officers and Board members must agree to attend Board Meetings as set forth herein and must not have a felony conviction on record. At no time shall two immediate family members serve on the GRHA board during any term. Immediate family members shall be defined as siblings, spouse, significant other or parent/child relationships.

**Section 3 - Number and Position Restrictions:** The elected Officers and Directors of the Association will consist of a minimum of five (5) directors and/or officers and not more than ten (10) directors or officers at one time. The officers will consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. In addition to the designated officers the appoint by the President of Show Manager, Youth Director, and Communications/public relations Director shall be made from among the members of the Board of Directors. A director or officer shall be able to fill any two of the officer position, but no more than two, i.e. President and Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President. The President may not hold the Treasurer office. The Treasurer may not hold the office of Secretary.

**Section 4 - Election:** The Board of Directors shall consist of at least five (5) and not more than ten (10) members. One half of the directors are to be elected or re-elected each year and their term of office shall be for two years thereby having staggered terms. At the annual meeting of members Directors shall be elected. The Charter representative shall be elected or reelected every year. The election of Officers and Directors shall be performed by the current members in good standing and such election shall be held at the fiscal year-end meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 5 - Terms of Office:** The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve for a term of one (1) years. Members of the Board shall serve for staggered two-year- terms. Each year, one-half of the Board shall be elected or reelected.

**Section 6 - Vacancy:** In the event there is a vacancy of an Officer or Board member, whether caused by death, resignation, disqualification, termination, including a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number of directors or any other cause, the vacancy shall be filled by the affirmative



vote of the majority of the remaining Directors. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office only until the next election of the Directors by Members.

**Section 7 - Disqualification of Director:** During his or her term of service, any Director who misses three consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be immediately terminated as a Board Member. The President may grant a Board Member an excused absence for illness or other emergency.

**Section 8 - Annual Statements:** The Officers and Board of Directors shall present at each annual meeting of the Association a full and complete statement of the business and affairs of the Association for the preceding year. Such statement shall be prepared and presented in whatever manner the Officers and Board of Directors deem advisable and need not be verified by certified public accountant, unless the Board of Directors feel that such verification of the statement is warranted.

#### **Article IV: Duties of Officers**

**Section 1:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and will preside at all meetings of the Association. The President shall conduct the business of GRHA in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws and other rules and regulations of GRHA. The President will appoint all special and stating committees and conduct the business of the Association in accordance with the bylaws, rules, and regulations. The President will be an ex-officio member of all committees. Furthermore, he or she may also head a committee if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. The President will serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors and manage the affairs of the Association. He/she may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the Association thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contract, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Association, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed and executed and in general, shall be performed all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

**Section 2:** It will be the duty of the Vice-President to perform all duties of the President in the case of the President's absence, disability, resignation, or removal.

**Section 3:** It will be the duty of the Immediate Past President to being continuity to the newly elected Officers and Board Members he/she will be a voting member of the board for one term.

**Section 4:** A Charter Secretary shall be appointed to conduct all official business with GRHA and the American Ranch Horse Association (ARHA). The Charter Secretary shall not hold the position of Treasurer. The Charter Secretary shall set the agenda with input from the President and the Administrative Secretary. The Charter Secretary shall work in close harmony with the President and the Administrative Secretary. The Charter Secretary shall work in close harmony with the Show Manager in the keeping of the official exhibitor records necessary as deemed by the ARHA. The Charter Secretary may also serve as the Administrative Secretary.

**Section 5:** An Administrative Secretary shall be appointed by the President and shall keep the minutes of all meetings. The Administrative Secretary shall not also hold the Treasurer position. The Secretary's duties will consist of issuing all notices of meetings of the Board of Directors and members of GRHA; keep the master membership roll; issue membership cards or certificates conduct, supervise, count, and record the balloting of all elections; and perform such other and further duties as designated from time to time by the President. The Secretary shall report and function in close harmony with the President and Charter Secretary. The Administrative Secretary may also serve as the Charter Secretary. The Administrative Secretary shall be in charge of all correspondence including memberships and will keep an updated membership list.

