

**CHAPTER 7: MEMBERSHIP AND REGIONAL MAP**

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All AHA programs and events deadlines must be met as specified, whether submitted by hand delivery, postal service, fax, e-mail, internet or other electronic means.

**Note:** The term "Member Organization" is synonymous to "Club" throughout the AHA Handbook.

**MEM 101. MEMBERSHIP/BENEFITS AND FEES – Dues increase effective April 1, 2018**

Member Benefits	Adult	Youth	Multi-Owner	Business	Life
Fee	\$50	\$20	\$50	\$100	\$1500
Membership Card	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free Subscription to <i>Arabian Horse Life</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounts on Registration & Transfers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to "Members Only" on the web/free Competition records	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to AHA's Online Marketplace	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Breeders Sweepstakes enrollment & Breeders Incentive	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Halter & Perf. Futurity enrollment & renewals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Member Communications to keep you current about AHA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eligibility to join Discovery Farms & Mentor Network	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounts on DataSource – 1.3 million Arabian Horses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
AHA Handbook (by request)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free participation in Competitive Distance	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Participation in the Youth Convention	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Participation in Frequent Rider	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Participation in Open Event Incentive	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Special Life Membership Card	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓
Free Pass to all AHA National Events	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓
Free Show Program at all AHA National Events	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓
Required for an individual acting in the capacity of Show Manager or Show Secretary	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓

**Enhance your membership with one or more of these additional benefits**

Club Affiliation	Adult	Youth	Multi-Owner	Business	Life
Vote in your Club	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Be counted toward the delegation of that Club	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓
Opportunity to serve as voting delegate at the annual convention	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Become the officer in your Club	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Sizable discount on Competition Card	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Competition Card	Adult	Youth	Multi-Owner	Business	Life
Cost with a Membership through an AHA approved Member Organization (Club Member)	\$35	\$25	N/A	N/A	No added charge
Cost without a Membership through an AHA approved Member Organization (Club Member)	\$75	\$25	N/A	N/A	No added charge
Required for those competing in AHA Recognized Shows & Distance Rides	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Required to officiate at AHA Recognized Events (i.e. Judges & Stewards)	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
\$1 million personal excess liability insurance	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Sweepstakes prize money won in competition	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Halter & Perf. Futurity Competition payback	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Horse Achievement Awards	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Amateur Achievement Awards	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Dressage Rider Awards	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Distance Horse Awards	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
USDF All Breed Awards	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Recording Results of Open Qualifying Competitions (Chapter 12)	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓

**MEM 102. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

Refer to the AHA Bylaws, Article III, Section 1 for the definition and privileges of each category of membership.

1. Adult Member
2. Life Member
3. Youth Member
4. Business Member (includes Farm/Ranch)

- a. Provides membership for owner(s) with a horse registered under a Farm, Ranch, Trust, Syndicate, Partnership, Estates, Corporation, Limited Liability Company, Limited Partnership, commercial entity, etc.
- b. Does not grant individual membership privileges to those connected with business memberships.
- c. AHA provides business member names to those making general inquiries about Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses.

5. Single Event Member
6. Multi-Owners Member

**MEM 103. MEMBERSHIP YEAR, PAYMENT OF DUES, COMPETITION CARDS**

1. Refer to AHA Bylaws, Article III, Section 2 for definition of membership year and payment of dues.
2. Liability insurance is included for individual members who have a Competition Card.
3. All dues and fees are payable in U.S. funds
4. Applicable Goods and Services Tax (GST) must be included with Canadian resident dues.
5. Individual members may renew or join a Member Organization online, only if they are joining or renewing in a Linked Member Organization.
6. Memberships and/or Competition Cards are available online at [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org). Individual members may renew or join a Member Organization online, only if they are joining or renewing in a Linked Member Organization.
7. Membership dues and Competition Card fees are non-refundable without a policy decision from the AHA office.
8. Competition Cards will be issued to individual members ONLY. The Competition Card may be purchased at the same time as membership or any time within the anniversary year. The Competition Card will expire at the same time as the Membership. You cannot purchase a Competition Card without a Membership.
9. The three (3) year membership program is optional at the local club level. (Res. 9-95)

#### MEM 104. GENERAL RULES FOR MEMBERSHIP

The term "Membership" as used in MEM 102, 103, 104, 105, includes all membership categories as per the AHA Bylaws.

