

Arabian Sport Horse



ALLIANCE

## Membership Handbook

2018

Mission Statement, Rules & Regulations, Summary of Programs  
and Awards

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# ARABIAN SPORT HORSE ALLIANCE

## MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

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# 2018

The Arabian Sport Horse Alliance, Inc. is an independent organization dedicated to promoting Arabians, Anglo-Arabians, Shagya-Arabians, and part-bred Arabians in sport horse and sport pony breeding and as performance horses in the disciplines of dressage, eventing, hunters, jumpers, endurance, combined driving, driven dressage, western dressage, and in affiliated in-hand and suitability classes.

Arabian-bred sport horses make excellent partners and contribute desirable qualities in sport horse breeding including stamina, rideability, intelligence, agility, soundness, longevity, refinement, and elegance. The Alliance supports efforts to recognize Arabian-bred sport horses in all competition venues and in all registries that utilize Arabian lineages to produce sport horses and sport ponies.

### Breeds:

Arabian

Anglo-Arabian

Shagya-Arabian

Sport horses and ponies with a minimum 25% Arabian or Shagya lineage

### Disciplines:

Dressage

Eventing

Hunters

Driven Dressage

Endurance

Jumpers

Combined Driving

Western Dressage

Carriage Driving

Sport Horse Suitability  
(Under Saddle)

Sport Horse In-Hand

## Statement of Objectives and Purpose from the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws:

*(These are the broad outlines of the underlying objectives of the organization.)*

1. Encourage the selective breeding, exhibiting, use and perpetuation of purebred Arabian, Anglo-Arabian, Shagya-Arabian and part-Arabian sport horses (hereafter collectively referred to as Arabian-bred sport horses)
2. Raise awareness of and stimulate popular interest in the many outstanding uses and qualities of Arabian-bred sport horses to encourage production of high quality Arabian-bred sport horses
3. Present awards to recognize performance and breeding achievements and formulate educational programs and activities in the interest of Arabian-bred sport horse owners and enthusiasts to encourage production of high quality stock
4. Foster and encourage good relations between the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance and other organizations involved with Arabian-bred sport horses
5. Incorporate as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the State of South Carolina and shall not be operated for pecuniary gain or profit. The Arabian Sport Horse Alliance, Inc. does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits, or dividends to its members or to any private shareholder or individual
6. Perform any and all things necessary and appropriate to accomplish the objectives and purposes as stated herein

## **Mission Statement:**

*(The Mission Statement builds on the foundational objectives of the organization to provide more details on how those objectives will be carried out. The programs and policies of the organization detailed in this handbook and other official Alliance documents represent the activities and procedures involved in fulfilling the objectives for which the organization was formed.)*

The Arabian Sport Horse Alliance was formed to promote the interests of owners, breeders, trainers, and exhibitors who are dedicated to developing purebred Arabian, Anglo-Arabian, Shagya-Arabian, and part-bred Arabian sport horses and sport ponies to their fullest potential as competitive, user-friendly partners in the traditional sport horse disciplines.

1. To maintain and operate an association of owners, breeders, trainers and other enthusiasts who desire to promote and support the use of Arabian-bred sport horses and sport ponies in the sport horse disciplines
2. To work co-operatively with the Arabian Horse Association, the North American Shagya-Arabian Society, the Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry, other sport horse breeding registries, USEF affiliate sport horse discipline organizations, and other associations on matters of common concern
3. To provide recognition and incentives for achievements in performance and breeding of Arabian-bred sport horses and ponies
4. To support the Arabian sport horse community through education and outreach

## Contact Information

### ❖ Mailing addresses

#### ➤ Corporate Mailing Address:

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- [membership@arabiansporthorsealliance.org](mailto:membership@arabiansporthorsealliance.org)
- [secretary@arabiansporthorsealliance.org](mailto:secretary@arabiansporthorsealliance.org)

### ❖ Officers:

- President: Tamara Torti (term ends 12/31/18)
- Vice President: Samantha Werner (term ends 12/31/18)
- Treasurer: Dawn Jones-Low (term ends 12/31/18)
- Secretary: Dawn Jones-Low (term ends 12/31/18)
- Past President: Peggy Ingles

### ❖ Directors:

- Chris Donovan (term ends 12/31/18)
- Peggy Ingles (term ends 12/31/18)
- Linda Rudolphi (term ends 12/31/18)
- Beth Thomas (term ends 12/31/19)
- Shayna Dolinger (term ends 12/31/19)
- Susan Schultz (term ends 12/31/19)
- Katherine Voyer (alternate) (term ends 12/31/18)

## Business Hours:

The Arabian Sport Horse Alliance is entirely run by volunteers who all have real world jobs and obligations. We try to respond to queries and messages as soon as possible, but please allow for 1-2 business days for a response. Thank you for understanding.

