

**BYLAWS OF THE
INLAND EMPIRE HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be
“**INLAND EMPIRE HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION**”.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be: To promote the interests of owners and exhibitors of “**Hunters, Jumper Horses;**” to organize the competition of horses; to cooperate with exhibitors and officials of competitions sponsoring or featuring horses and riders to encourage and develop public interest in and support of competitions; to publicize and advertise such competitions in the Inland Empire; and to encourage and assist owners, exhibitors and breeders of horses to maintain, develop and improve the qualities and strains of horses of the “**Hunter, Jumper Horse**” classes.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. CEO. The CEO shall preside at all meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. He shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors and shall vote only in the event of a tie. He shall be a member ex officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

B. President. The President shall perform the duties of the CEO in his absence, or at his request.

C. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.

D. Secretary. The Secretary shall perform all duties of a corporate secretary and other such duties as the Board and/or Executive Committee may designate.

E. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall oversee and account for all of the funds of the Association and perform such other duties as the Board and/or Executive Committee may designate. The Treasurer shall produce an Annual Financial Report for distribution at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three types of membership in this Association (A) Regular, (B) Junior and (C) Trainer.

A. Regular Member (Senior Member). Any person 18 years of age and over, acceptable to the Executive Committee, may become a Regular (Senior) Member upon filing an application for membership and paying the dues fixed by the Association. Regular Members in Good Standing shall have voting. Power.

B. Junior Member. Any person under 18 years of age, acceptable to the Executive Committee, may become a Junior Member upon filing an application for membership and paying the dues fixed by

the Association. Junior members shall have no voting power.

C. Trainer Member. Any person 18 years of age and over, acceptable to the Executive Committee, who is a Trainer may become a Trainer Member (considered a Regular or Senior Member) upon filing an application for membership. There is one free Trainer Membership per stable/barn. Trainer Members in Good Standing shall have voting. Power.

ARTICLE V - RULES

A. Rule Changes. The Association accomplishes its purposes through a set of rules created by the Association's Directors. Rules may be changed, added, and deleted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

B. Board of Directors. It is the duty of the Board of Directors to uphold the rules of the Association as set forth in the "Inland Empire Hunter Jumper Association Official Rules."

C. Member Rules. It is the duty of the Regular (Senior) and Junior Members of the Association to follow the rules of the Association as set forth in the "Inland Empire Hunter Jumper Association Official Rules."

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

A. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members of this Association shall be upon a day selected by the Executive Committee during January of each year, and if the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter. The Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting by a vote of the Regular Members. They shall take office at the next meeting and hold such office for the term of two (2) years, or until their successors are elected.

B. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Association may be held at any time upon call of the CEO, or upon the call of the Executive Committee. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given to all Directors, Officers, and Members in good standing, in writing, by United States Mail not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed by the Executive Committee.

C. Directors Meeting. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the second Tuesday of every odd month at a place determined at the previous meeting or as the CEO may, from time to time, determine. Two-thirds of the Board members shall constitute a quorum. The Directors of the Association shall be elected prior to the annual meeting every other year by a vote of the Senior Members.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

A. Directors. This Association shall be governed by a board of four (4) Directors, who shall be **Senior** Members, elected by the **Senior** Membership by ballot every other year prior to the annual meeting and

to hold office for the term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

B. Officers. The Officers of this Association shall be CEO, President, First Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Officers shall be members of the Board of Directors.

C. Executive Committee. The Officers of the Association shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of all the business and activities of the Association, in accordance with the general policies of the Association and the Directors, and consistent therewith. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the entire Board of Directors.

D. Resignation. Resignation of a Director may be accepted by a majority of the Directors or the Executive Committee. Any Director vacancy may be filled by taking the next in line from the section of the current ballot from which the resigning Director was elected.

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ARTICLE VIII - GENERAL PROVISIONS

No member shall commit any act which shall discredit or reflect in any negative way upon the Association.

ARTICLE IX - SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

Any Director of this Association who, without good cause, is absent from two or more meetings of the Board of Directors, may, at the option of the remaining Directors be removed from said Board of Directors, by a majority vote of the remaining Directors. Written notice of his proposed removal shall be given to such Director at least fifteen days before the date of the regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors at which the vote on the question of his removal will be taken. In the event of the removal of a Director under this paragraph, he shall forfeit all his rights to such office or to any office of the Association which he may hold at the time. His successor to the office of Director shall be the next nominee in line of balloting. Successor shall serve until the next election of the Board of Directors.

Charges against any Member may be preferred by any Member in good standing. They shall be in writing and clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Board of Directors to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing of the meeting to each Member of the Board of Directors, and to the accuser, and to the accused, which notice will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be introduced by any **Board Member** at any regular Board Meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, provided a copy of the proposed amendment or amendments shall have been filed with the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting. A two-thirds vote of the **Board Members** present, in person or by proxy, shall be required to approve and adopt such amendments.