**Section 6:** The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial business of the organization. Duties will consist of maintaining a checking account with signature cards for both the Treasurer and the President. The Treasurer shall collect all monies due to the organization in the course of regular operations. The Treasurer shall ensure that all expenses are distributed properly and timely. The Treasurer will report accurately to the President and the Board of Directors at regular meeting and complete a detailed annual report for the end of each fiscal year. The Treasurer will comply with and participate in all required activities.

**Section 7:** The President and treasurer shall be in charge of the daily operations' responsibility of organization, including, but not limited to decisions necessary for continuity of all functions. The President and treasurer shall not involve the Associations in agreements exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) without the consent of the Board of Directors.

**Section 8:** The President shall have the authority from time to time to create additional appointive offices and may delegate and assign to such office the duties and responsibilities he or she deems in the best interest of GRHA and necessary for its efficient operation.

**Section 9:** Any officer elected by the Board of Directors may be removed by 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors. However, in its judgment, the best interest of the Association would be served



thereby, by such removal shall without prejudice in the contract right, in any, if the person is so removed.

**Section 10: Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or other will be filled by means of succession for the remaining term of said office with the exception of the Immediate Past President. In the event that all Officer Positions become vacant, an Executive Director will be appointed by the Board and perform the duties of the Officers until an election is held at a special or the Annual Meeting of the Association. In the event the Board is unable to appoint an Executive Director, it will become the responsibility of the membership to appoint an Executive Director.

#### **Article V: Duties of Board of Directors**

**Section 1:** The Board of Directors shall have general charge of the affairs and finances and property of the Association, to which they shall report at the annual meeting.

**Section 2:** The Board of Directors will be empowered to fill officer (i.e. such as treasurer) vacancies occurring in said Board. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining Officers and Directors of the Association. Said appointee must still come under the criteria of Article II, Section 1 of these bylaws. A director appointed to fill that vacancy will continue to hold this position for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

**Section 3:** The Officers and Directors that make up the Board of Directors are responsible for attending all GRHA meetings at such time and place, as they shall determine. Notice and purpose of any special meeting shall be given at least five (5) days in advance by mail, phone, fax, or email to each Director. 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. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of two thirds (2/3) of the Officers and Board members, a majority of such quorum shall decide upon any question that may come before the meeting.

**Section 4:** Any Board of Director member that misses More than three (3) unexcused meetings per year may be replaced by the remaining Board of Directors. Unexcused shall be defined as without prior notice to the President or Secretary. Honorary directors are exempt from the absenteeism rule.

**Section 5:** Each Director and Officer shall be indemnified by the Association against any liability and/or expenses reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with the defense of any action suit,

or proceeding instituted in which he/she may be made party defendant by reason of his/her being or have been a Director or officer of the Association. Liability and/or expense shall include the cost of reasonable settlement made with a view of avoiding the cost of litigation and the payment of any judgment or decree entered in such action, suit, or proceeding. The Association shall not, however, indemnify such Director or officer with respect to matters as to which he/she shall be finally adjudged in any such action suit, or proceeding to have been derelict in the performance of his/her duties as such officer or Director, and in no way shall anything herein be so construed as to authorize the Association to indemnify as such director or officer against any liability he/she would be subject to by reason or willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his/her office. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of other rights to which any Director or officer may be entitled as a matter of law. Said indemnity shall also ensure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrator of such person.

#### ———— Article VI: Committees

**Section 1 -Creation of Committees:** The Board of Directors may by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board, designate an Executive committee and one or more other committees.

**Article X: Amendments** Amendments to the bylaws may be presented to GRHA Officers and Board of Directors as needed. These amendments will be voted on by the Board of Directors and/or held over for discussion and research by a bylaws committee before additional discussion and approval or disapproval by the Board of Directors and Officers.

**Dissolution Bylaw** In the event of the dissolution of GRHA, any assets remaining after club liabilities have been met will be turned over to another organization having similar nonpartisan, non-profit objectives as determined by a majority vote of the remaining members of GRHA. In such an event, a special meeting of the remaining members of GRHA will be called with no less than thirty (30) days notice of said meeting.

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### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

These rules and regulations are set by the Officers and Board of Directors of The Georgia Ranch Horse Association and will be reviewed annually.