## **Membership Categories and Benefits**

### **1. General**

- a) No individual person may hold more than one voting membership.
- b) Members need not own any Arabian-bred Sport Horses, but must be interested in the objectives and purposes of the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance, Inc. as described in the by-laws and expanded upon in other official publications.
- c) By becoming a member or renewing membership in the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance, the member agrees to adhere to the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Alliance.
- d) Membership is for the calendar year (January 1 – December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year).
- e) Membership renewals are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Renewals not received by January 31<sup>st</sup> will be considered delinquent and any such memberships will lapse with all member benefits revoked until renewed.
- f) Charter Memberships were only available from the initial launch date through October 31, 2015.
- g) Equal Opportunity -- Any programs and activities conducted by the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance shall admit persons without discrimination based on race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.
- h) Member Conduct
  - i) Members should treat each other in a courteous and polite manner.
  - ii) Obscene or threatening gestures or language by a member during the conduct of ASHA activities is prohibited and may be a cause for suspension of membership privileges.
  - iii) Any abusive treatment or neglect of an animal by a member or participant at an Arabian Sport Horse Alliance function, or if disciplinary action is taken by any other group or association or

civil court for abuse or neglect of an animal may be cause for immediate suspension of membership and/or participation privileges without refund of any dues or fees paid.

2. **Individual Member**                      \$25.00 per year
  - a) Must be 18 or older at start of membership year
  - b) Eligible for Alliance programs
  - c) Receives Member Newsletter and can submit news items
  - d) Inclusion in Annual Directory
  - e) Member's Arabian-bred sport horses can be recorded with the Alliance for inclusion in the horse listings of the Annual Directory and eligibility to participate in Alliance horse programs.
  - f) Can place classified ads on Alliance website
  - g) Can serve on and chair committees
  - h) Has One Voting Membership for election of Board of Directors and Officers and for all issues brought before the Membership by the BOD for a vote
  - i) Can be nominated for and serve as Director and Officer positions on the Board of Directors
  
3. **Farm Member**                      \$50.00 per year
  - a) Must be 18 or older at start of membership year
  - b) Farm Membership includes 2 adult members limited to members of the immediate family, persons jointly residing in the household, or joint farm owner or partner. Immediate family shall be defined as spouse, children living at home and parents. If there is only one eligible adult member of the farm household or business then the second membership will be vacant.
  - c) Eligible for Alliance programs
  - d) Receives Member Newsletter and can submit news items
  - e) Inclusion in Annual Directory
  - f) Member's Arabian-bred sport horses can be recorded with the Alliance for inclusion in the horse listings of the Annual Directory and eligibility to participate in Alliance horse programs.
  - g) Can place classified ads on Alliance website
  - h) Can serve on and chair committees

- i) Has TWO Voting Memberships for election of Board of Directors and Officers and for all issues brought before the Membership by the BOD for a vote

Farm Member (continued)

- j) Can be nominated for and serve as Director and Officer positions on the Board of Directors
- k) Farm Listing in the gallery on the website and in the Annual Directory
- l) Stallion(s) can be listed in the Alliance Stallion Roster

4. Youth Member                      \$15.00 per year

- a) Must be under 18 at start of membership year (January 1<sup>st</sup>)
- b) Eligible for Alliance programs
- c) Receives Member Newsletter and can submit news items
- d) Inclusion in Annual Directory
- e) Member's Arabian-bred sport horses can be recorded with the Alliance for inclusion in the horse listings of the Annual Directory and eligibility to participate in Alliance horse programs.

5. Honorary Member                      complimentary

- a) Bestowed as part of certain Arabian Sport Horse Alliance recognition awards when the recipient is not already a member
- b) The term of membership is for the remainder of the calendar year if 6 or more months remain. If less than 6 months remain in the calendar year; the honorary membership will be for the remainder of the current year and the following calendar year.
- c) An honorary member may upgrade to a regular membership by purchasing a membership at the regular fee.
- d) May be Adult or Youth
- e) Eligible for Alliance programs
- f) Receives Member Newsletter and can submit news items
- g) Inclusion in Annual Directory
- h) Member's Arabian-bred sport horses can be recorded with the Alliance for inclusion in the horse listings of the Annual Directory and eligibility to participate in Alliance horse programs.



