

BY LAWS OF THE
EASTERN MICHIGAN HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION (EMHA)
REVISED: January 18, 2025

ARTICLE I

The name of this association shall be the Eastern Michigan Horseman's Association (EMHA).

ARTICLE II

The Board of Directors shall consist of current active members.

Each Delegate will have one vote.

A "delegate" is defined as an active member of EMHA.

A delegate must be at least 18 years old.

The Executive Board of EMHA shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, two Pleasure Delegates, Point Secretary and two Contesting Delegates, elected at the annual meeting.

No two family members may hold a spot on the board at the same time.

ARTICLE III

Section 1

The purpose for which this association is formed is as follows:

- To standardize rules.
- To elevate standards of sportsmanship in competition.
- To strive to improve the procedure of shows.
- To establish competitive games.
- To promote general interest in horses and horse shows.
- To acknowledge individual achievement through year end recognition.

Section 2

This association, in its activities, shall be non-partisan and non-sectarian.

Section 3

This association shall have all powers conferred upon associations not for pecuniary profit by the laws of the state of Michigan as the same now exist, or may hereafter be enacted.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1

Membership shall be family or individual.

- Family membership is immediate family living in the same house. Single children shall be 22 years of age and under. A family membership shall receive two votes.
 - Immediate family is defined as parents, children, brothers, sisters, husbands and wives.
- Individual membership is any one person with one vote.

Section 2

Application for membership shall be in writing on uniform official membership form and signed by applicant.



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- Applications shall be accompanied by such dues as the by-laws prescribe. Copies of birth certificates are required for all riders 15 years old and younger.
- Any family member 18 years or older must provide a copy of a valid state identification (state ID or Driver's License) showing resident address.

Section 3

Admission to membership shall be constructed to mean and to be understood as a promise and agreement on the part of the applicant to obey all laws, rules, regulations and requirements thereof as long as membership continues.

Section 4

For good and sufficient reasons a member may be expelled from membership by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Before final action, an opportunity to appear before the boards and show cause, if any, why that member should not be expelled, must occur within 14 days of incident.

ARTICLE V

Section 1

The annual meeting of the association shall be held by the end of February every year.

Section 2

Special meetings of the organization may be called at any time by the President, or upon the written request of the membership of fifteen percent (15%) of the organization.

Section 3

Ten percent (10%) of the delegates in good standing shall constitute a quorum, either at a regular or special meeting association.

Section 4

There shall be a minimum of three regular meetings to be determined by the Board of Directors.

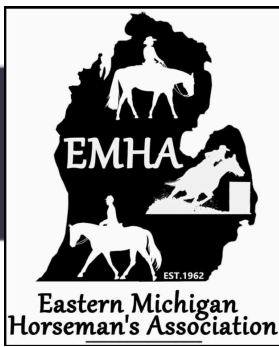
ARTICLE VI

Section 1

The Executive Board shall be elected from the general membership at the annual meeting. To qualify you must be 18 years of age, a member in good standing. The president shall have the power to fill all vacancies, subject to the approval of simple majority of the Executive Board, and shall submit in writing at the annual meetings a full and complete report of activities and finances of the association.

Section 2

The president shall begin taking nominations in October. Nominations will be accepted from the floor from members at the annual meeting. The President shall secure the consent from the nominees as a candidate for office. The election is to be held at the annual meeting and officials will take office at the end for the annual meeting they were elected



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Section 3

The election of officers will be by secret ballot and counted by and verified by two members of the Board of Directors. The results of the election will be certified by said tellers. Election of office will be by simple majority. The term of office is two years starting immediately following the annual meeting which elected and ending at the end of the annual meeting at the end of their 2 year term.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1 **President**

The President shall:

- Preside at all meetings of the association.
- Shall perform all duties to this office and advise such action as may be deemed likely to increase the usefulness of the association.
- Shall become an automatic lifetime member once term has expired.
- Receive correspondence concerning protests and channel correspondence to proper recipients.
- Preserve all books, documents and communication for 7 years.