1. An officer of an AHA Member Organization must be an individual Member of AHA through that Member Organization.
2. An individual or Business Membership in AHA is required for enrollment, participation and receipt of prize money in AHA programs
3. Individual Adult Membership is required for all AHA Committee/Commission Members unless the committee description and make-up are prescribed otherwise.
4. Refer to Chapter 5 regarding "Contracts and Verbal" issues.
5. An Adult member must be a current AHA Member and have paid dues to their Member Organization as of the **June 30<sup>th</sup>** cutoff date to be counted towards their club's delegate strength. They must also be current at the time of Convention to be credentialed as that club's delegate.
6. An individual acting in the capacity of show manager or show secretary is required to have an active individual Adult AHA Membership at the time of recognition through the completion of the show results at the AHA office. (BOD 5/09)
7. An individual acting in the capacity of ride/drive manager or ride secretary is recommended to have an active individual Adult AHA membership for local rides/drives. (BOD 5/09) Regional and National Ride/Drive managers must have an active AHA membership. (BOD 3/15)

#### MEM 105. MEMBERSHIP WITH COMPETITION CARD REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS, SHOWS AND EVENTS

1. An individual Membership is required for AHA Judges, and Stewards/TD's, qualifications, Shows and Events. (BOD 10/18)
  - a. Specialty Judges and Guest Judges must hold either:
    - 1) A USEF/EC Membership, or
    - 2) An individual AHA Membership.
  - b. Only AHA approved judges and stewards who are Adult or Life Members and are current will have their names listed as AHA Approved Judges and Stewards. (Res. 41-90)
  - c. Owners: The owner of the horse is the person or persons or entity listed on the registration papers, the Lease Contract, or the Sale Contract.
    - 1) If an individual is listed as the owner on a horse's registration papers, the owner must be an Adult, Life or Youth member with a Competition Card.
    - 2) If multiple individuals are listed as owners on a horse's registration papers, one of the owners must be an Adult, Life or Youth member with a Competition Card.
    - 3) If a farm, ranch or business entity is listed as the owner on a horse's registration papers, that farm or business entity must be a Business member. (Refer to MEM 102.4)
  - d. Riders, drivers, handlers, coaches and trainers (the person who has care and custody of the horse on the show grounds) must be an Adult, Life or Youth member with a Competition Card.
  - e. Any person signing the entry form. Parents or guardians of minors must sign on the trainer line and write (Parent/Guardian) after the parent's name. In this case, the parent/guardian does not have to be an AHA member and need not pay the Single Event Membership fee.
2. Photocopies of AHA Membership with Competition Cards must be included with the horse entry forms at the time of entry. If necessary, Membership with Competition Card privileges may be verified on the AHA website or by phone with an AHA Representative. (Note: AHA Recognized shows may assess a fee for not providing this information)
3. Points or placings for AHA Programs and Regional and National qualifications will only be recorded for horses shown by participants who are AHA members and hold a Competition Card.

- a. Exhibitors in 10 & Under Walk-Trot/Jog/Showmanship classes are exempt from the membership requirement for AHA Qualifying Shows, however, must have AHA Membership with Competition Card for Regional and National Shows. (Res. 4-99)
  - b. Leadline classes are exempt from the AHA Membership with Competition Card requirements. (Res. 4-99)
4. The individual or sponsoring Show/Event Organization will be billed for the full amount owed for Single Event Membership(s) in the amount of \$35 for local level Shows/Events and for the full amount owed for Competition Level Membership(s) for Regional Level Shows/Events when correct fees are not submitted with results. (BOD 3/08) (BOD 8/08)