- i) Can place classified ads on Alliance website (unless under 18)
  - j) Can serve on and chair committees (unless is under 18)
  - k) Has no voting privileges
6. Lifetime Achievement Honorary Member complimentary
- a) Only awarded to Lifetime Achievement Award winners who are not currently members of the Alliance.
  - b) Same benefits as Honorary Member and has One Voting Membership for election of Board of Directors and Officers and for all issues brought before the Membership by the BOD for a vote
7. Charter Individual (availability ended 10/31/15)
- a) All benefits of an Individual Standard Member
  - b) Perpetual inclusion in Charter Member list published on the website and in Alliance publications
  - c) As long as continue to renew membership Charter Members are offered opportunities to sponsor awards before regular membership
  - d) Special “Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Charter Member” branded item
  - e) 50% discount on 1st year enrollment in Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Competition Points Program for one horse
  - f) One free classified ad on the Alliance website
8. Charter Farm (availability ended 10/31/15)
- a) All benefits of the Farm Standard Membership
  - b) Perpetual inclusion in Charter Member list published on the website and in Alliance publications
  - c) As long as continue to renew membership, Charter Members are offered opportunities to sponsor awards before regular membership
  - d) Two “Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Charter Member” branded items
  - e) 50% discount on 1st year enrollment in Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Competition Points Program for one horse
9. Two free classified ads on the Alliance website

## Funds

1. All fees and payments to the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance, Inc. must be paid in US Dollars. At this time, the Alliance accepts payment by check or PayPal.
2. Payment of dues, fees or other charges incurred through any Alliance function with a non-negotiable check is considered a violation of the Bylaws and subject to revocation of membership if not remedied in a timely manner. There shall be a minimum charge incurred to cover bank fees, as determined by the Board of Directors, to any member or non-member who makes a payment with a non-negotiable check.

## Arabian-bred Sport Horse Eligibility

1. Definition for purpose of classification and eligibility for Alliance programs and awards
  - a) Any registered Arabian, Anglo-Arabian, Shagya-Arabian, Half-Arabian (AHA/CPAR), or part-Shagya (half-Shagya)
  - b) Any registered horse or pony with at least 25% Arabian or Shagya-Arabian heritage in the first 3 generations (at least 2 great-grandparents that are Arabian or Shagya-Arabian)
  - c) Since the Alliance is interested in promoting ALL sport horses and ponies with significant Arabian lineage, any official registry that includes the required Arabian or Shagya-Arabian lineage in the pedigree is acceptable including registration with the USEF PHR (Performance Horse Registry).
  - d) Hardship cases where a horse is believed to be of sufficient Arabian or Shagya heritage to meet bloodline qualifications, but has been separated from its registration papers, or registration was never completed, or the horse or pony was not eligible for registration (as in the offspring of 2 AHA registered "Half-Arabians") will be considered on a case by case basis by a Horse Recording Verification Panel appointed by the Alliance BOD to review such cases. The panel will consult with the BOD as needed to give careful and fair consideration to particularly difficult cases.

## Arabian-bred sport horse definition and eligibility (continued)

- The BOD will be informed of the panel's determination for final review before the determination is made public.
- i) Factors and evidence that will be considered include records from rescues and auctions, photos and videos of the horse or pony, any descriptive history of the circumstances, letters of support from persons familiar with the circumstances of why registration was not or could not be completed, history of a sport discipline show career where the horse is recorded with the discipline's governing body with reference to the Arabian heritage, profile articles that include reference to the Arabian heritage, and any other documentation that may be relevant to a particular case.
  - ii) If the panel finds sufficient evidence to support a claim they will designate the "breed" of a horse or pony as either "Documented Arabian Heritage" or "Presumed Arabian Heritage" depending on the level of documentation. Cases where documentation is deemed insufficient by the panel cannot be appealed unless new documentation is discovered and presented.
2. For eligibility in Alliance horse programs including Directory Listing, inclusion in Stallion Roster, Competition Points Program, and most awards, horses and ponies must also meet the following criteria:
- a) Be owned by a current member of the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance. Riders, drivers, and trainers are not required to be Alliance members. Horses that are leased by Alliance members are eligible to participate in Alliance programs for the term of the lease as long as the lessee obtains permission from the owner. (contact [secretary@arabiansporthorsealliance.org](mailto:secretary@arabiansporthorsealliance.org) for details)
  - b) Be recorded with the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance via the Horse Recording Form found at <https://arabiansporthorsealliance.org/members/points-horse-forms/> ) including a copy of the horse's pedigree .