#### **Section 1: Disclaimer of Responsibility for Safety**



**Under Georgia law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of animal activities, pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.**

GRHA does not assume responsibility for safety for participants or any third parties or horse or property at the shows, or any other events it sanctions. As an expressed condition to participate at any GRHA approved show each owner exhibitor, trainer, participant, spectator assumes the risks of participation, and releases and discharge GRHA, its officers, directors, representatives and employees from any and all liability, whenever or however, arising to personal injury or property damage occurring as a result of participation in an event conducted by the show or grounds thereof.

As between GRHA and Show Management, responsibility for participant safety remains solely with the Show Management. Show Management applies for GRHA approval on a voluntary basis, agreeing to conduct the show according to GRHA rules, which are designed to promote fair competition. Assumption of responsibility for safety by show management is required by GRHA as an express condition to grant the designation "GRHA approved show". GRHA's limited objective is to require, by rule enforcement, a "level playing field" of competition in order that performance of exhibitor and horse can be judged uniformly by competent judges; horses are identified by registration certificate; and perform or exhibit free or prohibited substances which could affect their performance. Safety is everyone's concern but GRHA does not assume responsibility for it.

## **Section 2: Liability**

GRHA, its officers, directors, members of committees, employees, representatives and agents will attempt to obtain true and complete information regarding all matters relating to GRHA activities. Except for intentional wrongdoing, neither the GRHA nor its officers, directors, members of committees, employees, representatives nor agents will be liable in any way, whether in damages or otherwise, for issuance of any certificate, cancellation of certificate, refusal to issue a registration certificate, refusal to transfer any certificate for any disciplinary procedure brought against or penalties imposed on any member or person or for any other activities engaged in, by or on behalf of the GRHA.

## **Section 3: Release of Liability**

GRHA and any co-sponsoring organizations or affiliates shall not be responsible for any personal injury, or loss or damage to property occurring at any GRHA activity. Each owner, exhibitor,

handler, spectator, or consignor shall indemnify and hold harmless the GRHA, its officers, directors, committees, and employees from and against all demands, causes of actions, and expenses of every kind, including attorney fees, arising out of or related in any manner to the acts or omissions of an owner, exhibitor, handler, or consignor or the actions of animal under the care, custody, or control of entry or consignment forms shall be deemed acceptance of the condition of this rule. In the event any entry or consignment form is not signed or presented, appearance on the grounds or at the sale ring of any GRHA activity as an exhibitor, handler, spectator, owner, or consignor shall deem to be acceptance of the condition of this rule.

#### **Section 4: Responsibility**

- A) The Georgia Ranch Horse Association will not assume the responsibility of settling civil disputes concerning financial settlements, ownership, health, or fertility.
- B) No person shall refuse the reasonable request to assist the Association, its officers, directors, committee, or agents in locating and inspecting or to answer promptly and truthfully any inquiry concerning an animal in his ownership or control, which has been registered or listed, for which application to register or list has been made, or to sign requested documentation. A violation of this rule may be grounds for disciplinary action.
- C) Accuracy of records furnished by GRHA, either as hard copy or on-line service, is warranted by GRHA only to the extent of using its best effort in the compilation thereof and solely for the benefit of the member or party purchasing the record. Reimbursement of the expense of the record on a showing of material inaccuracy is the sole remedy available to anyone receiving information from the GRHA. Consequential damages are expressly excluded. No warranties, express or implied, arise from record issuance, other than as stated therein, as the purchaser receives this record on an "as is" basis. For absolute accuracy, independent verification must be obtained from the current owner or his predecessor in title to the subject of the horse.
- D) In all proceedings concerned with or affecting the registration and records of GRHA and in all disciplinary actions, the burden of resolving any doubt as to the true identification of the animal, parentage or qualification for registration shall be upon the applicant, owner, lessee or other member(s) or non-members involved. The determination, decision or action of the Board of Directors upon all questions shall be final and binding upon all parties. As the owner has the burden of proof, by failure to present evidence concerning such questions, the owner shall be deemed to have waived his right to later present all such evidence to a court of law, if he seeks judicial review of the Association action.



- E) When an exhibitor, owner, or trainer is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, such person is subject to disciplinary action by GRHA, including but not limited to fines or suspension.

**Section 5: Membership Fees** Every member, by joining this association, filing registration or other documents with GRHA or participating in GRHA approved events does hereby agree to abide by the GRHA bylaws, rules, and regulations. Upon the purchase of a GRHA Membership, member agrees to abide by the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of ARHA and GRHA.

