

NATIONAL REINED COW HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Section 1: This organization shall be a division of the National Reined Cow Horse Association, shall operate within the scope of the bylaws, rules and regulations of NRCHA, and shall be named the National Reined Cow Horse Youth Association.

Section 2: The objectives and purposes of the National Reined Cow Horse Youth Association, hereafter referred to as NRCHYA, shall be as follows:

- a) To develop and improve scholarship, leadership and community interest and participation of youth in the reined cow horse industry.
- b) To support the youth of the NRCHA with opportunities for scholarship, advancement and reward.
- c) To encourage high moral character and sportsmanship among all its members.
- d) To establish a means whereby youth members may work in conjunction with NRCHA Youth Activities Committee.
- e) To acquaint youth members with the parent organization, NRCHA, its structure and functions and to promote the reined cow horse industry for the present and the future.

Section 3: Individual Youth Members of the NRCHA will be allowed all privileges of a regular member of NRCHA, the parent organization, except the right to vote and hold office in the parent organization.

Section 4: The business and property of the NRCHYA shall be managed and controlled by the NRCHYA Board and the NRCHYA Advisory Committee, along with the NRCHA Staff Liaison.

Section 5: Meetings: The regular annual meeting or meetings of the NRCHYA shall be held at such time and place as they may be fixed by the NRCHA Board of Directors for the purpose of electing officers of the organization and for the purpose of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

Section 6: Powers of the Board: The NRCHYA Board and Advisory Committee shall have the power and authority to direct the affairs of the organization, including, but not limited to, the right to make, amend and repeal the constitution of the organization, as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management and activities of the organization, the admission, classification, qualification, suspension and expulsion of members, removal of officers, expenditure of money and other details relating to the general purposes of the organization, subject to the approval of the Advisory Board.

Section 7: NRCHYA Officers: The officers of the organization shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer who shall be elected from and by the NRCHYA Youth Members. Such officers shall hold office for a period of one year and until their successors are elected and

qualified. An officer must remain eligible for NRCHYA membership and a member in good standing for the duration of their term. (An officer cannot turn 19 before November 16 during the term in which they are serving.) Election shall take place prior to the annual NRCHYA Youth Meeting. That meeting will currently be held at the NRCHA Celebration of Champions but can be set at any time near the

beginning of the year by direction of the NRCHYA Youth Advisory Board.

(a) President: The president shall be the chief executive officer of the association and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the association, and shall preside at all meetings of the Officers and members. The president shall appoint all committees of the association subject to the approval of the NRCHA Board of Directors and NRCHYA Advisory Committee. The president shall have such other and further duties and authority as may be prescribed elsewhere in this constitution or from time to time by the Board of Delegates or by the NRCHA Board of Directors.

(b) Vice President: The vice president shall, in the absence, disability or inability of the president to act, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the president, and shall perform such other duties as the president shall prescribe from time to time.

(c) Secretary: The secretary shall attend all meetings and shall record or cause to be recorded all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings of NRCHYA.

(d) Treasurer: The treasurer shall have the responsibility of examining the financial need of specific projects and needs of NRCHYA, and reporting those costs to the NRCHYA Board. He or she shall be made aware of the continuing status of membership growth and corresponding payment of dues.

Section 8: NRCHYA Director: Annually, two Directors shall be elected to the NRCHYA Board. The duties of an NRCHYA Director are to enhance communication and serve as liaison between NRCHYA membership and the NRCHYA Board.

Section 9: Vacancies of Elective Offices: All vacancies in the elective offices of the organization shall be filled by the NRCHYA Board for the unexpired term, and those so appointed shall serve until the election and acceptance of their duly qualified successors.

Section 10: The Advisory Board of the organization shall consist of the NRCHA President, the NRCHA Vice President, the Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, the NRCHA Office Liaison and at least two adult representatives, appointed by the NRCHA Executive Committee. This Advisory Board shall assist the NRCHA Youth Advisory Committee in directing the activities of NRCHYA. All correspondence regarding NRCHYA shall be directed to the Youth Activities Department of NRCHA.

Section 11: Membership and election to office in NRCHYA is a privilege, not a right, which

may be terminated or refused for cause detrimental to the interest of NRCHYA, of which it is a division, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationship of its members. A member may be removed from the membership roll, an officer may be removed from office, a director may be removed from their position or an individual may be refused membership by the Advisory Board after prior written notice of the time and place of hearing, containing specification of charges, where the individual may attend, with counsel, to hear evidence against him, and present evidence on his behalf. The ruling or action of the Advisory Board may be appealed to the NRCHA Executive Committee by written request filed with the Executive Vice President within 15 days of the ruling date, which appeal shall, however, not suspend the effect of the ruling.