

BY-LAWS OF THE CALIFORNIA AMATEUR DRIVING CLUB

1 ARTICLE 1 –PURPOSES

The California Amateur Driving Club, here-in referred to as "CADC" or the "association", is an organization of people interested in promoting the future of amateur Standardbred racing on the North American continent and internationally, in general, and in the State of California in particular, and thereby promote the interest of its members. Its purpose is charitable and educational. Its objectives are:

- 1.1 To encourage and promote local competitions for amateur drivers.
- 1.2 To foster the relations between the members within the association and to support their endeavors towards increasing friendship and human relationships through the sport of amateur harness driving and social activities.
- 1.3 To cooperate with all authority charged with the government of harness racing and to render such authority all possible assistance in the discharge of their duties.
- 1.4 To cooperate with all associations conducting harness racing meetings and to advise them on problems affecting the interests of amateur harness racing. To suggest to such associations possible improvements which, after due consideration, the CADC believes will be beneficial to all concerned.
- 1.5 To affiliate with other groups and organizations on such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreeable.
- 1.6 To promote research and study in amateur racing and to promote patronage of the sport of amateur harness racing.

2 ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Class of Membership

- 2.1.1 Active Members: All persons of good and reputable character who are interested in the future of Standardbred racing and more particular, amateur racing and who are members of the United States Trotting Association (USTA) and the California Harness Horsemen's Association (CHHA), in any category, are eligible for membership in the club after paying the membership fees and being accepted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting. All active members shall be an "amateur driver" as defined by the USTA with a 10-year modification, i.e. An "amateur driver" is one who has not accepted valuable consideration by way of or in lieu of compensation for services as a driver from a third party during the past 10 years. While such amateurs can be Active Members under this section, all CADC sanctioned races will give preference, with the operators approval, to the strict USTA definition of receiving no compensation for drives at any time. All active members shall be in good standing with the CHHA and the CADC in order to be eligible to drive in CADC sanctioned races.
- 2.1.2 Honorary Members: Any person, firm, corporation or association so honored by the members of this association at a regular meeting by a majority vote of those present.
- 2.1.3 Invited Members: Persons who are invited by a majority of members at a meeting may drive a maximum of four (4) drives per calendar year. Such "invited members" must be licensed by the USTA, approved by the judges to drive but shall receive no points or other credits and any CADC driver standings or series.
- 2.2 Application For Membership. All applications for membership shall be made in writing to the association and signed by the applicant. The applicant shall show the necessary qualifications for membership and shall tender therewith the full amount of the annual dues for the current year.
- 2.3 Membership Dues. All active members shall pay dues in the amount of \$100.00 per year, which amounts shall be changed from time to time by the members of this association at a regular

meeting by a majority vote of those present. Dues for associate members shall be \$25.00 per year. Dues are due prior to the first day of the calendar year.

2.3.1 Member who dues are received by December 31st of the preceding year shall receive a 25% discount on such dues. For the membership year of 2006 only, dues received by February 15th shall be entitled to the discount.

2.4 Voting Privileges of Members. Only active members who shall have paid their annual dues of the association covering the current year and shall be otherwise in good standing shall be eligible to vote.

2.5 Rejection or Revocation of Membership. The members may revoke or suspend the membership of any person or entity who, in its opinion, has been guilty of conduct prejudicial to amateur harness racing or the association. The suspension or revocation of any person must be by a two-thirds vote of those members present at a regular meeting. Notice of the proposed revocation or suspension must be provided by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the member at least ten (10) days prior to a meeting.

3 ARTICLE III - MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

3.1 An annual meeting of all members of the association shall be held during the month of May. The specific date shall be set by the Executive Committee. Officers shall be elected at such a meeting every other year (or at the next monthly meeting if any officer resigns or is unwilling or unable to perform his/her duties as an officer.), by a vote of the members in the manner provided herein.

