

# **Idaho Hunter Jumper Association Articles**

## **Article I**

Section 1: The name of the association shall be “Idaho Hunter Jumper Association.”

## **Article II**

### **Objects and Purposes**

Section 1: The general nature of the business of the Association and the objects and purposes proposed to be transacted, promoted and carried on by it are as follows:

To sanction shows held in the State of Idaho and surrounding western region for the purpose of presenting annual high point awards to duly qualified horses and riders.

## **Article III**

### **Meetings**

Section 1: Place of meetings; Meetings of the members must be held within the State of Idaho. Executive Board meetings may be held outside the State of Idaho.

Section 2: Annual meeting of members; An annual meeting of the members shall be held in each year in the month of December or January, one of the purposes which shall be the election of the Executive Board.

Section 3: Special Meetings of Members; A special meeting of the members may be called at anytime by the president of the Association or by a majority of the Executive Board. The method by which such a meeting may be called at any time is as follows: The secretary will notify all members in writing via e-mail or mail, setting forth the date, time, and objects of such meeting.

Section 4: Notice of Meeting of Members: At least 10 days prior to the date fixed for the time and place of such meeting shall be mailed, or e-mailed, as hereafter provided, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting.

Section 5: Meetings of the Board; Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President at any time.

Section 6: All meetings of Idaho Hunter Jumper Association shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

## **Article IV**

### **Executive Board**

Section 1: The business of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Board of not less than (8) eight members. The specific number for any year shall be fixed by the members at the annual meeting, or at any meeting held for the purpose of electing a member or members to the Executive Board. Each member shall be elected to serve either a (3) three year or (1) year term, and shall represent Western, Central, and Eastern regions. Each member shall be elected to serve until his successor shall be elected and shall qualify. The members of the Executive Board must be members of the Association and must sign any code of ethics adopted by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Who shall be on the Executive Board: The Executive Board shall consist of those members who have been elected at annual meetings. The Executive Board will then appoint a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer from said Executive Board. The Board will annually appoint committees as needed.

Section 3: A majority of the Executive Board shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4: Members of the Executive Board may be removed from office at a duly called special meeting by a majority of all members voting for removal. The Executive Board may fill vacancies so created if the members fail to fill vacancy at the time of the special meeting called for removal. Once removed, an officer is not eligible for office until the date when the next election is held.

## **Article V** **Officers**

Section 1: The Officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and a Treasurer. They must be duly elected Executive Board members. Executive Board members elect officers who shall serve in that capacity for one year or until replaced by another elected member.

Section 2: The President shall preside at all Executive Board and member's meetings; shall have general management of the affairs of the Association; shall appoint and discharge all agents and employees, subject to the approval of the Executive Board to remove or discharge the same and shall perform all such duties as are incident to his office or as may be required of him by the Executive Board. The President may appoint committees, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall in the absence or incapacity of the President perform the duties of that office.

Section 4: The Secretary of the Association shall keep the minutes of all Executive Board and member's meetings and shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the Association and shall attest with his/her signature all

meeting minutes, and shall perform all such duties as are incident to his/her office or may be required of him/her by the Executive Board.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall keep regular books of the account and shall submit them together with all his/her other records and papers to the Executive Board at any meeting when required to do so. He/she shall, if required to do so by the Executive Board, give such bond for the faithful performance of his/her duties as the Executive Board may determine and shall perform all such other duties as are incident to his/her office or as may be required by the Executive Board. The Executive Board, at its discretion, may order a periodic financial review.

Section 6: In addition to the foregoing officers, the Executive Board may, from time to time, elect such other officers as they deem proper, with such duties as they see fit.

## **Article VI** Committees

Section 1: Appointment of Committees: The Executive Board, or the President, subject to approval by the Executive Board, may create one or more committees and appoint members to serve on them. Each committee shall have two or more members, one of which shall be a Board member, to serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board.

Section 2: Standing Committees: The Executive Board shall have the following standing committee:

Rules Committee: to consist of at least three members appointed at the annual general meeting. Members may also include show managers, show stewards, and show secretaries for the purpose of dealing with protests, disputes, and grievances.

## **Article VII** Quorum

Section 1: Quorum of Members: A quorum of members at any general meeting shall consist of not less than ten (10) members in addition to the majority of the Executive Board.

## **Article VIII** Voting and Elections

Section 1: Who is Entitled to Vote: Except as the articles or an amendment or amendments otherwise provide, each regular member in good standing of the Association, shall at every meeting of the members be entitled to one vote in person or by signed absentee ballot received before the start of the meeting.

**Article IX**  
Membership and Dues

Section 1: Any person is eligible for membership upon payment of dues in an amount established by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 2: Privileges: Members of the organization in good standing shall be entitled to hold office, to vote, and to receive notice of meetings. They may also be eligible to ride in Medal and to receive points in equitation classes. Members may nominate horses who are then eligible to receive points to count toward high point awards.

Section 3: Any member may be removed from membership by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting or at any special meeting of the members called for the purpose, for conduct deemed prejudicial to this Association, provided that such member shall have first been served written notice of the accusation against him/her, and shall have been given opportunity to produce his/her witnesses, if any, and to be heard, at the meeting at which such vote is to be taken.

**Article X**  
Amendment of By-laws

Section 1: These by-laws may be amended, altered, changed, added to or repealed by the affirmative vote of a 2/3 majority of the members entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting of the members if notice of the proposed amendment, alteration, change, addition or repeal be contained in the notice of the meeting.

**Article XI**  
Assets of the Association

Section 1: Any net assets which may be acquired by the Association shall be distributed only upon dissolution to any recognized charity agreed upon by members at the time of dissolution.

**Article XII**  
High Score Awards

Section 1: Rules and regulations for High Score Awards are to be fixed at the annual meeting without further changes for that year.

Section 2: 1) Horses must be owned or leased by Members of IHJA before points will be counted. 2) Points to go with the horse during the year in case of change of ownership, providing the new owner is or becomes a member. No points to count until the owner is a paid member. 3) If horse's name is changed during the year,

owner must notify the points chairman so proper horse is credited with points. 4)  
Equitation points to be tabulated for any IHJA Member as of the date  
membership dues are paid.

Section 3: Point scoring system to be determined at the annual meeting.