Section 2 **Vice-President**

The Vice-President Shall:

- Act in the absence of the President. In the absence of both, the recording secretary and the treasurer shall preside.
- Confirm all nominees for the new Executive Board of Directors are paid members in good standing.
- Manage public relations, social media and advertising.
- Shall become an automatic lifetime member once term has expired.

Section 3 **Recording Secretary**

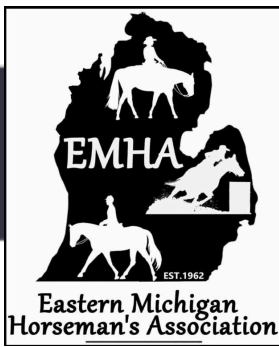
The recording secretary shall:

- Conduct all official correspondence.
- Maintain and keep accurate records of all proceedings of the association at any and all meetings.
- Perform such duties that are incident to the office.
- Must attend all delegate meetings and be a member in good standing.

Section 4 **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall:

- Make reports to the Board of Directors at regular meetings, minimum of 4 reports to be presented annually.
- Receive and disburse the funds of the association, subject to rules prescribed by the Board.



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- Keep all monies of the association deposited in its name and keep adequate records of receipts and disbursements.
- The bank deposit record shall be sufficient receipt for monies deposited.
- Bond may be required in such a sum as the Board of Directors determines.
- Check signing authority: All checks drawn on the organization's accounts shall require the signature of two authorized officers, as designated by the Board of Directors, to be valid.

Section 5 **Point Secretary**

The point Secretary shall:

- Compile a membership list.
- Compile a show season schedule.
- Keep an accurate record of members points accrued during the show season.
- Publish updated point standing 48 hours after close of each show.
- Bring current point standings to each show.
- Make available through the EMHA website and Facebook Page, final point standings to membership awards committee.
- Keep class lists and entries up to date at the shows.
- Must attend all meetings and be a member in good standing.
- Be paid \$5 for each individual membership of EMHA a \$10 for each family membership of EMHA, Payable at the end of show season.
- Prepare an annual membership report to be presented at the annual meeting.

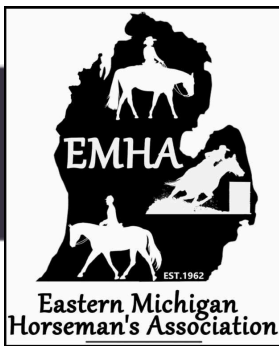
Section 6 **Pleasure/Contest Committee**

- Consists of two members from each; pleasure and contesting.
- They handle complaints and grievances at shows.
- Elections will be held during the annual membership meeting, for a two year term.
- They must attend 75% of delegate meetings and be a member in good standing.

Section 7 **The Board of Directors as a whole**

The Board of Directors as a whole shall:

- Handle protests from active members and participating non-members.
 - All show protests will be resolved before the show can continue.
- Act as an awards committee.



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- Awards will be awarded by mean of appropriate equine related award with EMHA screen printed or embroidered on awards, if possible and/or EMHA award Gift Card.

ARTICLE VIII

- The fiscal year of the association shall be from January 1 to December 31 inclusive.
- The Executive committee shall manage the financial affairs of the association.
- Notes, contracts or other obligations for the payment of funds made or entered into by or on behalf of the association, shall be signed by two of the following – President, Vice President, or Treasurer.
- All funds collected by any division or committee of the association shall be deposited in the treasury, and all bills paid from such funds shall be audited in the same manner at the general funds of the association.
- All checks written by EMHA treasurer must be cashed within 30 days.

ARTICLE IX

The proceedings of the association and the Board of Directors shall be guided by “Robert’s Manual of Parliamentary Rules”

ARTICLE X

These by-laws may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present at any regular or special meeting. Provided notice of the proposed change shall have been ready by the secretary or a copy of said proposal presented or mailed to each delegate during a meeting at least thirty (30) days before the meeting at which such action is to be voted upon.