A GRHA membership is not required to participate in a GRHA event as long as the participant provides proof of a current ARHA membership, but a GRHA membership must be purchased to be eligible for GRHA year-end points to accumulate. GRHA points before current GRHA membership shall not be included in the overall year-end-award point totals. Only those points accumulated after membership in GRHA for the current year is paid in full shall be included in year-end-point standings. No points from ARHA or other ARHA-Charter earned points shall be included in GRHA year-end-point standings for year-end awards in the GRHA organization.

A. Annual family membership \$50.00 B. Annual individual membership \$35.00 C. Annual Youth (18 and under)

Membership \$25.00

#### **Section 6: Disciplinary Procedure**

Any member or non-member may be disciplined or suspended from the Association and may be denied all privileges of the Association by the Officers and Board of Directors, whenever it shall have been established by satisfactory evidence in a hearing conducted by the Officers and the Board of Directors that such a member or non-member has knowingly and willfully violated any Bylaws or Rules of the Association. Anyone who becomes a member of GRHA or becomes involved in a contractual agreement with GRHA accepts to be bound by all the Bylaws and Rules GRHA and renounces to any recourse, which he/ she may have against GRHA, so long as the latter acts in good faith in compliance with the Bylaws and Rules. A. Whenever anyone shall be accused of any violations, he/she shall be given not less than thirty (30) days written notice of a time and place for hearing such accusation by the Officers, Board of Directors, or by an appropriate committee, at such time and place he/she will have the opportunity, in person or by counsel to be heard and to present evidence in his/her behalf, and to hear and refute evidence offered against himself/herself.

- B. When a member or non-member is disciplined or suspended, the name of such member or non-member will be published in the GRHA Newsletter and on the GRHA website.

C. Any other disciplinary procedures regarding Show Conduct, abuse to horse, judge, show management, or contestants, etc, refer to the ARHA Handbook or your ARHA Show Representative.

D. The decision and action of the Board of Directors shall be final and binding on all parties. Any member or non-member may be suspended and/or denied privileges of GRHA, by the approved show official or official thereof, or may be denied privileges of the GRHA by the Treasurer of GRHA for the failure to pay when due any obligation owed to GRHA or for giving an insufficient check for entry fees, stall fees, office charges, premiums or any other fees, charges connected with the exhibition of ranch horses, provided, however, that fifteen (15) days before action by the Treasurer, written notice of the account due and the intention to suspend or withhold privileges of GRHA shall be delivered to such members or non-member. Any suspension and denial of privileges under

this section shall terminate upon full payment of the obligation due to GRHA. Every notice required by these rules and regulations may be served by delivery of a copy of the notice to the person to be served, or his/her attorney, either in person or by mail, postage prepaid, to his/her last known address as it appears on GRHA's records and upon mailing such notice, shall be deemed received by such person when it is deposited in the United States mail.

E. There shall be a \$25 charge for all returned checks. Furthermore, any unpaid bills by a member or non-member (entry fees, stall fees, shavings fees, advertising fees, sponsor commitment fees, etc) past sixty (60) days may be subject to disciplinary procedures. (Notification of ARHA if not paid within 14 days. Failure to pay debt in full within 14 days will result in suspension of GRHA privileges until debt is paid in full). Members and nonmembers with an outstanding debt to GRHA shall relinquish all privileges until a Cashier's Check or Cash pays the debt in full. A second violation of an insufficient check will result in all future GRHA transactions to be on a "cash only" basis.

**Section 7: Conduct and Protests** Any complaint or protest must be in writing and filed with the Secretary at the GRHA office. Upon receipt, all complaints or protests will be referred to the GRHA Officers and Board of Directors for investigation and recommendation. If, in the Officers and Board of Director's judgment, it is not sufficiently serious to warrant a full hearing, thereon, they will report the same with a recommendation for appropriate action. Any complaint or protest must be in writing, and filed with GRHA within ten (10) days of the incident. If the protest is disallowed, the protest fee will not be refunded. If the protest is allowed, the protest fee will be refunded. Furthermore, the person filing the protest will be liable for the cost of such protest and all damages which may result there from, if the protest is not sustained. In the event the Officers and Board of Directors does not uphold the complaint, the plaintiff will be responsible for any cost incurred.