## **Membership Publications**

### **1. General**

- a) Members are solely responsible for the content of their submissions. The Arabian Sport Horse Alliance does not endorse or guarantee any of the information supplied by Members.
- b) Inclusion in Membership Publications is a courtesy service provided to Members in good standing. At the discretion of the Board of Directors the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance reserves the right to exclude from or remove from publication any Member submitted content that is not in keeping with the mission and objectives of the organization or that violates any codes of conduct published by the organization.

### **2. Annual Member Directory**

- a) The Alliance will publish an on-line member directory that includes
  - i) Contact information for the organization
  - ii) A list of Charter Members
  - iii) Contact information for members
  - iv) A listing of member's Arabian-bred sport horses that have been recorded with the organization
  - v) A listing of all Farm and Charter Farm Members' farms
  - vi) A listing of the previous year's award winners
  - vii) Resources and Educational material when available
- b) The Member directory will be formatted to allow a print version and will be available in the members' only area of the website.
- c) The Annual Directory will be published by the end of the first quarter of the year and updated periodically if membership growth warrants.

### 3. Farm Member Gallery

- a) The Alliance will publish information about Farm and Charter Farm Members' farms in a gallery on the website.
- b) Members are responsible for entering the information in the Farm Listing Form at:  
<https://arabiansporthorsealliance.org/members/list-your-farm/>
- c) Depending on availability of space in the other publications, some portion of the Farm Listing will be included in both the Member Directory and the Stallion Roster. (Photos and the text write-up about the farms may not be included due to space limitations.)

### 4. Annual Stallion Roster

- a) The Alliance will publish an Annual Stallion Roster modeled after other sport horse stallion roster publications to present Arabian-bred Sport Horse Stallions in a manner that is in keeping with the rest of the sport horse world.
- b) Only Farm and Charter Farm members' stallions are eligible for inclusion in the Annual Stallion Roster. Other membership types must upgrade to a Farm Membership if they wish to list their stallion(s) in the Annual Stallion Roster.
- c) Information and photos for the Annual Stallion Roster must be submitted via the Horse Recording Form at  
<https://arabiansporthorsealliance.org/members/points-horse-forms/#horse-recording>
- d) The Annual Stallion Roster will be formatted to allow a print version, and will be available for viewing and download on the website.
- e) The Annual Stallion Roster will be published by the end of the first quarter of the year and updated periodically if new submissions are sufficiently high to warrant.

## 5. Newsletter

- a) The Alliance will publish a newsletter in electronic format.
- b) The newsletter will include
  - i) Updates from the organization on programs, policies and procedures, opportunities to assist the organization fulfill its missions, and reports from committees and from the Board of Directors
  - ii) Member submitted news and photos relating to competition, training progress, Arabian-bred sport horse purchases and sales, foal announcements, and other news of relevance
  - iii) Educational articles relating to Arabian-bred sport horses
- c) The newsletter will be formatted to allow a print version.
- d) Deadlines for submissions will be sent to members via e-mail blasts, via social media, and other means as available.
- e) For further information contact  
[news@arabiansporthorsealliance.org](mailto:news@arabiansporthorsealliance.org)

## **Membership Advertisements**

1. Most Membership categories include access to posting classified ads on the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance website.
  - a) The ads must be sport horse related and include the following ad categories:
    - i) Arabian-bred Sport Horses for Sale
    - ii) Arabian-bred Sport Horses for Lease
    - iii) Arabian-bred Sport Horses at Stud
    - iv) Tack/Merchandise for Sale
    - v) Services Offered (training, boarding, grooming, saddle-fitting, etc.)
  - b) All classified ads on the website run for six months for a \$10 fee.
  - c) The submission form is found on the website in the members only section at  
<https://arabiansporthorsealliance.org/members/submit-an-ad/>

## Awards

As part of its mission to provide recognition and incentives for achievements in performance and breeding of Arabian-bred sport horses and ponies, the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance offers a number of different Award Programs. (All of these Awards are under development and will be further fleshed out and detailed by the Awards Committee and its sub-committees in consultation with the Board of Directors.)

### 1. Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Horse of the Year

- a) Nominated horses must belong to an Alliance member and achieve a noteworthy sport horse performance related achievement within the past 12 -18 months. *(As the organization grows we hope to expand to have a HotY for each major sport horse performance discipline.)*
- b) Members may submit nominations for the Horse of the Year Award to the Honoree Committee who will evaluate the nominations based on merit criteria, the availability of supporting documentation, and consideration of representing a diversity of sport horse disciplines and Arabian sport horse breeds (Arabians, Anglo-Arabians, and Shagya-Arabians --as well as Half-Arabs and part-bred Arabian-bred sport horses and ponies).
- c) The Board of Directors will vote to determine the recipient for the current year's Horse of the Year Award.
- d) A personalized commemorative award (type of award TBD) will be presented to the owner of the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Horse of the Year. The HotY Honoree will have a profile article published in the next year's Yearbook.

