

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 - BENEFITS AND FEES

	Adult	Youth	Business	Life
Fee	\$25	\$20	\$55	\$1,000
Membership Card	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free subscription to AHA Magazine	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounts on Registration & Transfers	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to "Members Only" on the web/free Competition records	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to AHA's Online Marketplace	✓	✓	✓	✓
Breeders Sweepstakes enrollment & Breeders Incentive	✓	✓	✓	✓
Halter & Perf. Futurity enrollment & renewals	✓	✓	✓	✓
Member Communications to keep you current about AHA	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eligibility to join Discovery Farms & Mentor Network	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounts on DataSource – 1.3 million Arabian Horses	✓	✓	✓	✓
AHA Handbook	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eligibility to participate in Arabian Community Shows	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free participation in Competitive Distance	✓	✓		✓
Free participation in Frequent Rider	✓	✓		✓
Free participation In Open Event Incentive	✓	✓		✓
Special Life Membership Card				✓
Free Pass to all AHA National Events				✓
Free Show Program at all AHA National Events				✓

Enhance your membership with one or more of these ADD-ON'S

Club Affiliation	Adult	Youth	Business	Life
Vote in your Club	✓	✓	N/A	✓
Be counted toward the delegation of that Club	✓	✓	N/A	✓
Opportunity to serve as voting delegate at the annual convention	✓	✓	N/A	✓
Become the officer in your Club	✓	✓	N/A	✓
Sizable discount on Competition Card	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Competition Card				
Cost with a Membership through an AHA approved Member Organization (Club Member)	\$20	\$10	N/A	No added charge
Cost without a Membership through an AHA approved Member Organization (Club Member)	\$50	\$10	N/A	No added charge
Required for those competing in AHA Recognized Shows & Distance Rides	✓	✓	N/A	✓
Required to officiate at AHA Recognized Events (i.e. Judges & Stewards)	✓	✓	N/A	✓
\$1 million personal excess liability insurance	✓	✓	N/A	✓
Sweepstakes prize money won in competition	✓	✓	N/A	✓
Halter & Perf. Futurity Competition payback	✓	✓	N/A	✓
Horse Achievement Awards	✓	✓	N/A	✓
Amateur Achievement Awards	✓	✓	N/A	✓
Dressage Rider Awards	✓	✓	N/A	✓
Distance Horse Awards	✓	✓	N/A	✓
USDF All Breed Awards	✓	✓	N/A	✓
Recording Results of Open Qualifying Competitions (Chapter 14)	✓	✓	N/A	✓

Indicates rule change

ARTICLE 702. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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

1. Adult Member
2. Life Member
3. Youth Member
4. 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.
5. Single Event Member

ARTICLE 703. MEMBERSHIP YEAR, PAYMENT OF DUES, COMPETITION CARDS

1. Refer to AHA Bylaws, Article III, Section 3 for definition of membership year and payment of dues.
2. Liability insurance is included for individual members who have a Competition Card.
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. All Memberships with Competition Cards are available online at www.arabianhorses.org. Individual members may renew or join a Member Organization online, only if they are joining or renewing in a Linked Member Organization.
6. Membership dues and Competition Card fees are non-refundable without a policy decision from the AHA office.
7. Competition Cards will be issued to individual members ONLY. The Competition Card may be purchased at the same time as membership or any time within the anniversary year, the Competition Card will expire at the same time as the Membership. You cannot purchase a Competition Card without a Membership.

ARTICLE 704. GENERAL RULES FOR MEMBERSHIP

The term Membership as used in Articles 702, 703, 704, 705, includes all membership categories as per the AHA Bylaws.

1. An officer of an affiliated Member Organization must be an individual Member of AHA through that Member Organization.
2. An individual or Business Membership in AHA is required for enrollment, participation and receipt of prize money in AHA programs
3. Individual Adult Membership is required for all Committee Members unless the committee description and make-up are prescribed otherwise.
4. Refer to Chapter 5 regarding contracts and verbal issues.
5. An Adult member must be a current AHA Member and have paid dues to their Member Organization as of the June 30th cutoff date to be counted towards their club's delegate strength. They must also be current at the time of Convention to be credentialed as that club's delegate.

ARTICLE 705. MEMBERSHIP WITH COMPETITION CARD REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS, SHOWS AND EVENTS

1. An individual Membership with a Competition Card is required for AHA Judges and Stewards, qualifications, Shows and Events.
 - a. Only AHA approved judges and stewards who are Adult or Life Members and are current will have their names listed as AHA Approved Judges and Stewards. (Res. 41-90)

- b. 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 Adult, Life or Youth member with a Competition Card.
 - 2) If multiple individuals are listed as owners on a horse's registration papers, one of the owners must be an Adult, Life or Youth member with a Competition Card.
 - 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 702.4)
 - 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 be an Adult, Life or Youth member with a Competition Card.
 - c. Riders, drivers, handlers, coaches and trainers (the person who has care and custody of the horse on the show grounds) must be an Adult, Life or Youth member with a Competition Card.
 - d. Any person signing the entry form. Parents or guardians of minors must sign on the trainer line and write (Parent/Guardian) after the parent's name. In this case, the parent/guardian does not have to be an AHA member and need not pay the Single Event Membership fee.
2. Photocopies of AHA Membership with Competition 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 only be recorded for horses shown by participants who are AHA members and hold a Competition Card.
 - a. Exhibitors in Walk-Trot/Jog classes are exempt from the membership requirement for AHA Qualifying Shows, however, must have AHA Membership with Competition Card for Regional and National Shows. (Res. 4-99)
 - b. Leadline classes are exempt from the AHA Membership with Competition Card requirements. (Res. 4-99)
 4. The individual or sponsoring Show/Event Organization will be billed for the amount owed for AHA Membership with Competition Card when correct fees are not submitted. (BOD 8/02)

Show/Competition results when the member joins at the show. (BOD 8/04) Single event memberships will not be accepted at Regionals and/or Nationals.

(Exception: Exhibitors in Leadline classes, Refer to Article 705.1.c.) (Res. 4-99)

ARTICLE 708. REGIONAL MAP

Various local Member Organizations exist in the 18 AHA Regions. To view Member Organizations in your area, visit the website at ArabianHorses.org or contact the AHA office for information.



ARTICLE 706. SINGLE EVENT MEMBERSHIP FOR QUALIFICATIONS, SHOWS AND EVENTS (RES. 2-94)

1. Each participant at an AHA Recognized Show, Division or Event must submit a valid AHA Membership with Competition Card, join AHA (Membership with Competition Card) at the show or pay a \$10 Single Event Membership fee per person. (Res. 5-02) (Refer to Article 302.3)
2. 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.
3. Single Event Membership is not available for Regional or National Competitions.
4. 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.

ARTICLE 707. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SHOWS AND RIDES

For all Regional and National Championship classes and rides, AHA Adult or Youth with Competition Card or Life, or Business Membership is required as per Article 705. Proof of membership with Competition Card must accompany