3.2 Other Meetings. Other meetings of the membership shall be held on an as-needed basis. Such meetings shall be called by President. In addition, "special meetings" of the membership may be called by the two or more officers the association or upon the filing of a demand, in writing, by fifteen (15%) percent of the active members of the association who are qualified to vote at such meeting. There shall be at least twenty (20%) of the active members at each meeting, in person or by proxy, thereby constituting a quorum.

3.3 Notice of Meetings. Notice of the time and place of special meetings may be given orally by telephone or my electronic mail if a member has submitted such an address, not later than four (4) days prior to the meeting. Notice shall be directed to the member at his/her address or telephone as recorded with the association. It shall be the obligation of the member to keep a current address and telephone number on file with the association.

3.4 Voting. Each active member of the association shall be entitled to cast one (1) ballot. Voting shall be by ballot, mail or by any reasonable means as determined by the Officers.

4 ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The members, every other year, at an annual meeting, shall elect by majority vote of the members present or there by proxy, a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and any other officers it shall deem necessary for the management of the business of the association. The Officers shall be active members of the association. They shall hold office for two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

5 ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

5.1 President. The President shall have general management of the affairs of the association. He/she shall be responsible for the general enforcement of the By-Laws of the association and the transaction of the business of the association. He/she shall perform all duties incident to his/her office and other such duties as may be required of him/her. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the membership. He/she may delegate any of his/her duties and require the assistance of any elected officers of the association.

5.2 Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members of the association. He/she shall attend to the giving and service of all notices of the association. He/she shall have charge of the membership roll of the association and such other books and papers. He/she shall prepare such reports as may be required of him/her by the President. He/she shall be the custodian

of the seal of the association. The Secretary shall be empowered to all authority of the President when the President is not available

- 5.3 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all the funds and securities of the association and shall deposit the same in the name of the association in such bank, banks or trust companies. He/she shall cause to be maintained books of account and shall exhibit the same at any reasonable time to any member of the association upon application. He/she shall report annually a statement to the members.
- 5.4 Compensation. No officer of this association shall receive compensation for his/her services except as specifically established and authorized by the members.
- 5.5 Officers Attendance. Officers shall be expected to attend at least 70% of all meetings of the association. Should an officer be unable or unwilling to attend said 70% of all meetings, he or she shall be expected to resign said office.

6 ARTICLE VI - FISCAL

- 6.1 The fiscal year of the association shall end December 31st of each year.
- 6.2 All notes, checks, drafts and orders for payments of money, certificates and papers or documents of any kind, requiring the signature of the association, or its seal, shall be signed in the corporate name of the association by the President or any two officers.
- 6.3 All proceeds from donations, received or owned by the association shall be expended or distributed only as directed by the members and only in furtherance of the associations charitable and educational purposes. All proceeds derived from dues and other sources shall be used to run the association. The President or Treasurer, however, shall have the authority to expend a sum not in excess of five hundred (\$500) dollars without further authority.

7 ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

- 7.1 By-Laws Committee. A By-Laws Committee shall be appointed by the President to act upon proposed amendments to the By-Laws, which may be suggested. All suggestions for amendments from any member shall be submitted to the committee, which shall consider it and recommend to the members such action, as it deems appropriate.
- 7.2 Procedure.
 - 7.2.1 A majority of members of the association voting by ballot shall be sufficient to approve or disapprove any amendment, provided, however, that no amendment may be approved without the affirmative vote of at least one-third of the entire membership. The proposed amendments must be acted upon by the membership within ninety (90) days of the date of submission to them. No extension of the submission time shall be permitted.
 - 7.2.2 Any amendments of these By-Laws shall be effective as of the date of approval by the membership unless in the submission of an amendment, another effective time is stated.

8 ARTICLE VIII – SEVERABILITY

In the event that any term, provision, paragraph or Article of these By-Laws is or is declared illegal, void or unenforceable, the same shall not affect or impair the other terms, provisions, paragraphs or Articles of these By-Laws. The Doctrine of Severability shall be applied.