

CONSTITUTION WEST TENNESSEE HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME The name of this association shall be the West Tennessee Hunter Jumper Association (WTHJA).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1: This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, and to promote national and international amateur sports competition, and all phases of equestrian science and activities, with special emphasis on English riding, hunter seat, jumping, combined training, horsemanship, horse care and training, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under Section 503 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Section 2: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing and distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision on these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or by a corporations contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) if the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Section 3: Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purpose of the Corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The following classes of membership shall be offered: Life and Individual.

Section 2: Membership in the Association is required for the owner or lessee before a horse or pony may be eligible for points toward annual awards.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

Section 1: The annual dues of the organization shall be according to the type of membership as provided by the By-Laws.

Section 2: Dues must be current before a member may vote or hold office.

Section 3: Both renewals and new memberships must be received prior to the annual general membership meeting to be eligible to vote at same, applications to be accompanied by payment of dues.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: The governing body of this organization shall be its Board of Directors elected at the annual general membership meeting.

Section 2: The elected Board shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Show Manager, Show Coordinator, Statistician and other offices as deemed necessary shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Elections shall be by written ballot at the annual general membership meeting described in the By-Laws. The Association does not recognize absentee ballots or proxy votes.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1: The Association shall hold an annual general membership meeting, written notice of which shall be given no less than fifteen days prior to the appointed date.

Section 2: Special meetings of the general membership may be requested as described in the By-Laws.

Section 3: A quorum consisting of those members of the active membership present shall be necessary to conduct business at any general membership meeting.

Section 4: The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly, at least four times a year, notice of which shall be given to each director prior to each meeting.

Section 5: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be requested as described in the By-Laws.

Section 6: A quorum consisting of a simple majority of the elected members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to conduct business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNMENT

Section 1: The government of this organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors, as elected by the general membership.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall have the general management of the affairs of the Association and may make contracts in its name and on its behalf or authorize such contracts in its name and on its behalf or authorize such contracts to be made by officers of the Association providing that such contracts individually or collectively, do not exceed the financial reserves of the Association.

Section 3: The rules of USEF shall be followed in all cases unless specifically modified by this organization. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Constitution and its By-Laws and for the rules of USEF when applicable.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the membership present at any regular or special general membership meeting provided that written notice of such meeting is given at the previous meeting or by mail, email, or social media to each member at his last known address no less than fifteen days prior to the ensuing membership meeting.

Section 2: Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern in all matters not covered by the Constitution.