### 2. Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Hall of Fame Awards

- a) Two separate posthumous awards given annually (one horse, one person)
  - i) Hall of Fame Horse Award to honor an exceptional Arabian, Anglo-Arabian, Shagya-Arabian, or part-bred Arabian-bred sport horse or pony that accomplished a significant achievement during the history of the Arabian-bred sport horse.

Can be related to performance achievements, breeding, and/or as an ambassador of the Arabian-bred sport horse.

*(Nominees/Winners need not have been affiliated with the Alliance since this is part of the Alliance's education and outreach mission.)*

- ii) Hall of Fame Benefactor Award awarded to honor a person that accomplished a significant achievement during the history of the Arabian-bred sport horse. Can be related to performance achievements, breeding, and/or as an advocate for or promotor of the Arabian-bred sport horse. *(Nominees/Winners need not have been affiliated with the Alliance since this is part of the Alliance's education and outreach mission.)*
- b) Members may submit nominations for these awards to the Honoree Committee which will evaluate the nominations based on merit criteria, the availability of supporting documentation, and consideration of representing a diversity of sport horse disciplines and Arabian sport horse breeds (Arabians, Anglo-Arabians, and Shagya-Arabians --as well as Half-Arabs and part-bred Arabian-bred sport horses and ponies).
- c) The Board of Directors will vote to determine the recipient for the current year's Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Hall of Fame Awards.
- d) Nomination documentation of candidates that were not chosen as recipients will be retained as supporting documentation in the case of future nomination of the same individuals. (The Honoree Committee will provide digital copies of these nomination documents to be stored with the Secretary to maintain the archive for future Honoree Committees to review.)
- e) Hall of Fame Award Honorees will have a profile article published in the next year's Yearbook.



### 3. Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Lifetime Achievement Awards

- a) Given to a living person who has had a significant and sustained impact on some aspect(s) of the Arabian sport horse world in performance, breeding, and/or as an ambassador of the Arabian sport horse community (*Nominees/Winners need not be affiliated with the Alliance since this is part of the Alliance's education and outreach mission.*)
- b) Members may submit nominations for this award to the Honoree Committee which will evaluate the nominations based on merit criteria, the availability of supporting documentation, consideration of broad based representation of the various sport horse performance disciplines and Arabian sport horse breeds, and the lasting impact of the nominee's activities upon the Arabian sport horse community.
- c) The Honoree Committee will vote to determine three candidates and submit those candidates to the Board of Directors who will vote to determine the recipient for the current year's Lifetime Achievement Award.
- d) Lifetime Achievement Honorees will have a profile article published in the next year's Yearbook.
- e) Lifetime Achievement Honorees receive an Honorary Membership with the same benefits and privileges as a standard Member.
- f) A personalized commemorative award (type of award TBD) will be presented to Lifetime Achievement Honorees.

### 4. Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Highlight Awards

- a) High point placing for Arabian-bred horses at rated open sport discipline events including prominent venues like National Dressage Pony Cup, American Eventing Championships, Young Horse Show Series Finals, USEF Pony Nationals, USPC East/West Championships, etc.  
The BOD will consider a selection of prominent open sport discipline competitions as venues for presenting Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Highlight Awards to the Arabian-bred sport horse or pony that attains the highest placing (or highest score for Dressage, Driven Dressage, Western Dressage, or DSHB classes) at

those competitions. The BOD will review the selection for balance in discipline representation and geographic distribution as well as considering any budgetary limits.

- i) Venue selection will be based upon the following set of criteria
  - (1) Consideration of each sport horse discipline so that the overall selection represents the full scope of sport horse disciplines—Eventing, Dressage, Hunters, Jumpers, Combined Driving (and other related carriage sports), Western Dressage, Endurance, and Young/Developing Horse events as well as inclusion of youth focused venues
  - (2) The likelihood that Arabian-bred sport horses will be competing at the venue
  - (3) Attempt to include venues from multiple areas of the US (and possibly Canada)
  - (4) Availability of a representative of the Alliance to be present at the venue to oversee the award
- b) When resources permit, the number of Highlight Awards given at individual competitions may be expanded to include any of the following:
  - (1) Awards per individual level or sets of levels (lower levels and upper levels)
  - (2) Open and Amateur
  - (3) Adult and Youth
- c) Winners will be presented with a horse neck sash/ribbon. Other award items may be incorporated when circumstances permit.
- d) Sponsorship opportunities exist for Members to co-sponsor Highlight Awards in conjunction with the Alliance. Co-sponsors will be acknowledged during the presentation of such awards and in all Arabian Sport Horse Alliance publications that mention the award including the newsletter, website, social media, Annual Member Directory, and Media Releases.

