



**East Valley Arabian Horse
Youth Association
Bylaws**

ARTICLE I

NAME AND ORGANIZATION

Section 1

This club shall be known as the **EAST VALLEY ARABIAN HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION (EVAHYA)**.

Section 2

The purpose of the **EAST VALLEY ARABIAN HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION** is to encourage the development of and public interest in the promotion, exhibition and enjoyment of the Arabian horse and youth.

Section 3

The principal office of place of business shall be a permanent separate Post Office Box for club correspondence.

Section 4

The fiscal year of the club shall be January 1st through December 31st of each year.

Section 5

There shall be no capital stock. All new members shall be given a copy of the Bylaws.

Section 6

As an INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION (IAHYA) chartered club, EVAHYA shall abide by the current rules of IHAYA.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1

The officers of the Club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be nominated and elected by the general membership. These officers shall hold office for a period of one year.

Section 2

The President shall preside at all general and Board of Directors meetings of the club. The President shall appoint all special and standing committees, chairpersons and serve as ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall conduct the business of the Club in accordance with the Club Bylaws and shall act as Membership Chairman unless one is appointed separately by the President.

Section 3

The Vice President shall preside at all general and Board of Directors meeting in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall act as chairperson of the Nominating Committee. In the even of vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed to that office for the unexpired term.

Section 4

The Secretary shall keep the minutes and safeguard the records of the Club and shall be ex-officio Secretary of all Board meetings. The Secretary shall conduct, supervise, count and record the balloting of all elections and perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office, including those specifically assigned by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

Section 5

The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of the funds of the club in conjunction with the Treasurer of the Parent club, East Valley Arabian Horse Association.

Section 6

Chairpersons of all committees shall serve for a period not to exceed one year unless appointed for a second term.

Section 7

As an IAHYA chartered club, all Officers must be an individual affiliate voting member of IAHYA through EVAHYA at the time of election and during their term of office.

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS AND DUTIES

Section 1

The Board of Directors of the Club shall consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and up to three (3) additional youth elected from the general membership.

Section 2

The Directors elected from the general membership shall hold office for a period of one (1) year.

Section 3

The Secretary shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

Section 4

The Publicity Chairperson shall be an honorary, nonvoting member of the Board of Directors and shall be responsible for the publication of the Newsletter. If no separate Publicity Chairperson is appointed, the Secretary shall assume the responsibility for the Newsletter.

Section 5

As an IAHYA chartered club all Directors must be an individual affiliate voting member of IAHYA through EVAHYA at the time of election and during their term of office.

Section 6

The Board of Directors shall meet as necessary to conduct the business of the club.

Section 7

Meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or any three members of the Board or any four general members in good standing. Each Director shall receive written or telephone notice of the time and place of each meeting.

Section 8

A quorum at any meeting of the Board shall be three or more Directors. A majority of the quorum shall decide any questions that may arise. No business shall be conducted until a quorum is present.

Section 9

The duties of the Directors shall be to advise the club in promoting, encouraging and fostering interest in the Arabian horse. The Directors shall review and act on potential member applications and function in the capacity of an Ethics Review Committee.

Section 10

All vacancies in the offices of the Club, except that of President, shall be filled by appointment from the Board of Directors. Those so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President for the remainder of the unexpired term. A vacancy on the Board for any reason shall be filled by election at the next general meeting.

ARTICLE IV **MEETINGS**

Section 1

The time and place of the general membership meeting shall be designated by the Board of Directors or by approval of the general membership. Each member shall receive a written or telephone notice of each meeting.

Section 2

Special meetings of the general membership may be called by the President at any time and place by written or telephone notice to all members.

Section 3

A quorum shall consist of thirty percent of the voting members in good standing. A majority of the quorum shall decide any question that may arise. No business shall be conducted until a quorum is present.

Section 4

All meetings shall be conducted by the Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE V **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

Section 1

The Nominating Committee shall consist of four members: the Vice-President, acting as chairperson; one Director appointed by the President, and two other members from the general membership excluding, if possible, officers and members of the Board.

Section 2

The Nominating Committee shall report at the October general membership meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be in order at this meeting. Elections shall be conducted at the November meeting.

Section 3

Absentee Ballots will be furnished with the November meeting notice.

Section 4

Voting shall be by secret ballot for any office for which there is more than one candidate. The candidates shall be elected by a majority of the voting members.

Section 5

Terms of Officers and Directors shall begin seven days after election.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP, VOTING RIGHTS AND DUTIES

Section 1 Eligibility for active membership in good standing:

- (a) Any individual of good character and reputation interested in Arabian horses and promoting good horsemanship.
- (b) Membership approved by the Board of Directors
- (c) Payment of annual dues for membership year which shall run January 1 to December 31st.

Section 2 Types of Membership:

- (a) Individual Affiliate Voting membership: a person who is a current IAHYA member through EVAHA. May vote, hold office, and/or be a delegate through this Club. The member is also eligible to vote, hold office, be on a committee and/or be a delegate at the regional and national level of IAHYA.
- (b) Individual Associate non-voting membership: a person who is not a current affiliate IAHYA member through this Club has no voting rights in this Club and is not eligible to hold office or be a delegate.
- (c) Youth Non-Voting membership: Open to any individual under the age of 18 as of December 1 of the previous calendar year has not voting rights and is not eligible to hold office or be a delegate.

Section 3 Dues:

- (a) Dues for the succeeding calendar year shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and set by vote of the general membership at the October meeting.
- (b) The IAHYA and EVAHYA membership year shall run from January 1st to December 31st. Dues are due and payable to IAHYA and EVAHYA on October

- 31st preceding the beginning of the membership year and shall become delinquent on January 1st of the membership year.
- (c) Dues shall be paid to the Treasurer.
 - (d) New members may join IAHYA and EVAHYA at any time but dues shall not be prorated.
 - (e) EVAHYA shall transmit to IAHYA to sum assessed by IAHYA and collected by EVAHYA per IAHYA individual affiliate voting member for dues. These dues shall be transmitted to IAHYA according to IAHYA specifications and within 30 days of receipt by the Club.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCIAL

Section 1

This Club is a non-profit organization. All funds shall be used in accordance with our stated purpose and to provide for the continued functioning of the Club.

Section 2

EVAHYA fund will be held in EVAHA general funds with separate club accounting.

Section 3

To access club funds held in EVAHA general funds shall require a quorum vote of EVAHA Board of Directors.

Section 4

At the close of the fiscal year the books shall be reviews by the Board of Directors.

Section 5

Should the club be dissolved, any remaining assets shall be donated for equine research, youth promotion or other selected benevolent use.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1

These Bylaws may be altered and amended at any meeting of the Club providing a quorum is present, and by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the regular members present at such meeting and providing that the proposed amendment or alteration was presented in writing to all members in good standing.

Section 2

All amendments passed shall be dated, signed and sent to IAHYA along with a cover letter by both the Club President and Secretary.