

**Harmony Riders Association Inc.**

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**Membership Policy**

The Membership Policy is intended to give a more “in depth” clarification of membership as defined in the By Laws. It may not supersede or conflict with said By Laws, but may contain additional descriptions, rules, and formats pertaining to membership and membership levels.

Membership in the Corporation shall be limited to those persons owning or leasing at least one horse or pony at the time of application. Application for membership shall be free of discrimination due to race, color, and religion. The Board of Directors reserves the right to deny temporary membership for reasons of just cause.

Membership in the corporation is subject to provisions of our liability insurance policy. The complete policy can be reviewed upon request. The following excerpt from endorsement is included:

- Exclusion – medical payments to members (horseback riding clubs). Commercial General Liability Coverage Part:
  - With respect to the operation of any horseback riding club by you or on your behalf the following exclusion is added to Coverage C (section I):
    - We will not pay expenses for “bodily injury” to any member.

There are three levels of membership. They are; Temporary, Permanent, and Lifetime.

**Temporary Membership**

Upon completion of application procedure, applicant becomes a temporary member.

Temporary members have certain rights. They are allowed to participate in club events, having access to the common club grounds during Special Events.

They also have certain restrictions. They will not be allowed use of the grounds (clubhouse, barns, arena, etc.) at any time outside of specified dates of Special Events.

Temporary members must also follow all Ground Rules, Barn Rules, and Special Event Rules. They are subject to all By Laws and policies.

Temporary members may upgrade to a Permanent membership if they do so on or before the last scheduled Special Event of the year. They will pay the balance of the application fee and probation year will begin on the original date of joining. All requirements of Permanent Membership will apply.

**Application Process:**

When applying for membership, applicant will choose from one of two temporary membership levels.

**Single Event:**

- A Temporary Member for a single event only.
- A Single Event includes both days of a weekend if events are scheduled both days.
- Temporary Member is placed on a list for the single event only.
- Membership ends with the close of event.
- Application fee of \$10.00.
- If additional events are attended, member may upgrade to a season pass by paying balance of Season Pass fee (\$15.00).

**Season Pass:**

- A Temporary Member for all Harmony Special Events in the current calendar year.
- Temporary Member is placed on a list carried over for all events of the year.
- Membership ends with the end of the last Harmony Event of the year.
- Application fee of \$25.00.
- No Member privileges between events. See Temporary Membership description above.

**Permanent Membership**

## Application Process:

- Application fee of \$75.00 for membership. Membership includes applicant, as well as spouse and children under age 18 if applicable.
- Children turning 18 must apply for their own permanent membership the January following their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Lifetime membership accrual begins at the time they become a permanent member.
- A year probationary period begins upon date of application and is reviewed by the Board of Directors at the closest scheduled BOD meeting following the completion of time period.
- During probationary period, Member will not be allowed to hold office or apply for a Member Area.
- Members will be required to show active participation in the club in order to be voted in as a permanent member following the probation period. Reference the “Active Working Member Defined” document for requirements.

Permanent Membership is granted upon acceptance of the member by the Board of Directors following the year probation period.

Permanent members remain in good standing upon payment of scheduled membership dues as provided in Article II, Section 3 of the By Laws.

Permanent members are granted all benefits as given by the By Laws and Policies and are subject to all rules, and procedures within.

**Lifetime Membership:**

Lifetime Membership will be bestowed on the following basis:

- When a permanent member or spouse becomes age 65 and has 15 years of continuous membership.
- When a permanent member or spouse has 25 years of continuous membership.

Lifetime members remain as permanent members with the exception that they are no longer required to pay dues.

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**Guests:**

A permanent member may bring guests onto the grounds in a spectator capacity only. No nonmember participation in horseback riding allowed at any time.

Harmony Riders Association Inc. Membership Application

**Permanent**

In completing the following application, I understand that:

- Upon completion of application procedure, I (plus any applicable family members), will become a Permanent Member.
- I will be given a membership card, which must be carried at all times when on the grounds.
- I have certain rights and restrictions as outlined in the Membership Policy. Membership Policy is available for review upon request or download from the website.
- I enter into a one year probationary period during which time I will be required to show active participation in the club in order to be accepted as a permanent member. Reference the “Active Working Member Defined” document for requirements.
  - Active participation examples would include – attending meetings, involvement in work sessions, special event help (ring crew, secretary stand, kitchen, etc.), and serving on committees.
- I will receive written notice of acceptance or rejection of permanent membership, from the recording secretary, following the year probationary period.
- I must own or lease at least one horse or pony. Copy of current Negative Coggins and Rabies Certificate must accompany application.
- Dues and initiation fees must accompany application.

Application fee:

- Membership: \$75.00  
(Membership includes applicant, as well as spouse and children under age 18, if applicable)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Family membership only list names of: (use back of form if more room is needed)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

How many horses do you own or lease? \_\_\_\_\_ Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

What types of horse activities do you enjoy or participate in? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant) (Date)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Harmony Representative) (Date)

Harmony Riders Association Inc. Membership Application  
**Temporary**

In completing the following application, I understand that:

- Upon completion of application procedure, I will become a Temporary Member.
- I have certain rights and restrictions as outlined in the Membership Policy.
- Membership Policy is available for review upon request or download from the website.
- No Member privileges between events.
- I may upgrade my Single Event membership to a Season Pass at any time during the year by paying the balance of the application fee.
- I may upgrade to a Permanent membership if I do so on or before the last scheduled Special Event of the year. I will pay the balance of the application fee and probation year will begin on the original date of joining. All requirements of Permanent Membership will apply.
- I must own or lease at least one horse or pony. Copy of current Negative Coggins and Rabies Certificate must accompany application.
- Fees must accompany application.

Application fee: (check box)

- Single Event: \$10.00
- Season Pass: \$25.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Family membership only - list names of: (use back of form if more room is needed)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

How many horses do you own or lease? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant) (Date)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Harmony Representative) (Date)