*(This category of awards is based on determining the highest placing or scoring Arabian-bred sport horse. Winners need not be Alliance members since this is part of the Alliance's education and outreach mission. Listed shows are examples for guidance and not intended to imply priority consideration for selection.)*

## 5. Arabian Sport Horse Alliance TOP Awards

- a) This is a High Point or High Score Award program to recognize Arabian-bred horses in all-breed competitions at the local level (rated or schooling).
- b) Venue selection is based on request from members of the Alliance and/or from the sport horse community at large.
- c) At this time, these are sponsored awards with a sponsorship contribution of \$25.
- d) Fancy Rosette Ribbons are provided by ASHA. Other prize items may be provided when available.
- e) Sponsors will be acknowledged in announcements and all Arabian Sport Horse Alliance publications that mention the award including the newsletter, website, social media, Annual Member Directory, and Media Releases

## 6. Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Competition Points Program

*(with affiliated Milestone & Versatility Awards)*

- a) This is a comprehensive points based program for Alliance members that is affordable to join and offers opportunities for horses at all levels of sport horse competition in all venues to earn recognition.
- b) This is a multi-faceted program for members' horses that includes categories for the traditional sport horse disciplines of Dressage, Jumpers, Hunters, Combined Driving, Driven Dressage, and Eventing plus the adjunct disciplines of In-hand and Suitability as well Endurance and the emerging discipline of Western Dressage.
- c) Each discipline category includes Arabians, Anglo-Arabians, Shagya-Arabians, Half-Arabians, and part-bred Arabians that meet the horse eligibility criteria of the Alliance.

## Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Competition Points Program (continued)

- d) In addition to the overall category placings, separate breed recognition awards will be given out when a participation threshold is reached in a particular discipline.
- e) Discipline categories are split by venue –All Breed or Breed Restricted (AHA, IBC, any breed restricted class) - when the discipline category exists in both types of venues.
- f) When participation by discipline levels is sufficient to support splits, categories will be subdivided by level.
- g) Annual points are earned from class/event results at schooling venues, rated venues, area championships, and FEI rated competitions. Points are weighted according to how high the horse placed and the rank of the venue.
- h) The enrollment fee is \$20 for the first division and \$10 each for any additional division. There is a \$5 surcharge for dressage category enrollees that want to also participate in the High Score program.
- i) A separate point system for “Milestone” points is used to achieve three tiers of lifetime achievement points in each sport horse performance discipline category. Reaching Milestone award levels in three different performance disciplines is the basis for the Versatility award. *(The three disciplines can be any of the Milestone Points earning disciplines except can't be the same all-breed and breed-restricted versions of a discipline.)*
- j) A database is in development that will allow tracking of sire and dam info in the records of horses enrolled in the Points Program so that a formula can be used to track points of offspring to create awards for Sire of Distinction and Dam of Distinction starting in 2016. As with the rest of the Points Program, only horses belonging to current Alliance members and officially recorded with the Alliance will be eligible for the Sire of Distinction and Dam of Distinction Awards. Because these awards will be based off of the points earned by offspring enrolled in the Points Program, no enrollment fee is charged for inclusion in sire and dam awards.

## Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Competition Points Program (continued)

- k) Further details of this program can be found in the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Competition Points Program 2018 Rulebook at <https://arabiansporthorsealliance.org/membership/awards/> The Enrollment form can be found in the Members Only area at: <https://arabiansporthorsealliance.org/members/points-horse-forms/>

### 7. Special Awards and Perpetual Awards

- a) To further recognize exemplary Arabian-bred sport horses, support and encourage breeding efforts to produce quality Arabian-bred sport horses for both performance and as breeding stock, and reward contributions to the Arabian sport horse community, the Alliance will develop additional awards via processes established by the Awards Committee. The following categories are eligible for Award creation:
- i) Breeder/breeding program recognition
  - ii) Performance achievements of particular Arabian sport horse breeds (Arabian, Anglo-Arabian, Shagya-Arabian, or F1 generation Arabian-bred sport horses or ponies in recognized sport horse breed registries)  
(These awards may also specify a specific sport horse discipline.)
  - iii) Exemplary service to the Arabian sport horse community
  - iv) Recognition of educational efforts that contribute to producing better Arabian-bred sport horses
  - v) Rider/driver achievements with Arabian-bred sport horses or ponies (These awards may specify category of rider/driver as Youth/Junior, Amateur, or Open)
  - vi) Any other award that is in keeping with the mission and objectives of the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance

