

**CHAPTER 7: MEMBERSHIP AND REGIONAL MAP**

All AHA programs and events deadlines must be met as specified, whether submitted by postal service, fax, e-mail, internet or other electronic means.

**ARTICLE 701. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

Refer to the AHA Bylaws, Article III for the definition and privileges of each category of membership.

1. Adult Affiliate Member
2. Associate Member
  - a. Not applicable for AHA Competitions
3. Direct Member
4. Life Member
5. Youth Member
6. Business Member (include Farm/Ranch)
  - a. Provides membership for owner(s) with a horse registered under a Farm, Ranch, Trust, Syndicate, Partnership, Estates, Corporation, Limited Liability Company, Limited Partnership, commercial entity, etc.
  - b. Does not grant individual membership privileges to those connected with business memberships.
  - c. AHA provides business member names to those making general inquiries about Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses.
7. Single Event Member

**ARTICLE 702. MEMBERSHIP YEAR AND PAYMENT OF DUES**

Refer to AHA Bylaws, Article III, Section 3 for definition of membership year and payment of dues.

1. Membership Benefits and Fees Chart

Membership Benefits and Fees						
	Affiliate	Associate	Direct	Youth	Life	Business
Voting privileges	✓			Through AHYA	Through a club	
Insurance (U.S. Only)	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Competition privileges	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Eligibility to participate in AHA Programs	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
AHA Handbook	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounts on Registrations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Member Only Access - Online	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Member Communications	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eligibility to participate in Arabian Horse America programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Membership Card	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
AHA Membership Fees						
U.S. Residents	*\$45	\$20	\$85	*\$20	\$1,000	\$54
Canadian Residents (includes 7% GST)	*\$41.73	\$21.40	\$84.53	*\$14.98	\$1,070	\$57.78
U.S. Residents Three-year payment	*\$125	\$55	NA	NA	NA	NA
Canadian Residents Three-year payment (includes 7% GST)	*114.49	\$58.85	NA	NA	NA	NA

\* Plus Affiliate Member Organization Dues

2. All individual youth and adult members in the U.S. will automatically be assessed an additional \$6 per year for the benefit of personal excess equine liability insurance except Life members, who receive insurance at no extra fee. Associate and Business Members are exempt from receiving the personal excess equine liability insurance.

3. All dues and fees are payable in U.S. funds
4. Applicable Goods and Services Tax (GST) must be included with Canadian resident dues.
5. A late fee of \$10 applies to all membership renewals postmarked after December 31 to the AHA office.
6. All Memberships are available online at www.arabianhorses.org. Individual affiliate members may renew or join online, only if they are joining or renewing in a Linked Member Organization.
7. Membership dues are non-refundable without a policy decision from the AHA office.

**ARTICLE 703. GENERAL RULES FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The term Membership as used in Article 703., Article 704., Article 705., includes all membership categories except Associate as per the AHA Bylaws.

1. An officer of an affiliated Member Organization must be a member of AHA through that Member Organization.
2. Membership in AHA is a prerequisite for participation in AHA programs, qualifications, shows and rides as follows:
  - a. Owners: The owner of the horse is the person or persons or entity listed on the registration papers, the Lease Contract, or the Sale Contract.
    1. If an individual is listed as the owner on a horse's registration papers, the owner must be an Affiliate, Direct, Life or Youth member
    2. If multiple individuals are listed as owners on a horse's registration papers, one of the owners must be an Affiliate, Direct, Life or Youth member
    3. If a farm, ranch or business entity is listed as the owner on a horse's registration papers, that farm or business entity must be a Business member. (Refer to Article 701.6.a.)
    4. If the individual who is the rider/driver/handler/coach/trainer is not listed as an individual on the horse's registration papers, that individual must have an Affiliate, Direct, Life or Youth membership.
  - b. Riders, drivers, handlers, coaches and trainers (the person who has care and custody of the horse on the show grounds) must be Affiliate, Direct, Life or Youth members.
  - c. Any person signing the entry form. Parents or guardians of minors must sign on the trainer line and write (Parent/Guardian) after his or her name. In this case, the parent/guardian does not have to be an AHA member and need not pay the single event membership fee.

**ARTICLE 704. SPECIFIC RULES FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOWS AND EVENTS.**

1. Current Membership is required at the time of entry and at the time of participation.
2. Photocopies of AHA membership cards must be included with the horse entry forms at the time of entry.
3. Points or placings for AHA Programs and Regional and National qualifications will not be recorded for horses shown by participants who are not AHA members.
  - a. Walk-Trot/Jog classes are exempt from the membership requirement for AHA Qualifying shows and must have membership for Regional and National Shows.
  - b. Leadline classes are exempt from the AHA membership requirements.
4. The sponsoring show/event organization will be billed the additional amount owed for membership dues when correct fees are not submitted. (BOD 8/02)
5. Membership Affidavits will not be accepted. (Res. 7-04)

**SINGLE EVENT MEMBERSHIP FOR SHOWS AND EVENTS. (RES. 2-94)**

6. Each participant at an AHA Recognized Show, Division or Event must submit a valid AHA membership number, join AHA at the show or pay a \$10 Single Event Membership fee per person. (Res. 5-02)
7. Single Event Members shall only have exhibiting privileges for the duration of the event where the membership is purchased. (Res. 3-94) Single Event Membership does not include personal excess liability insurance coverage.
8. Single Event Membership is not available for Regional or National Competitions.
9. All AHA Recognized Shows, Divisions or Events must collect Single Event Membership fees. The AHA Member Organization show shall retain 50 percent of the fee and submit 50 percent to AHA. Shows sponsored by non-affiliate entities or individuals shall submit all of the Single Event Membership fees to AHA. (Res. 3-94) All completed and signed Single Event Membership forms and fees must be submitted with the competition results.
10. The sponsoring organization will be billed \$10 for any person allowed to show that did not submit the proper fees or cards and results will not be recorded. (BOD 5/02)

**ARTICLE 705. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SHOWS AND RIDES.**

For all Regional and National Championship classes and rides, AHA Affiliate, Direct, Life or Youth membership is required as per Article 703. Single event membership. Proof of membership must accompany show/competition results when the member joins at the show. (BOD 8/04) (Exception: Exhibitors in Leadline classes, Refer to Article 704.3.b., Res. 4-89)

**ARTICLE 706. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION ON COMMITTEES**

Individual Membership is required for all committee members unless the committee description and make-up are prescribed otherwise.

**ARTICLE 707. REGIONAL MAP.**

Various local Member Organizations exist in the 18 AHA regions. Contact the AHA office for information about a Member Organization in your area.