#### MEM 106. SINGLE EVENT MEMBERSHIP FOR QUALIFICATIONS, SHOWS AND EVENTS (RES. 2-94)

1. Each participant at an AHA Recognized Show, Division or Event must submit a valid AHA Membership with Competition Card, join AHA (Membership with Competition Card) at the show or pay a \$35 Single Event Membership fee per person/business. (Res. 5-02) (Refer to ETHICS 102.3) (BOD 8/08)
2. Single Event Members shall only have competition privileges for the duration of the event where the membership is purchased. (Res. 3-94) Single Event Membership does not include personal excess liability insurance coverage.
3. Single Event Membership is not available for Regional or National Competitions.
4. All AHA Recognized Shows, Divisions or Events must collect Single Event Membership fees. The AHA Member Organization Show shall retain 50 percent of the fee and submit 50 percent to AHA. Shows sponsored by non-affiliate entities or individuals shall submit all of the Single Event Membership fees to AHA. (Res. 3-94) All completed and signed Single Event Membership forms and fees must be submitted with the competition results.

#### MEM 107. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SHOWS AND RIDES

For all Regional and National Championship classes and rides, AHA Adult or Youth with Competition Card or Life, or Business Membership is required as per MEM 105. Proof of membership with Competition Card must accompany Show/Competition results when the member joins at the show. (BOD 8/04) Single event memberships will not be accepted at Regionals and/or Nationals.

(Exception: Exhibitors in Leadline classes, Refer to MEM 105.3.b.) (Res. 4-99)

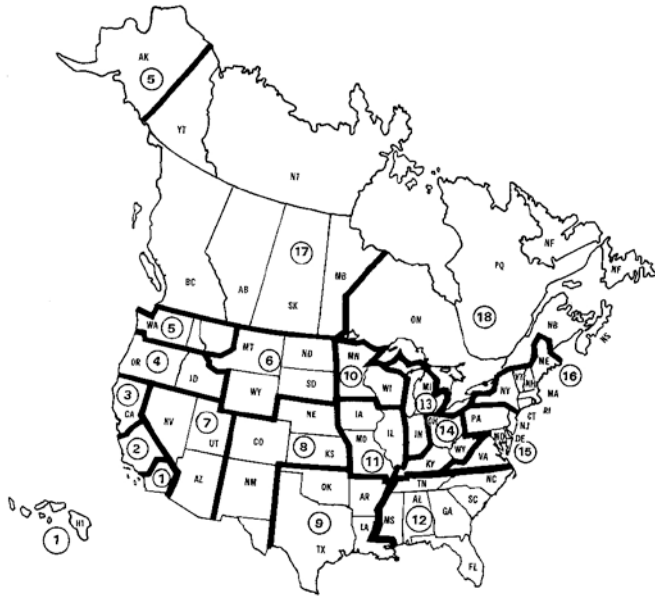
#### MEM 108. REGIONAL CHANGE POLICY FOR AHA MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS (CLUBS) (BOD 3/13)

In order for a Member Organization (Club) to change from one Region to another the following must take place at least 60 days prior to a motion coming to the AHA Board of Directors:

1. The Member Organization (Club) must take a vote from all their Adult voting members regarding the desire to transfer regions. This vote must be recorded on the motion form that goes forward to the AHA Board of Directors.
2. Both the outgoing and receiving Regional Directors should notify their adult voting delegates of the proposed change.
3. The outgoing and the receiving Regional Directors should ask for a vote from their respective adult voting delegates to approve the change.
4. These votes should be recorded and reported to the AHA Board of Directors. If no vote is taken, that will be reported to the AHA Board of Directors as well.
5. A motion could then be brought to the AHA Board of Directors for approval to transfer a Member Organization (Club) from one region to another.
6. Each affected region would have the opportunity to explain their position before the AHA Board of Directors takes a vote to move a Member Organization (Club) from one region to another region.
7. If the Member Organization's (Club's) original region does not approve the transfer of regions, the AHA Board of Directors will hear the arguments for and against and will be the final deciding body.

**MEM 109. REGIONAL MAP**

Various local Member Organizations exist in the 18 AHA Regions. To view Member Organizations in your area, visit the website at [ArabianHorses.org](http://ArabianHorses.org) or contact the AHA office for information.



**MEM 110. REGIONAL ADJUSTMENT**

AHA Regions may be adjusted or changed by the AHA Board of Directors after studying the recommendations from the Regions affected and after consideration by the Regional Committee. Such adjustments shall take into consideration the time necessary to effect the change without hardship to those affected. (Res. 11-73)