## Special Awards and Perpetual Awards (continued)

- b) Members may submit proposals for awards through the Awards Committee for consideration.
  - i) Members may submit award proposals that they wish to sponsor as a one-time award, a recurring award, or as a perpetual award. The Awards Committee will work with such members in good faith to develop an award that is in accordance with the member's intentions and in keeping with the overall guidelines and criteria the Awards Committee establishes for awards and with the mission and objectives of the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance.
  - ii) Members may submit proposals for awards that they would like to see developed, but do not have an interest in co-sponsoring.
- c) The Awards Committee may develop award proposals to present to the membership for co-sponsorship.
- d) Co-sponsors may not be involved in the evaluation or selection of candidates for any award for which they are a sponsor. Determination of the award recipients must be a fair process without conflict of interest.
- e) Whenever possible, the Awards Committee will seek to balance the special awards offered to represent the full scope of the mission and objectives of the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance.
  - i) The Awards committee will make an effort to create awards to encourage and support purpose breeding of Arabians and Anglo-Arabians for the sport horse disciplines and to help raise the profile of the rare Shagya-Arabian breed to a wider community as part of the organization's mission to foster breeding of high caliber Arabian-bred sport horses.
- f) Criteria for awards should be as simple and clear as possible to facilitate the nomination and selection processes.

## Membership and Governance Structures

The Arabian Sport Horse Alliance, Inc. is a membership based organization with a governing Board of Directors and Officers to manage the business and executive operations. The organization is entirely volunteer run with no paid employees. *(Please consult the official Bylaws for further details.)*

### 1. Board of Directors and Officers

- a) Officers serve two year terms (initial Officers terms end on December 31, 2016)
  - i) The Officer positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer
- b) Directors serve two year terms (In order to stagger the terms of Directors, two of the initial Directors' terms end on December 31, 2015; the other two initial Directors will serve through December 31, 2016)
- c) Elections of Officers and Directors are held in conjunction with the Annual General Membership Meeting in the last quarter of the year.
- d) As described in the Bylaws, the number of Directors shall be elected according to the number of current members. Four (4) Directors shall be elected if the membership is fifty (50) or less. One (1) additional member shall be elected for each additional fifty (50) members or fraction thereafter, to a maximum of nine (9) voting Directors. Any vacancies shall be filled only if the number of current members continues to justify the position.
- e) Officers and Directors agree to abide by the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Conflict of Interest Policy, the Bylaws, and all other rules and regulations established by the organization.

### 2. Official Meetings

- a) The Board of Directors will hold at least three regular meetings throughout the year. Time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.

3. The Annual Membership Meeting will be held in the last quarter of the year and announced at least 20 days in advance. Time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. The option for members

## Official Meetings continued

to participate via some mode of teleconferencing will be offered whenever practical.

### **3. Committees**

Committees are critically important to the functioning of the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Organization. As a young, developing organization, the Alliance will rely on strong active Committees to work under the oversight of the Board of Directors to recommend, develop, and evaluate programs and policies and/or to carry out functions and duties as assigned.

- a) Committees are created upon the direction of the Board of Directors.
- b) Upon formation, the initial Chairperson of a Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors
- c) Subsequent Chairpersons are nominated and elected by the members of the Committee. Chairpersons serve through the end of the calendar year. The Chairpersons for the upcoming year are elected in conjunction with the Annual Membership Meeting. In any case where a vacancy occurs before the normal term is up, the members of the committee may elect a new Chairperson to serve out the term or request that the Board of Directors appoint a new Chairperson to serve out the term.
- d) Any member in good standing may be nominated for and serve as a Committee Chairperson. Members need not already be a member of the Committee to which they are nominated to serve as Chairperson.
- e) The President of the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance is an ex-officio member of all Committees.
- f) Committees may be decommissioned by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- g) Members of the Alliance who are eligible to serve on Committees may join a Committee by sending a request to the current Chairperson of the Committee. Members who join one or more



## Committees continued

Committees agree to abide by the rules and protocols that the Alliance establishes for those Committees.

