

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.

By Laws ARTICLE II: MEMBERS

Section 1.

Members.

Membership in the Corporation shall be open to any individual interested in supporting and furthering the mission of the Corporation.

“The mission of the Corporation is to further the association of persons interested in pleasure horses and to promote social and educational activities based on horses”

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 the 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. Temporary membership does **not** allow use of the grounds (clubhouse, barns, arena, etc.) **at any time** outside of specified dates of Special Events. Non-member participation in horseback riding is **NOT allowed** at any time. Temporary members will not occupy/park in permanent member assigned areas without prior permission.

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, applicants will choose from one of three 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 for both days.
- Membership ends with the close of the event.
- Application fee of \$10.00, which covers only one event. Additional events are assessed at \$10.00 each.

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 with no Member privileges between events. See Temporary Membership description above.

Drill Team:

- Available to prospective Drill Team members following the team's regular season (last exhibition) to allow them to practice with the team and attend team functions.
- Membership ends with the end of the last Rodeo Drill team practice/event of the year.
- Application fee of \$25.00.
- No Member privileges between practices/events. See Temporary Membership description above.

Permanent Membership

Application Process:

- Application fee of \$75.00 for membership. Membership includes the 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 18th 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. Members will meet with the Board of Directors toward the end of the probationary year.
- During the probationary period, Members 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. Members are encouraged to attend the club meetings that are held at 8pm on the 3rd Friday of every month, January through November.

Permanent Membership is granted upon acceptance of the member by the Board of Directors following the years' 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 and as further defined in the Active Working Member Defined document:

"Permanent Member in Good Standing:

A permanent member who is current on payment of dues, has satisfied hourly requirements, and is not on disciplinary probation by the Board of Directors. Life Members are exempt from dues and hourly requirements."

Membership Dues are due January 1st of each year and must be paid within 60 days to be a member in good standing.

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:

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- 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 nor complete Active Working Member hours.

Guests:

A permanent member may bring guests onto the grounds in spectator capacity only.

No nonmember participation in horseback riding allowed at any time.

Harmony Riders Association Inc. Membership Application
Permanent

I, the applicant, understand that:

- Upon completion of application procedure, I (plus any applicable family members), will become a Probationary Permanent Member.
- 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. I am aware that the Active Working Member Defined Document is posted on the club website (www.harmonyriders.org) for reference.
- I have certain rights and restrictions. These are stated in the Membership Policy which is posted and available for review on the club website (www.harmonyriders.org)
- Dues (\$75/year) must accompany this application. Club dues are due the 1st of January for all subsequent years, regardless of the initial membership date.
- I will receive a membership card, which will be available at all times when on the grounds.
- I will meet with the Board of Directors near the end of the probationary year to discuss permanent membership.

Applicant Name: _____ Married _____ Single _____

If married, name of Spouse: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ E mail: _____

Children under 18: _____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

My signature indicates that I have read the entire document and that I have completed the document with true and honest information.

Applicant Signature: _____
(Applicant) (Date)

Signed: _____
(Harmony Representative) (Date)

Welcome to Harmony Riders Permanent Membership

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We welcome your permanent membership to
Harmony Riders Horse Club.

We have prepared a quick reference sheet to help you
get familiar with the club.

- The website, www.harmonyriders.org, is packed with information. Check out the documents tab for forms, policies, rules, bylaws, show programs, etc.
- The Facebook page, Harmony Riders, provides information, updates, pictures, etc.
- There are club meetings at 8pm on the third Friday of every month, except December. Leadership voting in November. No meeting in December.
- The names and contact numbers of the current president and board members are listed on the website.
- The dues of \$75 are due January 1st of every year, regardless of your initial start date.
- Dues paid after March 1st are accepted, however your seniority is lost and your membership changes to that of a first-year provisional member.
- A member area can be requested after completing the provisional year.
- All members **without** an assigned member area are required to complete **10** hours of active participation and track those hours in the notebooks provided in the kitchen and the secretary's stand.
- All members **with** an assigned member area are required to complete **25** hours of active participation and track those hours in the notebooks provided in the kitchen and the secretary's stand.
- You are ultimately responsible for knowing and abiding by the rules and policies of the club. We hope this document helps you know where to find that information. But, when in doubt, reach out.

Harmony Riders Association Inc. Membership Application
Temporary

I, the applicant, understand that:

- Upon completion of the application procedure, I, the applicant, becomes a Temporary Member.
- I have access to common areas on club grounds during club special events, such as shows and club organized trail rides.
- I understand that I have certain restrictions. These are stated in the Membership Policy which is posted and available for review on the Club website, www.harmonyriders.org.
- I understand that I must be aware of and follow all Ground Rules, Barn Rules, and Special Event Rules. I am subject to all By Laws and policies. These are available for review on the Harmony website, www.harmonyriders.org.
- I am NOT allowed to use the Club grounds at any time outside of the specified dates of Club Special Events.
- Single Event temporary membership is \$10 and ends at the close of the single special event.
- Season Pass temporary membership is \$25 and ends at the close of the last club special event.
- Drill Team temporary membership is \$25 post season and ends at the close of the last Drill Team practice or post season event.
- As a Single Event temporary member, I am NOT permitted to arrive and ride the Friday before the event.
- As a Season Pass temporary member, I am permitted to arrive and ride the Friday before the event, after 2pm.
- As a Season Pass temporary member, 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.
- Fees must accompany application.

Applicant Name: _____ Married _____ Single _____

If married, name of Spouse: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ E mail: _____

Children under 18: _____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

My signature indicates that I have read the entire document and that I have completed the document with true and honest information.

Applicant Signature: _____
(Date)

Harmony Representative _____
(Date)

Welcome to Harmony Riders
Temporary Membership

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We welcome your temporary membership to
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- The Facebook page, Harmony Riders, provides information, updates, pictures, etc.
- The names and contact numbers of the current president and board members are listed on the website.
- The season pass of \$25 is paid at the first attended event and covers all remaining events for the season.
- A temporary member has club ground access only for events. You may not use the grounds at any time between events.
- A temporary member should park in open areas and never occupy a permanent member area or use the electricity provided at those areas.
- Only those with a membership are allowed to be on horses while on the grounds.
- A Season Pass temporary member can upgrade to a permanent member any time prior to the last event of the season.
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