

# New England Pinto Horse Association Constitution

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## Article I: Name

This Organization shall be known as New England Pinto Horse Association, Inc. The Official abbreviation shall be NEPTHA. This organization is subject to the directives and rules established by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Pinto Association of America Inc.

## Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this Nonprofit Organization shall be the promotion of the Pinto Horse through Horse Shows, Trail Rides and other Events. The promotion of Horsemanship, Horse Husbandry and Sportsmanship is encouraged. It shall further the purpose of the Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc. on a local level in a manner prescribed by the National Association, thereby assisting the National Association to continue its promotional work on a National and International basis. The local Association shall carry out all social endeavors so important and necessary to the promotion of the Pinto Horse. Each Organization shall be an autonomous division of Pinto Horse Association of America. It shall promote the use of the Registry Book of the Pinto Horse Association of America as the official registry of the Pinto Horse of America.

## Article III: Dissolution

Upon the Dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall after paying or making provisions for the payment of, all liabilities of the Corporation dispose of all assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purpose of the Corporation in such a manner, or to such Organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for agricultural purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt Organization(s) under Section 501.C (5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws), as Board of Directors shall determine. The Pinto Horse Association of America Inc. Bethany, Oklahoma is to be given first consideration, in no case shall any monies or properties of the Corporation be dispersed among the members.

## Article IV: Membership

Membership shall consist of Breeders, Owners and Exhibitors of the Pinto Horse and any persons interested in the promotion of the Pinto Horse. Membership shall consist of Individual, Youth/Junior and Family Memberships. New England Pinto Members, who are also eligible to vote in the Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc. Shall be subject to directives of their rules.

## Section I: Family Membership

Family Membership shall consist of a legally married couple and all unmarried children eighteen (18) years old and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Their immediate family also includes persons under guardianship or custody who reside at the same address. Family Memberships in New England Pinto Horse Association Inc. shall carry one (1) vote in New England Pinto affairs which shall be cast by persons at least nineteen (19) year of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Who are included under that family membership.

## Section II: Youth/Junior Membership

Youth/Junior Membership shall consist of an individual eighteen (18) years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. These Memberships do not carry a vote in New England Pinto affairs.

## Section III: Individual Membership

Individual Membership shall consist of a person not included in a Family Membership or Youth/Junior Membership. Each Individual Membership in New England Pinto Horse Association, Inc. shall entitle said member to one (1) vote in New England Pinto Affairs by a person at least nineteen (19) year of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Article V: Officers and Board of Directors

## Section I: Qualifications and Terms

The Officers and the Board of Directors shall be elected from the Membership and must be at least nineteen (19) years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. And a member in good standing on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Of the year of the election. Any Officer or Board of Director who resigns or is removed from their Office shall not be eligible for an election to another Office or Board position for a period of three (3) full years following their resignation or removal. An Officer or Board of Director MAY NOT receive compensation of any type for doing their appointed position for New England Pinto Horse Association, Inc. An Officer or Board of Director Must maintain a membership in good standing of Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc. and New England Pinto Horse Association, Inc. and shall be removed from office immediately if good standing is not retained.

## Section II: Officers

The Officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall comprise the Executive Committee and together with the Board of Directors shall be responsible for the routine administration and management of the Organization. The duration of office shall be for one year from the Fall Meeting to the next Fall Meeting and/or until their successors had been elected and shall have qualified. In order to hold an Office in this Charter Association the Executive Committee and Board of Directors shall be, or become with in thirty (30) days of election, member of the Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc. and New England Pinto Horse Association and must maintain a membership in good standing of the charter and Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc.

The Executive Board Members after routine nomination, shall be elected at the Fall Meeting each year and may serve any number of consecutive terms. A person receiving a majority of the votes cast for each office shall be deemed to have been elected.

## Section III: Board of Directors

There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the Executive Board and no less than six (6) or no more than twelve (12) directors. A Maximum of two (2) directors from each of the six states. Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts Connecticut and Rhode Island. Directors will serve a term of two (2) consecutive years from Fall Meeting to the Fall Meeting. Directors from the same state shall have alternating years so as not to terminate their positions in the same year. The Board of Directors shall meet to formulate the policy of this organization. Only a past President who has served as President for two (2) consecutive years shall sit as Chairman of the Board of Directors, and the Member who meets these qualifications most recently shall so sit. The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the Chairman and at least twice a year at a time and place set by them. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors at such times as thought advisable. Such special meeting may not supersede regular meetings except when especially provided for. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors by death, resignation or by any other cause, the President and Board shall appoint a successor to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. The successor shall be from the same area in which the vacancy occurs if there is an eligible and willing Member from that region. If no Member from that region is eligible or willing to be appointed, the President and the Board of Directors shall appoint another eligible member from the General Membership as long as that member meets the requirements to hold a Board of Director Position. The Youth Club may have one (1) Youth and one (1) Youth Advisor as non-voting representatives sitting on the Board of Directors.

## Article VI: Amendments

Any Proposed Amendment of this Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee by a Member in good standing. The Executive Committee will be responsible for preparing and recommended amendment for the submission to the Board of Directors for action. If the proposed amendment is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors it shall be submitted to the membership for vote at one of the Semi Annual Spring or Fall General Membership Meetings. A written notice of intention to revise or amend, and the recommended amendment to be revised or amended will be mailed and/or published in the Official Newsletter at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting date. The amendment will become effective only upon the affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the Membership present, or by ten percent (10%) of the total voting membership, whichever is larger.

## Article VII: Exceptions

Article I and Article II of this Constitution may not be altered in any form or manner by this affiliated association.

This Constitution lays down the principles of the Organization. The By-Laws concern chiefly the method of procedure rather than basic principles. These By-Laws are more easily amended than the Constitution, and their amendment need not in any way affect this main purpose of the organization,