**Section 8: All meetings of the Officers and Board of Directors will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order.**

**Section 9: Exhibitor Requirements**

- A. Every person competing in an ARHA approved class must possess and present a current ARHA membership card or copy of card issued by ARHA when making entry. An exhibitor that is not an ARHA member may fill out an ARHA membership application at the show. Amateur applications must be approved by (2) current ARHA members that are not members of the applicant's immediate family.
- B. Failure to present ARHA and GRHA cards or copy of cards will result in denial of entry.
- C. GRHA points shall count only after payment of GRHA membership has been made or after intention to join GRHA has been made on entry form together with a blank check left with the GRHA office staff prior to the beginning of the GRHA show in order for those points obtained at that show to count towards year-end awards.

**Section 10: Description of All Aged, Amateur & Youth ARHA Classes**

- A. All Aged: Classes are open to all contestants regardless of age or status possessing a current ARHA card or copy of the card.
- B. Amateur: Must possess and present a current ARHA Amateur Card or copy of the card.
- C. Youth: Must be 18 years (or under) of age on January 1, possess and present a current ARHA Youth Card or copy of the card.

**Section 11: GRHA Year End Awards - The following Year End Awards will be presented.**

- A. First and Second place awards will be presented to the top (2) two point earners of each class. Additional placing awards (3rd through 5th places) may be given upon the decision of the Board when funds are available.
- B. Only GRHA and ARHA points accumulated at GRHA shows shall be eligible for high-point award consideration. Points awarded at other ARHA-charter affiliate than GRHA shows, shall not be eligible for GRHA year-end-award totals.

C. Horse owner and exhibitor must be a member in good standing with ARHA & GRHA at the time of competition and at the time of Year-End-Award totaling for points to count toward year end awards.

D. Points to accumulate on a one-horse, one-rider format for youth and amateur classes. Points are to accumulate on an individual horse in all-age classes.

E. Points shall accumulate as according to the ARHA guidelines, with the exception of one GRHA point given to any horse showing in a class with only one exhibitor in that class unless the exhibitor is disqualified (DQ'd) resulting in no points being awarded. This GRHA point shall be eligible towards GRHA year-end-awards totals.

F. Year End awards will be presented at an Awards Banquet in January or February of the following year.

G. To be eligible for GRHA year-end awards, an exhibitor will be required to enter any classes at no less than four (4) horse shows during the show year.

H. GRHA will post the Year-To-Date Standings in the GRHA Newsletter and/or on the GRHA website.

I. Special Achievement Awards may be presented at shows at the discretion of the awards committee and approval of the Officers and Board of Directors.

J. Rookie of the Year Award: Rookie of the Year designation will be awarded based on the following guidelines:

- The exhibitor must be in their first year of showing in a riding event.
- The exhibitor cannot have won ANY breed association riding points (open, youth, amateur, novice) at any time prior to the year of the award.
- All eligible exhibitors must hold a current ARHA amateur/youth membership and a GRHA membership.
- The exhibitor must indicate their desire to compete for this award at the time they apply for membership.
- The award will be tabulated on total points accumulated on a one horse/one rider basis per calendar year, in their amateur/youth classes.
- Only one amateur and one youth "rookie of the year" designation will be awarded in each



division.

K. All current GRHA members in good standing shall be eligible for year-end-awards consideration without remuneration towards such awards.

## **Section 12: Amendments or additions to Rules and Regulations**

- A. These rules and regulations of GRHA are voted on and ratified by the Officers and Board of Directors and need not be presented to the General Membership for approval.
- B. Any changes to these rules and regulations must be proposed and presented by members of the Board of Directors and presented to the Officers and Board of Directors of the GRHA on or before the last meeting of the current year. The Officers and Board of Directors will then discuss these rules and regulations. Any additions or changes to these proposed rules would be discussed at a rules committee meeting and submitted for rework if necessary and voted on at that time if not. If final revisions are necessary they will be discussed at the following meeting, voted on, and ratified at or by the first meeting of the year. Any revised rules will be supplied to the General Membership through GRHA avenues such as newsletters, personal mailings, and website information or in rulebook format.
- C. Any and all interpretation decision to these Bylaw, Rules, and Regulations shall be the responsibility of the Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee and will advise the Officers and Board of Directors as to the meaning and/or purpose of said rule or Bylaw in question.

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