- h) The Committee Chairpersons must submit regular reports on their Committee's activities to the Board of Directors. End of the Year reports and budgetary requests must also be submitted as directed by the Board of Directors.
- i) Committee Chairpersons must involve Committee members in discussions and allow members to vote on proposals. To facilitate communication and keep records of discussions Committees will utilize e-mail groups. Online teleconference applications may also be used for committee meetings as long as official minutes are recorded and filed.
- j) A partial list of Committees that may be created includes:
  - i) Membership Committee – to guide, develop, and monitor membership policies and practices. To review and recommend dues levels and categories
  - ii) Communications and Publicity Committee – to develop media releases, social media strategies, create advertising, publish articles, and otherwise work to communicate the organization's activities, events, and mission to the public and within the organization
  - iii) Breeding Committee – to develop programs to stimulate breeding of Arabian-bred sport horses and ponies and to encourage continual improvement of breeding stock
  - iv) Rules and Regulations – to recommend additions and changes to the current rules and regulations of the organization
  - v) Education and History – to research, archive, create, and share educational and historical resources and develop educational programs relating to the breeding and performance achievements of Arabian-bred sport horses
  - vi) Youth Committee – to manage and develop the programs for Youth Members
  - vii) Awards Committee – to manage and develop the various Award Programs

## Committees continued

- viii) Honoree Committee – a subcommittee of the Awards Committee to handle the Hall of Fame, Horse of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement nomination procedures and select finalist candidates
- ix) Points Program Committee -- a subcommittee of the Awards Committee to help further develop and improve the Competition Points Program
- x) Development/Fundraising – to explore, recommend, develop, and implement fundraising campaigns under the oversight of the Board of Directors

#### 4. Other Positions

In addition to various standing and ad hoc Committees, the Board of Directors may establish task forces, special panels, and appoint individuals to perform certain duties as needed. Examples of such entities include:

- a) Nomination and Election Panel – a special few member group appointed by the Board of Directors to oversee the nomination and election of Officers and Directors
- b) Horse Recording Verification Panel – 3 person panel to consider and adjudicate any Arabian-bred sport horses and ponies without full registration to determine if sufficient documentation or provenance exists to assign a designation of either “Documented Arabian Lineage” or “Presumptive Arabian Lineage” for eligibility in Alliance Arabian sport horse recording and programs
- c) Points Program Administrators – to enter enrollment information and Tally Sheet submissions into the database and to perform verification of reported results as warranted.
- d) Points Program Verification Panel – to perform end of year verification of Points Program results for awards
- e) Liaisons to communicate with specific organizations

## Other Programs and Activities

In order to fulfill its mission and objectives, the Arabian Sport Horse Alliance, Inc. will engage in a variety of other activities and develop initiatives as resources permit. A few examples that are at various stages of development or implementation:

### 1. Outreach and Cooperation

Coordinating with other organizations including AHA clubs, the AHA registry, Sport Horse and Sport Pony registries (NASS, PShR, ATA, AHS, GOV, RPSI, Weser-Ems, etc.), and sport horse discipline organizations and governing bodies on matters of common concern.

- a) As part of the “big tent” philosophy of the Alliance, the organization will network with other organizations to advocate for, promote, and support activities and fair policies for Arabian-bred sport horses and ponies.
- b) The Arabian Sport Horse Alliance, Inc. is an Affiliated Group Member of the US Sport Horse Breeders Association.

### 2. Stallion Performance Test and Mare Inspection Initiatives

- a) The Arabian Sport Horse Alliance is investigating opportunities to assist Arabian sport horse breeders who want to have their purebred breeding stock evaluated according to universal sport horse standards to access already existing and respected processes for their purebreds.
- b) Educational support for Arabian sport horse breeders who are considering involvement in Shagya-Arabian, Warmblood, or Sport Pony breeding registries.

### 3. Database development

In order to determine which bloodline nicks are most successful in Arabian sport horse and pony breeding there must be sufficient information available to create a record of Arabian-bred sport horse performance success to reveal links between performance achievement and bloodlines.

## Database Development continued

- a) The Arabian Sport Horse Alliance, Inc. internal database will eventually provide some information regarding the involvement of Arabian-bred sport horses across disciplines and registries.
- b) To better facilitate tracking performance and pedigree data for Arabian-bred sport horses and ponies across major segments of the sport horse world, the Alliance supports the adoption of the UELN (Universal Life Number) by all governing bodies of sport horse performance disciplines (and other performance disciplines) and all breed registries in North America to facilitate accurate tracking of breeding and performance data. <http://www.ueln.net/>

This Arabian Sport Horse Alliance Handbook may be updated periodically to reflect clarifications and additions to the rules and regulations. Members will be notified when a new version is published.