

Constitution Update – Effective 1/1/2024

Article VIII – Board of Directors

Section 8. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to law or the Certificate of Incorporation of this Constitution as they may deem expedient concerning:

- The conduct, management, and activities of the Association.
- The admission, classification, qualification, suspension, and expulsion of NCQHA members.
- The removal of members of the board of directors.
- The rules and regulations governing the procedure of such suspension and expulsion or removal.
- The fixing and collecting of dues and fees.
- The expenditure of money.
- The compilation, review or audit of books and records.
- The approval of a budget to provide prizes, rewards and recognition for achievement each year.
- The conducting of shows, contests, exhibitions, races, sales, and social functions.
- The other details that relate to the general purposes of the Association.
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See Article X - Discipline

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Article X – Discipline

- The Affiliate must have a disciplinary procedure/process to address violation of AQHA rules and regulations or state/provincial rules. If AQHA suspends an AQHA member's participation privileges, the Affiliate shall likewise suspend such person's participation privileges regarding Affiliate's events. Unless waived by AQHA, persons suspended or disciplined by AQHA are ineligible to participate as officers, directors, or any leadership role of the Affiliate.
- Any unsportsmanlike conduct by any person at any function sponsored by NCQHA towards another NCQHA member, nonmember, animal, or show official is prohibited. Refer to AQHA Rulebook VIO220 and VIO221.
- The NCQHA Executive Committee and Board of Directors may discipline, suspend, or expel any person from membership whenever it shall have been established by satisfactory evidence that a member has knowingly and willfully violated any rule or bylaw of this association or any rule or regulation of the American Quarter Horse Association.
- The NCQHA Executive Committee and Board of Directors may ask any person to leave our sponsored events due to unsportsmanlike conduct towards an NCQHA member, nonmember, animal, or show official. Show management may immediately expel individuals exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct from show grounds and shall file a written report with AQHA concerning the conduct in question.
- All complaints must be submitted to the President and to a member of the board of directors of North Carolina Quarter Horse in writing. The President will then convene the executive board to review for further actions if necessary, including referring to the entire Board of Directors or a grievance committee. A letter or phone call with the complaint is provided to all parties involved. The parties involved may request a hearing of the Executive Board or the entire board. Additional

Disciplinary actions will be determined by the severity of the offense and ruled on by the NCQHA Executive Committee, and Board of Directors or Grievance Committee.

- Suspension incurred on the first offense may be 30 days and no more than 90 days depending upon circumstances involved. NCQHA points will not be accumulated during time of suspension. A second offense shall be punishable by indefinite suspension and forfeiture of all rights and privileges and loss of all NCQHA points earned by horses owned by the offender. Suspended members must request reinstatement by the Board of Directors in writing. (Reference article VIII Section 8)
- Any person with a delinquent account over 60 days at a function sponsored by NCQHA or its districts will be suspended from NCQHA until such time the debt is paid in full. NCQHA points shall not be accumulated during this time. Districts are responsible for contacting the points secretary. Suspension will be on horses owned by the delinquent party or any member of his/her family. AQHA should be notified according to their guidelines. When debt is resolved, membership privileges will be reinstated.

Article VIII, Section 13, # 1 and 2

1. This individual has reached the age of sixty (60) years and has served at least 10 years as a regular Director and/or Officer in the past.
2. Upon reaching his or her sixtieth (60) birthday, he or she will continue as a regular Director if serving at the time, until the next annual meeting whereupon he or she will be elevated to Director Emeritus. This may create a vacancy for a regular Director which can be filled by the district.